Dark Skies Plan for Rappahannock County Park (RCP). October 2021

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| Viewing events | * RCP will offer at least 9 Viewing Events in the Park ,1/month during spring, summer, and fall.\* * These events may or may not include an outreach program. * Events which do not include an outreach program will offer viewing time for members of the community who wish to bring their own viewing devices to the Park on scheduled days / times. * All events, with or without an outreach program, will be monitored by an RCRFA board member. * The RCRFA member will manage lighting if required for event, will mark approved viewing areas, and will turn off lights and close Park at scheduled closing of event. * The Park is open during events only in Pavilion and at designated viewing areas. All other areas in the Park are closed at dusk. |
| Outreach Programs | * RLEP will plan and present at least 4 Outreach Programs/year. * Outreach Programs may be included as part of a Viewing Event or presented as virtual events. * Joyce Harman will be the RLEP event coordinator. * Rick Kohler will be backup RLEP event coordinator. |
| Schedule for events | * RLEP will present a proposed calendar of events at the Park, which will be on Friday or Saturday nights, to RCRFA for approval. * The calendar will be posted on the Park website and in social media. * Procedures for checking for cancellation due to weather on a scheduled event day will be posted in event announcement and on website. |
| Liability | * According to Park Regulations, all Park users agree to follow Park regulations and to accept responsibility for any injuries or damages occurring during their use of Park facilities. * Park Regulations can be viewed on the Park website on Home page, Park Documents: [www.rappahannockcountypark.weebly.org](http://www.rappahannockcountypark.weebly.org) |
| Cleanup | * Groups using Park Pavilion and grounds are responsible for cleaning up and removing any trash accumulated during an event. * Restrooms are cleaned according to a schedule arranged by RCRFA. |
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*\*NOTE: IDA requires 12 events / year but has allowed Rappahannock County Park to offer 9 due to winter weather conditions. If weather allows, events may be scheduled during winter months, following same procedures.*