Idaho Falls Public Library
Telescope Lending Agreement

- Must be 18+ with a library card in good standing. Library card or valid ID required at checkout.
- Telescopes check out for one (1) week, with up to three (3) renewals if no holds are pending.
- A new lending agreement must be signed each time a telescope is borrowed.
- Borrowers are fully responsible for the telescope until it is returned directly to Makerspace staff and inspected.
- Do not loan the telescope to others. Users are responsible for any loss, damage, or theft. Users may not modify the device.
- Handle with care. Read and follow the instruction manual. Never leave the telescope unattended. Children must be supervised at all times while using the telescope.
- When transporting, secure with a seatbelt.
- Do not attempt to clean the telescope. If it's dirty, return it – library staff will handle cleaning.
- Patrons must be certified by Makerspace staff to use the telescope prior to checkout.
- The library may deny checkout to patrons who abuse the telescope or return it late repeatedly.
- **NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN THROUGH THE TELESCOPE**. Doing so may cause permanent eye damage.
- The Idaho Falls Public Library, the City of Idaho Falls, and the Idaho Falls Astronomical Society are not liable for any injuries or damages that may occur during use.

RETURNING THE TELESCOPE

- Return directly to a Makerspace Desk staff member. Do not leave at any other desk or location in the library. If no Makerspace staff are available, return at a later time.
- A Makerspace staff member will inspect the telescope upon return to confirm all parts are present and undamaged. Allow a few minutes for this process.
- The telescope will not be checked in until all kit components are returned in good condition.
- Late returns may be considered as lost items, per IFPL policy. Patrons are responsible for replacement costs. The library uses a collection agency for unpaid charges due to loss or damage.
- Replacement costs (up to $460 total):
  - Telescope: $350
  - Eyepiece: $95
  - Instruction manual: $15

Telescope donated by:

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This section must be completed in full. Please print your name and initial each statement.

I, _____ (print full name), accept full responsibility for the telescope and its accessories. I understand that I will be held financially accountable for any damage, loss, theft, or misuse while the telescope is checked out in my possession.

Initial each line to indicate agreement.

_____ I understand the telescope must be returned directly to a Makerspace staff member. It may not be left at any other location in the library. I accept responsibility for any damage or loss resulting from improper return.

_____ I confirm the telescope and all its accessories are in good working order at the time of checkout.

_____ I understand that the Idaho Falls Public Library, the City of Idaho Falls, and the Idaho Falls Astronomical Society are not liable for any injuries or accidents that may occur while using the telescope.

_____ I have read and agree to all policies outlined in the Telescope Lending Agreement.

_____ _____
Patron signature Today's date

_____ _____
Makerspace staff signature Today's date

Patron's library card #_____

Current phone number: _____

Current email address: _____

Checkout date: _____ Due date: _____

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