

ABOUT TOAST!

WE ARE NOT A RAVE OR RAVE-TYPE EVENT.

WE CREATE COMMUNITY THROUGH CREATIVE INTERACTION AND A GIFT ECONOMY. WE DON'T HIRE ENTERTAINMENT. YOU ARE THE ENTERTAINMENT! PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY — NO SPECTATORS! BE YOURSELF OR BE SOMEONE ELSE! **TOAST!** IS WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS CREATE WITHIN THE CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES OF A GIFT ECONOMY AND RADICAL SELF EXPRESSION.

NEW TO THE AZBURNERS?

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND READ OUR **CORE VALUES** SO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW WE SOCIALIZE AS A GROUP. ALSO BE SURE TO **READ THE BACK OF YOUR TICKET.**

COME PREPARED.

TOAST! IS HELD ON **PRIVATE PROPERTY** IN A HOSTILE DESERT ENVIRONMENT. CLOSEST SERVICES ARE ABOUT 30 MILES AWAY. THE ONLY SERVICE PROVIDED IS **PORTO-POTTIES.**

WE DO **NOT** PROVIDE ANYTHING ELSE:

- NO FOOD
- NO WATER
- NO TRASH DISPOSAL
- NO ELECTRICITY
- NO GASOLINE
- NO MEDICAL SERVICES
- NO HIRED ENTERTAINMENT

YOU **MUST** COMPLETELY PROVIDE FOR YOURSELF:

- FOOD AND BEVERAGES
- WATER
- SHELTER
- FIRST AID
- WARM CLOTHING
- WARM BEDDING
- GARBAGE BAGS
- YOUR OWN GARBAGE REMOVAL
- FUEL FOR STOVES OR GENERATORS
- FLASHLIGHT OR HEADLAMP
- PERSONAL OR CAMP GLOW/LIGHTS
- ENTERTAINMENT

WE ARE **NOT** PROVIDING SHELTER, FOOD, OR WATER FOR YOU TO SURVIVE DURING THIS EVENT. EVENING TEMPERATURES ARE QUITE CHILLY, SOMETIMES WITH RAIN OR SNOW, OR COLD ENOUGH TO FREEZE WATER. BRING A COAT, WARM CLOTHES AND BEDDING.

HELPFUL LINKS

MORE ABOUT TOAST: www.toast-town.org
DIRECTIONS: www.toast-town.org/toast/page.php?3
HELP FOR FIRST-TIMERS: <http://azburners.org/newbie.htm>
DISCUSSION LIST: Azburners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

CORE VALUES

WHEN ATTENDING REGIONAL FUNCTIONS THE AZBURNERS PRACTICE A FEW CORE VALUES.

LEAVE NO TRACE. PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.

Clean up after your self. Leave nothing behind. Pick up any MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). Also, we ask that you take the time to look around and be prepared to clean up something another burner might have missed. Use **YOUR OWN** trash receptacle at a remote event (like **TOAST!**) and take it home with you.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY AND THAT OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.

Trashing someone's home during a gathering or tossing trash, cups, bottles and cigarette butts on the ground or floor is a **BIG NO.**

ACCEPTANCE OF OTHER CULTURES AND LIFESTYLES IS REQUIRED.

We celebrate the differences between us but in the end we are all Burners. Individuality and radical self expression is part of the culture of Burning Man.

NO MEANS NO. HAVE RESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S PERSONAL BOUNDARIES.

Just because someone is naked or partially so does **NOT** mean they want to have sex with you, or that they want "Touch". You must treat everyone with respect and dignity even if we are silly looking and act weird.

NEVER, EVER ATTEMPT TO DRIVE HOME INTOXICATED, EVEN JUST SLIGHTLY SO.

If you have had too much to drink and need a place to sleep it off there is always someone who can help you out or give you a ride home, just ask!

VIOLENT BEHAVIOR AGAINST OTHERS IS NOT PERMITTED.

If you have issues with someone leave the area, or ask the hosts or event security to intervene and resolve the dispute in a nonviolent way.

ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION TO TAKE PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF NAKED PEOPLE FOR PERSONAL OR PRIVATE USE. You must never place those images on a public website without their permission.

IT IS NEVER OK TO SELL IMAGES OR VIDEOS OF REGIONAL EVENTS.

Do not publish images of our events without written permission of the event hosts, planers and people photographed.

WE PRACTICE A GIFT ECONOMY.

Offering items and services for sale at regional events is **PROHIBITED.** Vending and commercial activity are **NOT** allowed.

NO SPECTATORS. PARTICIPATE — DON'T SPECTATE.

Create and share.

REFRAIN FROM CREATING CLIQUES.

Obviously we all have close Burner friends we enjoy being with more than others. Include yourself, include others and you will make life long friends. Remember at one point we were all Newbies.

TOAST WELCOMES THE STRANGER.

HOWEVER WE EXPECT ALL ATTENDEES TO UNDERSTAND AND ABIDE BY THESE VALUES. WE ALSO EXPECT YOU AS AN ATTENDEE AND PARTICIPANT TO **EDUCATE ALL THOSE WHO COME WITH YOU** ABOUT THE TOPICS IN THIS HANDOUT. ALTHOUGH WE WELCOME THE STRANGER WE ARE IN NO WAY REQUIRED TO TOLERATE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT RESPECT OUR CULTURE.

OBNOXIOUS, OUT OF CONTROL, OR ABUSIVE PEOPLE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE EVENT.

AS WELL AS THOSE WHO FAIL TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EVICT ANYONE AT ANYTIME, WITH NO REFUND.

POTTY TALK

THIS **TOAST!** MARKS THE FIRST BASE LEVEL TICKET INCREASE IN 5 YEARS. THE DIRECT CAUSE OF THAT INCREASE IS PEOPLE MISUSING THE PORTO-POTTIES AS GARBAGE CANS. POTTY QUOTES THIS YEAR STARTED AT \$3000, PLUS EXTRA COSTS FOR CLEANING FEES. THE CHOICE IS YOURS TO HELP US MAKE THIS EVENT WORK. IF NOT, WE ALL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIGHER TICKET PRICES AND EVENT RESTRICTIONS.

IF IT WASN'T MADE BY YOUR BODY, KEEP IT OUT OF THE POTTY!!!

WHAT **CAN** GO IN THE POTTY:

- PEE
- POO
- POTTY PAPER (TOILET PAPER)

WHAT CAN **NOT** GO IN THE POTTY:

- NO BOTTLES OR CANS
- NO PLASTIC OR PAPER CUPS
- NO LIDS OR BOTTLECAPS
- NO FOOD
- NO TOYS, BLINKIES, OR GLOW
- NO CONDOMS
- NO TAMPONS OR PADS
- NO PACKAGING OR WRAPPERS
- NO GARBAGE OF ANY KIND

PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. ALL OF IT.

TAKE A POTTY POUCH TO STORE YOUR USED ITEMS AND GARBAGE. BRING PLENTY OF GARBAGE BAGS TO PACK OUT ALL OF YOUR WASTE. KEEP A MOOP BAG WITH YOU, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, TO QUICKLY STASH TRASH WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO TREK BACK TO YOUR CAMP. PLAN FOR WINDY CONDITIONS: DON'T BRING ITEMS THAT SHED, SHRED, OR SCATTER.

RESPECT THE VENUE.

TOAST! has been held on private land in Witch Well, AZ for many years. We are extremely fortunate to have a venue that offers so much freedom at a low cost. If we had changed venues this year the ticket price would have doubled and/or huge restrictions applied: no open fires, no loud noises at night, no kids. One location even wanted us to pay for police on site.

Each person who ignores the **TOAST!** guidelines puts the event at risk. So respect the venue and the property owners. Don't leave garbage or belongings behind. Don't abuse the potties. If you are bringing someone who is not familiar with Burner events it is your responsibility to educate them about what to expect and what not to do.

HOW TO MAKE THE EVENT BETTER:

EDUCATE IF YOU INVITE

REACH OUT TO NEW OR UNFAMILIAR PEOPLE

**SPEND A FEW MINUTES EACH DAY
ON MOOP PATROL**
EVEN IF THE TRASH IS NOT YOUR OWN

PLAN TIME FOR CLEAN-UP
SCHEDULE 15 MIN. FOR EACH CAMP MEMBER
TO DE-MOOP THE SITE BEFORE YOU LEAVE