

REACH BEYOND THE EVENT...

Visit all of our spokes into the world at **We Are EVERYWHERE LANE** located at Esplanade and 6:15.

Black Rock Arts Foundation (BRAAF) works year round to support and promote community-based interactive art and civic engagement in your own backyard, beyond the trash fence at BRC. Swing by our "playa" backyard at 6:15 and Esplanade for a fresh and breezy interactive art experience!

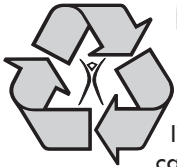
Black Rock Solar (BRS) will be harnessing the sun again this year to power the Gate. Stop by to learn something about solar energy, find opportunities to volunteer for this cutting edge non-profit organization and learn about some of the amazing work BRS has been doing for communities all around the United States.

Burners Without Borders (BWB) has emerged as a community-led, grassroots group that addresses gaping needs where existing cultural and societal systems are failing. From disaster relief efforts to community clean-up events and other civic activism, stop by the BWB camp located on Everywhere Ln. to find out how you can get involved.

Regional Network now serving over 100 locations nationwide, the Regional Network and Regional Contacts work to re-create the Burning Man culture in their local community. Stop by to connect with your community and find out how you can help bring the playa to your hometown.

SORT IT OUT NOW: When setting up your camp, **PLAN AHEAD FOR RECYCLING**—here are a variety of ways you can reduce, reuse, and recycle your Burning Man experience:

GREEN your BURN



RECYCLING - RECYCLE CAMP is located in Center Camp and operates Monday through Sunday 9AM to 5PM and will accept your aluminum cans until Sunday at 5 PM. After that, commercial recycling centers are available in Reno and are listed in the Survival Guide (most are closed Monday) OR you can take advantage of the RENO DRIVE-THRU RECYCLING

PROGRAM being provided by local businesses during the week after Burning Man - 100% of the recycling proceeds will be donated to charity, and YOU get all your recyclables out of your backseat without even leaving your car. For info on where to take your donations, please refer to the hang tag you received as part of your entry package (extra tip! Hang the 'hang tag' on your rearview so you have it when you need it.) The Drive Thru program will accept all types of recyclables and will be open 24 hours, post-event.



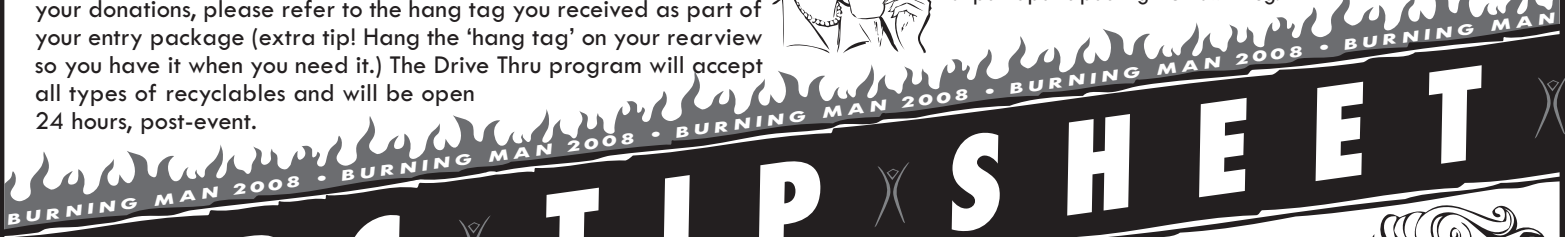
DONATE YOUR LUMBER TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Burners Without Borders has partnered with Habitat for Humanity again this year to reclaim usable building materials for needy families in the Reno area. In past years we have recovered six semi trucks' worth - the largest donation they've ever received - and this year we want to do even better. Drop off your full size pieces of usable wood (2x4, 4x4, plywood, etc.) as well as usable hand tools, at collection stations on the Esplanade and at 3, 6, and 9 o'clock. Collection stations will be open all day Sunday and Monday and volunteer sorters are very much appreciated.



BRING YOUR OWN CUP! (BYOC)

to use at the Café and elsewhere. Nothing comes between you and your coffee in the morning - except perhaps a long line at the Café. Skip the line, save a paper cup, and BYOC! The Café offers express service for participants packing their own mug.



B R C T I P S H E E T

POTTY MOUTH

We say this all the time, and we're saying it again: **IF IT WASN'T IN YOUR BODY, DON'T PUT IT IN THE POTTY.** This means, do NOT leave hand wipes or other related items in the porta potties. Do you think we mean it, or what? For serious: don't be the jackass that causes the pumper truck driver to stop his routine to

reach shoulder deep to unblock your handy wipes or other trash. That's just nasty, and we could risk being turned away from processing plants in Reno if there's MOOP in the poop. We like to keep those potty service guys happy, for the sake of everyone who uses their services (um, that's all of us, get it?). We implore you to do the same.

LEAVE NO TRACE

You've brought yourself out to a desert where sudden winds can carry trash away without warning. Dust is a fact of life at Burning Man. It only takes a few minutes to bury a stray object instantly, out of sight until the spring rain. Therefore, we remind you once again, NEVER LET IT HIT THE GROUND. Don't think you'll pick up those stray bottle caps before you go home; they may disappear by then! Out here, any trash that hits the ground is called Matter Out Of Place (MOOP) and it's time to make MOOP your sworn enemy. Burning Man is being considered for entry into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Leave No Trace event in the world! Take pride, take the time, do it for the desert, make your mother proud and MASTER THE MOOP!



RESPECT

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Men are respectable only as they respect." With that in mind, respect your fellow Black Rock City citizens. Introduce yourself. Help each other out. Do your part. Make a creative contribution to YOUR City. Whether it's your first year or you're a jaded veteran, we're all in this together. Don't "tag" or destroy someone else's hard work! Many people spend all year creating art to share on the playa. Respect that effort and DO NOT burn, deface or otherwise mutilate anything you didn't create. Also, don't judge your fellow citizens - i.e. don't "playa hate." Just because someone isn't sporting a costume doesn't mean they aren't participating. Maintain an open mind.

WEATHER/STORMS

Remember, the weather can turn on a dime in the desert and go from mild to strong in a blink. ALWAYS keep camp items (tents, chairs, papers) battened down, and secure your belongings well before you leave camp. In the event the clouds part or things get truly hairy, tune in to BMIR (94.5 FM) for more info - and stay put (do not drive) if it really starts to rain in earnest. Look at all that gear you brought with you - we'll be just fine where we are if adverse weather happens. Just stay tuned in for what to expect and how to deal.



Burning Man Information Radio (BMIR)

Set your radio dial to 94.5 FM BMIR now and keep it there all week. BMIR has great, participant-created programming as well as all the information you need precisely when you need it! From weather reports and event info to community tales and stories, updates from around the city and Exodus traffic details - it's all on BMIR.



GIFTING

Remember, while gifts are the order of the day in BRC, that doesn't mean you need to wander around handing something out. Giving of yourself is more important than any pocketful of trinkets, so just be genuine and relax a little about the whole "gift culture" thing. You'll find a way to contribute something, whatever it may be. Also, having a "gift culture" doesn't mean that anyone owes you anything. Don't go around demanding things of your fellow citizens or expecting that someone should "hook you up." Gifts are best given and received with a level of respect and humility on both parts. Say "thank you."



COMMUNITY OUTPOSTS @ 3 and 9 o'clock PLAZAS

Please note the location of your nearest PLAZA if you're not setting up near Center Camp. In addition to MEDICAL STATIONS and RANGER OUTPOSTS, these plazas will also contain PUBLIC INFORMATION KIOSKS posted with valuable information every participant needs to know. Also, we will continue providing ICE SALES at these locations this year.

Wireless Internet in the Desert???



Burning Man DOES NOT provide wireless internet access. There is wireless to be had in Black Rock City but it is a gift from some of your fellow citizens. You can pick it up just about anywhere in Center Camp, as well as at other points around the city. PLEASE note: Playa Info, Media Mecca, Rangers, and other Center Camp staff cannot help you connect, nor provide a better place to pick it up! Also, there are no public terminals or stations and the camps around the area are not Internet Lounges. Use your own laptop in the Center Camp Café, or make friends with someone else who has one. Or you could just forget the darn Twitter updates this week and just be here with the rest of us in Black Rock City. Just a thought.

Park it. Leave it.

There is NO DRIVING in Black Rock City. You may not cruise around in your car to check things out. The only motor vehicles allowed to move around are staff/emergency vehicles and the delightfully artistic Mutant Vehicles which roam our city - and have registered ahead of time. Find your camp, park your car, and leave it parked all week. On your way into the city, keep it to 5 MPH. Any faster kicks up dust and is not safe in a pedestrian/bicycle city. Also this year driving that creates a dust plume higher than the top of the vehicle is a citable offense, so keep to the 5 mph speed limit and be courteous to your fellow BRC denizens!



LAW ENFORCEMENT

While it may seem like the Wild West at times, the event is held on public, Federal land with laws enforced by state, local and national agencies. There are a few new additions to the citable offenses list summarized here:

1. No open alcohol containers by the driver of vehicles (passengers on bar cars, etc can have open containers, but none should be present in the driving compartment of the vehicle);
2. Drug paraphernalia is a \$100 violation;
3. DUI will be enforced by state AND Federal agencies;
4. Driving that creates a dust plume higher than the top of the vehicle is a citable offense, so keep to the 5 mph speed limit.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FEEDBACK: Also please be sure to let us know as much as possible about any significant interactions you may have with the law enforcement agencies that work at our event. If you have interactions, positive OR negative, with any law enforcement officer, please fill out a LAW ENFORCEMENT FEEDBACK FORM at our Black Rock Ranger headquarters in Center Camp and at RANGER outposts. We need all kinds of feedback: Did an officer help you? Did an officer treat you unfairly? What's most important is same-day feedback, which can be discussed with law enforcement on playa in a timely fashion. Be sure to obtain as much information as you can for the Feedback Form including the officer's name, agency, vehicle license plate number, badge number, time of day, details of the event, and the names of any witnesses.

Bikes!



AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION: ALWAYS LOCK YOUR PERSONAL BIKE if you want to find it where you left it. The unfortunate reality is that bicycles get stolen because they're unlocked. THE MAIN CAUSE OF BIKE THEFT IS AN UNLOCKED BIKE. This has been the case for years and years. The Community Bike program is not the cause of stolen bikes — there were no more stolen bikes during the first year of this program than there were in previous years. Burning Man is not responsible if your bike gets stolen. The only bikes that should never be locked are GREEN Community Bikes.

LIGHTS LIGHTS LIGHTS!

Make sure you have both front and rear lights on your bike at night for safety.

What are Community Bikes?

A group of volunteer burners from Reno provides a fleet of Community Bikes available for anyone to ride. Community Bikes are easy to spot because they are painted BRIGHT GREEN (with no visible brand and/or the words "Yellow Bike" painted on the frame).



Here's a few things to keep in mind when using a Community Bike:

- Community Bikes are meant for short trips. Grab a community bike, make your trek, and then drop it off where you found it, or leave it in an obvious public place. Do not keep a community bike in your camp.
- NEVER LOCK A COMMUNITY BIKE. The bike camp team will cut any locks from community bikes. Don't bring a Community Bike into your tent or RV, and don't take it home when you leave the playa.
- Community Bikes are for temporary use by anyone without immediate access to their own bike. This is not YOUR loaner bike for the week. Bike rides are only a one-way, temporary guarantee.
- If a Community Bike breaks while you're using it, use Radical Self-Reliance to get it repaired for the next person. Check with Playa Info at Center Camp for a repair camp if you can't Do-It-Yourself (DIY).
- Community Bikes should be treated with respect, as if it was your own. Be nice to the bike. Don't trash it, vandalize it or part it out! It's a shared community resource. And don't forget personal hygiene...pants are required while riding a community bike.

WHEREIN, we offer one last look at some things to remember during your visit to Black Rock City.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

If someone comes into your camp with a Nevada State Health Division uniform and badge please do not be alarmed. Each year the State Health Division is onsite to promote and protect the health of our city. A permit is required if you plan to give away food or beverages to the general public of Black Rock City. Also, large public pools and showers are prohibited. If you'd like more information then stop by the Health Dept. at Playa Info from 9-10am Monday thru Friday, to find out the exact times when a Health Division Representative will be available each day for questions.

☆ Kids ☆

We love burning families. Kids have been present at this event since the very first Man was ignited on Baker Beach in '86, and they're still a valued part of our community. Kidsville is located between Dart & Fairlane and 5:00-5:30, and families are invited to camp in that general area. If you're not already mapped and you are planning distinctly grown-up activities or art, please locate yourself well away from this region of our city.

Volunteering

Where do you go if you want to lend a hand? You've looked around, but you're not seeing any opportunities to help with a project? Come on down to the V-Spot at Playa Information, and get plugged-in on the spot. (Note: by volunteering, you may accidentally meet really incredible people and may also experience an amazing sense of accomplishment and belonging by being a part of making Black Rock City run. Consider yourself warned!)



Found Items

Just like summer camp, mark all your belongings with your name, phone number, and email address. Each year dozens of "found items" that end up at BMHQ cannot be reunited with their owners because they lack identifying info.



EXODUS

Yep, we know you just arrived, but just a reminder: it's safe to say it will take a while to get out of BRC if you leave when everyone else does. First, tune in to BMIR 94.5 for BRC traffic information and the best departure times. If you plan to leave during peak hours (Sunday midday, and again Monday midday) be prepared to be patient and experience a long wait to get to the main road.

Pay careful attention to the flagging teams who are there to keep traffic moving. You must expect some delays — pack a snack, keep water handy and enjoy the slow crawl as a final chance to interact with other citizens and say goodbye to BRC.

If you think you'll skip the line by heading out any "side entrances" or sneaking around to the front of the line, please be aware that doing so is a TICKETABLE OFFENSE, and you will be fined by the Bureau of Land Management, who take this issue very seriously. Be prepared to wait it out, or leave during off hours when roads are clearer.

The end of the event can be an emotional and exhausting time for participants, staff and volunteers alike. Breaking down camp, MOOPing, days of partial sleep and physical exertion can all take their toll and make for some very tired commuters. The Nevada Highway Patrol recently reported that THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS LEAVING THE PLAYA LAST YEAR ON HWY 447 WAS FALLING ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL! We love you, (really!) and we want you to be safe so please make sure that someone is alert and able to drive. You may also consider taking just one extra day (hey, it's just work right?) and staying the night in Reno or some other stop before trying to do the high speed burn all the way to your front door. Whatever you choose...be safe!



The Media Are Here!

And Yet... the Sky Has Not Fallen

See those camera guys over there? Relax. The media have been welcomed as part of the Burning Man experience. But, they are required to register with us, and comport themselves in accordance with an agreement designed to protect your right to express yourself freely. We require that they ask permission and offer you a model release to sign before filming you. We want them to interact with participants and become part of the community, not just breeze in, film the shiny stuff, and breeze out without making a connection.

Media cameras are clearly marked with large, colorful, numbered tags. Camera people should make an effort to identify themselves and reveal their tag number if asked. If you see someone misbehaving with their camera, please report them to a Ranger or at Media Mecca in Center Camp as quickly as possible. To get a look at the two types of camera tags in BRC, swing by Mecca, Playa Info, or a Community Info Kiosk in the Plazas to see our "Camera Tags" poster.

MUTANT VEHICLES



AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Owners of Mutant Vehicles are asked to share their available space with the community while they trek around the city, so you are welcome to approach and ASK PERMISSION to come aboard if there is room...but DO NOT CLIMB ABOARD MOVING VEHICLES, and do not try to disembark unless the vehicle has come to a complete stop. "Hopping on" a moving ride, even at 5 MPH, can quickly turn dangerous, and many of these vehicles are modified in ways that may hamper your attempt to get on and off safely. It's hard to gauge a modified vehicle's ability to maneuver quickly or avoid obstacles at first glance, and the ONLY SAFE WAY to get on and off is to do so while the vehicle is STOPPED. Jumping in front of mutant vehicles on the move is not only stupid but also wildly inadvisable. Some vehicles may have difficulty stopping quickly, not to mention that it's really not any fun (for the driver or passengers) to suddenly slam on the brakes with a giant, fire-breathing, dragon-load of dancing people. Admire the art, but stay out of their path!

SOUND



A few words about WORKING IT OUT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Problems with your neighbors? Music too loud? Have a dialogue and work it out! Peaceful negotiation, polite requests, gifts and the like may all help your cause if there is just too much sound for you at any hour of the day or night. Don't forget that Black Rock City is rockin' 24/7 and your best bet for some silence will be a pair of ear plugs and an eye mask — or a meditative trip to the open playa to soothe your ears and soul.