

BEYOND

BRC

This year, visit all of our outreach groups at The Culture Labs, at 6:15 & Esplanade



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. Come explore what culture means to you under our microscope!

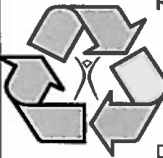
Burners Without Borders (BWB) has emerged as a community-led, grassroots group that addresses gaping needs where existing cultural and societal systems are failing. From disaster relief efforts to community clean-up events and other civic activism, stop by BWB at The Culture Labs to find out how you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

Stop by The Culture Labs to visit Black Rock Solar, and 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.

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, and check out our video project, "52-Week Burn," airing nightly on the Culture Labs' big screen!

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:



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.



BRC Tip Sheet 2009

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 put 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.



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.

Parkit. Leaveit.

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.

The Media Are Here!



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.