



General Field Policy

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This flyer lists some General Field Etiquette guidelines, which we ask everybody's cooperation in following. Many people will come to Lostock for the rare experience of observing at a dark sky site, and wish to gain the most from it. These guidelines will ensure that everybody can gain maximum enjoyment from their observing time at IISAC2011.

- People have come to the AstroCamp for varying reasons, some want to check out as much equipment as possible, whilst others wish to make the most of the dark sky experience with as much quality observing time as possible. If somebody is engrossed in their observing, don't disturb them unnecessarily.
- Never touch anybody's equipment without invitation from the owner.
- If someone is kind enough to loan equipment to you, do not on-loan to a 3rd party without the owners' knowledge and consent.
- Parents with children please keep them under supervision and control when near telescopes and equipment. Instruct children they can look when invited, but never to touch.
- Ladies, please don't wear makeup (especially mascara) if you wish to view through other peoples telescopes. Such makeup can leave greasy smudge marks on eyepiece optics and be difficult to clean off.
- Be aware of ladders, stools, tables, tripod legs and other equipment near someone's observing area. Tripping on these could damage expensive telescope equipment, and you could also injure yourself.

Light Use Policy

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- Lights off after dark!
- No white light torches to be used on or near the observing field, unless otherwise advised by the organising committee (such as in the case of bad weather).
- **Dim** red led torches are to be used on and around the observing fields, and keep them aimed at the ground. Bright red head-lamps should be dimmed with paint, red electrical tape or cellophane.
- All people staying at the camp need to be mindful of the need to limit extraneous light. eg: keeping doors closed in camp buildings with interior lights.
- Blinds will cover the windows in the house so that light does not spill onto the observing fields. Red light stations will be placed in the toilet block and undercover area for your convenience.
- Laptop computers used on the field should be shielded by using a cardboard box or similar, and facing away from other observers. For visual observers, they should also have heavy red filters. For astrophotographers, red filters are also required where your laptop is in the vicinity of others.
- Green laser pointers may be used until 10pm. After this time, please be respectful and don't use them. **This will be enforced!** Please do not allow children to use them as toys, as they can be dangerous if pointed in someone's eyes!
- People driving into or out of the camp after dark should do so with headlights off. Car interior and boot lights should also be disabled to prevent them from coming on when opened. Car security systems should be turned off so the blinkers don't flash when armed or disarmed.

How to get to IISAC2011

IceInSpace AstroCamp 2011 is fairly easy to get to, but here's a few directions to help you on your way.

Google Maps

Use the following Google Maps direction link which will give you directions from the end of the F3 all the way through Maitland, Paterson, Gresford and then Lostock - <http://tinyurl.com/6amy5k>.

Using Whereis.com.au

Using the Whereis "Map and Directions Tab" and enter Lostock Rd, Gresford (Tyraman) as your destination. That'll get you to the nearest town to Lostock, which is Gresford. Once in the main town of Gresford, there'll be signs to follow to get you to IISAC.

If coming from the South, head to Maitland.

- Follow the signs to Paterson, Vacy and then Gresford along Tocal Rd.
- Once in the centre of Gresford (East Gresford), turn left onto Gresford Rd, and follow this for ~ 1.7km.
- Turn right onto Lostock Rd, where there's a corner store on your right hand side.

If coming from the North, whereis takes you down the New England Hwy towards Singleton.

- Head along Mitchells Flat Rd (approx 12kms), which turns left into Gresford Rd.
- Follow this for another 30 kms (approx), until you reach the corner store at the intersection of Gresford Rd and Lostock Rd.

Once you're at the Corner Store:

- Head north on Lostock Rd towards Lostock Dam.
- Lostock Rd road becomes Paterson River Rd, and winds its way for 18kms through the mountains and along the creek until you reach the turn off to Lostock Dam and Lostock Caravan Park.
- Don't turn left there; continue straight towards the Lostock Scout Camp. The road turns to a well-maintained dirt road, and travels for 6kms until you reach the Scout Camp.
- You can't miss it once you're there – you'll see two farmhouses (top house and bottom house). The bottom house is the HQ. You'll see a flat camping area on the left, near the creek.
- Make sure you make your way to the bottom house HQ when you arrive to collect your info pack, hand in your forms, and collect your raffle tickets for the lucky door prize competition!



Site and Competition Rules

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This flyer lists some general site rules, as well as the rules for the Lucky Door Prize.

General Rules

- IceInSpace and the organisers of the AstroCamp accept no responsibility for the safety or security of your possessions while at the AstroCamp.
- Please supervise all young children, as there will be expensive telescope equipment that the owners won't want knocked over.
- **No pets allowed.** I'm sorry, there are no exceptions to this.
- When driving, be aware of local wildlife and drive slowly and carefully. The last 20km's into Lostock is narrow and winding and you never know what's around the corner. Please be careful and take your time, especially in the wet or dark.
- It is a condition of entry that you sign and hand in the [Acknowledgement and Disclaimer](#) form when you arrive.
- Drinking water is available at the houses, but be aware it is tank water so don't waste it.
- You will be handed a name tag when you arrive. Please keep this on you or with you at all times – it ensures you're a valid camp participant and it also serves as your "ticket" to the evening meal.
- Please be all packed up and be ready to leave the camp by 10am Sunday. We need to leave it how we found it, so **please help clean up any mess you make and take your rubbish with you.**

Swimming Hole Rules

- The swimming hole is there for us to enjoy, however you choose to use it at your own risk. By signing the disclaimer form, you waive any right to bring action against the IISAC organisers or any volunteers for any injury sustained while using the swimming hole.
- The swimming hole will be open from 9am-11:30am and 1:30pm-5:30pm each day. Volunteer "lifeguards" will be present during open hours to ensure safe play.
- Parents **must** supervise their children while using the swimming hole. If a child is seen in the swimming hole without their parent present, the child will be asked to leave the swimming area.

Competition Rules

- Everyone who has a paid booking (whether staying on-site or off-site) will receive a raffle ticket for the lucky door prize when they arrive. That is, **each person on your booking will receive a raffle ticket.** If you turn up on the day without making a booking, you can still be eligible for the draw if you pay when you arrive and sign the Acknowledgement and Disclaimer form.
- **You are only eligible for the draw if you have signed and handed in the Acknowledgement and Disclaimer form.**
- You (or your ticket) **must be present at the draw** to claim the prize. If the prize is not claimed within 2 minutes, a new ticket will be drawn. John Sarkissian will be drawing the tickets out of the hat.
- Each ticket that is drawn (in order) will get their choice of the (remaining) prizes on offer, until all prizes are won.
- The competition will begin at **4:30pm on Saturday the 29th October, 2011.**
- The prize may not be converted to cash.

**IceInSpace AstroCamp (“IISAC”)
 Lostock Scout Camp, Lostock NSW, October 2011
 Acknowledgement and Disclaimer**

(This document is to be signed by all participants and volunteers at the IceInSpace AstroCamp (hereafter “IISAC”) at Lostock in October 2011.)

By signing this document I acknowledge, declare and affirm the following:

1. I have read the List of Risks (“list”) enumerated below.
2. I elect to attend and participate in the IceInSpace AstroCamp 2011 at Lostock (“IISAC”) in full knowledge of the risks associated with attending the IISAC and in using the grounds and facilities on which and in which it is to be held (“the site”), including, but not limited to, the risks set out in the list.
3. I agree that all activities and any services associated with the organisation of the IISAC are recreational in nature for the purposes of any legal obligations that may attach to my participation in the IISAC and use of the grounds and facilities.
4. I agree that I attend and use the site entirely at my own risk, and I waive any right that I, or any child or incapable person under my care may otherwise have against the organisers of the IISAC, or members and organisers of the IceInSpace forum and website, or owners of the land upon which the IISAC is to be held (“the owners”), in relation to any injury, loss or damage suffered, whether to person or property.
5. I undertake to exercise care and caution in the manner in which I conduct myself whilst on site at the IISAC. In particular, I take full responsibility for, and shall hold others completely harmless, with respect how I use any telescopes and telescopic equipment and associated stands and ladders.
6. I waive all rights to bring a claim against the organisers of the IISAC, or members and organisers of the IceInSpace forum and website, or owners of the land in contract in relation to any facility or service provided to me at IISAC, including but not limited to the use of the clubhouse and kitchen, toilet block, paths and roads, viewing fields and other grassed areas, and the bush environs generally.
7. I hereby indemnify the organisers of the IISAC, the members and organisers of the IceInSpace forum and website, and the owners of the land, against any claims that I, or any person whom I bring to the site, may bring against the organisers of the IISAC, or members and organisers of the IceInSpace forum and website, or owners of the land, whether in contract or by way of negligence claim, such indemnity extending to any legal costs and disbursements incurred by the organisers of the IISAC, or members and organisers of the IceInSpace forum and website, or owners of the land in defending any such claim, on an indemnity basis.
8. I take responsibility for advising any children or incapable persons whom I bring to the IISAC of the risks as set out in the list, and undertake to provide careful supervision at all times of all such persons under my care.

List of Risks
Slips and trips and falls on pathways
Slips and trips and falls on the club house, kitchen and bunkhouse floor
Slips and trips and falls in the toilet block
Trips and falls on tent ropes and poles or any bushwalking tracks
Trips on tree roots, rocks, and other uneven surface features
Falling from ladders
Falling branches causing injury and damage to motor vehicles and personal equipment
Burns from fires / barbeques
Snake and spider bites
Electrocution & drowning (such as in dams, creeks and rivers)
Injury from rocks and/or trees while swimming in the river

Name: _____

Witness Name: _____

Address _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____




Signature: _____

Date: _____

Children and other persons under my care and supervision:



Programme of Events

Time	Thursday 27th	Friday 28th	Saturday 29th	Sunday 30th
9:00			Vendor Stalls (Main Marquee)	Everyone to have packed up and left by 10am
9:30				
10:00				
10:30		Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open	<p>IISAC2011 Proudly Sponsored By:</p>   
11:00				
11:30			John Bambury <i>Astronomy for kids, beginners and partners</i>	
12:00				
12:30				
13:00		Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open	
13:30			Gary Kopff <i>Busting the myth of the 'perfect' polar alignment</i>	
14:00			Registration Desk Open	
14:30	Registration Desk Open	Mark Suchting and Isaac Qin <i>Optical Quality in Telescopes- What's important?</i>	Registration Desk Open	
15:00			John Sarkissian <i>Parke's Observatory : 50 Golden Years</i>	
15:30				
16:00		Registration Desk Open		
16:30		John Bambury <i>Visual Astronomy and the Use of Filters</i>	Lucky Door Prize Draw (Main Marquee)	
17:00	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open	GROUP PHOTO! (Outside lower house)	
17:30				
18:00	Dinner (Lower house covered area)	Dinner (Lower house covered area)	Dinner (Lower house covered area)	
18:30				
19:00				
19:30				
20:00				
20:30	Night Sky Tour (North-East end of lower observing field)	Night Sky Tour (North-East end of lower observing field)	Night Sky Tour (North-East end of lower observing field)	
21:00				
21:30				
22:00				
22:30				

All talks will be presented in the Main Marquee at the Lower House