**Registration Form for Free Observation Evenings 2023:**

*Send registration at least 24 hours prior to viewing date to:*

[*rappdarkskies@gmail.com*](mailto:rappdarkskies@gmail.com)*.*

*\*RCRFA will notify appropriate authorities advising them when the Park will be in use after dusk. All requesters will be sent an authorization e-mail with a copy of this Policy. The requester should present it upon demand. The appropriate authorities will be copied on the authorization e-mail.*

*Registrants will be notified regarding any change due to weather, etc.*

**PARK RULES FOR AFTER DUSK USE**

1. Only astronomical observations, night photography, and dark sky events are permitted.
2. Dark Skies nights will be scheduled and posted on the Rappahannock County Park website and in local media. Any cancelations due to weather or other reasons will be posted on the website.
3. Participants in Dark Skies events must stay in designated areas listed below. Other areas of the Park are closed at dusk.
4. Participants using the Park during Dark Skies events are solely responsible for injury or damage to property or persons. The RCRFA, the County of Rappahannock, its agents or employees accept no responsibility for injury or damage to property.
5. The individual/group using the Park on Dark Skies nights agree to pay for damages caused by their use.
6. Trash and debris must be removed from the Park on the date of use.
7. Alcohol, fireworks, and unleashed pets are prohibited.
8. Electric generators are prohibited.
9. Amplified sound is not permitted without prior consent by the RCRFA.
10. Use of car headlights shall be minimized and directed away from adjacent private residences.

**DESIGNATED AREAS FOR AFTER DUSK USE OF THE PARK**

Areas of the Park designated for after dusk use include:

* the gravel parking lot
* the covered pavilion and restrooms
* the asphalt pad where the shuffleboard and cornhole facilities are located and the skateboard park

*All other areas of the park are excluded from after dusk use including the playground, tennis courts, basketball court, walking trails in the forested area, and western property line.*

**ENFORCEMENT**

Individuals who violate the Park Rules will be given a warning and escorted from the Park by event Security. Repeat offenders may be excluded from future events.

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| Observation Date: *(circle one)* | 4/22 6/17 8/17 10/14 11/11 |
| Name of individual or group |  |
| Telephone number (cell preferred, noting that only Sprint and T-Mobile have service at the Park) |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Physical address |  |
| Planned hours of Park use |  |
| Expected number of Park users |  |
| Make and model of vehicle |  |
| Vehicle license number(s) and state |  |

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read the Dark Skies Protocol and General Park Regulations for Rappahannock County Park and will abide by all stated regulations while attending a Free Observation Evening at the Park.

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_