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Greetings friends! WOW! The consensus seems to be that this may have been the BEST PDF EVER! We here at the Burning Pony Express tend to agree, or at least it ranks in the top 3 for us crusty old burners.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! Dealing with "reentry" or "decompression" issues? There are a ton of ways to help relieve some of the symptoms. We've had a successful event, now let's keep that energy going and make it a successful year! Read below for ways to continue momentum and use our collective awesomeness to support PDF and Burning Man throughout the year. You know you wanna.

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#### 1. FALL 2015 EVENT DATES

Playa del Fuego will be held at the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club of Delaware on Columbus Day weekend from Thursday, October 8th at 5pm through Monday, October 12th at 12 noon.

#### 2. PLAYA DEL FUEGO YEAR ROUND - BUILDING ART AND COMMUNITY

- Did you know that Playa del Fuego is a year round organization that supports not only two Burning Man Regional Events but also Art and Community Grants outside of the event! Learn more, or better yet, apply for one! <http://playadelfuego.org/content/new-art-and-community-grants-pdf>

- PDFers are EVERYWHERE! From Upstate NY to Georgia, pockets of PDF participants exist. Stay involved in your local community year round. Collaborate on art projects or theme camps! Currently there are tons of sites on Facebook that support year round “stuff.” Hit up the PDF “Fan Page” to reach out and find out where they are hiding! More information COMING SOON to our website!
- PDF is committed to identifying and purchasing land as a permanent home for our event. There is so much more to this community than a two year event, and we want to continue that community through year round activities in our own space. Interested in helping with the effort? Join our STABL Team!

To become a STABL Boy, email [STABL@playadelfuego.org](mailto:STABL@playadelfuego.org). You will be subscribed to the [STABL-Team@playadelfuego.org](mailto:STABL-Team@playadelfuego.org) discussion list.

Have suggestions, ideas, land options, but don't have the time to join another team or to commit to a land search team? That's ok! Email [STABL@playadelfuego.org](mailto:STABL@playadelfuego.org) with your thoughts or links to land sites, or submit them directly through our website (COMING SOON!!).

### 3. GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION

So you've been coming to PDF for a few burns, you've gotten into Volunteering, and you've been asking yourself Man, who are those cool kids with the radios? Or maybe you've asked Boy I wish I could be more involved...

YOU CAN! PDF has SO many ways to get involved year round, before the event, during the event, or after the event. Here are some options!

- The Planning Committee!

The PC is involved in planning the event - voting on budgets, reserve tickets, proposing and voting on new event policy or procedure, making sure “stuff” gets done before and after the event. ANYONE can join the PC! As in YOU at any time! All you have to do is call into a PC meeting and there you go! A schedule of PC Meetings is currently being added to the website.

- The PONY!

Our official source for discussion on event related and year round PDF happenings. Contribute to discussions on new policy, event management, budgets, cool new ideas... or propose your own.

- Coordinators!

Each Department at PDF is run by a Coordinator or a team of Coordinators. Life happens and Coordinators often need to step away from the role or add new assistants to help with their work. The best way to get involved at this level is to visit our website and reach out to the coordinator of the department you want to become more involved in. In addition, volunteering for that Department on a regular basis is a sure sign that you're being proactive about becoming a leader!

- PDF Board of Directors (See below)!

#### 4. BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Are you someone who would like to join the Playa del Fuego Board of Directors? Do you know someone who would make a great addition to the Playa Del Fuego Board of Directors? We are currently accepting Board nominations! Nominations will close on Tuesday, June 30th.

LEARN MORE! Visit <http://playadelfuego.org/content/board-nominations-open-0>

The responsibility of the Playa Del Fuego Board of Directors is to handle the larger issues related to non-profit management for Playa Del Fuego, Inc. You can read the minutes from past BOD retreats at <http://playadelfuego.org/node/53>

Submit your nomination via e-mail to BOD Secretary Dove "Starfish" Russo ([dovelette@gmail.com](mailto:dovelette@gmail.com)) with your nomination any time during the nomination period. Please include the name of the person you are nominating (both playa name and real name if possible), their e-mail address, your name, and a few sentences about why you think this person should be considered.

#### 5. BURNING MAN YEAR ROUND - THE REGIONALS NETWORK

Playa del Fuego is an Officially Sanctioned Burning Man Regional Burn. We are one of the oldest burns in the country in fact! Given our close ties to the BMOrg, we'd like to let you know what's going on out there in the Burnaverse.

PDF is part of a huge network of regional events, organizations, and projects. There is SO MUCH going on out there that you can do outside of our burn. Here are a couple places to get started:

- [www.burningman.org](http://www.burningman.org)

- Learn about the Burning Man Project, including everything happens on and off the playa
- <http://regionals.burningman.org>
  - Here you can find information about how to get involved in your local communities. Burning Man enlists year round volunteers to help bring BM culture to their cities and communities around the world. Learn about opportunities in your area to bring the 10 Principles outside of events. The Burning Man Project is committed to spreading our awesomeness, and you can help!
- <http://burningman.org/network/get-involved/connect-with-burners/>
  - Connect online with your extended community! Get information on Social Media and other ways to meet the rest of your family.
- <http://burningman.org/network/get-involved/volunteering-bmp/>
  - Volunteer! Civic Responsibility, Communal Effort, Leave No Trace...these don't just apply inside the gates of Black Rock City or Firebase Lloyd. Share your gifts with the world.

When we leave the event, let's not forget to keep the spirit with us. As Burning Man Regional Coordinator Steven Ra\$pa says "There is no such thing as 'the default world' unless WE default."

## 6. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Looking for information? Be sure to visit the official website at [www.playadelfuego.org](http://www.playadelfuego.org) to stay up to date! Receive updates right to your mailbox by subscribing to the Burning Pony Express, [www.playadelfuego.org/bpe](http://www.playadelfuego.org/bpe). There is a very active FaceBook Page for PDF, but alas this isn't the best source of information and is not monitored or officially sanctioned by the PDF Org.