

Kitt Peak 12Meter
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MEMORANDUM

To: 12 Meter Operators
From: Thomas Folkers
Date: November 8, 2000
Subject: Operator Hours.

This memo is meant to clarify Steward Observatory general policy regarding telescope operator's employment hours and travel time.

It is the Steward Observatory policy for telescope operators to work their full number of hours at the site operating the telescope. It has not been the policy of the Steward Observatory to pay operators to travel to and from the site. Lodging and meals are provided at the site for your convenience and if the operator chooses to go home instead of taking advantage of the accommodations, they do so on their own time. This is no different than that of the previous 12 Meter operations, so it does not represent a change in policy.

This change, from how we are currently operating, is required due to the number of requests for observing time. If we are going to accommodate even half of them we will need to maximize the number of hours available to operate.

Also, we should expect the actual hours we operate to shift about periodically to accommodate differing LST observation ranges.

All this will be necessary until we have a full compliment of operators and return to a 24/7 operation at the 12 Meter.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Folkers".

Thomas Folkers
Operations Manager

