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Welcome Home!

Playa del Fuego welcomes you to our new location on Coal Creek Ranch in Tamaqua, PA

What is PdF?

Playa del Fuego is a Mid-Atlantic Regional Burning Man Event. The event takes place on Memorial Day, with its sister event Constellation taking place in West Virginia on Columbus Day. PdF is an all ages event.

Playa del Fuego is a community-driven, temporary experiment in collaborative community building - featuring interactive and experiential art and music, a gifting economy, and striving to Leave No Trace. Inspired by the Burning Man festival, it is a place for radical self-expression and an experiment in temporary community building. Along with this idea, participants are encouraged to plan for a single entry, single exodus experience.

Attendees are known as participants. There are no spectators at Playa del Fuego; everyone collaborates in some way to create the event. It is a place of acceptance, inclusivity, and respect. It is organized entirely by volunteers. Art and entertainment are created solely by participants.

There are no concession stands. No cash transactions are permitted at Playa del Fuego - even bartering is discouraged. This is a sincere experiment in creating a gift economy. If you need something, ask for it. If you have it, gift it! There are no garbage cans; there are no dumpsters. Playa del Fuego is a blank canvas; expect nothing...bring everything.

Where is PdF?

GPS 40.777480°, -76.022822°
Coal Creek Ranch, Tamaqua, PA

When is PdF?

Memorial Day Weekend, Thursday May 24, 2018 at 5pm - Monday May 28, 2018 at Noon

Ticketing Hours

Thursday 5 pm - Friday 12 am

Friday 9 am - Saturday 12 am

Saturday 9 am - Saturday 8 pm (Closed for Pony Burn)

Sunday - 9am - 8pm (Closed for the Art Burn)

Monday CLOSED >> you need to be leave by NOON on Monday, not arriving!

Your Responsibilities

Participate

You are responsible for participating. There are no spectators at PdF. You can participate in many ways, including by volunteering and jumping in, interacting, and sharing your art. Playa del Fuego is ENTIRELY run by volunteers. You are strongly encouraged to pick up some volunteer shifts during the event. Anyone can volunteer, even first timers. By volunteering, you are helping the event run smoothly and you get to interact with many new and wonderful participants.

Consent

You are responsible for being respectful of other people at all times regardless of sobriety level, and are responsible for getting express enthusiastic consent before entering a camp, going in for a hug, touching a person or their things, taking a person's picture, or having sexual relations. (see 11th Principle Consent, below)

Self reliance

You are responsible for your basic needs (food, water, shelter), your safety, and your well-being the entire time of your stay at PdF. We call this Radical Self Reliance.

Be Prepared: Create a food plan. There are no food vendors. There is no drinkable/potable water available onsite. There are no kitchens. There are no electrical outlets. Come with a plan on how you will feed yourself, how you will stay hydrated, and how you will deal with food and water waste.

Be Prepared: Pack for the weather. This local averages a high of 75 °F and a low of 53 °F. HOWEVER, there have been extremes ranging from 94 °F down to 38 °F recorded. Pay attention to the weather and pack for it.

Be Prepared: Create a trash plan. You are responsible for your trash at all times. There are no dumpsters, there are no trash cans.

Be Prepared: Create a gray water plan and a leave no trace plan.

Leave No Trace

Practicing a Leave No Trace Ethic is simple: leave the place you visit the same or better than you found it; leave no trace of your having been there.

Playa del Fuego practices Pack-it-In / Pack-it-Out. What you bring with you, you take home with you. There are no trash cans at Pdf and there are no dumpsters. All trash must go home with you!

No Public Trash Cans, No Dumpsters, Pack It In - Pack It Out!

There are no public trash cans at this event. There are no dumpsters. At all times, at all places on the site, you are responsible for the trash you create. Don't ask someone if they have a trash can - they don't. NO dumpsters are provided at the end of the event: please create a plan to take your garbage with you when you leave.

Leave No Trace Tips:

- Bring cans instead of bottles! Beer and soda cans can be squashed down for a smaller trash pack out!
- Pack an empty 5 gal bucket to bring in, make all your trash fit in it by discarding as much packaging as possible beforehand, and compacting cans etc, so on the way out, and you are covered!
- Plan Ahead and Prepare. If you are bringing an EZ Up type structure, have a plan for it becoming a mangled mess (consider bolt cutters). Plan room in your car for trash to go home.
- Reduce Packaging before you arrive. This is the key, really. Don't bring the trash in the first place.
- Rethink Your Food Portions, you'll probably need less than you think
- MOOP Sweeps of your camp all weekend long, and a final MOOP sweep before you go.
- Do Not Use the Playa as Your Toilet aka no shitting in open camping and no shitting in Whiskey and Whores! Porta Potties are provided for shitting! **Porta Potties are NOT trash cans**; take your beer cans with you!
- Add a ziplock type bag to your pocket or bag to collect trash you see as wander
- Be Aware of Very Small Items No Trace really does mean NO trace. Be conscious of spare nails or smaller trash particles like cigarette butts and peanut shells.
- Do Not Pour Leftover fuel or genny gas on the Playa (duh)
- Minimize Fire Impacts Avoid creating a burn scar by using a raised fire pit, or use fire shields to protect the ground.
- Bring Contractor Bags Collect your trash and save your car from mud and wet tents!
- If you have uncrushable bottles, you can stuff a crazy amount of other smaller trash inside them, minimizing the volume of trash you will need to haul out.
- Pockets, Bags, and Carabiners are Great! When you visit a camp, take your trash with you.

Gray Water Policy

Please Note: The Tamaqua site has no water. You are responsible for bringing enough water for the duration of the event and for packing out the water you can't disperse when you leave.

Water leaves a trace and should be used thoughtfully. Each participant should have a plan on how to disperse the water properly in place, and haul out what you can't disperse.

What is Gray Water? Gray water is water that has been used for cooking, washing, dishwashing, or bathing and contains soap, detergent, food scraps, or food residue.

Why is it a problem? While gray water is a lot less harmful to the environment than wastewater from toilet facilities, which is called black water, gray water is still technically sewage and can run-off or leach through the soil to enter waterways and aquifers, resulting in algal blooms or other water quality issues. It is part of your responsibility to properly dispose of your grey water. Be kind to the environment – do not dump anything that would cause harm! Foodstuff and oil should never be disposed of on the ground.

A Gray Water Plan will make water management easy, and a good plan has two components: disperse and pack out.

- **Disperse:** In general, small amounts of “light” gray water such as shower water that used biodegradable soap can be sprinkled around on the ground so as not to make a puddle. For dishwater that used biodegradable soap, best practice is to use a fine strainer to remove fine food particulates and add a drop of bleach to sanitize before sprinkling about. By using biodegradable soaps for both yourself and your dishes means that the majority of your water waste will be dispersed.
- **Pack out:** All other gray water and greasy messes must be packed out. Packing in an empty 5 gallon bucket with lid is an easy way to have space to carry out any gray water that can't be properly dispersed.

Fire Safety

It is your responsibility to Burn All the Things safely! Tent fires and fuel fires are a real threat. The complete Fire & Generator Policy is available on the website, and includes information for large scale burning art and flame effects, At a minimum, every burner should be aware of the following safety rules:

- All Fire Pits / Campfires / Burn Barrels must be 6 inches off the ground to prevent burn scars (burn scars are a trace!)
- All Fires and Generators must have (minimum) a 5 lb. ABC Fire extinguisher and 5 gallons of water on hand
- There should be a 15 ft minimum clearance from any tents
- No fire source should be under any canopy or structure
- No Fire Spinning without a safety
- No Fire Spinning within near combustibles
- Any fuels (including generator fuel) must be kept at a minimum of 15 ft from any fire source
- Generators must properly baffled for sound

Burn Culture: Welcome Home!

The Ten Principles

Burning Man co-founder Larry Harvey wrote the Ten Principles in 2004 as guidelines for the newly-formed [Regional Network](#). They were crafted not as a dictate of how people should be and act, but as a reflection of the community's ethos and culture as it had organically developed since the event's inception. PdF operates according to these principles:

Radical Inclusion - Anyone may be a part of Burning Man. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

Gifting - Burning Man is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

Decommodification - In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

Radical Self-reliance - Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise, and rely on his or her inner resources.

Radical Self-expression - Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Communal Effort - Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote, and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Civic Responsibility - We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

Leaving No Trace - Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

Participation - Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is

invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Immediacy - Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

The 11th Principle: Consent

What do we mean by consent? Consent is an affirmative, unambiguous, and conscious decision by each participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon activity. The consent has to be ongoing throughout any encounter, and enthusiastic consent is best! While consent is generally spoken about in terms of sexual activity, it extends beyond this at PDF - we apply the same guidelines to taking pictures of others, hugging, entering a camp's private space, etc. <http://www.bureauoferoticdiscourse.org/publications>

Easy Consent Guide:

- NO means NO.
- NO means NO the first time, every time, and completely.
- No cajoling, no "c'mon please", no emotional blackmail. NO means NO!
- On the other hand: YES means YES. Enthusiastic YES is best!
- SILENCE = NO. MAYBE = NO. NOT YET = NO.
- Only YES = YES.
- Consent IS binary! Consent can be revoked at any time, even if you have touched that person in that same way before. Consent can be revoked after saying YES. You do not have the right to touch anyone without an enthusiastic YES! This goes for hugs, handshakes, sexual activity, and shiny costumes!
- Please note: the cultural norm at a burn is to HUG hello, not shake hands. Please ask for consent before going in for the hug; if you don't want a hug - speak up!

Gifting

Gifting Economy is part of the 10 Principles and means that everything being offered by a camp is free. BRING A CUP to take from camp to camp with you - Camps DO NOT provide cups! (a plastic mug on a carabiner works great!)

Gifts can be anything from a hug or a helping hand, to some batteries for your air bed pump, or a theme camp bar giving away drinks. Gifts are given without the expectation of anything in return. Bartering is discouraged!

Gifting Economy does not mean all property is free property. Ask before you touch or take anything. If it doesn't belong to you, it doesn't belong to you! A pair of boots outside a tent is NOT a ground score! Please be respectful of people and their things.

Glossary

PDF - Playa del Fuego

MOOP - matter out of place, anything that is not indigenous to the natural environment you are in, for example: litter, cigarette butts, glitter

Rangers - helpful people who rove about in khaki with radios. They are neither cops, your mom, nor required to wear utilikilts.

Coordinator - A super-volunteer who doesn't just work a shift, they run an entire department like DPW, PARKING, THEME CAMPS, or GATE.

Burn - slang for a Burning Man-inspired event like ours. Burns are not music festivals. A few differences being: at burns there are no spectators, programming is all participant driven, burns follow The 10 Principles, and the pretty pretty people at burns aren't dancing ankle deep in a pile of beer bottles and cups. "Have a nice burn." "Happy Burn!"

10 Principles - Burning Man's version of the 10 Commandments, wherein you are permitted to covet your neighbor's wife but not to litter or participate in cash activities like vending. And so very much more.

Participation Station - aka "Volunteer Central" It has volunteer schedules and sign-ups, lost and found, an emergency radio, copies of the WWW Guide, and a few shady seats. Good place to go with a question.

Gate - The Gate is the portal through which you enter the event. The gate turns valid IDs into official wristbands during specific hours posted elsewhere.

The PONY -

1. PONY stands for Planning and Organization Need You. It is the official online planning and discussion forum for Playa del Fuego. <http://playadelfuego.org/bbs/> . . .
2. The Pony is also the effigy that is burned on Saturday night

The Temple - The temple is a structure built as an art piece that is meant to be a contemplative space. The temple is typically burned on Sunday night. Note: not all burns will have a temple.

The PC - The Planning Committee makes the nuts and bolts choices that run the event. The Planning Committee is comprised of the coordinators and literally anyone and everyone who attends a Planning Meeting conference call. You may attend as many or as few meetings as you like, however, your vote only counts for meetings you actually are a part of.

FirePony Creative Society.- a Maryland not-for-profit corporation recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 which produces the Burning Man Regionals Playa del Fuego and Constellation.

BOD - Board of Directors. A group of unpaid volunteers in search of a hot tub in which to sit and think. They also handle all the boring legal parts of the event like taxes, insurance, liability, and future vision.

Comp Tickets -There are no comp tickets at PDF. Not even for volunteers, artists, DJs, the Planning Committee, or the Board of Directors.

Reserve Tickets - These are used to ensure that people essential to the smooth operation of the event. Everyone approved for a reserve ticket must still pay for it. Art Grant recipients also receive reserve tickets because art is central to our mission and artists are bound by contract to be present at the event.

DPW - Department of Public Works. The nice folks who setup and break down the event structures and handle logistics.

WWW - the What Where When. A guidebook of events and happenings at the event, as submitted by participants. You should print a copy before you arrive.

The Mayor - PdF is a temporary city, and our city has a Mayor! The Mayor is a Board member that has agreed to make themselves available for questions and discussions all burn long. The mayor wears a Mayor hat.

The Event

Amenities a.k.a. porta potties

NOTE: there are no showers, there is no onsite water.

There are no flushing toilets, but plenty of porta potties. IF IT DOES NOT COME FROM THE BODY, DO NOT PUT IT IN THE POTTY! Single ply TP is the only exception. No beer cans, no tampons, no baby wipes! These things clog the hose used to clean them. Bring small zip-lock bags for your wipes, pads, or tampons and take it with you! Did we mention NO BEER CANS? Take your MOOPY mess back your own camp to dispose of.

Fire and Firewood

Firewood is included in your ticket price, and you are welcome to have a fire in your camp in a fire pit or burn barrel*. The fire pit/barrel must be elevated so you do not leave a burn scar on the ground. This is part of Leave No Trace. Also you must have water or fire extinguisher on hand for safety. No exceptions.

NOTE: It is illegal to carry firewood across state lines due to the emerald ash borer quarantine. Please do not bring firewood to PDF and please do not take it home unless you live in Pennsylvania.

UN-USED FIREWOOD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MAIN PILE On Monday pack out - all unused firewood must be returned to main pile. This is a Leave No Trace event! Extra firewood is MOOP. Put it where it belongs!

* provided there is no open fire ban due to drought. Currently, there is no such ban in place, nor any expected.

Rangers, First Aid, Sanctuary

PDF is truly a community and we are here to help you navigate your burn! Amazing volunteers step up and put in long hours to help you when you need it most!

RANGERS are not cops and they are not your mom, but they wear a lot of khaki! They are here to help you and are trained to resolve conflict via the FLAME method: Find Out, Listen, Analyze, Mediate, Explain. Burns can be intense, is your minor disagreement escalating? Is there a creeper bothering you? Neighbors having a domestic? Got a friend who's super altered and out of control? RANGERS are your friend! Simply look for someone with a radio (they can call one) or if no one is around, just start calling loudly for a RANGER, and someone will get one for you.

FIRST AID is here to help you with First Aid issues. Not feeling well? Find a tick? Dehydrated? Hurt your foot on a corn stalk stub? First Aid will help with good samaritan first aid issues. But hey, try to be self reliant and bring a first aid kit to take care of your own minor issues.

SANCTUARY is to help you with emotional issues. Not feeling well, but it's not medical? Are you triggered? Anxious? Simply overwhelmed at all the stimuli and need a quiet space? SANCTUARY is here for you, gentle burner. You are safe here.

Off-Limit Areas

All permanent buildings (hunting lodge and garage) and any existing structures are completely off limits to all participants. Any area outside the event boundary, as marked by signs and patrolled by the landowners, is strictly off limits. The surrounding land has tall cliffs and deep ravines that could be very dangerous. **If you are caught trespassing on the land outside the event, you will be evicted.**

Re-Entry Passes

As an experiment in temporary community, leaving during the event with plans to return is highly discouraged. Participants should plan to bring everything they need, and plan to stay for the duration. In's and outs not only disrupt the continuity of experience for the participant, they also create significantly more work for the gate, greeting and parking. Additionally, the landowners expressed preferences for PdF to minimize in/out traffic, if possible.

With all that in mind, re-entry passes will be available for purchase online at playadelfuego.org prior to the burn, and they will be available for purchase onsite from Jim at Camp Recharge. Jim has been the PdF purchasing coordinator for several burns and is able to process your credit / debit card payments using PdF's Paypal account. Re-entry passes and wristbands will be required to re-enter the event once having left. Please be radically self reliant and plan to not leave.

Re-entry passes are \$20 (includes Paypal fee) per car, per trip via credit / debit card. There will be NO CASH SALES ONSITE. Of course, in cases of emergencies, the need for passes will be waived.

Ice

Ice will also be available for sale prior to the burn on the website, and onsite via credit / debit card with Jim at Camp Recharge until 4pm on Friday afternoon. Ice will be delivered to the gate on Saturday morning-ish for those to pick up their order. A more exact time will be made known onsite. Ice is \$2.50 per 7lb bag via credit / debit card. There will be NO CASH SALES ONSITE.

RV Parking & Car Camping

There are no RV hookups, but there is space for a limited amount of RVs in RV Town and cars in Car Camping. To get your RV placed in the RV area or to camp with your car onsite in car camping, fill out an ONSITE PARKING REQUEST available on the PdF website.

Note: to park with your placed theme camp, please include that request with your theme camp application, not as a request to be in RV Town or Car Camping.

- Vehicles parked on-site must remain in place for the entire event! You may not leave and re-enter, even with a re-entry pass
- RV is not permanently placed until given the greenlight to do so by the parking coordinator. (Meaning, don't set up ANYTHING until one of us personally says its ok)
- Early entry volunteers must adhere to these rules as well
- All onsite vehicles must display their parking pass at all times

- Space is LIMITED for RV Camping, We have to pack the RV's in as tightly as possible and this means if you park permanently in a place not approved by the parking coordinator: WE CAN NOT GET THE MAX PEOPLE PARKED IN RV CAMPING!!!

Sound Policy

Amplified, projected or otherwise man-made noise or music shall be permitted between the hours of 10am and 12am . Beginning at 12:01am, all subwoofers (any device capable of emitting sound below 100HZ) shall be turned off and the sound shall be no louder than 70db(A) at a distance of 50' from the source of the sound, or at the Access Area boundary, if the boundary is closer than 50' to the source. Sound shall be no louder than 80db(A) at other times, when measured at 100'. with a national commercially accepted Sound Level Meter or SLM.(Type S2A)

Tl;dr: 10am - midnight max 80db at 100 ft Midnight - 10am max 70db at 50, no subwoofers

Ticks, Wildlife, and Locust Trees Oh My

Ticks

There are likely to be ticks in the area that carry Lyme Disease as Lyme Disease is carried specifically on deer ticks, and the site is currently used by a hunting club and the site is designed to attract deer. All participants are encouraged to practice Radical Self Reliance and get educated on ticks and Lyme Disease before arriving at the event. Frequent tick checks and tick repellent are strongly suggested.

Wildlife

Local wildlife includes black bear, fox, bobcat, coyote, racoon, rattlesnakes, copperheads, and deer. Interaction with wildlife isn't expected as the noise of the event will likely keep wildlife away, however, if you encounter a black bear, identify yourself by speaking in a calm, appeasing tone and back away slowly, preferably in the direction you came. We recommend wearing boots because both rattlesnakes and copperheads are venomous.

Locust Trees

Have big thorns. In fact, they have really BIG thorns. And they are everywhere. We suggest wearing boots and making sure the area where you set up your tent is free from locust tree debris and stumps (a shovel or a small hatchet will help).

Nudity

Nudity is welcome at PDF! However, if you can be seen from a road, you should be properly attired for a public setting. Meaning there should be nothing about your attire that allows others to see parts of your body the law does not normally allow to be displayed in public. Generally, if you can see the “outside world” make sure your “bits” are covered.

Vending

Vending of any kind is not allowed, with the exception of pre-authorized ice sales and re-entry passes at Camp Re-Charge. Vending includes promotion of other events. Gifting does not equal bartering, nor are you entitled to anything. It's only a gift when offered freely; taking something because you want it is still theft at PDF. Ask permission before taking or touching anything or anyone.

What to Bring:

Necessities:

- Bedding and shelter of some type (a good camp tent is recommended, along with sleeping bags) Note: The ground will be rocky in places, sleeping bag on bottom of a tent may be uncomfortable without padding or a cot
- One gallon of water per person per day (for drinking, dishwashing, food prep., etc.), more if planning to bathe. Keep a bottle of water with you at all times
- A plan to carry out grey water that can't be disbursed onsite
- Enough food and beverages for your entire party for the length of your stay
- All required prescriptions, contact lens supplies, toiletries, etc.
- First aid kit
- Single-ply toilet paper (the port-a-potties only get serviced once a day)
- Garbage bags and zip-lock type baggies. (more than enough for all of your garbage—it's good to bring extra for MOOP that accumulates during the event).
- A plan to carry out all your trash.
- Can or bottle opener if bringing cans or bottles that need opening
- Portable ashtrays if you are a smoker (Decorated mint tins work great)
- Flashlights (headlamps are very useful, especially at night in the porta potty)
- Extra batteries for everything
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Insect and tick repellent; there are deer in the area which carry deer ticks, which carry Lyme Disease, please consider your tick repellent carefully
- Sturdy closed-toe footwear, the terrain is rocky and full of sapling stumps. Also, there are copperheads and rattlesnakes in the area
- Glowly lights to be seen at night, don't be a Darkwad!
- A cup for beverages, many camps have drinks to share, but you must bring your own cup
- Ice for the entire duration of your stay or pre-purchase
- Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude

- Anything else you can't live without, but won't be heartbroken if you lose it

Recommended:

- Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets; things to break the cruel mid-day sun and/or keep you dry in the rain
- Rebar to keep the above structures firmly rooted to mother earth
- Small hatchet, lopper or shovel to uproot sapling stumps (from Locust trees)
- Cooler(s) to store your perishable foods and beverages
- A cooking stove
- A mountain bike (light it up at night!)
- A fine strainer for dishwater gray water
- Earplugs / eye-mask not everyone will sleep when you do
- Insect bite and sunburn treatment/medication
- Watertight protective bags, like heavy Ziplocs, for cameras, electronic gear, etc.
- Blinky lights, toys, magical fabulousness, handmade, and heartfelt and swell stuff to share; anything you think would make things more fun for
- Pre-moistened towelettes, aka baby wipes, as there are no showers on site - but remember they must be packed out! Do not put baby wipes in the porta-potties as they clog the hose that cleans them!
- Spray bottle (for misting if it will be hot)
- Rope, string, duct tape, zip ties, bungees
- Fuel for stoves and generators, etc.
- Rain hat, rain gear
- Sun hat
- Seating, because you can't dance forever
- Simple tool kit and a sewing kit. Including scissors of some sort.
- Socks, socks, and more socks
- Abundant amounts of whatever makes your life better: beer, bacon, chocolate, coffee, etc.
- If your favorite beverage is available in a can, get that version. They crunch down for easy pack out, where they can be recycled.
- Bring more socks than you think you'll need, nothing better for tired feet than clean socks.

The Brutal Truth

49 Tips for a Smooth Burn, by Brutal, a PdF Parking Coordinator

1. Baby wipe is the new shower. I burn mine after they dry out. Do not put them in the potties.
2. Don't take it personally when someone yells at you or is unkind. They are probably dehydrated and have not slept. Walk away.
3. Do not make major life changes (like quitting your job to join the circus) for 2 weeks after the burn.
4. Learn your plants. Be able to identify poison ivy and familiarize yourself with the local fauna.
5. Wear sunscreen.
6. Breathe. Deep breaths.

7. Hills are a thing. Take long walks before the burn. Get in shape.
8. Safe sex, condoms, nitrile gloves, lube. CONSENT.
9. Camps and individuals are not obligated to entertain you. I try to visit camps only when they are open in the www or if they yell at me from the street.
10. Do not use an art car or camp as a point of reference for finding your way. These things can move at any time without warning.
11. Do not FUCK with the locals in town. After all, that's how horror movies start.
12. MINDFULNESS. Screaming during a scheduled screaming contest midday might be fine. But, screeching near a children's camp at 3am may not work out in your favor. Let babies sleep. Scream on the dance floor at a super loud camp sure.
13. The art you make at home may seem too big or bright. But, amongst this glittering sea of giant art it may not make such a big impact. If you have the urge to go bolder, bigger or brighter with your art, DO IT.
14. Don't take candy from strangers without asking about the ingredients. If they can not name the special ingredients refuse the snack.
15. Don't SLAM the porta potty door. Let it close gently behind you. (Level 2 mindfulness)
16. Don't shit or piss outside of your own coffee can in your tent or a porta potty. This is how disease spreads.
17. Snakes are a real thing in PA. Copperheads. I have been in a PA hospital while a snakebite victim was admitted. As long as you're not wandering in the underbrush you should be fine.
18. Set boundaries with your partner before the burn. No one wants to be cheated on. Make a list of allowed behaviour.
19. SHOES!!!
20. It's summer but bring clothing for all seasons. You may not think you need a winter coat in summer, but when the temp swings between 90 and 50 you will feel cold.
21. This is a 100% volunteer run event. Volunteering can be as simple as picking up scraps of trash for an hour or 2. Level up by picking up trash whenever you see it in general. Consult the participation station to find out what is needed. You'll make friends and feel great for contributing.
22. Virgins are important. They are amazed by art and have a natural willingness to hop in to help. Do not waste virgin energy. Bring them under your wing and show them how to burn brightly.
23. Feeling overwhelmed? Head to base camp. Hydrate. Camping with one or two others? Bring a notepad and suspend it from a string in your tent. Write notes to each other about your whereabouts time and date. BTW BRING A WATCH. This will help you get to your volunteer shift on time.
24. Had a fun night? Well you probably woke up half naked and have no where any of your shit is in your tent. That's ok. While there is still daylight, find your flashlight. A battery powered lantern hung from the top of the inside of your tent is helpful too.
25. Before you help anyone else. Set up your own tent first. Do not wander. Your tent first then everything else second.
26. Bring your own cigarettes. Don't be a bum. And NEVER throw butts on the ground. Use an old altoids tin or throw them in the closest burn/fire barrel.
27. Glass bottles are nice but hard to transport home. Bring cans instead which can be crushed underfoot and easily brought back home.
28. Do not spin fire while under intoxicants. Performers are only human, so keep a safe distance while they are spinning. Humans can accidentally get out of bounds with their fire no matter how good they are.
29. Just because someone is acting weird don't assume they are "on something" and be rude to them. Some of us are sober and just wacky. (Level 3 mindfulness respect).
30. MY DICK IS BIGGER THAN YOURS. No dude. Calm down. Coordinate with the camps around you to determine the proper volume for your music. You may even get to collaborate with someone with genuine talent and make a new friend.

31. Chipmunks are banned! Do not hoard wood from the communal pile. Take only what you need for the moment.
32. Is the Pony / Sunday night burn taking too long for you? Walk away. Some love staring at a fire for hours and hanging out. If this isn't your thing go ahead and walk away and start your night. No one has chained you to this moment/location.
33. The ground will steal your heat. Do not sit on the bare ground at night. If you can put something between your air mattress and the ground, you will be more comfy. I bought a queen sized cot that holds my air mattress that collapses down to the space of 2 camping chairs.
34. Do not flop onto camping chairs if you are a large person. Do not use the arms of the camping chair to boost yourself up! Recognize the difference between a camping chair that supports 150 lbs and one that supports 300 lbs.
35. Do not bring anything of sentimental value that would break your heart to lose.
36. Going to sleep sweaty will give you a chill. Strip off that sweaty outfit, baby wipe your body, put on something dry. Sleep.
37. Day or night bring sunglasses with you. Night can turn into dawn quickly and you will be glad to have them on top of your head to flip down over your eyes. +2 lookin like a prepared boss at sunrise.
38. You will have grand plans about how your burn will go. Throw that out the window and be flexible.
39. KNOW THY TENT. Set up your tent at least once before you arrive. There may be missing pieces or complicated instructions.
40. Ear plugs! Or dead phones. You may not need them for sleeping, but if you are easily overwhelmed, it's nice to block out the whole world for a minute until you can center yourself. *see earlier point about deep breathing.
41. If it doesn't feel right or safe, do not climb that structure or be near that thing. Remember, this is 100% volunteer run. Someone with only limited knowledge might set up dangerous art for climbing. Go with your gut. Seem sketchy? Stay off.
42. Make a plan for your whole camp to be ready for load out by NOON Monday. This means Sunday break down all art and non essential parts of your camp. So, even if you get a little wild Sunday night, all that is left is throwing already broken down pieces into your vehicles.
43. Sanctuary are not always mental health professionals. Have a buddy you turn to as first resort. Rangers are not cops, have a plan to advocate for yourself. Handle your own differences if possible. A small thing can turn into common knowledge for tons of people if you involve rangers. We're only human. Squabbles should be handled non violently and amongst yourselves.
44. KNOW thy limits! Do you black-out on your mood medication when mixed with alcohol? DON'T. Do not mix at a camping event.
45. Illuminati confirmed! We can all hear you. Unless you have wooden walls up around your tent, we can hear every word you say 6 tents over. SHH. I'm sure you don't want us all to know every intimate detail of your couples fight.
46. Kids are a part of our community. But don't DARE leave your campsite without a designated babysitter. If your kid wakes up at 3am because of loud noises and wanders off looking for your drunk ass you are an ASSHOLE. There should always be a designated camp sober adult to deal with a child in your camp at all times.
47. In an altered state of consciousness do not leave your headlamp on the red light setting when you enter a porta potty. Just trust me on this one.
48. 100% Volunteer Run! No one gets paid. You don't have to volunteer. However, this is an exercise in building a temporary community, not a party. We all live here. We all work here. Do your share so everyone who works may also get a chance to play. Welcome Home!
49. Decompression. Take the burn home with you. LNT, be kind, MAKE ART, volunteer at a shelter. You will be re-entering Reality Camp. There will be another burn soon. The sadness of leaving is only

temporary. Have something to look forward to! Schedule something relaxing to do post burn, BEFORE you even get to the burn. Hot tubs and a drink with a friend are an excellent idea.

FirePony Creative Society: Code of Conduct

While we strive to keep the number of hard and fast rules that we have to a minimum, certain types of behavior serve only to harm other participants or the event itself. Radical inclusion means that strangers are welcome to participate in our community; it does not mean tolerance of harmful behaviors.

This document identifies behaviors and actions that will not be tolerated at Playa del Fuego, Constellation or other events sponsored by FirePony Creative Society. A copy of the FPCS Code of Conduct will be on-site for FirePony Creative Society sponsored events in the Ranger and First Aid notebooks or other relevant locations. In addition, participants of any FirePony Creative Society-sponsored events are expected to comply with all federal, state, and local laws. (The terms herein are used in a commonsense manner and not necessarily as legal terms of art.)

Participants may report any incident in which another participant is behaving in an abusive, intimidating, threatening, or unsafe manner. Physical hazards, such as unsafe art installations or fires, should be referred to Rangers.

The following types of behavior are unacceptable at FirePony Creative Society-sponsored events, including, but not limited to, Playa del Fuego and Constellation:

- **Consent violations, especially of an aggressive or sexual nature.** This includes any kind of non-consensual physical contact with the body of another, regardless of claimed intent. This section also includes non-consensual intoxication (i.e. putting a drug into someone's drink without their knowledge). The severity of response will depend on the

type of conduct and the circumstances. FirePony Creative Society takes consent violations very seriously. If you aren't sure, ask, and make sure you have *enthusiastic* consent!

- **Stalking/Harassment.** If someone asks you to leave them alone, do not continue to engage with them or follow them around. Verbal assaults, especially of a continued, aggressive, and/or sexual nature are harassment.
- **Hate Speech.** Anything that consists of an incitement to hatred primarily against a group of people defined in terms of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- **Endangering others.** Do not do things that will put others in serious danger or bring prohibited items (such as fireworks not authorized by the fire team) to an event. While we all accept that attending events like Constellation presents risks, disregarding basic safety rules is not acceptable. An example would be spinning fire without a safety after being reminded not to do so.
- **Entering the event without invitation.** All participants, volunteers, Board Members, landowners, etc. gain entry to our events by purchasing tickets, or as a vendor under contract with FirePony Creative Society Any other entry will be considered trespassing.
- **Destruction, using, or taking of property.** If it is not yours, leave it alone, unless you have the consent of the owner of the property. Consent may be implied where there is a clear intent to "gift" items, but if in doubt, verbal confirmation is encouraged. This section includes theft, deliberate destruction of property, and vandalism.
- **Incidents Occurring Previously, or Outside of FirePony Creative Society-sponsored Events.** The Board may consider the following in relation to the ability to participate in future events: patterns of behavior (including stalking or harassment), history of prior misconduct, alleged criminal acts, or violations of these policies (or similar policies at other events), and criminal charges or protective orders that have been filed against the participant when they come to our attention.

The most severe penalty our community can impose on a participant for such behavior is ejection from the event or a suspension from participation in one or more future FirePony Creative Society-sponsored events (such as Playa del Fuego and Constellation). Other actions,

such as a warning or a removal from volunteering in a safety-sensitive volunteer position, are also possible. (Obviously, the legal system may impose other sanctions for some actions.)

Nothing herein is intended to or shall waive the right of the Board of Directors of FirePony Creative Society to restrict the access to FirePony Creative Society events of an individual or entity as it may determine, in its sole discretion, is warranted.

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