Baxter County Library - Library Telescope Project Borrower Contract

1. The borrower agrees to never look directly at the sun through the telescope or its finder scope, even for a moment. It is understood that permanent eye damage could result. Even pointing the telescope at the sun could result in telescope components melting. Baxter County Library (BCL) will not be held liable for any injuries incurred as a result of telescope use. ________ (Patron Initials)

2. The borrower must be 18 years of age or older and a BCL cardholder in good standing (i.e., with a balance of $5.00 or less owed). ________

3. Only one telescope per family may be checked out at a time. ________

4. Telescopes are loaned for a one-week (seven day) period. It may be renewed up to three times if there are no holds at the time of renewal. ________

5. The telescope must be checked in to a library staff member during library hours. It may NOT be placed in or near the library book drop or left at the circulation desk without a staff member being informed of its return. ________

6. A $2.00 per day fine will be applied to telescopes returned late. After two weeks, the borrower will be billed for the $300.00 replacement cost of the telescope. ________

7. When transporting the telescope, borrower will take all reasonable care to secure it during transport. The borrower is responsible for reading the instruction sheet for the telescope’s proper care and use. ________

8. The borrower will not expose the telescope to water or other liquids, or to extreme heat or cold. Beyond normal wear and tear, any damages to telescopes will be the responsibility of the borrower, regardless of the circumstances of said damages. ________

9. The borrower will only use the telescope for its intended purpose to view the nighttime sky. ________

10. The borrower is responsible for all parts and accessories included with the telescope. If any of these items are damaged or lost, a replacement fee will be billed to the borrower’s library account. Parts include: Eyepiece, EZ Finder Scope, Learning the Constellations Guide, Instruction Sheet, and Red LED Light. ________

11. Barcodes, stickers, labels, and other identifiers may NOT be removed. ________

12. The borrower will turn off the EZ Finder scope when not in use to preserve battery life. ________

13. The borrower, by signing below, acknowledges that he or she is responsible for all charges accrued for any damage to the telescope during the lending period, and for the full replacement cost if applicable. ________

Today’s Date: ________________________________

Borrower Name (Print): __________________________________________________________

Borrower Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Borrower Library Card Number: __________________________________________________________________

Borrower Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________

Telescope Barcode Number: __________________________________________________________________

Library Staff Signature: __________________________________________________________________