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Greetings Apogaeans,

As we draw closer and closer to this year's Apogaea, the excitement is beginning to mount. Much like before a massive thunderstorm, there is a palpable charge in the air. Our minds buzz with ideas and our energies mount toward that unavoidable crescendo the first weekend in June.

We are thrilled to see the amount of art, music, events, and other freak-tastic productions being brought to Apogaea this year. Our email boxes are quite literally overflowing with community spirit! Black-light Playgrounds, 24-hour Juice Bars, Alien Embassies, and Whiffle Ball Tournaments, oh my!

Be sure to check the website (www.apogaea.com) for more inspired creations.

The fun starts in a little less than three weeks with the work weekend May 30-June 1, although it threatens to become a play weekend with a pig roast and kegs of the best home brewed beer flowing all weekend long.

Interested in participating in work weekend, but not sure how? **Email us at [info \(at\) apogaea \(dot\) com](mailto:info@apogaea.com).**
If you haven't picked up tickets yet, it's not too late yet.

Tickets will be on sale through the remainder of May at the following locations, for \$50.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate for \$60.

Online: www.apogaea.com/tickets.php

Denver: Herbs & Arts at 303-388-2544

Boulder: Regional Contact B-Rad at [b_rad510 \(at\) hotmail \(dot\) com](mailto:b_rad510@hotmail.com)

Colorado Springs: Zeezos Costume Store at 719-633-2571

10% on all costumes if purchasing a ticket for Apogaea

West Slope: Regional Contact Zaphod at [mark \(at\) geek-speak \(dot\) net](mailto:mark@geek-speak.net)

And....drum roll please....now welcoming our newest member to the Apogaea team....representing Northern Colorado like it ain't never been before..... Luki! For those of you located in Fort Collins and other nether regions of the state, you can now purchase tickets and stay connected to Apogaea locally by contacting Luki, our newest Territorial Ambassador.

Fort Collins: Luki at [michaelblank \(at\) gmail \(dot\) com](mailto:michaelblank@gmail.com)

Stay tuned, as there will be more titillating announcements in days to come – not to mention art projects to embellish, costumes to be finished, drinks to be mixed, bacon to be bought, beats to be dropped, and good times to be had by all.

Cheers,

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President/Apogaea Board

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2008 Placement Map coming soon!

All camps, art pieces, performance, and workshops with an asterisk * are recipients of grant-funding for Apogaea 2008.

Congratulations participants!

Note: This is a running list in alphabetical order (by category) and new listings are being added as they come in. Keep checking back!

ART INSTALLATIONS

Apogaea had an unprecedented number of grant applications for 2008. Applications included workshops, performances, events, and all manner of visual arts. Below are short descriptions of those projects that are confirmed, and there will be more to come!

Bestiary *

A whimsical array of forest creatures peeks out from the trees.

Blacklight Play Area *

Keep warm and play with your friends at night in the eye-popping, magical, glowing effervescence in the Blacklight Play Area. Bring your own blacklight-reactive toys, or play with our hoops, poi, or flags! Paint yourself a picture, or paint yourself in the spot-lit painting area! Bring your best blacklight-reactive costumes for our nocturnal fashion show! Of course, if you have blacklights, toys, paints, canvasses, or tapestries to share, we'll welcome the help! For more information, contact Chris or Lavendyr, or lavendyr_artz [at] yahoo [dot] com

Fractal Fire *

Come enjoy Fractal Fire with the Brass Ball Bitches. The mystery of the bubbling dirt will entrance you during all dark hours.

Gateway *

A 360-degree view of chosen constellations fully suspended above your head, mapped out near the actual constellation in the night sky. Please come to see our view of the Gateway; we will have a telescope for your viewing pleasure.

For more information, contact sagepersephone [at] yahoo [dot] com or micromusic [at] mailworks [dot] org

Glow Dome *

It's a dome that will glow on you

Greathouse Labs *

Various fire machines, robots, sculptures, and fun toys For more information, visit greathouselabs.com

Mirror Mirror *

Mirrors are a colorful, sparkling delight when first noticed from across the glade. But when approached, some find them hard to face. Others find them empowering. What do you see when you look in the mirror? Does it measure up to what society says you should see? Are those around us seeing themselves accurately in the mirror, or is it distorted? Share what you see, whether the good, the bad, or the ugly. We'll burn the bad with the effigy. For more information, contact carolinekert [at] yahoo [dot] com

Mother Earth Screams *

A statue inspiring people to reflect on what is happening to the earth and, as a result, the changes to the viewers themselves. It is meant to be viewed up close and from a distance.

Power-Play *

Stumble upon a majestic, whimsical, oversized throne rising from the forest floor. Power Play's purpose is to evoke laughter while encouraging participants to interact with the piece and contemplate the meaning of power in our world. Play with choices of power, giving yourself the title you've always wanted by choosing interchangeable signs to hand behind your crowned head while sitting in a seat above the heads of mere mortals. Do you want to be God? Obama? Shiva? How would you rule? Great photo opportunities to remember your reign.

For more information, contact stevehartbauer [at] yahoo [dot] com or creativedesign [at] yahoo [dot] com

Rebirth of the Gantry *

It will be the Bionic Fire Cauldron. We can rebuild it, BETTER and STRONGER...and we will! With the creator Charlie Smith, the Colorado Fire Arts Collective will forge a new Gantry to warm your spirits and your ass! Premiering at Apogaea 2008.

Red Buffalo *

"The Red Buffalo"--the Plains Indians gave this name to prairie fire because the roaring flames resembled the sight and sound of a stampeding herd of buffalo. For more information, contact pesoptimist [at] gmail [dot] com

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The Warming Globe *

A large steel globe, filled with fire. Use it to warm up, meet up, or just admire it from afar.

For more information, contact nateharris [at] gmail [dot] com

THEME CAMPS

Butt Change!!!

Are you proud of your toned ass, physical prowess, and spot-on accuracy in the heat of competition? Are you willing to test your mettle in the ultimate physical and mental challenge?

Welcome to Butt Change!!! Not for the faint of heart or tender of ego, Butt Change!!! challenges you to step up to the plate and in to the world of the carnival game, immersing yourself in the pure Art of the Glute (as in Clenchus Maximus). Play alone or challenge your friend (or enemy) to a Butt Change!!! Duel. Win an adorable stuffed animal for your girl/boyfriend. Show the world your hard-earned and coveted Butt Change!!! ass brand. Subject yourself to ruthless taunting by the Butt Change!!! Sweetcheeks as you waddle down the playing field desperately clenching a roll of quarters between your Mighty Buns of Steel. Play clothed or naked. The more coins you drop in the cup at the end of the Walk of the Fearless Clench, the greater your claim to fame and the title of "Exalted and Most Beauteous Ass of Bountiful Clench, Esq." Come Play! SweetCheeks Twister

Interstellar Communication Center *

Have you ever wanted to contact aliens? Have you ever thought aliens were watching you dance? Do you like to listen to good vibes? Come dance at our Interstellar Communication Center. We will be attempting to contact aliens through emitters vibrating at 130 times or more per minute, enchanting lighting, and way-out-there sounds.

For more information, contact ascarrar [at] hotmail [dot] com

KINGDOME *

An interactive geodesic audio/video multimedia stage, including multiple domes, sound, performances, and multiple projector arrays.

For more information, contact timmy [at] denverdomes [dot] com

Ninjas Around the World *

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Psychedelic Salon

Join us as we listen to and discuss podcasts from the Psychedelic Salon. Topics range from; the cults of Burning Man to psychedelics and the shadow to synergistic combinations in the future. Recorded talks by Terence McKenna, Daniel Pinchbeck, and many more. We are also going to do a group talk/discussion @ 3:00 on Saturday that will be recorded and hopefully turned into a podcast for the Psychedelic Salon.

Contact- Mark e Mark. email- djmarkb83 [at] yahoo [dot] com

Purrfectly Pink Pussie Palace

It's the 4th year for The Purrfectly Pink Pussie Palace and once again we welcome you to come play with the Pussies at The PPP. Slide into our relaxing Pink Dome that never closes. Enjoy a drink at our Pink Pussie Parlor, strut your stuff on the catwalk and shake it or hoop it on our dance floor. We would love for you to bring pictures of your favorite furry felines for our Pussiecat shrine. Join us for Hot Toddy Thursday, our Friday Night Grand Opening, Pink Pussie Pok'er, Hoopapalooza, and more! It is always a pleasure to have you.

Check out www.pinkpussiepalace.com for more information on the festivities.

Sky & Chester's Pirate Tree House Wedding

It is a tree house for pirates of the wedding kind. Friendly for all and all community involvement is encouraged.

WORKSHOPS AND SCHEDULED EVENTS

The Apogaea Cup *

The Apogaea Cup open invitational whiffle golf tournament held at the Happy Ass Ranch. The premier underground whiffle golf course and tournament, just for Colorado in 2008. You don't need experience or skill to play and win at whiffle golf--just a desire to have fun with friends and strangers.

Colorado Fire Tribe Conclave Burn 2008 *

Back again for another year, the ever-evolving Colorado Fire Tribe's Fire Conclave will amaze you with fantastic fire feats and new choreography! Get your

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burn on before the effigy burn! Depending on whether there is a county burn-ban, open fire jam time will be available after the performance and before the effigy burn. Please contact Lavendyr before dark time Saturday June 7th.

For more information, contact Lavendyr at [lavendyr_artz \[at\] yahoo \[dot\] com](mailto:lavendyr_artz@yahoo.com) or go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoFireTribe>

Hula Hoop Decoration Workshop *

Come decorate your own hula hoop! We provide the hoops, tape, and instruction--you provide the creative energy and swiveling hips! Please dance at Apo with the hoops, then take the hoops home with you, spreading the hula gospel. All ages and ability levels (from "I've never/can't hula hoop" to competitive hoopers) are welcome.

For more information, contact [tjroberts2243 \[at\] Comcast \[dot\] net](mailto:tjroberts2243@comcast.net).

Kid's Color *

Tie-dye workshop for children (and big kids, too!). Come tie-dye some old shirts or fresh new threads at Apo! It's a great way to remember the fantastic weekend.

For more information contact [jennstone007 \[at\] yahoo \[dot\] com](mailto:jennstone007@yahoo.com)

The Smokin' Bones BBQ'n Blues Community Picnic *

Smokin' Bones BBQ 'n Blues is back for a third year and we're ready to fill your mouth with meat! Come on down to our camp for the Smokin' Bones Community Picnic and Hillbilly Hoedown Saturday, from noon to 2:00 for some home-cooked BBQ

For more information, visit www.smokinbones.org or contact [delcruiser \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:delcruiser@gmail.com)

Stilt Workshop *

Ever wanted to walk on stilts? It's time to learn! This is an all-ages workshop to learn how to walk on stilts, and how to build your own.

For more information, contact [nateharris \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:nateharris@gmail.com)

MUSICAL ACTS AND OTHER PERFORMANCE

Cybele: The Pretty Dreams Tour *

Sultry, smoky lounge act takes a journey through the fantasies and dreams of an intergalactic space diva. Pretty Dreams is a visually enticing contemporary musical theater piece that weaves dream ballet sequences, vaudeville and burlesque, and modern theatrical styles into a retrospective of the American Woman and her American Dream. It is sexy, vulnerable, elegant, and lovely.

ART CARS

Jeepi Tiki (Official Tactical Ranger Vehicle)

Come sail the S.S. Jeepi Tiki on its second voyage through the playful waters of Apogaea! This year we will be featuring the lovely and talented Jeepi Tiki Dancers. So come aboard and enjoy a Pina Colada or two, and the melodic sounds of Polynesia. That is...if you have the coconuts for it!

Pony Pillow Wagon *

The Pony Pillow Wagon is a Jeep pulling an open-bed trailer covered to resemble a covered wagon. The inside of the trailer will have pillows for seating and to keep warm and comfortable while listening to the sounds of the wild West and roaming the Apogaea grounds.

Steampunk Bipedal Ration Mobilator *

Participants are encouraged to drive this art piece to different locations within the event. The visual appearance, built-in lighting, and sound effects will give the impression of another time in another place, and offer a glimpse of what the world might be like if history had followed a slightly different path. This is retro-future moveable art.

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MONTHLY

1 First Monday Art Talk -

**First Monday of each month
7:00pm - 9:00pm**

is FREE to the public and will provide a look into the life of an artist or art group each month through a unique reproduction of their influences. Art, music, and more! What else could you ask for? Oh, yeah, and it's FREE!

Location: Dazzle Restaurant at 930 Lincoln St in Denver

Contact Eric Matelski
minime80465(AT)yahoo(DOT)com

2 First Friday Art Walk

**First Friday of each month
5:00 - ?**

– FREE ART (Oooh and free bar and appetizers at many galleries too!) Come enjoy the sights and scene of the Santa Fe Art District the First Friday of every month as the galleries open their doors to display this month's hottest art.

3 First Friday Square Lounge

**First Friday of each month
11pm-1:30am**

This monthly variety show offers local performance artists a chance to show off their talents to a live crowd. Think you've seen variety? You haven't seen anything until you've seen the Square Lounge's mixture of Cabaret Voltaire (Dada), old campy television shows and cocktails. Prepare to be amazed!

Location: Dazzle Restaurant at 930 Lincoln St in Denver.

Contact Eric Matelski
minime80465(AT)yahoo(DOT)com

4 Last Friday "Untitled" Event at Denver Art Museum

**Last Friday of each month
6:00pm-10:00pm**

The final Friday of every month at the DAM feels less like a field trip and more like a night out. Food, music, performances, collaborative collections...and that's only the first floor!

More Information:
<http://untitled.denverartmuseum.org/>

MAY

1 BomB Factory Extraganza! Zoolander: The Return of Mugatu!

**Saturday, May 24th-Sunday,
May 25th 9:00 pm - (till the cops come)**

Quite possibly the greatest event you'll ever attend. Prepare yourself for the real life world of Zoolander! In our latest mandatory costumed immersion, we will recreate the sequel to Zoolander in real-time! Everyone is a participant. Countless runway shows/models, both stunning and entertaining. Celebrities, drama, paparazzi and decadence. We'll have a chi-chi-cha-cha Boutique, a snobby restaurant, photo and video shoots, gossip reporters, a spa (wo)manned by latex beauties. A huge variety of music (big-haired rock stars, scrawny DJs, and their sleazy entourage) and much-much more! Oh yeah, Mugatu will be present and in rare form. The BomB Factory is the awesome new digs for the now apocryphal GoG. This is where you would find Ondine, Edie and Andy where it's 1965 and this were New York City. You need a ticket, and you can get one by clicking below.

More Info: <http://tinyurl.com/46qy92> or ahwoo@digiblade.com.

JUNE

2 Apogaea!

**Thursday, June 5th – Sunday,
June 8th**

Apogaea is Colorado's unique take on Burning Man. More intimate, easier to get to, and set in the middle of an alpine meadow, Apogaea is a collaborative outdoor arts and music festival held near Lake George Colorado, about 40 miles west of Manitou Springs. Here you will find an experiential forum where our ever-expanding community practices freedom of expression in an environment of participation, sharing, and creativity. We invite you to join us in a place where our spirits are as high as the mountains and our minds are as wide open as the plains. In the spirit of the Burning Man event, Apogaea establishes a temporary autonomous zone where radical self-expression, inclusiveness, and self-reliance are the hallmarks of its participants. Apogaea is your opportunity to create and contribute, experience and evolve, share and accept, work and play.

More info: <http://www.apogaea.com/about.php>

3 Freeze Denver

**Sunday, June 29th – 3:30 pm
SHARP –**

What if everyone around you were frozen absolutely still for just five minutes? What would you think? Here's your chance to give your fellow citizens that weird feeling. At 3:30 pm SHARP we will meet in Denver's Washington Park in the grassy area located at East Kentucky Ave. and South Downing. We will then synchronize our watches

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(or cell phone alarm clocks) and give a briefing on how to pull off this experiment in civic mind-f*cking. Then we'll go to the designated Freezing Area of Washington Park and, from 4:00-4:05, Everybody FREEZE!!! 5 MINUTES! When you unfreeze: DON'T applaud -- just keep doing what you were doing! Afterwards we can meet up again at North side of park, near Smith Lake where all the picnic tables are, and have a great laugh. We need someone to volunteer to video tape and photograph this!! Spread the word to ALL you know!!! Facebook, MySpace, emails, etc!

More info: <http://www.couchsurfing.com/meetings.html?mid=10483>

4 Campy Fair - A Fundraiser

**Friday, July 4th - 12:00 noon
- 5:00 am**

The Space Monkey Mofia Theme Camp presents: Campy Fair - A Fundraiser. Think of how Burners would do a county fair, and you'll be close! Costumes highly encouraged. NEEDED: Models (all shapes and sizes, all ages) for fashion show. Carnival booths. Crafts for craft sale, baked goods for bake sale. Entertainers. Greeters. Donations for raffle. Help with activities for kids. BBQ potluck dishes. Work Crew/DPW. Theme Camps. Musicians for Jam Session. ALL AGES - noon - 9:00 pm, 21+ after 9:00 pm, Tickets available soon!

More info: mercedes@playafur.com
or moon.mamalove@gmail.com

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ICE at APOGAEA

Apogaea will be doing ICE sales this year. Ice will be available all weekend for \$2 per bag.

APOGAEA WANTS YOU!!

Apogaea has been working on some kick-ass swag for Apogaea this year. But to get your hands on it you gotta volunteer. Start thinking about what positions you want to volunteer for.

Check out:

<http://www.apogaea.com/volunteer.php> for a complete detailed list of all volunteer positions and information on how to sign-up!!

GENERATORS & QUIET HOURS

By popular vote from the community and the Apogaea board, there will be a mandatory **"Quiet Hours"** for sound/theme camps at Apogaea this year.

Quiet hours will be 6am - 10am.

This means turn off all generators, and subsequently all amplified music. FOUR - count em 4 glorious hours of peace and quiet - well, at least 4 hours without the megawatts thump of amplified music. That's enough to get a good nap in.

Also don't forget we will be enforcing enclosed generators.

Generator noise must not exceed 70dB at 10 feet

that's about as loud as an average passenger car. Any generator that is found to be in violation will be turned off until the noise issue is remedied with better enclosure techniques. We're not trying to be Nazis about this, we just need to make sure everyone is being respectful in such a limited, but beautiful space.

TURN IT UP DUDE, IT'S FREEDOM TALK-

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What You Can Do to Be Mostly Plastic-Free

1. Bring your own cloth bags to the store and not accepting any plastic shopping bags.
2. Buy food from bulk bins to avoid plastic packaging. Some of the foods you can regularly buy include cereal, granola, rice, nuts, beans, quick oats, couscous, steel cut oats, rolled oats, Bulgar wheat, barley, and nutritional yeast.
3. Eat more fresh produce since it has no packaging (and is super good for you).
4. Use cloth bags instead of plastic produce bags for my fruits and veggies. You can also bring along old plastic grocery bags just in case your buying a lot of stuff.
5. Give up the plastic-packaged convenience foods that you so love, including ramen noodles and frozen pizza.
6. Use vinegar rinse instead of conditioner. Or fill up your Shampoo and Conditioner bottles at most Wild Oats.
7. Make you own bread. BTW, why do fresh bakery breads in stores always have a plastic window in the bag? It's so pointless!
8. Make your own yogurt to avoid plastic yogurt tubs. Note: making yogurt is SUPER easy-you should try it!
9. Clean with baking soda and vinegar instead of harsh household chemicals that come in plastic bottles.
10. Wash your dishes with Dr. Bronner's bar soap. It works! I'm not kidding!
11. Bring your own stainless steel coffee mug to the coffee shop. This is important because paper cups are lined with plastic.
12. Bring along a reusable water bottle or mug for water, and NEVER drinking bottled water.
13. Bring your own takeout containers to restaurants in case you have leftovers.
14. Not drinking soda from aluminum cans.
15. Composting in order to use fewer plastic garbage bags (and because it's awesome). Use use 7th Generation bags from a minimum of 55% recycled plastic right now.
16. Bring your own tupperware container to the store for buying cheese at the deli.
17. Have meat wrapped in paper at the meat counter. Sometimes they give you little plastic sheets, though, without my noticing, which is unfortunate, so keep a look out.
18. Get more serious about gardening so that you can start canning locally-grown vegetables for use during the winter. This will help you avoid aluminum cans for tomatoes for sure.
19. Buy toilet paper that doesn't come in a giant plastic bag, but instead comes individually wrapped in paper.
20. Eliminate use of paper towels for wiping hands and cleaning. Cloth napkins are cheap and can be found at any Goodwill.
21. Eat finger food if real silverware isn't available.
22. No eating off of plastic plates.
23. Always telling the waitress or bartender, "no straw please."

For information on the environmental impact of plastic check out www.CULTURE CHANGE.org