

## UPPER OBSERVING FIELD RULES

To provide for more telescope observing area, unobstructed view of the sky, personal and equipment safety, the following rules have been implemented for observing, astro-imaging, equipment tent, equipment trailer, observing/Astro-imaging enclosures/tents/windcreens and computer usage on the Upper Field. Please see the map on the reverse of this sheet.

1. **Smoking on the Upper field** (as well as the Middle Field and the Lower Field) is no longer allowed. This ban includes **cigars, cigarettes, pipes and electronic (Vapor) smoking devices**. **All observing fields will be nonsmoking**. There will be a 50-foot-wide perimeter around each field that will be part of the nonsmoking area. There will be TSP Field Monitors on each field to address field safety, health, and lighting protocol violations and to help you to become complaint.
2. **Road (marked with white chalk lines)** – This road is to be used for transporting equipment and/or observing equipment. This area is to be used for temporary parking while unloading and loading. You may drive off the road to unload/load closer to your site providing you can safely navigate any equipment already in place. **DO NOT** drive over the electric outlet boxes on the extension cords, please! It is expensive to have to replace them and if the damage short out the wire, the whole length of that segment of the power grid will go down. All the equipment tied to that segment will no longer have power. That could cause all attendees on that segment to not have power for one or two days while repairs are made. And the shorting out of the segment could also damage your equipment as well as others. If you drive over an outlet box and cause the box to short out, damage equipment, the wire, the electrical grid itself; you will be financially responsible for all needed repairs and/or replacements. Please use caution when crossing a power grid cable. Observe and identify where the outlet boxes locations are and avoid them.
3. **Tent areas** will be marked off with white chalk. This is for sleeping and storage tents. Keep stakes and tie downs within the marked area and flag them to reduce trip hazard. Storage and pop-up tent trailers can use this area also. Once set up they must not be moved and must not encroach outside of marked tent area.
4. **Stair and Safety Zone (marked with white chalk)** – The 2 sets of stairs and the area on the east side of the field, immediately along the rock wall by the RV sites, and an area from the stairs onto the field is marked to allow a clear path for walking access to the observing field and to prevent anyone from falling down the rack wall in the dark. NOTHING may be set up in these areas. When setting up, be careful not to put any tent stakes or support ropes that will intrude into these two areas.
5. **The remaining parts of the field** labeled as “Telescopes” on the map, are for telescopes, observing aids, tables, chairs, light boxes, etc only. Telescopes permanently attached to trailers as a mount will be permitted. NO VEHICLES, except for unloading and loading, are allowed to remain on the observing field.
6. **Do not setup you equipment before each field’s** power grid and chalk markings have been completed. This will be completed no later than Sunday afternoon. If you set up your telescope and/or tent before the power grid and the field markings are completed, you will be told to remove everything. If you set up in the wrong area after the field’s are prepared, you will be told to move your set up to the proper area.
7. **The power grid outlet cords** on the Upper Field, Middle Field and the Lower Field are for telescopes, mounts, imaging equipment, anti-dew gear, drive correctors, 25-watt or less (even better) light bulbs and 75-watt laptop computers. Personal computers, fische viewers, hot-plates, coffee pots, fans, heaters, and refrigerators are not to be plugged into any of the outlets on the Power Grid of any field are not to be plugged into these outlets. You will take down the Power Grid. Anyone found to be using these high wattage appliances will be told to stop the first time. The second time, you will be told to leave the ranch.
8. **We would greatly appreciate your cooperation** in keeping the fields clean, clear of trash and litter. When you leave at the end of TSP, please make use of the garbage cans and dumpsters to throw away anything you are not taking home with you. Do not leave your discarded items on the field.

Thank You!

TSP Management