



# Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory

## Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory

### Dorm Policy

**Rooms** Whipple Observatory has 10 rooms at the summit dorm (near MMT) and another 10 rooms at the ridge dorm (near 60/48-inch, HAT, PAIRITEL, Gamma-Ray, and MEarth projects).

**Priority** Priority for room reservations:

1. Scientists, observers, and telescope operators working nights.
2. Engineers working at night.
3. Scientists/observers arriving one night prior to their run.
4. Scientists and observatory staff working days.
5. Official visitors
6. Family/friends of staff.

Although dorm guests are encouraged to make reservations in advance, *priority is not based on the reservation date.*

**Reservations** Make reservations in advance (if possible, one week ahead) by contacting Linda Jorn at 520-879-4401 or [ljorn@cfa.harvard.edu](mailto:ljorn@cfa.harvard.edu). As Linda Jorn works part time, if you are making reservations on short notice, you may also contact Grace Alegria at 520-879-4404.  
**NOTE:** MMT observers should contact Marilyn Guengerich at 520-621-1558 or [mguengerich@mmt.org](mailto:mguengerich@mmt.org) to make reservations.

**Rules**

- Check-out time is 2 p.m.
- No children under 16.
- Dorms cannot be used for permanent or alternative residences.
- All guests are responsible for washing their own dirty dishes. Automatic dishwashers are available in most kitchens. However, all dorm users may need to help unload clean dishes, particularly, on weekends and holidays.
- No smoking in any buildings or vehicles.
- No pets in any buildings or vehicles.

**Housekeeping** Custodial workers clean rooms and make up beds Monday through Friday prior to your arrival. Any guest staying more than five days should request the custodial workers to change their bed and clean their room. On some occasions, rooms may not have been cleaned if the previous guest departed during a weekend/holiday when custodial workers are off duty.

Any guests who notice any problems with facilities, for example, running toilets and leaky faucets should report them to the support office at 879-4401.

**Payment** The room charge is \$45 per night. Your bill may be paid by a charge card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover), check or cash.

Employees of the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Arizona (MMTO & Steward) need to make room reservations, but they are not charged for their rooms. However, friends and family members of employees are charged for room use whenever an extra room is used. Other Arizona universities, Harvard University, project collaborators from other institutions, friends and family members of employees will be charged the nightly rate per room.

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