

## North Houston Astronomy Club procedures for the White Eagle Lodge dark site.

The gracious folks at the White Eagle Lodge have granted NHAC access to their facilities for the purpose of stargazing. The rules/procedures for usage are:

1. Requesting users must be members in good standing of the North Houston Astronomy Club.
2. Requesting users must contact the White Eagle Lodge by phone at 936-597-5757. If no answer leave a message stating that you are a member of NHAC and would like to use the property on a specific date. Don't forget to leave a call-back number. Please allow sufficient time for a response and note that if you call during the weekend you may not receive a response so plan to make your request as early as possible. At this point I think we should consider not getting a response as not being granted access. This may change in the future. If you are granted access please make an announcement on Netslider as to when you are granted access so the lodge doesn't get multiple requests for the same night.
3. The best access for astronomers is off to the east side of the entrance road just opposite the modular home. When entering the property from the main road you will pass the temple on your left and then the main facility on your left as well. Keep following the entrance road until you get to the modular home on your right. We must restrict vehicle access to no lower than the first ridge below the road. If the soil has been softened by a lot of rain keeping the cars on the road would be a better idea. Address and a map to the site can be found here: <http://www.whiteaglelodge.org/map.html>
4. The Lodge has a modular home that can be rented by NHAC members and the rate is pretty good. Please contact the lodge and let them know you would like to rent the modular home as far in advance as possible as they may have other guests that might want to rent it. If the modular home is occupied by others please respect their privacy.
5. When you request access to the site for stargazing you can ask that the modular home be unlocked for use of their restroom facilities. When using the modular home restroom please restrict your presence to the restroom facilities and remove your shoes prior to entering and make sure when leaving the place is as you left it.
6. There are two lights on the front of the modular home. One is a regular outdoor light that has a switch just inside the front door. The other is a motion sensitive light on the left side of the patio. The switch for that light is on the left upright post for the patio closest to the trailer. These lights can be turned off prior to observing. We must remember that the last one out needs to turn these lights back on prior to leaving as well.
7. Smoking is permitted outside but please consider your fellow astronomers and the conditions of the grass carefully prior to smoking.
8. You may be visited by members, staff, or guests of the White Eagle Lodge during your stargazing.