

The Rockland Astronomy Club's 2009 Summer Star Party

August 14 - August 23rd

‘NEW REGISTRATION FORMAT ‘

(There are two (2) parts to the Summer Star Party Registration Fees:
[Part 1]- campsite reservation fee
[Part 2]- club registration fee)

PART 1:

CAMPSITE RESERVATION FEE:

This will be done **directly** with the **Shady Pines Campground**, **not** with the Rockland Astronomy Club!!!! **You** must call Shady Pines Campground yourself @ **(413) - 743 - 2694** to make your campsite reservation directly with the campground. Rockland Astronomy Club will **not** be making the campsite reservations for you this year and forward.

March 1st - April 12th, **only** people who attended SSP 2008 will be able to register for the **same** campsite they had last year.

April 13th - on, open campsite reservations will start for everyone else and for changing your campsite from last year.

Campsite Fees have gone up this year but the Shady Pines Campground is again giving us 10% off on the new campsite fees. The new price for 2009 is:

\$35.00 / night / 2 Adults -----(**SSP DISCOUNT PRICE: \$31.50**)

\$3.00 / night/ kids 7-17 yrs. old (Own Children) (**SSP DISCOUNT PRICE: \$2.70**)

Free / under 6 yrs. old -----(**SSP DISCOUNT PRICE: FREE**)

Shady Pines Campground requires 1/2 deposit paid for your campsite when you reserve your site.

PART 2:

CLUB REGISTRATION FEE:

This part will still be done by the Rockland Astronomy Club and you send it to the Summer Star Party Club Director. The prices for club registration fees will be finalized shortly and a new registration form with prices will be posted on the club website.

MEALS:

Your club registration fees will still include meals prepared by Shady Pines Campground and served in their dining hall, refreshments for afternoon solar and night time observing.

This year '**Optional Meal Plans**' will be purchase at the Shady Pines Campground dining hall each night with no advanced payment or reservation necessary. You order and pay right there on the night you want these additional cost optional meals. There will be only 35 servings available each night, so it is first come first served. These will be Lasagna, Steak, Chicken & Pork. After the 35 meals are gone, you may then order their regular nightly meals of hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

Shady Pines Campground reminds everyone, that only ONE PET per camping family or campsite is allowed.

AGAIN:

PART 1: Campsite Reservation Fee goes to Shady Pines Campground and you must call and make your own reservation and pay them directly, PART 2: Club Registration Fee still goes to Summer Star Party Club Director.

These changes are being made to alleviate the tremendous amount of work that is required to put on the Summer Star Party each year. There is so much work behind the scenes both for the club and Shady Pines Campground to get ready for this, that this consolidation and simplification is very necessary. I thank each of you for your patience and understanding during these changes.

Jose Alvira

Rockland Astronomy Club

- Advisory Board Member
- Program Director
- Summer Star Party Director

JoseAlvira@RocklandAstronomy.com

P.O. Box 309

Fort Montgomery

New York, 10922

845.446.4336