

# Flaming Cheese Burn – Survival Guide 2025



Welcome to Wisconsin's fourth FLAMING CHEESE event based on the 10+1 Principles of Burning Man!

If you are new to all things burner-y, this Survival Guide will help you learn about the quaint and quirky ways Burners do things, and the Dos and Don'ts and features of this particular Burn. If you're already dusty, a lot of this is familiar, however every event has its own flavor – and our flavor is pretty cheesy! – so please review our policies and recommendations to have a fabulous time.

First and foremost: Everyone coming to Flaming Cheese Burn is a participant – not an attendee, and not a spectator. All participants collaborate and contribute in some way to make the event special. The event is organized and run entirely by volunteers. Art and performances and happenings are created by the participants.

Each participant is responsible for their own self-expression and their own experience while respecting each other's boundaries. We observe the 11<sup>th</sup> Principle of Consent – ask for and receive clear and specific permission before any activity affecting other people. This is an experiment in a gifting economy, with no concession stands, no cash transactions – even bartering is discouraged.

This is a Leave No Trace event with no garbage cans or dumpsters. Bring what you need, gift what you want to, take all your stuff and trash home with you.

Expect nothing, bring everything, be amazed!

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## THE 10 PRINCIPLES

Burning Man co-founder Larry Harvey wrote the 10 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.

**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:** 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 their 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.

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**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

We value the transformative experience of sensual and consensual touch, play, and interaction. We believe that Consent plays a vital part in our connectivity and community. Our vision is that all parties participate in an encounter from a place of enthusiasm and autonomy. Consent must be mutual and explicitly granted from an individual who is over 18 and clearly in a state of mind to be able to grant it.

Consent is FRIES:

- ⇒ Freely given: Not obtained by emotional blackmail, coercion, or under pressure.
- ⇒ Reversible: Once Consent is given, it can be retracted at any time, without requiring a reason.
- ⇒ Informed: You know what you are getting into, understand the entire situation and the possible outcomes, risks, rewards.
- ⇒ Enthusiastic: Consent is only an ENTHUSIASTIC Yes. Not “Maybe”. Not “I guess so”. Not “I’ll give in”.
- ⇒ Specific: When you said Yes to THIS, it doesn’t mean you also agreed to THAT.

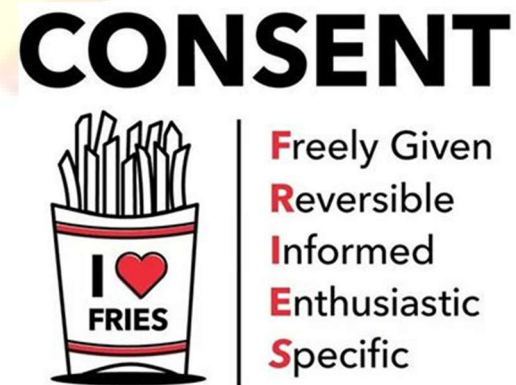
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## Enthusiastic Consent applies to more than just sexual encounters:

- **Hugs/Touch:** Just because you hugged someone yesterday doesn't mean you can surprise them with a hug today. "Surprise contact" isn't always wanted, even if it's affectionate.
- **Sex:** Consent can be revoked once it's been given.
- **Kink:** Consent for one thing isn't consent for another. If I said you can spank me, that doesn't give you permission to grope me.
- **Gifts:** Disclose what is in your gifts, even if it's just essential oils. Some people have sensitivities.
- **Foods:** Disclose the ingredients; one person's innocuous ingredient can be someone else's allergy.
- **Other substances:** Disclose EVERYTHING that is in the food, drink, or substance you are offering to someone. Dosing is a crime.
- **Photography:** Ask and obtain permission before taking photos or video. Remember that Consent to take a photo is NOT Consent to post it on your blog. See Photo / Media / Drone Policy.
- **Private spaces:** Do not enter without Consent.
- **Private property:** Do not take people's food and belongings without permission.

## Failing to respect another participant's boundaries may subject you to removal from the event.

Please also see: Safety and Notification System, pages 22-23



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## GETTING THERE

**WHEN:** June 5 - 8, 2025

**WHERE:** Sweetwood Temenos, 10556 Cornell Dr, Viola, WI 54664

Estimated distance/time from. . .

- Cedar Rapids: 154 mi / 3:10
- Chicago: 213 mi / 3:50
- Des Moines: 262 mi / 4:45
- Dubuque: 91 mi / 1:50
- Green Bay: 177 mi / 3:30
- Madison: 85 mi / 1:50
- Milwaukee: 162 mi / 2:50
- Minneapolis: 213 mi / 3:25
- Racine: 180 mi / 3:40
- Rochester: 119 mi / 2:10

## GATE HOURS

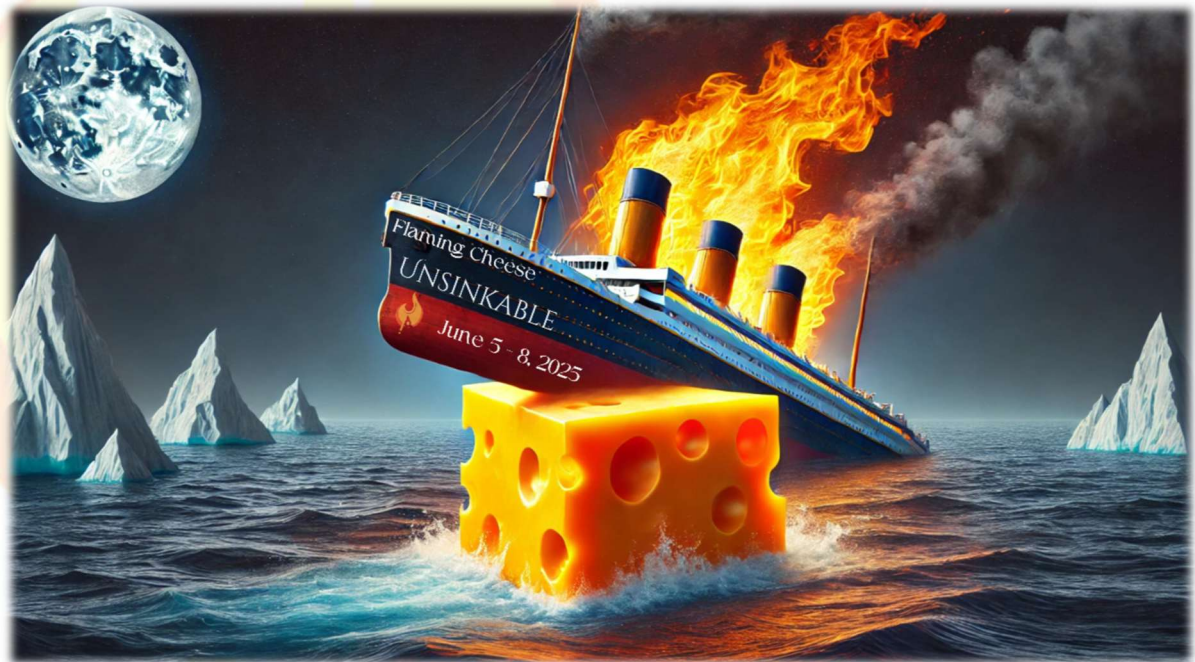
Thursday June 5: 10 am – 10 pm

Friday June 6: 10 am – 10 pm

Saturday June 7: Closed.

Sunday June 8: Skedaddle!

**NO ENTRY outside posted hours**



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## PARKING

If you plan to camp in an RV, bring an Art Car, place your vehicle in a Theme Camp, request ADA accommodation to camp and/or for a Service Animal, or have other parking needs, please register in advance (online). There is no fee.

Tent camping? No need to register. You will be able to pull your vehicle up near your campsite to load/unload – two-hour limit, then move your car to the designated parking area. Your parked car may be visible from the public road, so we suggest you do not leave certain items [cough cough] in plain view.

## VOLUNTEER!

Flaming Cheese Burn is powered by our volunteers; no one gets paid. Please volunteer for at least one shift – it's a great way to participate and make new best friends! We make the party; we ARE the party!

Volunteering for 8 hours gains you the guaranteed chance to buy a Directed Ticket next year.

*Volunteers are sexy!*

## TICKETING

Flaming Cheese Burn is run by volunteers. Ticket sales help cover event expenses, such as site rental fees and porta-potties, and will help fund future art grants. Please do not ask for a comped or free volunteer ticket.



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## NO TICKETS SOLD AT GATE.

Each person in your vehicle or group must have their own ticket, including each child. You must bring your photo ID and ticket with you to enter Gate. Digital format ticket is fine. The name on each ticket must match the name on photo ID for each person age 18 and over.

All participants will be given one of three wristbands based on their age: Age 21 and over, Age 18 and over but under 21, and Under 18. Wristbands must be worn throughout the event.

Plan for a single-entry, single-exodus experience. If you must leave the event, you cannot return.

Tickets are transferable before the event. You may sell your ticket, but not for more than you paid. Profiting from the re-sale of your ticket will result in a revocation and ban.

## Refund Policy:

There are NO REFUNDS for Flaming Cheese Burn, for any reason. If the event does not take place, for any reason, the ticket will be transferred to the next future Flaming Cheese event.

## COVID POLICY – updated June 1, 2023

Following the Principle of Civic Responsibility, Flaming Cheese Burn and its sponsor Twisted Kindling LLC are committed to the health and safety of our community and participants. We will closely monitor latest developments and local, state, and federal guidelines regarding Covid. The Covid Policy is subject to change as conditions warrant. We encourage washing hands frequently, wearing face masks, and social distancing.

## BEFORE YOU COME ~~~

Please have everyone in your group test themselves for Covid at home before departing for the event. Don't come if you're sick or test positive.

## DURING THE EVENT ~~~

If you develop symptoms or test positive during the event, promptly seek assistance from the Medic team. Please respect the personal boundaries of participants who choose to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

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## CHILDREN WELCOME!

Flaming Cheese Burn is a radically inclusive, all-ages, family-friendly event. Participants under age 18 are minors and are the responsibility of and must be accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or an appointed adult at all times during event, with responsible parenting. See Alcohol Policy for special restrictions and allowances for participants under age 21.

## ENVIRONMENT

Flaming Cheese Burn is in Wisconsin in June, so there could be cold, heat, rain, wind, sun, mud, and (hopefully not!) snow.

Mosquitos and other bugs co-exist with humans in this space. Tall grass might mean ticks, although the property is treated to prevent them.

Wisconsin wildlife includes black bear, fox, coyote, bobcat, racoon, turkey, and deer. Interaction with wildlife isn't expected as the noise of the event will likely keep them away.

## TOILETS & PORTA-POTTIES

If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! NO BABY WIPES!!!

Use only single-ply toilet paper. Normal TP can clog the toilets, septic, and/or the porta-potty cleaning machines. Trash in the toilets will prevent them from flushing or getting pumped out properly and will threaten the viability of the event.

Don't leave stuff lying on the floors of the bathrooms, porta-potties, or around the outside, either.

Lastly, the land is a delicate ecosystem and sacred to the Pagan site owners. Do not use it as a toilet.



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## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Principle of Radical Self-Reliance calls for you to be responsible for your basic needs (food, water, shelter), your safety, and your wellbeing the entire time of your stay.

### What you **MUST** bring:

- Food, water, shelter, sleeping bag/blankets, dishes, appropriate clothing
- Potable water is available on-site; you will need a container to carry it in. We recommend 1 gallon of water per person per day (for drinking, food prep., etc.).
- Always keep a bottle of water with you!
- All required prescriptions, contact lens supplies, toiletries, etc.
- First aid kit
- Single-ply toilet paper
- Flashlights – headlamps are very useful
- Garbage bags and zipper-type baggies (more than enough for all of your garbage – it's good to bring extra for MOOP that accumulates).
- Can or bottle opener
- Extra batteries or solar chargers for EVERYTHING
- A cup. You don't need money, but you do need a cup!
- A whole bunch of common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude.

### What you may want to bring:

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- Camp chair, because you can't dance the entire time!
- Treats and gifts, blinky lights, toys, magical fabulousness, handmade and heartfelt and super cool stuff to share – anything you think would make things more fun for the people you meet.
- Costumes for you, and decorations for everything!
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Rain hat, rain gear
- Insect and tick repellent
- Insect bite and sunburn treatment/medication
- Shade and/or rain structures
- Cooler(s) with ice for your perishable foods and beverages. Bring lots of ice!
- A cooking stove
- Fuel for stoves, generators, etc.
- A fine strainer for gray water
- Earplugs / eye-mask, since not everyone will sleep when you want to ;-)
- Watertight protective bags, like heavy-duty zipper-type bags, for cameras, electronic gear, etc.
- Rope, string, duct tape, zip-ties, bungees
- Simple tool kit, sewing kit, scissors.
- Abundant amounts of whatever makes your life better: beer, bacon, chocolate, coffee, smiles
- If your favorite beverage is available in a can, get that version rather than bottles. Cans can be crushed for easier pack-out and recycling.

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## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- **NO FIREARMS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED. Violators will be removed from the event.**
- NO fireworks
- NO outside firewood
- NO illegal substances
- NO pets: Anyone attempting to bring a pet will be turned away at the Gate. See ADA Accommodation.
- Avoid glass; transfer liquids to plastic containers or use cans.



## LEAVING NO TRACE

Flaming Cheese Burn is a Leave No Trace event. There will be NO garbage services – take ALL your own trash away when you leave!

Beware of MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). To avoid MOOP and MOOPING, don't let it hit the ground! Please pick up any MOOP you come across, anytime, anywhere.

Here are some Leave No Trace guidelines:

- Create a LNT plan and do frequent MOOP sweeps.
- Plan room in your car for trash to go home. Bring contractor bags to protect your car from trash, mud, and wet tents!

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- Avoid glitter, sequins, and feathers – they create MOOP.
- Reduce trash and MOOP by removing packaging at home before you come to burn.
- Bring cans instead of bottles! Beer and soda cans can be squashed down for a smaller trash pack-out.
- Rethink your food portions; you'll probably need less than you think.
- Single-use, non-rechargeable glowsticks are discouraged – please use battery-operated devices instead.
- Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground OR INTO THE FIRE. Carry a portable ashtray with you – an empty breath-mint tin works well.
- Add a zipper-type baggie to your pocket or bag to collect trash and MOOP you see as you wander.
- Do not leave stuff in or around the toilets or at another camp. You're responsible for everything you bring and carry!
- Pack out everything you bring. Be aware of very small items – Leave No Trace really does mean NO trace. Be conscious of spare nails or smaller trash particles like cigarette butts, nut shells, apple cores, and used toilet paper.
- Clean your entire campsite and surrounding areas before you leave.
- Fill in any holes you made before you leave the event.
- Do MOOP sweeps of your camp all weekend long, and a final MOOP sweep before you go.
- Do not dump your trash along the way home! Take it alllllll the way home, to your own trash bin.



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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Used toilet paper cardboard rolls containing an anti-tick substance are scattered around the site. Please leave them in place

**THEY LOOK LIKE THIS →**



## **GIFTING ECONOMY**

Gifting is one of the 10 Principles, and it means that everything being offered by a camp is free. Gifts are given without the expectation of anything in return.

Bartering is discouraged!

Gifts can be anything from a helping hand to a hug, a button or sticker, to batteries for your air bed pump. A theme camp bar will never charge for drinks.

**BRING A CUP** to take from camp to camp with you – camps **DO NOT** provide cups! A plastic mug that attaches to a belt loop with a carabiner works great!

Gifting does not mean you are entitled to anything. It's only a gift when offered freely; taking something because you want it is still theft. Please be respectful of people and their things. Consent includes asking for and receiving permission before touching, using, or taking other people's belongings.

Any gift may be freely refused.

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## VENDING & CONCESSIONS

In the spirit of the Principle of Decommodification, the sale or promotion of products and services is prohibited within our community. Sale of handmade items and food items is not allowed for any reason. The display of commercial logos or banners, or distribution of commercial promotional items or materials is also prohibited.

## ADA ACCOMMODATION & SERVICE ANIMALS

Flaming Cheese Burn aims to be radically inclusive. Any participant who needs special accommodation, special placement of their RV or camper, is bringing a Service Animal, or who has another special need, is encouraged to contact Placement in advance through the website (preferred) or to make their needs known upon arrival at the Gate.

Service Animals, as defined by the ADA, are allowed, but we still suggest they be left at home. Comfort and emotional support animals are NOT allowed.

From the ADA: Service animals are dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks with people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets. Service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

[https://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.htm](https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm)

If the Service Animal's behavior is out of control and the owner does not take effective action to control it, they will be asked to remove the animal from the premises.

## LAWS STILL APPLY

Familiarize yourself all local, state, and federal laws as you would in any municipality. For example, marijuana and its products are not legal in Wisconsin. Law enforcement is not expected at the event, but please be respectful if you see any. We wish for positive interactions with law enforcement. *Fire burns, sharp things cut, you cannot fly.*



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## **RANGERS - FIRST AID - EMERGENCIES - SANCTUARY**

In case of an emergency or any questions, find any Event Coordinator, Ranger, Medic, or Lead with a radio, and they will help you or call for assistance!

Rangers will be on duty. Rangers are not cops and they are not your mom. They are trained volunteers who are there to help you and to resolve conflict via the FLAME method: Find out, Listen, Analyze, Mediate, Explain. By encouraging and facilitating communication, Rangers promote awareness of potential hazards, from sunstroke to tent fires. They can help if a minor disagreement is escalating, if your friend is having a freak-out, and if a creep is bothering you. Look for the folks with Ranger identification and wearing khaki clothing, or call “RANGER!” or ask anyone with a radio to send them.

Medics, some of whom are trained health care professionals, will be on duty to administer First Aid. Try to be self-reliant for minor issues. But if you are not feeling well, have Covid symptoms, need a tick removed, are dehydrated, etc., come to the Medic tent or ask someone with a radio to send help.

Sanctuary is available if you are triggered, anxious, overstimulated, overwhelmed, or just need a quiet, safe space.

## **ALCOHOL POLICY**

Alcohol is permitted; disruptive drunken behavior is not.

Bring your photo ID, which is required for entry and will be checked at the Gate.

Participants over age 21 will be given an Over 21 wristband – not wearing your wristband may prevent you from having access to alcohol and may lead to expulsion from the event.

Camps or groups that supply alcohol must have a “bartender” or someone responsible for the alcohol present at all times! No alcohol should be left in the open and unattended. It is the responsibility of those serving alcohol to check for the Over 21 wristband and to not serve any alcohol to those without it.

A quirk in Wisconsin’s drinking age laws allows those under age 21 to legally drink alcohol when accompanied by a parent, guardian, or spouse of legal drinking age.

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Notwithstanding, Flaming Cheese Burn Alcohol Policy prohibits camps and groups from serving alcohol to anyone without an Over 21 wristband. Rather, alcohol may be served to the Over 21 parent or legal guardian or spouse only, letting that person decide whether to give it to their accompanied under 21 child or spouse. Beyond this specific scenario, underage drinking will not be tolerated and is grounds for removal from the event.

## NUDITY & SEX POLICY

Nudity is considered a form of radical self-expression, and is allowed. Sweetwood Temenos is a licensed clothing-optional campground. All participants are expected to educate themselves on proper etiquette with regards to nudity. If you are bringing minor children with you to the event, please prepare them accordingly.

However, nudity and costuming are NOT invitations to touch; Consent still applies no matter what someone is or isn't wearing. Please review the 11th Principle of Consent in its entirety. Sex acts, defined as the touching of genitals or anus, are NOT EVER allowed with minor children, in public spaces, or in the Bath House. For outdoor fun, hang a sheet or set up a screen for privacy.

***Being nude is fine – being lewd is not!***

## FIRE & GENERATOR POLICY

Be advised, we can by no means guarantee that we will be able to burn anything, because the State and/or County may issue a comprehensive burn ban. In addition, the area that the Flaming Cheese Burn is being held has grass and trees and woods and farms, and an uncontrolled fire can have devastating consequences for participants and property owners. Take this seriously – fire can put the lives and property of many people at risk.

Any fuels, including generator fuel, must be kept at a minimum of 15 feet from any fire source.

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**GENERATORS:** are not allowed in the Woods / Open Camping areas. Generators in non-wooded areas are allowed but must be vented up and away from tents and structures, and must not cause a noise nuisance. Please use a baffle that is not easily flammable to reduce noise. Have a 5-lb. ABC fire extinguisher on hand.

**FIREWOOD:** Please do not bring firewood to FCB, due to the emerald ash borer quarantine. Only use firewood available on-site.

**CAMPFIRES:** Personal campsite fires are permitted. In the Woods / Open Camping area, use only the fire rings on-site. In the non-wooded area, use a raised firepit. Fires must be attended at all times! Have a 5-lb. fire extinguisher or 5-gal. bucket of water on hand. Please mark your fire ring in such a way that it is visible in the dark and does not create a hazard. Do not put anything other than wood or cardboard into fires – NOT EVEN CIGARETTE BUTTS, as these can make the ashes toxic.

**SMOKING:** If a burn ban is in effect, smoking may be restricted to designated areas. You can check the fire or burn ban status online, however please note that Flaming Cheese Burn's fire status may differ to be more restrictive. FAST or Ranger volunteers will have the most accurate information.

**FIREWORKS / PYROTECHNICS:** Prohibited without explicit prior approval by Fire Arts Safety Team (F.A.S.T.).

**FIRE ART:** The Fire Arts Safety Team (F.A.S.T.) works to mitigate risks and prevent injury to event participants. FAST requires that event participants register with us in advance for all fire art, including art installations with fire or flame, effigies and art pieces to be burned, flame effects, "poofers", fire art performances, and open fires not covered by the campfire policy. All such fire art requires advance registration by applicants at least 1 month prior to the start of the event, completion of a pre-event phone interview to discuss the applicant's art and safety plan, and an onsite inspection. Any fire art deemed unsafe will be shut down.

**FIRE PERFORMERS: !! IMPORTANT !! ANY PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO PERFORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY PERSONAL PERFORMANCE LIABILITY INSURANCE!!** All participants are welcome to spin fire at their own risk, as long as proper safety procedures are followed. Performers are strongly encouraged to use the designated performance area located near Center Camp, where safety equipment and a fully stocked fuel depot dip

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station will be available between 9 pm and 1 am. Performers must bring their own safety and fuel (white gas and lamp oil only) and are recommended to provide their own insurance and pull certificates of insurance (COIs) specific to the event. Those that want to set up their own fire spinning area must contact the FAST team in advance and schedule a Fuel Station equipment check by FAST team on Friday evening. All performers and safeties must be sober during performances.

**CONCLAVE:** Before the effigy burn on Saturday night, fire performers warm up the crowd in a free-flowing tradition known as Conclave. Want to add your passion and special flare to Conclave? Want to spin fire and shake your booty with your friends at the base of the effigy? If you answered Yes, AWESOME! Everyone is welcome to be a part of Conclave, however **any participants wishing to perform with fire props will be required to carry personal performance liability insurance. This does not apply to LED tools.** All fire performers looking to participate in Conclave will need to attend the Fire Safety Training.

***Do NOT perform with fire in the Woods / Open Camping areas. Violation of the fire rules is grounds for removal from the event.***

## SOUND POLICY

Please keep your neighbors in mind. Sound from any camp must not disrupt adjacent camps.

Sound systems are limited to certain areas of our event and must be registered in advance as a Theme Camp. Sound systems in your camp must be held to reasonable levels. 100dB is the maximum limit for any sound.

**QUIET HOURS:** Thursday and Friday nights 12 am to 10 am, and Saturday night (Sunday morning) 3 am to 10 am. No sound above a conversation level (60dB) is allowed during this time. You may be asked to turn it lower than the posted limits.

If sound problems continue after a warning, the power source or audio equipment will be removed for the duration of the event.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY / MEDIA / DRONE POLICY

While Flaming Cheese Burn will be exciting and wondrous, and while for some burners photographic art is a form of radical self-expression, all participants must adhere to this Policy:

- “Media” means any form of photograph, recording, filming, or image, be that sketch art to Virtual Reality simulation. This definition is meant to be as all- inclusive as possible.
- The 11th Principle of Consent applies: Do not take, share, distribute, publish, or post any media of any identifiable person without their prior clear and explicit consent, or of anything that could be intrusive of someone’s privacy (nudity, private acts, illegal acts).
- Destroy any media at a subject’s request, even if prior consent had been granted.
- No media during an event or in a camp that has announced or posted signs saying “No Photos”.
- Media is for personal use only. “Personal use” means to share with friends and family; display on personal websites (as long as your website does not sell any other product or service); display on photo-sharing websites; and sharing on social media (such as Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) within your immediate network of friends and family.
- No media may be used for commercial purposes.
- No logos of Burning Man, Flaming Cheese Burn, or any association with our gathering may be used for commercial purposes.
- Drones that record media must be registered in advance with Twisted Kindling, LLC, and may only be used during the Effigy Burn.
- All participants present at the Effigy Burn give implicit Consent to be recorded in Media and should plan accordingly. All other policies still apply.
- Report problems to a Ranger or Event Coordinator.
- Remove images from distribution if requested by Twisted Kindling, LLC.

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## SAFETY

***Immediately inform a Ranger or Event Coordinator if you see a potential safety hazard.***

You are responsible for your own actions, safety, and well-being. You're encouraged to help keep others and your neighborhood safe. We assume no responsibility for the consequences of your actions. *You might die.* :)

**Light up the night:** Put some lights on it! You, your tent, your stuff. Don't leave anything in the dark that could become a hazard. Be seen! No darkwads!

## IF SOMEONE IS MAKING YOU FEEL UNSAFE ~~~

### Refuse

- Shout "NO!" at the top of your lungs. This gets people's attention faster and more certainly than "Help!".
- Let go of being nice. The person making you feel unsafe is not being nice. They may be unaware, or they may be deliberately causing trouble, but either way, use your words, and, if necessary, your hands to make your refusal perfectly clear.

### Rally support

- Holler "RANGER!" or go find a Ranger.
- If there are any bystanders, loudly call for them to intervene, assist you, or go get more help.

### Report

- To a Ranger. You can bind them to confidentiality if you want.
- To a Consent Lead
- To an Event Coordinator or the Code of Conduct Committee.

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## Recover

- You deserve help in the moment and afterwards. You have every right to ask for it and seek it out.
- No one needs to do any of this alone. You can ask a friend or campmate to help you find support, or simply accompany you.
- Support systems at the FCB will include but not be limited to: Rangers, Medics,
- Consent Leads. Sanctuary is available inside the Medic tent.
- Not every difficult experience will hit you all at once. Recognize that you may need help later, or post-burn. Again, seek out whatever resources or help you might need.
- Not every experience will hit you in time to report it during the burn, particularly if you have any kind of trauma history. Please be sure to contact the Consent Leads, Rangers, or Code of Conduct Committee after the burn so that we have a record of your experience and can help you as you seek out resources to help yourself.

## ***IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN AN UNSAFE SITUATION, INTERVENE ~~~***

**Direct:** Be direct. Call out or intervene in the bad behavior directly.

**Distract:** Interrupt the situation by changing the subject, pulling someone away, or making up an excuse for y'all to leave.

**Delegate:** Enlist help. Ask friends to help out, or take a strength-in-numbers approach. Have someone call for Rangers.

## **NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

We care about our Burn, but even more about our Burners. We have systems in place to protect all attendees: Gate, FAST, Rangers, Consent Committee, Consent Training, and the Event Coordinators. We want to go a step further.

Removing people or enacting Sanctions is an option, but not always the best one.

Sometimes people are harmed and they don't want those steps taken. But they would like to prepare themselves in case the person that caused them harm is in attendance.

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We can help. If you would like to be notified if a certain person arrives at Flaming Cheese Burn, here are the steps to follow:

1. Send an email to [ec@fcburn.com](mailto:ec@fcburn.com).
2. Include your name and a contact point: cell phone or email.
3. Include the name of the Person of Concern.
4. Keep your device near you at the event. We will notify you if they arrive.
5. Develop your Personal Safety Plan.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** This email will be seen by only one person. Your name will be seen only by the email account holder and the Ranger in charge on that shift (Khaki). All involved are trained in dealing with Confidential matters.

This Notification System exists for those who want to put a Personal Safety Plan in place. Such a plan might include letting your campmates know to watch out for the person who caused harm, adjusting your party plans so that you can remain aware of your surroundings, staying with a buddy, and/or flagging down a Ranger and giving them a friendly heads-up.

The Notification System is NOT for those who feel an attendee should not be at the Burn. In that case, PLEASE let the Rangers or Event Coordinators know and we will take action.

This is NOT for personal disagreements. We are not trying to interfere in your personal lives. The Notification System is for those who have safety concerns and would like to keep themselves safe.

We have discussed the Notification System with a number of people who deal regularly with Consent issues, and all have agreed this is a step in the right direction. It's not perfect, and it won't guarantee a problem-free event. But we feel it can provide another layer of protection, and we want that for everyone. Please give your feedback to the Consent Committee or Event Coordinators



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## LOST & FOUND

Is at Center Camp!

## IMPORTANT LINKS

Flaming Cheese Burn ticketing website: <https://tickets.fcburn.com>

Instagram: FlamingCheeseBurn – Tag your photos with #flamingcheeseburn

Burning Man: <https://burningman.org>

10 Principles: <https://burningman.org/about/10-principles/>

11th Principle of Consent: <https://11thprincipleconsent.org>

## ABOUT FLAMING CHEESE BURN

Flaming Cheese Burn is an event based on the 10 Principles of Burning Man plus the 11th Principle of Consent, bringing people together to spark collaboration and creativity, produce and perform art, and inspire a sense of culture, community, and civic participation. FCB is art-centered, family-friendly, and radically inclusive.

It is run entirely by volunteers. Event fees raise funds for event infrastructure and for art projects, which are administered through grants to artists and performers.

Read more at <https://fcburn.org>

Flaming Cheese Burn is a Wisconsin-based arts and culture event sponsored by Twisted Kindling, LLC, a Limited Liability Corporation in good standing with the IRS and the State of Minnesota which aims to achieve 501(c)3 status in the future.

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