Activities

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General Philosophy

Camp Activities Philosophy for Burning Man

Our Philosophy

At our Burning Man camp, we believe that the essence of the festival lies in the vibrant interactions between burners. Our approach to camp activities is centered around creating opportunities for meaningful connections and enriching experiences. We curate a diverse range of activities, including refreshing massages, engaging talks on fascinating subjects, and workshops designed to benefit both singles and couples. Our guiding principle is "camp first," which means we prioritize the interests and passions of our camp members when selecting activities. This ensures that every event we offer is driven by genuine enthusiasm and expertise. Success means our own members participate in our activities and enjoy those activities!

Selecting and Advertising Activities

Once our camp members have chosen their preferred activities, we open these experiences to the wider Burning Man community. We use platforms such as the iBurn app and the Burning Man book to advertise our workshops and services, making it easy for fellow burners to discover and participate in our offerings. By promoting our activities through these channels, we ensure maximum visibility and engagement, allowing us to share the unique spirit of our camp with everyone at the festival.

Engaging Camp Members in Activity Selection

How to Get Involved

We believe that the best activities are those that resonate deeply with our camp members. To select the most compelling and enjoyable events, we invite all camp members to participate in a collaborative brainstorming session. During this session, everyone is encouraged to propose ideas for workshops, talks, and services they are passionate about. Following this, we hold a camp-wide vote to determine the most popular and feasible ideas.

Finding Facilitators

Once we've identified the activities our camp is excited about, the next step is to find willing facilitators. We reach out to camp members who have expertise or interest in leading these activities. Additionally, we encourage members to invite friends or acquaintances with the necessary skills to join our camp and contribute to the workshops. This approach ensures that our activities are not only well-organized but also led by individuals who are genuinely passionate and knowledgeable.

By fostering a camp environment where every member's voice is heard and valued, we create a dynamic and inclusive space that enhances the Burning Man experience for everyone involved.

Timeline & Deadlines

To maximize visibility and ensure that burners have ample time to plan their participation in your camp activities, it's advisable to start advertising at least two months in advance. Given that this year's Burn starts on August 25th, you should aim to have your activities advertised by June 25th.

Here's a suggested timeline:

1. **Activity Planning and Selection:**
   - **May 25th - June 5th:** Conduct brainstorming sessions and voting within the camp to select activities.
2. **Finding Facilitators:**
   - **June 5th - June 15th:** Identify and confirm facilitators for the chosen activities.
3. **Preparation of Promotional Materials:**
   - **June 15th - June 20th:** Create detailed descriptions, schedules, and promotional content for each activity.
4. **Advertising:**
   - **June 25th:** Begin advertising your activities on the iBurn app, the Burning Man book, and any other relevant platforms.

This timeline allows for a thorough and organized approach, ensuring that your activities are well-planned and effectively promoted to attract maximum participation.

Camp Activities

Note: This is a template!!! The activities are NOT REAL.

Camp Activities Schedule Template

Day 2: Monday, August 26th

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Morning Yoga**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Afternoon	**Couples Communication Workshop**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Guided Meditation**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Day 3: Tuesday, August 27th

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Breakfast & Social Hour**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Afternoon	**Art Therapy Session**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Stargazing & Astronomy Talk**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Day 4: Wednesday, August 28th

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Morning Dance Party**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Afternoon	**Singles Mixer**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Campfire Stories**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Day 5: Thursday, August 29th

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Tai Chi Session**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Afternoon	**Mindfulness Workshop**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Drum Circle**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Day 6: Friday, August 30th

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Sound Healing**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Afternoon	**Relationship Building for Couples**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Silent Disco**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Day 7: Saturday, August 31st

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Guided Burning Man Tour**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Afternoon	**Creative Writing Workshop**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Open Mic Night**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Day 8: Sunday, September 1st

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Morning	**Group Painting Session** Session 1	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
	Group Painting Session Session 2	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Time	Activity	Leader	Location	Helpers
Afternoon	**Farewell Gathering**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]
Evening	**Closing Ceremony**	[Leader Name]	[Location]	[Helper Names]

Temple related activities

If you wish to volunteer for the 2024 temple team, you can do so here:

https://www.2024temple.com/volunteer

If you can not attend this year

If you can not attend this year, but you want to put something in the temple, it will be our honor and privilege to help! Please reach out to one of the leads in our Discord server here:

https://discord.nyd.nyc (Please do this in the #Activities chat). We will figure out a way to receive your notes or photos or whatever else you wish to put in the temple, and we'll make sure it happens.

Our camp's temple run

Every year, we all go and visit the temple together as a camp. You obviously do not have to join, sometimes you want to just be alone in the temple, and take your own time to connect with the universe with the temple as your portal, and that's OK!

We have not yet decided when this will happen. We will decide on the best time to do this and publish it in our Camp Activities page.