



SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Telescope Loan Policy

- 1) Telescopes will be loaned only to current members, with the possible exception if an individual is enrolled in a SVAS telescope training program
- 2) The present loaner scopes are 8 inch Newtonians and Schmidt-Cassegrains,
- 3) The loan period is one month for members and one week for training class participants.
- 4) Two eyepieces per telescope will be included with the telescope. They are usually a 25mm and 15mm eye pieces.
- 5) No "deposit" is required for borrowing, the borrower should be aware that replacement costs for an 8 inch reflector on an equatorial mount is approx. \$1100.00, and a 8inch Schmidt is approx. \$2100.00. plus shipping
- 6) Sky charts with Messier Objects will be provided upon request when the scope is picked up by the borrower.
- 7) The borrower will be responsible for the cost of replacing missing parts, such as telescope hardware, eye pieces, finder scope, focuser, planispheres, literature, and telescope, eyepiece and finder scope covers. The borrower will not purchase any replacement parts; this will be handled the SVAS and billed to the borrower.
- 8) The borrower will be responsible for any damage to the telescope and supporting equipment. If damaged items are not repairable by the SVAS, the borrower will be billed at current replacement costs. The borrower will no attempt ant repairs by themselves or by others not approved by the SVAS.
- 9) Upon return, each scope will be star tested for any
- 10) The club officer receiving the returned telescope will use the following check list:
 - a) 8 inch Reflector (ex-Orion) or Meade or Celestron Schmidt Cassegrain
 - b) Telescope Instruction Manual
 - c) Eye pieces: 25 and 15mm
 - d) Two lids for each eye piece for a total of four
 - e) Two lids for each finder Scope
 - f) One cover for telescope
 - g) Planisphere or Messier object list
 - h) Moon Map

Borrower: (Print)

Full Name _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Borrower Signature

SVAS officer Signature

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

Warning: Never look directly at the Sun through your telescope or its finder scope-- even for an instant-- as permanent eye damage could result. This is one of the few really bad things you can do to yourself twice. Young children should use this telescope only with adult supervision.

Borrowing Process: A person desiring to borrow a club telescope shall contact the club Telescope Loan Officer (see club website for contact info). The loan officer will determine the availability of a telescope. If one is available, the loan officer will notify the potential borrower to fill out the loan form, the borrower will receive the scope and appropriate materials. Upon returning the telescope and all associated equipment and materials to that club officer, the officer will inspect the telescope etc. for ant damage and proceed accordingly.



SVAS Telescope Loan Application & Agreement

Description of Equipment Requested: _____

Requested Use Beginning: ____/____/____ (M/D/Year)

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Age _____

Name of Scope User (if different): _____ Age _____

SVAS Membership Effective Date ____/____/____ (Month/Year)

Experience with Telescope Operation: ___None___Some___Extensive

Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

**Please make a copy of this form and present the original to Tim Tingey, or mail to:
The SVAS, c/o Tim Tingey, 8940 Dontree Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 Attn: Scope Loan Coordinator**

TO BE FILLED OUT BY SVAS LOAN SCOPE COORDINATOR:

Scope Training Completed: ____/____/____ (M/D/Y)

Approved Loan Start Date: ____/____/____

Approved Loan End Date: ____/____/____

EQUIPMENT INCLUDED IN LOAN: _____

Coordinator: _____ Borrower: _____

Equipment Return Date: ____/____/____ (M/D/Y)

EQUIPMENT RETURN CONDITION AND NOTES: _____

Coordinator: _____ Borrower _____