



BRTA Newsletter

May 2019

TIME TO ACT.....The BURN is COMING!!

Only 115 days until He Burns...!!! Countdown website: <https://burningman.org/countdown/>
Get organized as Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Playa...get excited and GET DOWN!

The 10 Principals

Our social contract with each other is based on the 10 guiding principals; Know Them/Use Them;

<i>Radical Inclusion</i>	<i>Radical Self-reliance</i>	<i>Civic Responsibility</i>
<i>Giftng</i>	<i>Radical Self-expression</i>	<i>Leaving No Trace</i>
<i>Decommodification</i>	<i>Communal Effort</i>	<i>Participation</i>
		<i>Immediacy...</i>

I ask you today to think upon the bolded principals above as I believe them to be closely related and key to our BRTA community. We all make an enormous effort, some Agents thankfully put in a ridiculous amount, to prepare for our unorthodox yet sacred gathering on the playa.

Communally we cooperatively create and collaborate to Camp...no not just camp but to make each year's Camp better than the last. You owe it to yourself and your fellow Agent to make this effort of *Personal Participation*. Volunteering is the bedrock of these two principals; aka – If you don't Lead then Follow! We ask that each Agent participate in a minimum of 3 work shifts. This year BRTA is tracking the hours Agents gift to the Airport and the City. I believe each Agent should also plan to contribute a camp activity, an event, a happening or some surprising shit that will ADD TO THE BURN! Screw what I believe; what is really important to the Burn is what will YOU DO with your beliefs...about the 10? Plan now as the dust waits for its citizens.

Volunteering

- Galley, needs Chefs but also has many open volunteer time slots for galley help
- BRTA Bar, has open bartender slots, no great experience required less tolerance for rowdiness
- Camp Strike, come on...sitting in line is no fun! Surprise *rewards* for those who stay to Break!
- We have a Team for You:

- Art
- Bar
- BBQ & Cocktail Party
- Beignet Bakery
- Burn Barrel
- Closing (awards:-) ceremony
- Galley
- Leave No Trace (LNT) & MOOP Patrol
- Lighting
- Live Music Stage
- Opening ceremony

Pancake Breakfast
Pea Pod Sanctuary
Plumbing
Power and Electric Grid
Setup
Special Projects
StarPort Concierge
Strike
Swag and Signage
Transportation
Tuesday Meet & Greet

Every BRTA Agent is to sign up for a project and minimum of 3 volunteer shifts.

Tickets

- Kids need tickets too: Kids 12 and under still get in for free with their ticketed parents or legal guardians but need to have their own free print-at-home Kids Ticket. If you're bringing multiple children 12 years old and younger, you'll need a Kids Ticket for each of them.
- OMG Sale registration is 7/24-26, sale begins 7/31 at 12pm PDT <https://tickets.burningman.org/>
- The STEP ticket resale web site is not yet active, date is TBD.
- If your plan to attend does not work out your ticket can be offered to other BRTA Agents. If you need a ticket, or to sell one, then our Agent Google Group is the first place to make known your need, send an e-mail request to BRTA-agents@googlegroups.com What goes around comes around, Yeah!

Camp Placement

We are waiting for BMorg to confirm our Theme Camp placement. When this happens the details of our internal camp plan will be finalized including where each Agent's dusty trusty RV/tent/dome/yurt/igloo etc will be placed. To assure your footprint is assigned and reserved there are two steps you must take: Send in your *Cost Share* of \$100 to the Treasurer as noted below AND fill out a *2019 Agent Details Form* found on the BRTA web site, Can I Join?; <http://blackrocktravelagency.squarespace.com/> Treasurer Sandy Mills, inmywoman@gmail.com; send check to: 13310 Nevada City Ave, Grass Valley CA 95945, or to PayPal account: hello@blackrocktravelagency.com

Galley

Our desert deli is gearing up to sauté breakfast and dinner meals for dusty Agents. Each day a these two meals will be served out of our Nevada State licensed kitchen at a meager cost sharing of \$250 **if you make payment prior to the end of July**. On August 1st the Galley cost will increase to \$300. Please make your meal reservations ASAP! Send Galley Meal Cost Share to BRTA Treasurer Sandy Mills.

New Blood

How does a theme camp stay vibrant, alive and growing? There are many ways to do this but the most effective way is to work hard at gaining and keeping new tribe members. We call ourselves an "Invitation Camp", meaning that camping with us is by invitation only with the intent that new burners will become active contributing BRTA Agents. BRTA now has a process guide for

how we should recruit our new Agents. This guide will be posted soon on the BRTA web site but for now you may contact dtweedie60@gmail.com for a copy if you have an Agent candidate in mind. The process is not too complicated and starts with an existing BRTA Agent sponsoring, being responsible for and acting as mentor to the “Agent Recruit”, for their first year in Camp. We also have a documented process guide for the “Agent Sponsor” which is/will be available. The main purpose of these processes is to assure that the Agent Recruit has a dickens of a good time, that their experience is beneficial to the health of our tribe and that they return year after year to our little corner of the playa out at Pt5.

Art & Fun

-Calling all Leonardos and Michelangelos to submit a 2019 BRTA Design. Our Camp needs a logo-ish design to be used in various places and on swag objects such as cups, cozies, flags and tattoos. We have several submitted already but need more to select the best from. Get your honey, your neighbor, the school art club or that person you will meet at the club tonight to create a simple yet decidedly clever design appropriate for our Camp. Please submit before May 28th to; brta.arts@gmail.com

-Do you have an Airport Art project that you would like to present, build or perform at the Burn? Get your creative plan drafted ASAP and to BiG Timmy at; brta.arts@gmail.com

Airport TED

BRTA will start a new entertainment series called “GTO” for Guest Technical Oratory. We are looking for speakers to present interesting and provocative ideas on our Spaceport stage during happy hour. These echnical/entertainment/design talks can be literally on any subject but would be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes as this is in excess of our average Agent attention span...

Consent

Having fun at Pt5 is what makes us all return to the dust again and again. Being fearful, hurt or intimidated by someone is not fun. Consent is so easy to do and gets us to that shared fun which can be intimate and without loss of respect for someone. Our BRTA culture is to be kind and respectful with open communication of our thoughts, lets do this always. Asking before action prevents assuming consent and assures that all participating understand. This means that:

- “yes” means yes
- “no” means no
- intoxicated does not mean yes
- sometimes being quiet or still also means no
- “maybe” means no
- saying “yes” after being convinced can also mean no

Below are some guidelines adapted from the [Bureau of Erotic Discourse](#), which we’d like our BRTA Theme Camp to adopt in letter and in spirit.

1. Always ask before touching,
2. Respect your partner's desires and boundaries.
3. Do not have sex with an intoxicated or stoned person...
4. Card your partner...they may not be as old as you assume...
5. If you hear or see one of our campmates in trouble, step in and ask if they need help!

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