



Oregon Star Party Rules/Guidelines

In order to make everyone's time here safe and comfortable, we ask participants to review and respect the rules for this event. Oregon Star Party is located on Forest Service lands, all attendees, vendors, volunteers need to adhere to conditions for use. The hill and prairie that the site is located on is treeless, so there is limited shade. It can be hot during the day and mild too cold during the night. However, there have been monsoon type downpours, lightning, and dust devils powerful enough to lift tents, canopies, ice chests and telescopes.

Fire - Fire safety is our #1 concern and everyone must adhere to the following:

- Only propane or white gas camp stoves and propane BBQ's are allowed. All stoves must be set upon a sturdy table or tailgate. No open fires or charcoal briquettes are not allowed! We ask attendees to report any open fires to any OSP Staff Member.
- Due to the high fire danger this year, smoking (including E-cigarettes) is permitted only in an enclosed vehicle/trailer.
- Marijuana - Oregon Star Party takes place on federal forest land therefore marijuana is against the law as a misdemeanor offense.
- Forest Service Regulations require that you bring a shovel, an ax, and an extra five gallons of water dedicated for fire suppression.

Camping

- RVs and trailers are allowed along the GRAVELED road (800 Rd. and 802 Rd.) only and must be set up within 100 feet of the center of the roadway.
- A no travel restriction will apply and continue 48 hours after a rain event. This means keeping motorized travel to existing open graveled roads. The Additional Authorized Road – un-graveled, will not have authorized motorized use during this time. In addition, the designated flagged routes to the “Once In Once Out” area, will not have authorized motorized use during this time
- Tents, van conversions, and tent trailers are allowed along the graveled roads and in the trees. If camping in the trees attendees are allowed to drive into the trees and park their car for the duration of their stay and then leave (Once in, Once Out).
- People may camp on the telescope fields but again no vehicles on the telescope fields. Warn campers that there will be many observers up until dawn on the main telescope fields and will be talking, moving ladders and telescopes.
- There will be designated routes approved in advanced by an authorized officer to the “Once In Once Out”, area. Please coordinate with the special use administrator when setting up and flagging the allowed driving routes to these areas.
- However, other restrictions may be in place for where vehicles are allowed on site as needed or required by the USFS (See Fire Restrictions and Generator Restrictions)

Driving

- All vehicles must display the OSP Parking Permit.
- Speed limit on site is 5 mph!
- All types of vehicles are welcome at the observing site.
- When possible disable all vehicle lights
- Vehicles may drive in and out of the observing area between 10 AM and 8 PM.
- Late arrivals to the star party are asked to camp in the late night arrival area east of the entry gate.
- NO VEHICLE TRAFFIC AT NIGHT (except for emergencies).
- No-driving across the open areas except to setup camp or telescopes.
- OSP recommends that attendees park their vehicles along the 800 and 802 Road if they intend to move the vehicles during the event.

Generators

The Generator policy is dependent on United States Forest Service fire restrictions. As in the past, the Oregon Star Party will not know the decision on the use of generators until 1 week prior to the event. The decision is based on several factors: the dryness of the forest area around Indian Trail Spring, the 14 day forecast prior to OSP, whether they have closed forest to the public and/or if level IV restrictions are in place.

- Generators must meet all US Forest Service requirements and are permitted to operate from Noon to 7 PM.
 - All generators must be within 100 feet of the graveled roads (800 & 802). Generators need to be located 3 feet away from any vegetation and/or place on a fire retardant tarp.
 - All generators must have spark arrestors
- Please remember generators intrude on your neighbor's peace and enjoyment of the natural outdoors.
- Service providers (food, espresso, shower truck, and OSP operations) are permitted between 8 AM and 2 AM.
- Medical generators are only allowed in the RV approved areas next to the graveled roads and only to extent as needed to recharge medical equipment and only by special permit.
- Generator policy is subject to change at ANY TIME.

If Generators are **NOT ALLOWED**:

- By order of the USFS generators are NOT ALLOWED except for Vendors and Medical and only by special permit.
- Service providers (food, espresso, internet, shower truck, and OSP operations) are permitted between 8:00 am and 2:00 am. They must be in approved locations and have approved sound baffling around the generator.
- Medical generators are only allowed in the RV approved areas next to the graveled roads and only to extent as needed to recharge medical equipment and only by special permit.

General Astronomy Guidelines

- Quiet hours at the campsites are from 3 am until 10 am. Please respect your neighbors' sleeping and observing habits. Many people stay up all night observing and could use some quiet in the morning.
- The number one rule: don't use light unless you absolutely need it.
- Flashlights should only be used with red filters.
- Laptop must be covered and the screens must be shielded with red plastic.
- No white light after sundown, except for emergencies.
- Either disable your car's dome and trunk lights or cover them with red tape.
- Use only dim red light inside tents and RV's at night.
- Don't leave lights on when you're not using them.
- All RV's (except in the late arrival area) must have all interior lights completely shielded. No white light (not even faint white light) must be visible from the outside of the RV after dark. Those RV's in the late arrival area must keep light usage to a minimum.
- The use of green laser pointers is prohibited (except by OSP Committee for the Sky Identification, Limited Magnitude program and Youth Mentoring).

Pets

- Pets are allowed at OSP as long as they do not cause any threat to others or interfere with quiet hours.
- Pets must be on a leash and under owner control when outside at all times.
- Pet owners are responsible for the behavior and actions of their pets at all times.
- Dog owners must clean up after their pets. Remember that people are walking around the grounds at night and are not able to easily see where they are stepping.

Water

- Potable water is NOT available on site so you will need to bring bottled water along with you for drinking or cooking.
- The closest potable water is available in front of the Big Summit Ranger Station (Yes it's the water coming out of the hose). This is approximately 25 miles from OSP (1 hour).
- For emergency purposes water can be found at the Information Tent

Trash

- IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT - The Oregon Star Party Committee will be enforcing the Forest Service rule regarding "If you pack it in, you must pack it out." There is no dumping of any garbage except in the garbage dumpster. Please compact your trash to the smallest possible size. Please do not put your personal garbage in the caterer's garbage cans. Do not put any garbage in the porta-pots.
- Trash can be placed in the centralize trash bin on the 800 road.
- Recycling containers will be available at OSP.

Please Above All

Be courteous to all your neighbors near and far. Please treat the land with respect. And above all, have fun and enjoy the skies.