

## General Site Rules and Field Policy

Welcome to IceInSpace AstroCamp! We hope you enjoy the opportunity to meet, socialise and observe with amateur astronomers of varying experience levels under the dark skies of Lostock.

This flyer lists some General Site Rules and 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 the IceInSpace AstroCamp.

### 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.

### Field Policy

- 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.