

## BAS Star Party Policy – Adopted March 2023

Our purpose is to foster interest in and appreciation of astronomy and to serve as an educational resource for our local community in Brevard County, FL. We consider and approve Star Party requests based on the following preference and priority.

We give preference and priority to Star Party events open to the public and without admission charge.

We give preference and priority to support STEAM\* education and awareness by providing Star Party events to schools with sufficient class size and attendance to justify the significant volunteer time required to support these events.

For any commercial entity or event, whether they charge admission or not, we may ask for a donation in advance to our Florida non-profit organization to secure a potential date for a Star Party event. Priority for dates will always be with our preferred type of requests.

We do not support private parties such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, or any other small gathering for any purposes. These requests may be negotiated with an individual member as a non-BAS event.

We offer Star Parties as a service to our community, not as a product or service for sale. All decisions regarding Star Parties are solely at our discretion and any individual decision to participate in a Star Party is the choice of our volunteer members.

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. (STEAM)