

# **FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS**

## **For RTMC Vendors**

Due to a high degree of fire hazard in our local National Forest, the local Big Bear Fire Marshal has requested that we comply with certain regulations pertaining to our event at Camp Oakes. Listed below are the requirements that all vendors **MUST** comply with. Please read carefully. These rules may affect the dimensions and location of your company's display. We appreciate your participation and compliance in this matter.

Thank you,

RTMC Astronomy Expo

- 1) **Each vendor** shall have a minimum of one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher, mounted in a visible and accessible location no higher than five feet (5'). Each fire extinguisher should be new or recently serviced. Many hardware stores carry suitable fire extinguishers for a reasonable price.
- 2) **All vendor** canopies and tents must be flame retardant and have self-extinguishing characteristics that meet or exceed nationally recognized standards. Fire Department officials may ask for a certification tag or documentation.
- 3) Vendor **Tents** are defined as structures with side enclosures at or greater than 75%. Vendor **canopies** are defined as structures with less than 75% side enclosures.
- 4) **Tents** of more than 200 square feet or **canopies** of more than 400 square feet require a Fire Department permit and must have a permanently affixed label bearing the following information:
  - a. Size and fabric or material type.
  - b. For flame-resistant materials.
  - c. The date that the tent or canopy and other combustible materials were last treated with an approved flame retardant.
  - d. The trade name and type of flame retardant utilized in the flame retardant treatment.
  - e. The name of the person and firm that applied the flame retardant.

**Note:** Most of this information is provided by the rental companies that supply these large structures. If you bring your own, please come prepared to display this information.

Permits can be obtained through the Big Bear City Fire Dept. at: (909) 585-2362

- 5) There must be a minimum 36-inch (36") separation between **tents/canopies**. **Tent/canopies** requiring permits must be separated by 20 feet (20') from other tents/canopies, property lines, buildings, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines.
- 6) **Tents/canopies** shall be adequately braced and anchored to prevent weather related collapse.
- 7) **No** cooking, use of stoves, barbeques, etc. are permitted in or within 20 ft. of vendor canopies or tents.
- 8) **All vendors** will be responsible for clearing their area of pine needles, pine cones, leaves, twigs, etc. in a reasonable manner to reduce the amount of combustible vegetation. Shovels, rakes, or other similar equipment is recommended.
- 9) **Generators** need to be separated from tents and canopies by a minimum of 20 feet (20') and be isolated from contact with the public.
- 10) Upon registration for RTMC, each **vendor** shall notify the RTMC Vendor Chairman to describe their **canopy/tent** dimensions. Tents or canopies requiring permits may be subject to relocation at the discretion of the RTMC Vendor Chairman in order to comply with fire regulations.

To contact the Vendor Chairman, you can log on to the RTMC AE web site: [www.rtmcastronomyexpo.org](http://www.rtmcastronomyexpo.org) or e-mail: [vendor@rtmcastronomyexpo.org](mailto:vendor@rtmcastronomyexpo.org)

## **Tent Rental Companies**

**AZTEC Tents & Events**  
(310) 328-5060  
(800) 258-7368

**BIG TOP TENTS**  
(714) 630-0661

(Listed above are tents companies that have delivered to RTMC in the past)