

## **CARE & TRANSPORT OF THE TELESCOPE**

At check-in and check-out library staff should verify that telescope is working and that all items are present.

**REMEMBER: NEVER look at the sun! You will do PERMANENT damage to your eyes.**

### **Care of the telescope:**

- Keep all covers on when telescope is not in use.
- Do not touch the glass on the eyepiece or reach into the telescope and touch the lens.
- Keep the eyepiece and the telescope dry.
- Always use telescope on a table or other stable, level surface – not on the ground!
- Adults should always supervise children under 18 using the telescope.

### **Safely carrying the telescope:**

- Rest the telescope on your forearm with the EZ Finder up.
- For extra support, hold base with your other hand.
- Keep all covers on when telescope is being transported.
- An adult with Driver's License may safely transport the telescope.
- Only adults or older teens (under adult supervision) should lift or carry the telescope.

### **Safely transporting the telescope in a vehicle:**

- The telescope must NEVER be transported in a car trunk or truck bed – it should always be on a seat, secured with the seat belt. Any bouncing or sudden movement can seriously damage the telescope.
- Place the telescope in the back seat of the car with the seat belt secured.
- Drape the shoulder strap over the telescope body and secure the lap belt across the telescope base.