



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, MINERVA, 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, two weeks ahead) by contacting Joshua Martin <joshua.martin@cfa.harvard.edu> and Lori Newman <lori.newman@cfa.harvard.edu>. **NOTE:** MMT observers should contact Susan Wahl <swahl@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 Steven Brown, maintenance supervisor <steven.brown@cfa.harvard.edu>, and call the maintenance shop (520) 879-4501. Emergencies after hours should be reported to the Site Director, Pascal Fortin <pafortin@cfa.harvard.edu>.

Payment The room charge is \$50 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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