

Apogaea: 2025 Survival Guide

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Read me.

This Survival Guide is important to you and all Participants for a safe and successful Burn. You don't want to get kicked out or endanger the safety of the event and its Participants. Even if you've been around the block, things like fire regulations change annually and you need the updates.



Welcome to Apogaea!

Apogaea is a collaborative outdoor art and music event held every June in Colorado. Join us, all are welcome!

The event is an experiential forum where our ever-expanding community practices freedom of expression in an environment of participation, sharing, creativity, and consent. We actively embrace the ideals of art, performance, sustainability, radical inclusion, and radical self-reliance.

Apogaea is not a spectator sport and is more than just a break from the Default World. Play along! You create Apogaea as you prepare for the event and while you experience it. The more you put in, the more you get out. So, jump in with all your feet (or paws, or hoofs, or claws, or tentacles)! We invite you to join us in a place where our spirits are as high as the mountains and our minds are as wide open as the plains!

Event Fundamentals

- 🔥 Apogaea embraces The Ten Principles of Burning Man plus Consent.
Apogaea requires all Participants to obtain the enthusiastic consent of other Participants in your encounters with their person, boundaries, and property. This includes, but is not limited to, any physical interaction including hugs, any photography, video, or audio recording, and more!
Apogaea is committed to Diversity, Inclusion, Kindness, and Equity for everyone in our Burner and larger communities.
- 🔥 Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event. Pack your stuff in and pack your stuff out, down to the last little speck.
The land should be left better than you found it.
Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. You may not buy or sell anything except ice that may be purchased from Apogaea at the event.
Apogaea requires you to follow all fire safety guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines is one of the best ways to get yourself immediately ejected.
Apogaea does not condone illegal activity of any kind, either during the event, or en route to and from the event.
Apogaea requires all Participants to purchase a ticket.
- 🔥 Apogaea is created by YOU! All Participants are volunteers. This is your event as much as anyone else's and it doesn't happen without you. Jumping in to take on at least one shift is an important part of the experience.
- 🔥 Check out volunteer.apogaea.com for opportunities to get involved and make Apogaea happen!

Participation

Apogaea is an effort made by the community for the community; we the People make it happen. You are Apogaea. There are no spectators. Everyone involved with Apogaea is volunteering in order to create this event, including YOU! Volunteering is an integral part of the Apogaea experience and it's also a great way to meet cool people, interact with your community, and learn some pretty amazing skills. Without volunteers, Apogaea would not exist!

The Ten Principles & Consent

As an officially sanctioned Burning Man Regional event, Apogaea establishes a temporary autonomous zone adhering to the 10 Principles of Burning Man. Following the 10 Principles is expected of all Participants. Additionally, a deep respect for and understanding of our adopted “11th Principle” Consent is demanded of all Participants throughout the event and of all community members throughout the year.

Radical Inclusion

Anyone may be a part of Apogaea. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

Gifting

Apogaea is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

Decommodification

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

Radical Self-reliance

Apogaea encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

Radical Self Expression

Radical Self Expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Communal Effort

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to Participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

Leaving No Trace

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

Participation

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Immediacy

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.




Consent

Consent is for everyone! Consent is respect for the autonomy, agency, safety and lived experience of every Participant in our cities. Recognize and respect people’s personal boundaries. People should be able to safely express themselves and enjoy the event, without having to worry about their personal safety.

More About Consent (Yes, It's That Important)

Consent is a mindset that applies to everything all the time, it's not just about sex. We believe that consent plays a vital part in our connectivity and community. Our vision is that all parties feel empowered to participate as they feel comfortable, by "opting in" from a place of enthusiasm and autonomy.

People have different comfort levels with physical and emotional intimacy. Before you assume someone wants a big kiss or a new best friend, ask. When someone says NO, it means NO, end of sentence. If someone can't or doesn't answer, enthusiastically, that should be taken as a no. Silence is not consent. Only enthusiastic, active and ongoing consent is consent.

-  Each Participant has the right to set or change personal boundaries regarding interaction with other Participants. If you are told NO, asked to stop, or otherwise not given clear, enthusiastic and ongoing consent, this means you must immediately stop what you are doing and respect the boundaries being set for you. Period.
It also means that cajoling, pleading, or any form of emotional blackmail in an attempt to change a no to a yes is UNACCEPTABLE and will not be tolerated by the community.
-  Our community looks out for each other. We do not tolerate any consent violations, and especially egregious ones in which predators in any way attempt to take advantage of Participants, some of whom may be in a compromised state.
-  Be aware of what's going on around you.
Keep an eye out for situations in which you believe another Participant might not be fully consenting (or fully capable of consent).
Engage a Ranger if you think it might be necessary.
Do not escalate any situation or introduce violence of any kind, but do not stand by while you see someone in an unsafe position.

Having said all that...Apogaea is a place to connect with people, decide who you want to be and what you want to do. If you respect everyone around you, consent can be fun and sexy!

Apogaea Event Code of Conduct

Apogaea strives to build community and produce events that promote our Mission statement of supporting a culture of creativity and self-expression. We also promote the 10 Principles of Burning Man. Through the following Code of Conduct, we aim to promote a safe and fun environment for all participants.

At all events organized by Apogaea, participants are responsible for their own behavior and for resolving their own issues.


Apogaea strongly suggests behaving in a manner that does not make other participants feel unsafe or threatened.

Apogaea will not condone any behavior that endangers its ability to hold the annual regional event and other community events.

Participants may report any incident in which another participant is behaving in an abusive, intimidating, threatening, or unsafe manner to a Ranger or BOD member.

Physical hazards, such as unsafe art installations or fires, should be referred to Rangers immediately.

Children under 18 years of age can attend the regional event only if accompanied at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible party.

-  At all events organized by Apogaea, participants are expected to adhere to the principles of consent regarding sexual activity and touching. Consent is reached when someone agrees, gives permission, or says "yes" to sexual activity or touching with other persons. Participants must be free to say "yes" or "no" or stop the activity at any point. A person cannot consent to sex if they are incapacitated by drugs or alcohol.

Diversity, Inclusion, Consent & Equity (DICE)

It is our shared Civic Responsibility as burners to dismantle damaging social constructs, to create equal opportunities for the shared experiences/community connections/freedoms that the burn already provides for so many. If consent is honoring the humanity in each of us, then consent does not exist without social justice!

- 🔥 Diversity
- Inclusion
- Consent
- 🔥 Equity

They go hand in hand! We believe it's essential for Burning Man events to be safe and respectful spaces for all humans involved! Visit the D.I.C.E. Department (near Center Camp) to get involved in making Apogaea a burn with more Belonging!

Accessibility

Need a lift? Look for the Apogaea Accessibility Shuttle! This brightly colored, musical golf cart is here to help EVERYONE access Apogaea more easily! Look for the bright Shuttle Stops throughout the city, or find them on your MAP!

Shuttle Hours:

Thursday: 10am-10pm

Friday: 10am-10pm

Saturday: 10am-Midnight

Sunday: 10am-1pm

ADA Vehicle Policy:

Any driver displaying government-issued ADA Tags is welcome to use their vehicle as their method of transportation around Apogaea! (Don't have tags but need accommodation? Email DMV@apogaea.com to inquire!) Check in at the INFO BOOTH (near Center Camp) to register your vehicle and pick up your Driving Permit logo for your windows! Accessible Parking spaces for approved vehicles will be available near most port-o's! Drivers must be sober and obey the 5mph speed limit.

Gender Care and Harm Reduction Supplies:

Safety and harm reduction look like different things for different people! The DICE Department provides a fully-stocked station of gender-affirming care and harm reduction supplies in our camp! We welcome the community to visit us all week for:

- 🔥 Naloxone and Test Strips...
- Stim toys and earplugs...
- Trans Tape, razors, makeup...
- Snacks and dry socks...
- 5HTP and B12...
- 🔥 And SO much more!



Photography & Videography

Apogaea is a private event. Apogaea Participants should feel free to express themselves in ways they might not be able to in the Default World. You **MUST** ask before photographing, videotaping, or recording anyone, and for their permission to share said images. If you are asked to stop, you must do so immediately. Assume a NO unless you get a YES. In addition, redistribution or public display of images, including on the internet, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties.

Leave No Trace

From Our LNT Lead: We are excited to come together for an incredible experience at Apogaea. As we prepare for this event, it's essential to remember our commitment to leaving no trace and preserving the natural beauty of our surroundings. Let's embrace the principles of Leave No Trace (LNT) and ensure that our impact on the environment is minimal. To help us all stay accountable, we have put together some guidelines and reminders for maintaining a clean and sustainable event:

Event Preparation

-  You are responsible for your own MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). Pack wisely, and remember that anything you bring with you must leave with you.
Open items before packing and leave unnecessary packaging at home.
Secure your belongings to prevent them from falling off or blowing away during setup and breakdown.
-  Unpackage your items at home to avoid creating MOOP at the event site.
Carry garbage bags for your own trash and a small bag to collect any MOOP you come across.
Check that nothing you're wearing (sequins, feathers, glitter, etc.) will fall off of you.

During Apogaea:

Dispose of waste properly and haul out any trash you generate. Avoid letting it hit the ground.
Clean up after yourself as you go, tackling smaller messes to prevent larger ones.
Avoid messy meals and activities, and dispose of dishwashing water, food scraps, and cigarette butts properly.
Do not leave biodegradable items behind; animals graze in the area, and we want to protect their well-being.

Porta-Potties:

Use portable toilets (porta-potties) for human waste and single-ply toilet paper ONLY. No baby wipes or feminine hygiene products should be disposed of in the porta-potties.
Keep the areas in and around the porta-potties clean



Responsibility and Awareness:

We all share the responsibility of maintaining a clean environment. Be mindful of any items that could blow away and secure them properly.
Each theme camp should have an LNT Lead and regular shifts within the camp for MOOP collection.
Always be on the lookout for MOOP as you move around the event and do your part to keep the space clean.
Leave natural objects undisturbed, avoiding damage to live trees and plants.
Choose reusable, non-glass drink containers and prioritize recyclable and energy-efficient materials.
Salvage your camp materials and art projects for future reuse or adaptation.

Post-Event:

Before leaving, conduct a final MOOP sweep of your camping area and ensure it is as clean as when you arrived.

Spend 10-15 minutes each day walking around your camping area to pick up any MOOP you find.





-  We kindly request that each participant spends 1-2 hours picking up MOOP after cleaning up their camp and before departing (Exodus) from the event.
-  Let's all take pride in our commitment to Leave No Trace and leave Apogaea as beautiful as we found it. By working together, we can ensure a memorable and sustainable experience for everyone

Event Checklist

In the spirit of Radical Self Reliance, you are first and foremost responsible for your own well-being and survival. The following lists should help you remember many of the most important necessities, as well as which items to leave at home that may be unhelpful or even a hindrance at the event.

Do a test run with your equipment before leaving home; the last thing you want to find out is that your gear is insufficient. Use common sense, follow weather reports (which tend to be reasonably accurate here for a 3-day window), and be familiar with your gear.

You Must Bring:

-  Photo ID that matches the name for your ticket, a printout of your e-ticket. (A copy of your photo ID too; in case you
-  lose it. Even with an over 21 wristband, you will be required to show ID before any camp will serve you alcohol.)
 - Water to drink, bathe, and prepare food. A minimum of 1.5 gallons per person, per day for drinking. Piss clear! You may need more water and electrolytes than you do at home. And don't forget the water is also for washing yourself or your dishes, not just drinking, so plan accordingly.
 - Enough food and beverage for your entire stay and a way to prepare it. You must have enough food and water for the event or you will be turned away until you come back prepared.
 - First Aid Kit, toiletries, required prescriptions, single-ply toilet paper, prescription drugs, soap, insulin, ibuprofen/ aspirin, lube, contact lens solution, toothpaste, condoms, and anything else you need to maintain your health and comfort. Gate may ask to see your first aid kit before you are allowed into the event, so have it ready. Check out Burning Man's list by visiting bit.ly/BMFirstAid
 - Fire extinguisher(s) for your camp (1 minimum for 10 people + 1 per generator). Recommend a minimum of a 10lb refillable extinguisher.
 - Extra-long tent stakes or rebar, as the dirt is loose, and you don't want your tent blowing away. It always happens.
-  Don't be that guy.
 - Garbage and recycling bags. Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event and no trash services will be provided! You are responsible to remove everything you brought in with you, and to leave the space at least as good as you found it.
 - Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses, and a wide- brimmed hat. The sun is intense in Colorado. One day of running around in a halter top without a hat and sunscreen could leave you burnt and miserable for the rest of the event. Be prepared.
 - Flashlights and/or head lamps with spare batteries. It's dark out there at night. You'll want to see where you're going, and where you're aiming in the porta potties Headlamps are particularly useful.
 - Lights or reflective materials for your outfit and your bike, like LED lighting, EL wire, reusable glow sticks, and blinky things. Not only do you need to see, but it's good for other people to see you to avoid unpleasant collisions, an unfortunate possible occurrence with life as a darkwad. And it's another chance to art yourself up!
 - Weather-appropriate clothing. Colorado's weather is notoriously fickle. Anything can and probably will happen. Extreme sun and heat, giant hail, rain or snow. Sometimes all within a couple hours! Be ready for all of it. Think of it as an opportunity to show off a diverse wardrobe of giant fur coats, onesies, bikinis and tutus.
-  Appropriate shoes. Apogaea's home is full of cacti and other painful spikes. The ground is uneven, and a storm could leave the ground muddy and slippery. Don't come in your bare hippie feet or bring a pair of flip flops and expect to be fine because it's summer. Have hiking boots, waterproof boots, and

anything you need to keep your feet safe and dry.

🔥 Coolers to keep your perishable food and beverages cold and edible, so you enjoy it and don't end up trashing it.

Cookware and a camp cooking stove.

Bedding & shelter. This is Colorado. You will need protection from the sun, the cold, and maybe rain and hail. A poncho and a hammock are unlikely to be enough. And as cute as you are, don't assume somebody will take you in. Your temporary home is your radical responsibility.

Something to mark or cover your tent stakes (and tie-downs). You can cap rebar or stakes with tennis balls, mark your tie-downs with solar lights, add glow tape or paint to your stakes and wires. Make sure everyone can see your gear in the dark. Anyone who's been on the receiving end of a 3am rebar to the shin knows why this is important

Weed whackers and shovels. The land Apogaea takes place on has not been used for large scale events since before the pandemic, therefore you may find your camp could be placed on some land that requires a little additional maintenance before setting up.

Anything you're not prepared to pack out should not be brought in.

We Strongly Suggest You Bring:

Art and art installations! Apogaea is all about self-expression, and what better way to express yourself than by creating and sharing a work of art? All forms of art are welcome and those that include an interactive component can be even better. For example, anything that can be handled, climbed or manipulated by Participants is great for this event. Don't be shy: any little thing you bring adds to the experience.

Instruments, decorations or any other elements that you think might improve the atmosphere, vibe and experience for yourself and others.

A reusable cup or mug. Don't miss out when someone offers you the best drink at Apo because you didn't have a cup!

Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets, tarps, tents, parachutes, and/or something to break the midday sun.

Earplugs. Expect noise at any point during the event, including when you want to sleep. You may also want to protect your eardrums as you cozy up to the thumping speakers.

Wet wipes / baby wipes. You will be deeply happy to have these, sometimes your only respite from living in your own filth for days. Keep these out of the porta potties, though. Pack them in, pack the used ones out with your trash.

Portable ashtrays (for smokers). LNT means cigarette butts, too! A metal container for mints or candy works well.

Cameras & watertight protective bags. You will see incredible things at Apogaea. Some are hard to describe! Let your pictures (taken with the consent of anyone included) be a memory to share after you've returned to the default world.

Costumes. This is a chance to turn yourself into art to share with everyone. Be whoever you want to be, wearing whatever you want to wear! But leave the feathers, glitter, or any other MOOP-producing things at home. Your costume should leave as it came, with a little extra dirt.

Gifts, toys, trinkets, a volunteer shift or better two, baubles, sunscreen, stickers, performing music, magical fabulous-ness and swell stuff to give to your new friends. Handmade? Even better.

Labels. Put your name and contact information on EVERYTHING! Cameras, phones, and keys are really hard to return to you if they don't have labels.

Bikes. Biking is an awesome, fast way to get around the event. Bring your bike locks and put reflectors or lights on your bikes so everyone can see you. Take pictures of your bike and label it with your name and address (in Default and at Apogaea) so if you get separated, you can find each other again.

Spare tubes, patch kits and the ability to use them are a must. It is cactus-ville.

🔥 Duct tape

- 🔥 Reflective tape
- Zip ties
- Swiss army knife or Leatherman.
- Insect repellent.
- Wide-brimmed hats for sun protection.
- Bandanas or dust masks. Like cowboys use.
- Lotion and lip balm.
- 🔥 An extra set of keys that you can leave with a friend.

Do Not Bring!

- 🔥 **Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind.** It's the Wild West only to an extent.
- Burn barrels, fire pits, any wood fuels or ember-producing fire source.**
- Charcoal grills** (white gas and propane grills are OK — see specific instructions in the Fire section of this guide).
- Pets.** We know you love them, but leave them safe and happy at home. Apogaea is not safe or appropriate for your animals. In previous years, people showed up to the event with animals and were turned away at the gate. If you believe you have a qualifying ADA service animal, contact **DMV@apogaea.com**.
- Stuff you want to sell.** No vending or money should exchange hands at Apogaea, except for official Onsite Utilities mentioned in this Guide. Gifting, however, is wonderful and encouraged!
- Feathers produce MOOP (matter out of place).** Get creative with faux furs and other fun materials that stay attached to you or your outfit.
- Excess packaging from food.** (For example, remove outer boxes from cereals and just bring the bag.) Anything that creates MOOP or might damage the land.
- Glitter, sequins, confetti, or loose paper.** Anything that breaks up and blows away.
- Nuts in their shells.** Treat yourself and get them shelled so you don't have to deal with the trash.
- Styrofoam coolers.** Styrofoam + camping = MOOP everywhere. Just don't.
- Glow sticks.** Use LED lights instead.
- Hand-held lasers.** They can blind people. Read APO laser requirements later in this Guide.
- Drones** are only permitted if they are pre-registered.
- 🔥 **A signed liability waiver.** No need to bring one — they'll be printed and available at Gate.

Gifting

Apogaea promotes the principles of Gifting and Decommodification. To provide an experience free of commercial exploitation, sales of products or services of any kind are prohibited at the event. This includes the sale of handmade items, food and beverages for any amount, even if it is less than the cost of production.

The sale of products and services is prohibited within the event. Bring what you need. Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. More than a place without money, gifts are given without any expectation of a trade or reward other than the joy of sharing with your fellow Participants. Watch the magic of abundance, as you freely gift to people and somehow manage to end up with more, because everyone is doing the same.

The display of commercial logos or banners and/or distribution of commercial promotional items or materials is prohibited.

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ICE

- Available **Wed–Sat, 12–4 PM** at **Center Camp**
- **\$6** per 7 lb cubed bag or 10 lb block
- **Cash only – exact change appreciated**



WATER

ON-SITE DELIVERY (250+ gal tanks only)

- IBC or large tanks only (min 250 gal)
- Schedule delivery **before May 18**
- No fills during the event unless prearranged
- Contact: thewaterstation.info

IN-TOWN PICKUP (Under 250 gal)

- **The Water Station**, 2400 Nevada Ave, Trinidad, CO 81082
- Reverse Osmosis, Alkaline, Bulk Water – available **24/7**
- Office hours: **Mon–Fri, 8 AM–5 PM**, Closed weekends



PROPANE

ON-SITE DELIVERY (100+ lb only)

- No delivery for tanks under 100 lb
- **100, 500, 1000 lb tanks available to rent**
- Schedule by **May 18**
- Email: LHG@apogaea.com

IN-TOWN REFILLS

- <100 lb tanks: **Al's Gas**, 34400 CO-12, Trinidad, CO
(Mon–Fri, 8 AM–5 PM, Closed weekends)
- Snow Peak fuel: **Fishers Peak Outfitters**
- 1 lb Coleman tanks: **Walmart**
- 500 lb: Contact **High Plains LP** – (719) 845-7612



FUEL (GASOLINE / DIESEL)

- Plan ahead or arrange emergency delivery: thewaterstation.info
(Office hours: Mon–Fri, 8 AM–5 PM, Closed weekends)
- Fill <100 lb tanks: **Al's Gas**, same hours as above
- Buy fuel just outside the event: **Big 4 Country Store**
- **Use approved containers only**



LOCAL RESOURCES

Camping Gear

- Fishers Peak Outfitters – 304 W Main St, Trinidad (10 AM–6 PM, Closed Tues) – (719) 422-8223

Costumes

- Explore Trinidad’s many **thrift stores!**

Bikes (Sales, Rentals, Repair)

- Tarantula Cycles – 516 E Elm St, Trinidad (719) 270-0878 – tarantulacycles.com

Vehicle Help

- Jump/Tow: A-1 Automatics & Towing – (719) 846-6193
- Stuck RV/Bus/Semi: M&M – 1-800-862-8546
- Lockout: Select Pro Locksmith – (719) 888-1998

Supplies & Tech

- Construction/Tools: BLDRS Supply – (719) 846-9211
- Electronics/Soldering: Trinidad Tech Shop – (719) 422-3035
- Emergency Deliveries: Safe Rides – (719) 680-3556

✓ PLAN AHEAD | BE PREPARED | STAY RADICALLY SELF-RELIANT

Weather

Expect it to be rainy. Be prepared to be wet. It may hail and be windy. Vehicles may be the safest and driest place in threatening weather, please keep an eye on the horizon.

- If you leave your camp, make sure that everything has been secured and is not vulnerable to weather damage.
- Bring a raincoat. Get one if you don’t have one.
- Sturdy hiking boots are probably the best footwear, bring sock changes

Getting There

Support the Local Economy




- Let’s be great neighbors to the communities surrounding Apogaea. Exercise the principle of Civic Responsibility and respect the local community!
- The nearest gas station, food co-op, shopping center and liquor store to Apogaea are in Trinidad, Colorado, which you will probably pass about 20 minutes before you arrive at the event site. The community knows about the event and looks forward to our bringing them business.
- Save on gas by driving down light, and buying your water, liquor, and other supplies down there. Stop for a meal on your way in or out. Get last-minute supplies at the local hardware store or ice at a local convenience store. Every purchase we make in the local economy helps build goodwill. Be especially kind, friendly, and helpful, and let everyone you interact with know that you are an Apogaea Participant

Directions

The event is located near the town of Valdez, Colorado, approximately 90 minutes south of Pueblo. Please find driving directions at apogaea.com/venue-map-gate

Carpooling to and from the event is highly recommended. It will save you on gas money, be better for the planet, and give you that full band sound when you belt out Bohemian Rhapsody somewhere south of Colorado Springs.

Secure Your Load

-  Loading your vehicle properly, as well as anything your vehicle is towing, is crucial to a safe drive to and from the event for you and your stuff! Leave No Trace of your journey behind on the roads. Here are some precautions to help make your load safe:
-  Do not exceed the load or towing capacity of your vehicle or trailer. Do not exceed the weight recommendations for the trailer and hitch.
Load your vehicle safely. Heavy items should be located low, centered and over or between the axles. For trailers, load the heaviest items toward the front. Do not overload the roof.
-  Make sure that the brakes and lights work for the vehicle and the trailer. Always use safety chain

Gate

Tickets & Liability Waivers

Every Participant at Apogaea must have a ticket (except for children 12 and under). All tickets this year are e-tickets, so if you have purchased a ticket, your name will be on the list at Gate. Each Participant will be given a wristband at Gate, which must always be worn during the event. Anyone found not wearing a wristband will be subject to ejection from the event.

Participants under the age of 21 will be given a wristband of a different color.

Every Participant must also sign a Liability Waiver upon entry. You do not need to print your waiver ahead of time as Gate will have these available. You will not receive a wristband and entry to the event without this signed waiver.

Gate Hours (Mountain Time Obviously)

If you arrive outside the operational hours for the gate, you will be turned away. There will be no after hours or late entry. It doesn't matter if you have checked in before Gate closes or not.

Please prepare accordingly and arrive when the gate is open.

- **Wed** 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- **Thu** 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- **Fri** 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **Sat** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The entrances to the property are watched, so please do not make your hard working Apogaeans who volunteer for these positions eject you. If you are found to have entered without checking in or not registering an emergency to return you will be ejected for the year. No one wants that. There is security on site. Please don't make the event hard on them.

Be Prepared for Your Arrival



Have a printout of your ticket purchase, as cell service is unreliable.

Have your government-issued photo ID

Have enough food, water, and equipment to survive the event

Sign the liability waiver

Stay in your car until directed otherwise by Gate staff

Gate may ask to see your first aid kit; have it easily accessible

Please make sure the ticket is in your name and everyone in the party has their ticket. You will have to wait at Gate if any attendees are not present and you have their tickets. There is no cell service on site.

No matter how small your stove or fire making devices are you must have at least one fire extinguisher handy. We recommend a 10lb refillable extinguisher for every camp

Please come on time or plan on camping at gate

Other Considerations

You will have to wait at Gate if any attendees are not present and you have their tickets. While your name should be on the list at Gate, this will help in case any issues arise.

Your vehicle will be searched, specifically for stowaways and items not allowed in the city

Follow the direction of the Gate volunteers and move your vehicle when directed.

Gate itself is a mile and a half from Apogaea. We know you're excited, but please drive slowly for safety and to keep down the dust in the area.

You will be required to verbally acknowledge that you understand the policies in this guide.

Due to emergency, if you need to leave and return, check with the Gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.

Feel free to appreciate your gate volunteers and show them some love a cold beverage or other way to brighten their day does not hurt.

Greeters

Greeting is an important part of the Apogaea experience. You will receive your first Welcome Home that separates you from the Default World, and lots of hugs (only with your enthusiastic consent! If you want a handshake, or no contact, that is your choice!). The Greeters will also quiz you on the contents of this Survival Guide and will be only too happy to educate and punish you for failing.

Placement Map

A printer friendly PDF map of all camp locations at Apogaea can be found on the next page.

apogaea.com/venue-map-gate/

Note: Apogaea may not have cell service. Do NOT rely on the Google Maps "live map" link as your only map for on-site use.

Print a copy of the PDF for ease of reference during the event.

Parking



RVs, trailers, and car camping (cars that you will be sleeping in) are welcome at the event.



If you are planning to bring an RV, trailer, or car camp, and you are not with a registered theme camp, you will need to find an available spot in designated open camping upon your arrival. Open camping is marked on the Placement and Art maps and on the land with labeled utility marker flags. If you are next to a

registered theme camp, please double check that you are actually in open camping.

- 🔥 There are no parking restrictions except ensuring you are not on the roads (even during load in and out) and you will also need to make sure that brush is cleared and the grass is mowed from underneath any place you plan to park cars. This is for fire safety reasons.

All cars must be marked in order to make it easy to find their owners in case of emergency.

Vehicles will be towed if they impede the event functioning as planned and operated by the Apogaea organization or if they are intruding on emergency access lanes. Roads and emergency access lanes must remain unobstructed during the entire event, including setup and breakdown.

- 🔥 If the owner of the vehicle cannot be found, then the vehicle risks being towed at the owner's expense.

In & Out Policy

Participants are expected to remain at the event until you're ready to leave. Participants are not allowed in and out access to the event unless it is an emergency or Participants have applied and been approved before the event.

If you know in advance that you will need to leave the event at some point, please apply for in-and-out access before the event. It is \$10 to exit per person, available for purchase *online only*. **NO CASH IS ACCEPTED AT THE GATE!** Participants will each be given a wristband to reenter for free, upon return. You will need to have your ticket and photo ID on you, as you will need those and your wristband to re- enter. All must purchase a pass and exit and re-enter during Gate hours

If you need to leave and return DUE TO EMERGENCY, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.

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SHUTTLE STOPS, MEDICAL, RADIO STATION, ICE TRUCK, RANGERS, PORTA POTTY, OPEN CAMPING, ART, EFFIGY, TEMPLE, ROAD, FOOTPATH

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102 Glitter Chickens - Gâ Nôm Style
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112 Camp Squeak Around
113 Glitter Horses
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701 The HedoNest
702 Camp Friction
703 Straight Bar
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200.L Honey Pot
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200.T Color Dance
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501 RNDZVS
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601 Green Light District
602 Woop Woop
610 Skrambles*!!
612 Resistance and the Flow Bats
613 Smol Goth Bar
614 Funk Shui
615 Wyrn Food
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617 Druncle
618 glampCAMP
620 Happy Tap
621 Psychedelic Electronic Nexus
in Science
622 Troll's grotto
623 Open
624 Snuggle Us A Bus
625 Starlight Outpost
626 YDKHTR
627 Flaming Shuttlecocks
600.A Leafwing Flying Machine
600.B Garden of the Wads
600.C Squish Garden
600.D Sensory Van
600.E Casa Fauxnita
600.F The Cemetery
600.G Cereal Killers
600.H Tower of Redundancy Tower
600.I Circle Flirt
600.J The Cardboard Playhous
600.K Body of Light

Cell Phone Service

It is highly likely that there will not be any cellular coverage at the event. Contact to people within the event or outside of it will be restricted to other means. This is especially important for parents to keep in mind. We recommend Walkie-Talkies for anyone who wishes to communicate with others onsite. In most cases, you should be prepared to not have access to communication with the outside world during the event.

Law Enforcement

Familiarize yourself with all local, state and federal laws as you would in any municipality to ensure you're in compliance. Law enforcement is expected to tour the event in order to inspect for compliance with our permit. Please be respectful when you see local officials of any sort (or any people of any sort, really). We wish our interactions with all law enforcement and county officials to remain positive, so feel free to say hello! Remember that, like anyone, you should obtain consent before giving free hugs to any officials.

Port-o-Potties

We got 'em, because everybody poops. They are cleaned and restocked daily. LNT carries through to the portos, too. If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! It may sound cute, but it's also super serious. **DO NOT PUT TAMPONS, TRASH OR HANDI-WIPES IN THE TOILET! THIS INCLUDES SEPTIC-SAFE WIPES!** Take a Ziplock bag into the port-a-potty with you and pack these items out. Trash in the toilets will prevent us from pumping them and will threaten the viability of the event.

Don't leave stuff lying on the floors or around the outside of the potties.

Do not put greywater into the potties.

The land is a delicate ecosystem - do not use it as a toilet.

Put the lid down when you are done - this helps keep the Port-a-Potty smelling better. For reals.

Do not duct tape anything to the port-a-potties. Duct tape will leave a residue when removed. Use clear tape.

Lost & Found

If during the event you find any items who have lost their owners, you may bring them to Lost and Found located at the Info

Booth. Please check here for any items you might have lost during the event.

Art

Apogaea Participants will bring many forms of art to share with other Participants, including music, dance, visual arts, crafts, workshops, costumes, and anything else they want to bring to the Apogaea experience. Whatever your special talent might be, we want to see it!

Some forms of art require special accommodation and should have already been registered. Large scale art installations, theme camps, mutant vehicles, performances that require stage facilities, workshops that require the use of shade structures, sound systems, lasers, and anything involving fire, must be pre-registered.

If you're on Facebook, Instagram and/or BlueSky , please follow us:

Facebook Pages:

Apogaea General Information: <https://www.facebook.com/Apogaea>

We ARE Apogaea: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1EgQkbYhTf/>

Apogaea Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Fm1KegBHT/>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/apogaea/>

BlueSky:

<https://bsky.app/profile/apogaeaco.bsky.social>

We recommend checking out the Apogaea General Information and the We ARE Apogaea groups to stay on top of the latest information and get psyched for the event! We also HIGHLY recommend checking out the...

WWW (Who What Where When)

The WWW (Who What When Where) is your guide to Apogaea!

Every registered event, theme camp, art installation, mutant vehicle, and more are laid out in an easy-to-read format so you can plan your participation. A printable PDF version will also be available. We also offer a map of the land so you can get around easily and find what you're looking for. All infrastructure and departments are listed as well. Take a look at apourl.co/www to get familiar with all the glory of the event.

Sanctuary

Like any big festival, experiences at Apogaea have the potential to be overwhelming at times. While we all love to witness burners supporting each other, sometimes we may become overwhelmed enough that we need to retreat to a reliably calm, quiet space where we can connect and be appreciated exactly where we are. This is the mission of Sanctuary. Sanctuary is a comfortable, still, and quiet space at the event which is open 24/7. Sanctuary is staffed by volunteers (Sitters) with relevant professional and/or personal experience who hold space and provide support for those going through difficult mental and emotional states - states that can be a challenging but manageable and meaningful part of the burn experience. Sanctuary is located within Medical, and all Participants who wish to enter Sanctuary will need to consent to a quick assessment by Medical staff.

The Temple & The Effigy

In the tradition of Burning Man, the culmination of Apogaea is centered around a Temple & an Effigy. The Temple is meant to create a reverent space where Participants can meditate, honor what has been lost or gained, go inward, slow down, let go, or whatever other experience can be made of it. The Temple is a space dedicated to reflection and release, as a counterpoint to the high energy present through most of the event.

The Effigy is a celebration of community. Members of the community build it, gather around it, watch performances involving it, burn it, and dance to its warmth.

Check out apogaea.com/temple-effigy for information on The Temple & Effigy, as well as previous years' installations.

Sound Policy

If you have not registered as a sound camp or sound art piece, you do not have permission to have sound at Apogaea

The sound team will orient each sound camp's PA. Be a good neighbor! Talk to the camps around yours to see what they're planning and to coordinate. For example, turn down your sound or rethink the screaming death metal while the next camp is having their fancy tea party.

Medium and loud sound camps are required to bring a working microphone to assist with announcements in the event of an emergency.

Quiet Hours


Quiet hours will be enforced between 4:00 am and 10:00 am during the whole event. All camps will be required to reduce their volumes so that they may not be heard at camp's edge.

Enforcement

The Sound Lead, any ratified Sound Team Liaisons, and elected Board Members present are responsible for the enforcement of this Sound Policy. These individuals may request at any time and for any reason that a camp or individual turn down, turn off, reorient, or otherwise alter any sound producing device or machine. Failure to comply with these requests will result in consequences ranging from an order to power off the equipment to possible expulsion from the event.


For more information, go to apogaea.com/sound

Mutant Vehicles (aka Art Cars)

 An Art Car, or Mutant Vehicle, is a vehicle that has been radically, stunningly and safely modified. A Mutant Vehicle is not a private mode of transportation but rather a vehicle that the community has the opportunity to visit and/or ride in during the event.

All mutant vehicles require pre registration, with all drivers and contact data listed (camp, how to contact, etc.) with the Apogaea Department of Mutant Vehicles (DMV).

Mutant vehicles must meet certain standards of structural and mechanical integrity. This standard always applies to all Mutant Vehicles. A violation of public safety could result in immediate eviction from the event.

 All Mutant Vehicle policies are subject to change at any time at the discretion of Apogaea (in case of weather or other emergency).

What if you don't want to follow the Mutant Vehicle Rules?

Well, you're gonna have a bad time. Failure to abide by the above rules will result in immediate loss of driving privileges. These people can revoke your driving privileges and take your keys: Event Leads, Rangers, and members of the Board of Directors. If you're requested to surrender your keys, the Event Lead will return them to you Sunday at 10 AM. You also might not get to have the art car or driver operating at future events. You worked so hard on that Mutant Vehicle. Don't mess it up now.

Rangers



Rangers will be on duty throughout the event, and are emphatically NOT law enforcement. Rangers are trained participants who volunteer time and effort as non-confrontational community mediators and a "first response" team for Apogaea. They are in the city, connecting with participants and keeping an eye out for situations that need attention, calling in additional resources such as medical or fire if needed. Rangers only assist the community when needed, aiming to help people solve their own problems with a gentle nudge in the right

direction, and then fading into the background. By encouraging and facilitating communication, Rangers provide information, educate participants on Apogaea and Burn culture, and promote awareness of potential hazards including everything from weather events to burn bans. Rangers can be identified by their khaki Ranger shirts, Ranger hats, or Ranger laminates.

Contact Rangers@Apogaea.com for more information.

They are members of our community and you should feel free to request their assistance at any time for things, including

but not limited to:

-  Consent issues
- Lost children
- Camp conflicts
- Participant safety
- Physical hazards
- Summoning medical, fire, or other emergency assistance
-  Support with challenging emotional situations

DPW, Rangers, and BAMF will all be checking for wristbands to make sure everyone on the property has permission to be there. Wristbands also signify that you will remain within the event boundaries which are marked with colored tape. Help them out and report anyone you see without a wristband. These departments will also be checking for underage drinking. Keep in mind, they're here to keep you and the event safe.

Info Booth

During the event, if you have questions, this is the place to start. Info Booth volunteers can help you get answers, or at the very least, can get you pointed in the right direction. They have placement maps, WWW guides, a message board, daily schedules, lost & found, and can help put you in contact with other departments during the event.

Apogaea Media & Propaganda (AMP)

AMP will be roaming the event capturing photos and video and helping to educate about photo and video policies. If at any time the behavior of a photographer or recording device makes you uncomfortable, feel free to let them know/ bring their awareness to the overstep, or grab a Ranger as you would to help resolve any other form of inappropriate conduct.

If your camp has art that includes photos or video being captured, please create a sign and post outside your camp or hang on your camera to give other Participants a heads up that image capture is taking place. This DOES NOT negate the "ask first" policy, it's just a friendly warning to those who don't want their likeness captured to steer clear. Contact photos@apogaea.com for more information.

Sharing those awesome photos and videos ANYWHERE, including online, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties. So be sure to ask before you shoot! If you post photos online and someone requests you remove a photo of them, you must do so immediately. If you want to contribute your awesome photos to the official Apogaea photo library (for use on the website, Survival Guide etc.) email: photos@apogaea.com after the event.

Bureau of Apogaea Medical & Fire (B*A*M*F*)

BAMF is the APO dept that manages safety volunteers, serves as a first point of contact with medical support, encourages self care and fire safety awareness, and provides inspection, approval and assistance for propane fire art and lasers. Apogaea contracts with medical and fire professionals to provide emergency response in case of serious incidents, and our volunteers support and coordinate with these safety professionals.

All attendees must bring their own first aid kit, but don't hesitate to come to BAMF if you need help from our experts. Practice radical self-reliance and anticipate common camp injuries: whenever possible take care of your minor boo-boos. If you use prescription or OTC medications daily or occasionally, bring them! If you are unsure and need help, please ask a ranger to contact BAMF.

Please read our propane [Fire Art Regulations](#)

Want to Spin or perform with Fire (liquid fuels)?

You must attend a MANDATORY safety training with CONCLAVE and **obtain a wristband** in order to be approved to spin or perform fire at Apogaea. Fire performance is allowed in the scraped burn area only, and must always be done with a safety watch with a fire blanket, extinguisher, and safe fuel depot Conclave wristbands can be obtained at daily training meetings at Center Camp on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - check info booth or BAMF for times.

Are you a propane Fire Artist?

Fire Art Safety Team (FAST) approvals **are required** for registered propane flame effects and will occur Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and all day Friday. Please come to BAMF to sign up for inspection once you are on site. **All fire art is required to be pre-registered.** Exceptions are not guaranteed and may be available through creative begging only.

Use of unapproved flame effects, or contravention of FAST regulations is grounds for removal from the event.

If you might need any assistance getting your registered flame effects ready for inspection please visit the BAMF tent prior to signing up for inspection. The Fire Art Research Team (FART) is available to help you. We want your excellent art to be enjoyed at Apo and will work with you to get into compliance. Do not operate unapproved flame effects.

Fire Conclave & Safety Meetings

Mandatory Fire Meetings will be held at **Center Camp**, daily from **Wednesday through Saturday, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.**

All participants who wish to **spin fire** or serve as **fire safety**—including members of **Hot Coco** and the **effigy performance team**—**must attend one** of these sessions.



Anyone found spinning fire without a designated **fire wristband** (indicating completion of safety training) may have their wristband revoked and could be asked to leave the event. No exceptions.

Even seasoned fire performers benefit from a refresher, and your presence brings valuable experience to the group.

The **final portion** of each meeting will include **training for burn perimeter support volunteers**.

Fire Spinner Checklist

If you plan to spin fire, please come prepared with the following:

-  **Safety blanket**
- Sealable 2-bucket fuel depot system**
- Fuel funnel**
- Chemical-resistant gloves** (for wringing out wicks – *no spin-offs on the ground*)
-  **Checked props** – make sure wicks are **secure**, not **frayed**, and hardware is in **safe, working condition**

Fire Extinguishers:

1. How to use a fire extinguisher: [Here](#)
2. Two extinguishers are required per camp, minimum size 1A : 10BC, typically a 2.5lb kitchen type extinguisher. We recommend larger, refillable extinguishers, ie a 5lb or, better, 10lb. These should be visibly located in 2 separate places where anyone could see, grab and use them in case of a fire. [Example Link Here](#)

Apogaea Burn Ban Status

Here is a summary of the possible burn status for Apo. Please check with BAMF (also info booth and greeters) to learn the current burn status

Current Burn Ban Status: LEVEL 1 (confirm at Greeters when you arrive)

Burn Status	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 (red flag)
Propane fire art	Yes (if approved)	Yes (if approved)	No
Unmodified propane fire pits	Yes	No	No
Liquid fire performance - Conclave	Burn field only with safety watch	Burn field only with safety watch	No
Smoking in a 3 walled tent or in a car or on burn field	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smoking on roads	Yes	Yes	No
Smoking anywhere else (where there is grass)	No	No	No
Ember producing (wood, paper) fires	No	No	No

Current Apogaea Burn Status: | Stage 1



We are currently in Stage 1 Burn status

This may change at any time - the latest updates will be at Gate, Greeters, Info Booth, and BAMF/Rangers HQ.

NO – Wood or charcoal fires of any kind including burn barrels. No smoking in grassy areas.

Additional fire safety information can be found at apogaea.com/fire

Generators

-  Generators must be in good working order and free of obstructions. Clear all flammable materials away from the generator area: grass, pillows, furry coats, etc.
Liquid fuel storage containers must be designed for the purpose and must NOT be stored directly on the ground (use an additional tub or secondary containment). Store fuel at least 15 feet away from the generator and from any tents or structures.
Do not refuel generators when they are running.
Generators must be the 'quiet' type, or have sound baffling to reduce noise (<60db). Any sound baffles must be made of non- combustible materials, and must have sufficient ventilation for intake and the exhaust. Do not fully enclose generators. If any part of the baffle is too hot to touch, it isn't safe!
-  All camps with generators must have an ABC fire extinguisher within clear view of the generator, but not next to it or next to the fuel. Recommended size 1A : 10BC (minimum 4lb kitchen type)

CO Poisoning - Gasoline and propane generators and tent heaters produce carbon monoxide (CO), an odorless, colorless, and deadly gas. NEVER run any of these inside or next to tents. Use only approved tent heaters.

If you start to feel sleepy, dizzy, nauseous, or headachy, immediately leave the area and turn the device off if possible. Get fresh air and contact BAMF immediately.


Apo BAMF fire volunteers will be walking around the event checking on generator operation, and may request additional precautions depending on the situation.

Fuel Guidelines

Approved containers must be used for all fuel storage. Do not fill fuel containers past 80%, regardless of size.

Protect the earth from fuel spills. All **containers, regardless of size, must be stored within "secondary containment" basins**. These basins must be capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest single fuel container stored within it.

Fuel must be kept 15 feet away from ignition sources. Keep an extinguisher clearly visible 15 away from fuel and the ignition sources (flame from fire pits, art or cooking stoves)

-  Fuel containers must remain closed except when filling or dispensing.

Do not use fuel containers that are degraded by the sun, cracked or damaged.

Any liquid fuel spills over 1 gal must be reported to BAMF. We will help you complete a Leave No Trace cleanup.

Weather

In case of severe weather, forest fire, or other need for evacuation, please come to Center Camp for more information, and listen for announcements broadcast on the large sound systems. Do NOT attempt to leave


in your own vehicle unless instructed to do so - traffic jams or stuck vehicles could endanger lives during an emergency.

BAMF reminds you to know your limits! We love you and want you to experience the event beyond the confines of our tent or the sanctuary trailer.

Come out and work with BAMF! We still have shifts for people with all levels of experience. If you want to be part of BAMF sign up now on the Volunteer DB or stop by the BAMF tent. We will find a place where you can help out! If you are a EMT, EMT-P, LPN, RN, LE, urban or wildland firefighter, fire artist, social worker, mental health expert or other experienced safety professional, please come talk to us at BAMF and bring your certifications for our records

Situational Awareness

Apogaea takes place on a high-altitude, grassland/desert-like cattle ranch. This location is Colorado Wild West. Do not expect pristine walkways and campsites. There are a few things you should be aware of:


 **Water Catches/Ponds** - Run off is being collected in the form of several ponds, and this water is used by the local wildlife as drinking water. ALL Participants are prohibited from playing in these waters. (IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Gas Wells - An oil company has mineral rights to the property and is currently extracting natural gas. All infrastructure and Participants are restricted to 150 feet from each well. These areas will be clearly marked. Do not cross the barriers or marked 'no entry' zones. (IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Ditches - This is virgin land, which includes several natural ravines with large drops. It is highly advised that you be attentive to where you step, and that you refrain from entering the ravines. Bring a light, wear hard toe shoes and watch your kids and friends.

Cacti - While the last few years have removed many of the larger cactus plants from the land, there are still many cacti there. Please do not sit or walk barefoot on the natural vegetation. If you must remove cactus needles from your skin, duct tape works well. If you must remove the cacti from your immediate camping area, use a shovel, and pile the cacti up in one area, rather than scattering them across the land. Mark your cactus pile with something that glows in the dark for the event so no one stumbles across it accidentally.

Mosquitoes - The ponds may attract mosquitoes, plan accordingly.

 **Wildlife** - Bear, elk, deer, coyote, fox, rattlesnakes, birds of prey, etc. Are all residents of the property. Please respect that it's their home first - give them a wide berth, do not approach their young/ calving or sleeping areas, and do not leave your food unattended. There are also Elk calving areas very near our event site. Elk can be territorial. If you see an elk, even if it is cute, please do not approach it. Stay away from it and report its presence to a Ranger or to other safety services personnel. If an animal becomes a danger or a nuisance, alert a Ranger to the situation, and do not take matters into your own hands. Colorado carries its own risks of bugs (ticks and spiders), rattlesnakes, and wildlife. Though stories of rattlesnakes at previous events on this land may have been somewhat exaggerated, they are around.

Be aware, store your food properly, and don't harass the wildlife. If you see a snake, freeze and slowly back away. Find a Ranger or other safety lead and report it. They most often sun themselves on large rocks. Avoid these areas, especially during the sunniest part of the day.

Emergency Transport

Participants are 100% responsible for the costs of emergency transport. Apogaea will not cover the expense of any emergency transport. You should first work with the on-site medical team who can help to quickly assess your issue and may be able to resolve it for you. They will know if emergency transport is necessary for your safety.

No Holes or Digging

No digging is allowed at the event. There are buried natural gas lines on the property, so digging is dangerous. If your project requires any kind of digging (trenching or holes), or alteration of the land, DPW needs to be contacted in advance for approval. You may contact them at DPW@apogaea.com.

Tiny Humans

Children of all ages are welcome at Apogaea. Including children in the event creates a wonderful atmosphere. Just like the rest of us, children at Apogaea are encouraged to bring art, volunteer and otherwise participate. That said, Apogaea is not a kid-focused event and anyone considering bringing a child must understand that parts of the event may be inappropriate, uncomfortable, and unsafe for children.

Everyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by a legal guardian and have a liability waiver signed in person at the gate upon arrival. All legal guardians are required to accurately fill out a “Tiny Human Tracking Form” for each child.

The form must be completed and turned in to the on-site Rangers (or with Gate volunteers to give to the Rangers)





immediately after getting settled into camp. In past years, this form was optional, but it is now required.

This form will be associated with an identifier on the child’s wristband, so that in the event of a child being lost or separated from their parent they can be quickly reunited; or their parents/camp quickly located in case of injury or emergency.

It’s always required that any child under the age of 18 be able to find and identify their legal guardian, during the event. This may be done directly (such as via radio or mobile device) or indirectly (such as awareness that the guardian will be at a fixed location). If the child is temporarily being supervised by a responsible adult other than the legal guardian, then that adult must be able to find the legal guardian.

Appropriate supervision varies by individual child, and is based on the child’s age and maturity-level, as well as if there is the ability to be in radio-contact, or if there is mutual knowledge of the parent/child’s location with regularly scheduled in- person check-ins.

To qualify as a “responsible adult” for the purposes of supervising a child or children, a Participant must fulfill all the following requirements:

-  Be at least 18 years of age.
 - Be in full control of their mental and physical faculties (adult may not be inebriated, napping, etc...).
 - Either be the child’s legal guardian or be the adult who was actively assigned those duties on site by the child’s guardian.
-  In other words, just because you are over 18 doesn’t mean you can take your minor friend off to explore the event
 -  without their guardian’s full knowledge and consent.
 -  Have actively and positively accepted those responsibilities from the child’s guardian on site. In other

words, a guardian cannot delegate their responsibilities to another adult without that adult's active consent.

Be prepared to follow the rules regarding supervision of the child, and to accept consequences (which may include eviction) for any failure to do so.

Allowing a minor for whom you are responsible to violate any of the stated rules is grounds for the entire party to be ejected.

Kids & Ejection

If an issue arises with a child, and a legal guardian cannot be found in a reasonable amount of time (or is not sober enough to act as a responsible adult), then both the child and the legal guardian may be removed from the event.

If a child is engaging in behavior worthy of removal from the event, then the legal guardian will be removed as well. A list of



Ejectionable Offenses can be found at the end of this Survival Guide.

Kids & Hazards

The current location of Apogaea has significant physical hazards present, which require compliance with much stricter safety precautions. Parents should review this information carefully prior to the event, and then evaluate whether it is appropriate to bring their children to the event, or not. Do not assume that all hazards can or will be marked, or that any sort of physical safety barrier will be present. Families will be REQUIRED to adhere to the following event guidelines (failure to adhere may be grounds for ejection.)

Due to the hazardous nature of the land, guardians must always know where their kids are. The child's legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that their child is appropriately supervised by a responsible adult during the event.

The current Apogaea site contains many hazards, these include, but are not limited to:

-  Steep ravines (drop-offs up to 20 ft)
- Active gas wells (and associated equipment, pipes, power systems)
- Livestock ponds & water catchments
- Potentially dangerous wildlife including rattlesnakes & elk
- Cactus (several types) that are extensive and widespread (Boots or closed shoes highly recommended)
- Felled timber, brush, and deadwood
-  Bicycles & motorized traffic

Adult Content & Red Light District

Parts of the event are adult in nature. These activities are required to be visually blocked from public thoroughfares but you must be aware that you or your child may encounter activities that may be inappropriate or uncomfortable for children. (It may also be inappropriate or uncomfortable for some adults as well, but that does not mean they do not belong in our community).

Some things that might be considered inappropriate or adult by the default world, such as nudity, are not

limited or blocked from public view and might be encountered throughout the event.

Be responsible for yourself and your child at all times. Do not expect the volunteers or community-at-large to supervise your child or manage your child's experience. If you feel something is inappropriate for your child, it is your responsibility to steer your child away from it. Likewise, individuals, groups, or the community-at-large should feel empowered to discuss with parents if they feel their content is inappropriate for minors, or if they feel children are being disruptive or are endangered in any way.

Camps may choose to exclude minors (under the age of 18) from their premises and/or functions at their discretion if they feel their content would be inappropriate or dangerous for minors to experience.

No minors may remain in Red Light District after 9pm every night. Minors and their guardians are expected to respect those choices.

That said, camps are also asked to abide by the principle of radical inclusion whenever possible, and those who invoke this privilege spuriously may receive lower consideration for camp registration and placement in the future.

Serving Alcohol

Some individuals and camps may choose to gift alcohol to other Participants. Great! Before serving alcohol, you must request to see a government-issued photo ID. An over-21 wristband is not enough, nor is gray hair! If you would like to be served alcohol during Apogaea, please remember to bring your ID with you along with your reusable cup!

How to Get Kicked Out

Apogaea wishes for you to be free to create art and interact with others. Although we try to have as few rules as possible, we must have some. If you witness a violation of any of these rules, feel free to correct the situation yourself if possible. If you do not feel comfortable with that, please inform one of the Rangers (wearing a khaki logoed Ranger shirt, hat, and/or laminate) or someone in the Info Booth.

The following offenses will get you removed from the event:



No ticket/wristband (all Participants, no exceptions)

Helping someone sneak into the event

SWIMMING OR WADING IN WATER FEATURES (Bold & all caps text means we are absolutely serious about this.)

TRESPASSING IN GAS WELL AREAS (Note: bold & all caps text here too. We are extra, super, major serious about this.)

Photographing another Participant without their consent or taking photos/video for commercial purposes

Vending or commerce of any kind

Failing to respect the consent or boundaries of other Participants

Unsafe driving

Malicious destruction of property

Possession of weapons

Possession of alcohol if under 21

Serving alcohol to someone under 21



Disrespectful Intoxicated behavior

- 🔥 Disrespect of the land such as digging, felling trees or limbs, etc.
- Violating any of the fire rules
- Violation of DMV rules
- Harassing wildlife

How to Get Kicked Out: Tiny Human Edition

- 🔥 Failure of parents to ensure minors under the age of 18 wear wristbands or file “Tiny Human Tracking Form” with Rangers.

Failing to ensure that a child under 12 for whom you are responsible always has proper adult supervision During the hours of 10 PM to 5AM, all Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Children ages 13-17 can roam more widely from 5 AM –10 PM as long as they are under supervision of a responsible adult (this may be accomplished by radio, or parent’s knowledge of the child’s location) It is required that any minor (under the age of 18) at Apogaea be able to find and identify their legal guardian at all times

Allowing a minor (under the age of 18) for whom you are responsible for to violate any of the stated event rules and regulations

How to Get Kicked Out: Laser Edition

- 🔥 Handheld Lasers are not allowed at Apogaea.
Stationary lasers must be registered in advance with **Registration and inspected onsite. Please visit BAMF to scheduled your laser inspection**
- 🔥 **Registration** will inspect lasers upon installation. Lasers found violating these rules are not permitted.
Stationary lasers must abide by FDA regulations.

Event Exodus

The event ends on Sun, June 8. Unless you are volunteering as part of DPW, or actively working on the strike of your large theme camp or art, you must be awake, packed up, de-MOOPed, and off the property by 5 PM Sun, June 8. Please show your love and appreciation to our Gate Exodus volunteers when leaving the event.

If you are the driver, make sure you receive enough rest before leaving. If you are tired, find a safe area to pull over and rest. We want you to get home safely so we can see you again next year!

If you feel that you need more time to properly pack and clean your camp and to be rested before leaving, check in at the Info Booth/Center Camp area to get permission to stay on the land until Monday. Nobody will be allowed to stay on the land Sunday night without pre-approval.

Leave No Trace (Yes, It’s That Important to Mention Again)

Everything you bring to the event must leave with you. This includes all your garbage, grey water, black water, recycling, equipment, etc. You are responsible for your personal items down to the last used tissue, and you are also responsible to make sure your entire camp site is free of any MOOP (Matter Out of Place) before you go. Every Participant should be actively looking for and collecting MOOP throughout the event for proper disposal outside the event (and outside of the garbage bins or dumpsters in local communities,

too!)

Your camp should make sure that you make a complete sweep of your area, and remove all traces of your time there, except from your memories. Even after you've completed this, a team of volunteers will work to find the smallest bits of MOOP left behind. They'll be exhausted and dirty when you're home in bed after a nice shower. Please do not expect them to do your work.

What do I do with all this trash?

Do NOT discard your trash along the highway or in neighboring towns. Carry your trash back to a larger city such as Denver and dispose of it there. If everyone dumps their trash in the small communities in the immediate vicinity of the event, they will be easily overwhelmed. If you must secure your trash to the outside of your vehicle, make sure it's double bagged, tarped, and well secured. Local law enforcement will be actively ticketing people for littering. And your conscience will be actively shaming you for being a jerk.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You made it to the end of the Apogaea Survival Guide. You might just survive the event after all, but you most likely won't leave the same. Thank you!

We could never possibly say it enough: Apogaea doesn't happen without **YOU** and all of the amazing members of our Community! We are so fortunate to have an amazing Community of incredibly talented and dedicated folks! Thank you all for your Hard Work and Participation! Now let's rock and roll!

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