

Members Only Star Party FAQ

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Do I need to wear a mask while at the star party?

The SFAA is following the CA State Parks and the Marin County mask policies. If you are vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask while attending the SFAA members only star party.

What are the members responsibilities in cleaning?

Members are responsible for their own equipment and sanitizing their equipment. If members are willing to let other members look through their telescope, that is their own risk and responsibility.

What are the physical distancing guidelines while at the star party?

All members must park their cars at least 6 feet apart (leaving an empty parking spot between cars) and at least 6 feet between equipment. All members are asked to set up their equipment adjacent to their vehicle.

What are the health precautions the SFAA is taking at these events?

Every member and guest is responsible for monitoring their own health and protecting the health of others. If you have felt sick (fever, chills, cough, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, etc) recently, please stay home. If you have recently been exposed to anybody with an infectious disease (COVID-19, flu, etc), please stay home. If you have been advised to self-isolate or quarantine, stay home. Further information and advice about COVID-19 and more is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website and the California Department of Public Health.

How many people can I bring to the star party?

Only members in good standing are able to attend, one vehicle per member. Individual members are not allowed to bring a guest at this time. Family and Supporting members are allowed to bring themselves (1 person) and one guest, who must stay with the member at all times.

When do star parties start?

All members are asked to arrive no later than half an hour before sunset. There is NO late entry into the park. Any member arriving after sunset will be asked to leave.

Will there still be a group huddle just after sunset?

Yes. The huddle will be lead by the event lead (usually a board member). This huddle is mandatory for all members and guests in attendance. If someone does not attend, they will be asked to leave.

Are animals allowed at the star party?

Only service animals are allowed. All other pets are not allowed. This is a CA State Park rule.

Will the SFAA be keeping a list of which members attend the event?

Yes. New this year, all those attending will be asked to sign a waiver, providing their name, signature, and contact info. This will be kept confidential by the board. This list will be use in

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the event all those that attended needed to be contacted. The waiver has been emailed to all members and is available on the SFAA website.

How do I become a member of the SFAA?

Membership is done online at www.sfaa-astronomy.org