

1. Restrictions to BAS use:

BAS members do NOT have use of the Fox Observatory:

- a) during the school year Monday to Thursday in the daytime and/or evenings up to 9 pm or,
- b) during pre-scheduled times in support of BOEC programs which are booked ahead of time.

BAS members MAY use the Fox Observatory:

- c) during weekends (including Fri evenings), school holidays and during the summer break;
- d) during weekday evenings **after 9 pm on the condition** that notification is provided to BOEC staff that BAS members/visitors will be at the observatory **and** that approval has been received from BOEC staff.
- c) during **pre-scheduled times** on occasions of astronomy events of mutual interest, e.g. a midweek meteor shower or eclipse. These may be scheduled as joint BOEC and BAS events.

2. Minimum number on site:

There should be a minimum of two members on site if the observatory south wall is to be lowered. At the present time two people are required to do so safely. If the wall is not being lowered, this requirement is waived although it is suggested that users come in pairs for safety and company. It is desirable to have a cell phone in case of emergencies as well.

3. Notification of intention to use the observatory:

If member(s) wish to use the facility after hours during the week (see 1.d) above), **notification must be provided to BOEC during school hours**. An email or voice mail message can be used after hours. Failing this, please, check in at the office (farm house) if BOEC staff is on site before proceeding to the observatory. All reasonable attempts should be made to inform BOEC that BAS members and/or guests will be at the observatory. BOEC phone number is 519-534-2767.

4. Stay near the Observatory:

Member(s) should restrict themselves to the eastern half of the BOEC property, i.e. the following three areas: immediate area of the parking lot near the Learning Centre/Farm House, the observatory, the Learning Centre when using washrooms. Please do not use the parking lot near the dormitories or walk around in the dining hall/dormitory area. The presence of "strangers" near the dining hall when students are on site is disturbing and may result in a call to police by the staff supervising overnight programs at the BOEC.

5. Parking near Observatory:

If at all possible park your vehicle in the lot near the Leaning Centre. Parking near the observatory is limited and reserved for drop off/and pick up of equipment. Please note that if you arrive after dark, the lights from your vehicle will affect the night vision of observers already on site. Try to refrain from driving to the observatory during dark hours.

6. Peanut-free environment: Since some students have peanut allergies and use the observatory, please refrain from using peanut products in the observatory. This includes chocolate bars or other snacks with peanut products in them.

7. Alcohol and Smoke-Free environment: The ES Fox Observatory, observes the BWDSB regulations with regard to smoking and the use of alcohol on the property. All such use is prohibited.

8. Leave the facility as you found it:

Please remember to close the roof and raise the south wall to its closed position. A detailed checklist is posted in several locations in the building. Please check it carefully before you leave the site. Make sure all cabinets, etc are locked in addition to both exterior doors. Please return the keys (washroom, eyepiece cabinet, trailer keys) to their storage locations.

9. Sign-in/out Book

Please sign in at the observatory in the book provided in the warm-up room. A short description of your activities would be appreciated. Please make note of any missing equipment, equipment problems, etc. so that these issues can be addressed by BAS exec.

ENJOY YOUR VIEWS OF THE STARS !

If there are any issues or other concerns while on site call 519-371-0670 or _____.