

Fuertes Observatory Closing Procedure

- Turn off and wind up the clockdrive.
- Remove the eyepiece from the telescope and reinsert the adapter (if removed) and dust cap.
- Make sure the Telrad is off.
- Move the telescope to the XXIV mark on the RA dial.
- Park the telescope at 45°S (roughly parallel with the floor).
- Rotate the dome so that the slit is facing south.
- Climb the tall ladder in the south part of the room and carefully put the dust cover over the telescope's objective lens.
- Close the dome slit and reinsert the restraining bar.
- Carefully put the dust cover over the finderscope's lens.
- Put the tarp back over the telescope. Make sure that the entire telescope is covered (especially the focuser, finderscope, and RA/Dec circles).
- Take tension off the dome-driver belt by loosening the bolt and reinserting the piece of wood.
- Make sure all equipment is away in the cabinet or on shelves.
- Turn off all dome and deck lights.
- Close and lock both the deck door and the dome door.