Orion StarBlast Telescope Lending Policy

1. The telescope may be checked out by a patron of the Beals Memorial Library who is 18 years of age or older, and in good standing. The borrower must present current proof of address (e.g. driver’s license) before checking out the telescope. The patron must sign a Telescope Borrowing Agreement each time they check out the telescope.

2. The telescope loan period is 1 week. Sorry, no renewals. The telescope must be returned to a staff member at the Beals Memorial Library.

3. The overdue fine for the telescope is $5.00 per day. If the telescope is not returned within 2 weeks of its due date, the patron will be charged $350 to cover replacement costs.

4. Read the instruction manual. Do not remove pieces, adjust parts, or attempt to clean mirrors or lenses with cleaners or cloths. Please leave cleaning of the telescope to library staff.

5. If the telescope is damaged, a fee will be determined by the library based on the cost of repairing the telescope, and will be charged to the patron.

6. The patron is not permitted to lend the telescope to anyone while the telescope is in his/her possession. The telescope is your responsibility during the time it is signed out in your name. Store telescope indoors when not in use.

7. Children must be supervised while using the telescope.

8. Treat the telescope with care and keep accessories in the attached tote when traveling to and from any destination. Use padding and pillows provided during transport. Turn off the EZ Finder (line up white dots) and leave dust caps on when telescope is not in use.

9. Return all parts of the device and the books included when you bring the telescope back to the library. Patrons will be charged for missing items.

10. Have fun with the telescope and feel free to call the library with any questions!

11. DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN WITH THE TELESCOPE; DOING THIS CAN BLIND THE USER. THE LIBRARY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES A PATRON INFlicts UPON PEOPLE OR THE TELESCOPE.

12. Any situation not covered by this policy will be reviewed and acted upon by the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion.