

RULES OF STAR PARTY ETIQUETTE

Must be heard, read, or reviewed with all attendees. If the rules are not followed, PAS reserves the right to decline doing future events for your organization. It is the responsibility of the Teacher or Scout Leader (the Contact person) to be sure that everyone has been informed of these rules.

- **No horseplay** around the telescopes. Take your games, running, balls, etc and play away from the telescopes by a minimum of 50 feet. And if you are tossing a ball around, be sure it does not come near the telescopes.
- **No touching the telescopes** with anything, clothing, hands, leaning on, feet, etc. These are very expensive telescopes, some of them are not able to be replaced and the parents of the child who does any damage to the scopes will be held responsible to replace those scopes. Hands are to be behind the viewer or in their pockets. Do not touch.
- **No white light** around the telescope viewing area. White light destroys night vision. It takes the average person 20 minutes to become fully dark adapted. One quick flash of light from a cell phone, car headlights or a flashlight, and the count to 20 minutes has to start all over again. That means that when you look through the telescope and your eyes are not fully dark adapted at that time, it is possible you will not see what we want you to see through the telescope. You will miss some of the awesome, fainter details. If you have to answer your phone, text or otherwise use your phone, go away from the viewing area for the time you expose yourself to the white light of your phone.
- Please use **indoor voices** around the telescopes so that if there are any announcements by a Teacher or the Telescope Team, we can get the info to you without having to raise our voices. Listen for announcements of what objects are available in what telescopes.