



Village of PolyParadise Placement 8:15 & Encantado

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## Welcome to PolyParadise – 2023

PolyParadise celebrates its **25<sup>th</sup>** Year within the gates of Black Rock City (1999-2023). We are so glad that you have chosen to camp with us, create Community, share, learn & grow with other PolyCampers.

This survival guide was created to assist you in the ways of PolyParadise. **Even if you have camped with us before, I encourage you to read over this information.**

Our community is created by all of you with each and everything you do. Help someone in need, participate in our Camp Events, share food at a community dinner, and look out for each other.

**PolyParadise is Gonna ROCK in 2023!!!**

## Playa Arrival Process

Get to the Playa SAFE!! Obey Traffic Signs & Speed Limits!!

If I have NOT CONTACTED YOU ALREADY ABOUT EARLY ARRIVAL...PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AFTER 12:01 am on Sunday, August 27 aka post-midnight Saturday -The officially opening of Burning Man 2023!! You will not be able to gain entrance to Burning Man prior to that time. Have fun at the gate and with Greeters Station...Rub Playa all over your arms, do a Playa-Angel. Once you make your way past the greeter's head towards PolyParadise.

If you arrive after Dark...There is not much you can really setup in the dark effectively, so take the time to relax and wait until daybreak. If you arrive after dark, BE CAREFUL as you drive around the Playa and within our camp.

Find **Scotto** - All campers will be placed as you arrive according to what vehicles and infrastructure you have. All requests will be accommodated if possible.

The Camp is **ONE BIG PUZZLE**. We have a full camp; we will need to be IN **TIGHT**, so proper placement of Guide wires and stakes is **CRUCIAL**! If I feel your setup needs adjustment I will ask and be willing to help. My decisions are always for the maximum good for ALL!!

**DO NOT start to setup your stuff until you SEE Scotto!!! If Scotto is not available there will be someone in camp that can assist you, just ask. If you setup your stuff without our knowledge you may be asked to move because the plan is being formulated as the Plan Happens.**

**Get HUGG From Scotto!!! - Get HUGG From WildChild!!!**  
Get **TAGGED** as a Village of **PolyParadise Resident!!**

**HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE...IT IS BURNING MAN!!!!!**

**Scotto**

- Benevolent Dictator Village of PolyParadise
- Burning Man Lifer/Geek



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## \*\* PolyParadise is Turning 25 YRS OLD \*\*

**Welcome to Burning Man 2023 - The 25th Birthday Party of The Village of PolyParadise;** it is hard to believe that this Theme Camp started in 1999 with 8 campers has blossomed into a thriving 300-person village. My first year was 2000; we had 15 campers – my how we have grown not just in number of campers but as a group of International Burners spanning the globe. I know I have grown over the past 20-years as a person – a Burner and as a leader – The Benevolent Dictator of The Village of PolyParadise. I have witnessed many changes within our diverse culture of Burners and within our own camp as the number of campers has increased.

So many people have come and gone and passed thru the Camp/Village over the past 20 years and each attendee has different reasons for attending Burning Man – returning year after year or coming to Black Rock City as a Virgin Burner. We were all Virgins to Burning Man at one time – we all thought we knew why we went the first time – have you taken a look recently why you are making the trek to BRC?

Post Burning Man 2018 I had a few things to say about what the Burn means to me and how being an event producer of the Village of PolyParadise had affected me. If you had not read my FB Posts you can do so here: [I am a Big-Deal](#) – [Setting the Record STR8](#). No matter what I said or how I said it – what words I chose – it is important to know that not only do I care about the future of Burning Man - I care about the Village of PolyParadise & I care about YOU and the experience you have within the gates of Black Rock City and within the boundaries of the Village of PolyParadise.

For the past 20 years the only stated RULE or Code of Conduct of the camp has been: PolyParadise is NOT a Swinger Camp. Being Poly or Practicing Poly is NOT a requirement for camping with us, but being OPEN MINDED about other people's lifestyle choices IS!! As we embark on our 21st year within the gates of Black Rock City – as Benevolent Dictator I feel it is time to add a few more items for our campers to consider.

If Burning Man & Black Rock City is in-fact a Utopia – then that vision of Utopia must represent each of us and our distinct reasons for making the Black Rock Desert and The Village of PolyParadise our home each August. This utopia must be a space in which each of us feels safe; with the knowledge that our ability to consent is paramount and is respected by all.

One of the [Ten Principles](#) is 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.)

Your own Radical Self-Expression (whatever that may be) is to be respected right up to the line where it might infringe on how someone else defines their own Radical Self-Expression. In that vein, Consent should not just be considered in a sexual reference – Consent is about each of us being able to choose when our boundaries are pushed. No one should be forced to view something or participate in an activity in the name of someone else's Radical Self-Expression. None of us really knows what our boundaries are or what hot buttons lie under the surface are until they are pushed - but the choice to confront those issues should be with the individual to push or pursue.

The Village of PolyParadise strives to be a sex-positive space; (having positive attitudes about sex and feeling comfortable with one's own sexual identity and with the sexual behaviors of others); but being sex-positive does not mean that we are a sex-oriented camp. Yes, our campers have sex, yes, our campers engage in diverse sexual activities; all of which are respected. With that said the camp will no longer be providing a dedicated space to sexual activity (Perfect Place For Poly Play). This 28' dome with its intended purpose was highly underutilized for many years; meaning that most campers used their own RV, Tent, Yurt, structure or made their way to other camps within BRC to have the sexual experiences they desired.

## \*\* PolyParadise is Turning 25 YRS OLD \*\*

Consent is paramount - Always ask before touching someone. Vocalize consent for every social and physical interaction. Don't assume consent for one activity automatically means consent for any others. Be firm with your boundaries. Be careful not to leer or be a voyeur to the activities of others. Be mindful of your body and presence always. Be vigilant of how you affect others with words and actions.

We practice affirmative, enthusiastic consent. This means that if there is a hint of hesitation or doubt in the "yes" you receive, it is a "no." Please let The Benevolent Dictator, Camp Mom or other camp leaders know if a fellow camper makes you uncomfortable, for any reason, or talk with them yourself.

It should not be assumed that everyone that camps with The Village of PolyParadise wears a Polyamorous label in their life (~40%) or is there to be sexually adventurous. A large majority that camp with us do so because of our Kick-Ass kitchen and shared meal plan; the public events we host or friends that camp within our borders. The populous of the Village should not by default be thought of as potential candidates for the sexual adventurism you might want to engage in. Keep that in mind in how you approach each other for such activities.

Are you bringing Art or an interactive project or planning an activity within the camp? Is the idea to share something you enjoy with others or is the idea to push boundaries in the name of just pushing boundaries? Think about how your project will be perceived by other campers; just because you find it morally justified others may not see it in the same light. Remember that we all come to Burning Man & Black Rock City for a variety of reasons; your art, project, activity should be thought of with this in mind. We are not attempting to limit your creativity, your ideas or activities; what we ask is that if your project or idea might be considered non-mainstream by others; putting it behind a curtain or within a structure allows our campers to have a choice of seeing or participating. We are not saying that your idea, project or activity is not welcome but in the name of consent; campers should not have to avert their eyes, walk a different way or avoid what they might deem outside their bounds just so you can be Radically Expressive.

Our Kitchen - Community & Event spaces should be considered R-Rated (Nudity is acceptable - If you have a 'Bare Bottom' you are asked to have a towel or some covering for the chair you will plop your bare bottom on....THANK YOU) - any Adult Activity that you would not see in any public place should be taken inside your own RV, Tent, Yurt, structure or make your way to other camps within Black Rock City to engage in such adult experiences.

Just to recap - There are no specific events, activities or art projects that are being banned within the boundaries of The Village of PolyParadise - We are asking that each camper think about their actions and how they affect others - Just because you want to - just because you can - does not mean that you should. We only ask that you think about how any event, activity, art project will be perceived by others - is the Radical-Expression you wish to pursue going to trample the rights of others?

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- Burning Man Lifer/Geek/Zealot

## Things to Think About & Other Tidbits

We are a group of Polyamorists and Poly-Friendly Burners seeking to live our dreams, and this camp is one manifestation of that. Polyamory involves openness to multiple loving relationships, with honesty among all partners.

We all come to BM and PolyParadise from our own communities and our own households, each with a different set of rules or understandings / agreements between the different people and groups of people who accompanied us to BM.

Burning Man is a society where customs are quite different than the default world. But this does not mean that it is a 'free for all'. The personal limits of others can easily be pushed or disregarded.

Please do not make any assumptions that because a person of either gender is naked that they want 'Touch', in our camp as well as your ventures on the Playa. As Poly's we 'Process' in our own ways...Touching without asking or without having prior permission to do so is unacceptable in PolyParadise.

### For Those That Choose to Be Naked

Nude is not Lewd. It's not even illegal on federal land, which the playa is. Mere nudity is not considered sexual. However, **sitting your naked butt down on a common chair without putting a towel or something down first is considered – well, at least crass.** Nude can be rude. At most nudist resorts you are expected to sit on your own towel or cloth when using common sitting accommodations. We at PolyParadise would also appreciate the same courtesy.

### Camp Guests

You will be responsible for any and all actions of ANY guest that you bring into our Camp.

### Coolers & Ice on the Playa

There will be a designated area at the back of the kitchen where you can store your personal cooler or you can store it in your tent. **YOU MUST COME TO THE PLAYA WITH ICE IN YOUR COOLER – YOU MUST KEEP THE CONTENTS OF YOUR COOLER ICED!!** Any cooler in the kitchen area will be inspected by the Nevada Health Department; any cooler contents that are not properly ICED will have its contents disposed of.

Cooler water that is NOT TAINTED should be drained in an available 5-gallon bucket for use as dishwashing water.

### See Ice – Ice – Daily Ice Page 14

You can purchase Ice for your personal coolers at Artica (Center Camp, 3:00 & 9:00 Plaza's) In 2022 Artica ice prices for **16 lb. cracked \$10 & 7 lb. block ice are \$5.**

### Village of PolyParadise Playa Events

If you are in the Kitchen area while an event is in progress; be courteous of the noise levels. The facilitators of the events have enough outside distractions to deal with; they shouldn't have to deal with loud campmates.

### Handling Disputes

There is always the possibility that disputes will happen in camp, about this or that. Please try and work things out amongst yourselves. If the problem cannot be resolved, please **contact Scotto or Trevor before getting Rangers or Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) involved.**

### The Definition of Community is Participation

The camp fee is the cost of new gear purchased, getting all of the camps infrastructure to the playa and maintaining that gear year-long off playa. The Construction and destruction of the camp takes ALL of us.

### Teardown – Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY is a BLITZKRIEG of work.** It is not my desire to start to dismantle part of the camp on Sunday, to make the work on Monday any lighter. Though if you are leaving after Temple Burn; The Carcass Wash structure can be taken down after the event ends @ 5p. Come and find me as we gather all of the tools necessary and Take it Down Together.

We are appreciative of those that are able to stay Monday, being available to help in the **MASSIVE** effort it takes to **PACK IT ALL OUT!!!** The Takedown will start @ Sunrise. The Shower & Kitchen are the first things to come down/get packed up. There is a method to the madness.

As our shade dwindles – we will provide lunch (Deli meat wraps & other leftovers). Then the next push to be able to have the two trucks packed by sunset.

### Speaking of Exodus

Make sure you are giving yourself enough time to make Flights or Rental Returns. Many Burners will have the same idea as you to leave after The Man or Temple Burn. Even leaving Monday morning be prepared for very long wait times to exodus. It may be several hours to even get to pavement, then slow going the 88 miles to Route 80.

[Burning Man Information Radio \(94.5 FM\)](#) is your nexus for essential information on the playa. Especially concerning the state of the line to exit and expected wait times.

There will be ~30 campers staying Monday night; by Tuesday you should be well on your way home Hippie!

### Please See Things to think about – Page 5



*"We are all here for the same reason, to experience each other"*

## Things to think about – from Page 4

**Where do I put my Keys & ID?** It would really suck if you lost the keys to your vehicle. I am sure there are locksmith services available but presume it will be quite expensive. Do not carry your keys around the Playa with you. Place them in a safe & secure place within your belongings. If you use them to access your vehicle, make sure you return them to that same spot immediately after use.

Wherever it is that you put your keys place your ID there too. If for any reason, you get stopped and asked for your ID, you know that when you produce your ID your stash will not fall out for LEO to see. Speaking Of LEO...

**Burning Man & LEO (Law Enforcement Officer):** Burning Man takes place within the state of Nevada and within the borders of the US. That means that all applicable laws concerning illegal substances apply when inside the gates of BRC. **Be SMART!** The [Burning Man Survival Guide](#) has excellent information concerning your rights when dealing with LEO. Make sure to read and heed the warnings.

If you are a partaker of illicit substances, bring them with you, do not attempt to purchase On-Playa. Only share with those you know. Be aware of your surroundings when you are involved in this activity. Leo has sophisticated equipment to find you doing something illegal, do not give them that chance.

**Check your gear before you leave:** particularly tents. No matter how many times you've used it. No matter how positive you are that all the pieces are there. Open that puppy up and check it.

### Marijuana – Medical – Recreational – Nevada – BRC

**Mary Jane – Pot – Marijuana** may be **Medically Legal** in your hometown – **WEED** may be **Recreationally** available in your state as it is in **Nevada. TAKE NOTE THAT BURNING MAN TAKES PLACE ON FEDERAL LAND** – That means that your Medical Marijuana Card **MEANS NOTHING TO BLM OR FEDERAL COPS. DO NOT** consume Marijuana products in your vehicle while on the way to Black Rock City; **SMELL** is probable cause for further investigation. **Do not put your STASH with your ID or Keys** – Do not start to consume Marijuana products until you get to camp and your car is parked. The Fine is ~\$1,500 for Marijuana related offenses.

### Community Kitchen Donations

If you bring a large can of Garbanzo Beans, Large Squash or other perishables or large can goods, you must have a plan to cook and share it, otherwise be prepared to take it back home with you. All food and colored liquids must be properly labeled and somewhat recognizable.

## Camp Power

The Community Space/Kitchen will have power 24/7. There will be a designated area in the Community Space set up for charging batteries. Power will be available in the kitchen for appliances; (2) Commercial 1-Drip 2-Warm coffee maker; Rice Cooker. The Community Space will be lit up at night with lots & lots of lights as well as a very illuminated kitchen.

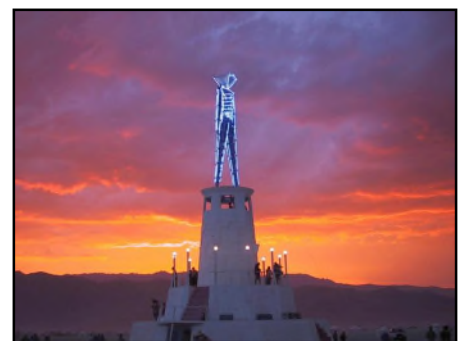
The generator is for the Kitchen & Community space. It is not available to provide power to your individual camp locations. The sink & shower are hooked to a Battery backup; so, in the event the generator is off (resting or being refilled with gas) there will be power supplied for the wastewater from the kitchen sink & shower will still be pumped to the Grey Water tank. **We do not provide Electrons to charge Power Chairs or CPAP devices.**

**Things not to bring:** Plants, living or dead, and anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind (plants, trees, twigs, loose paper, palm fronds, etc.), Feathers of any kind, e.g. Boas, Glass containers, Excess packaging from foods (remove outer box just bring the inner bag), Loose glitter, Nuts in their shells, Styrofoam coolers, Straw or hay bales, Explosives, aerial flares, rockets, Firearms of any kind, Camp Chairs with foot rest attached.

**Playa Time:** Playa Time begins the moment you start to pack. Things take longer while in Playa Time. Get to the Playa SAFE!! Obey traffic signs & Speed Limits!! The Playa & PolyParadise will be there when you get there.

### What not to forget before you leave for BRC:

- **Burning Man Ticket**
- **Picture ID**
- **Insurance Cards**
- **Medications**
- **Directions to BRC**
- **Lodging Reservation Info.**
- **Spare Car Keys**
- **Spare prescription glasses or contacts**
- **Bringing an RV? – Cash for Gray Water Service**

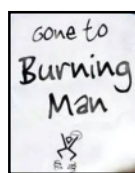


## What Does Your Camping Fee Buy You?

- Secured Playa Address & space within PolyParadise
- [Community Kitchen](#) - Kitchen utensils for cooking - Pots, Pans, Fry Pans, Bowls, Knives, Dish Washing station, Soap & Bleach
- Stoves, Pots, Pans, Utensils, Spices
- Assortment of spices to create your Playa delicacy
- Paper towels, Paper plates, Plastic Cutlery, Trash receptacles
- Tea and Cookies for the High Tea
- [First-Aid Kit](#)
- [Salty Snack / Healthy Snacks](#)
- Electricity (to recharge Laptops, Camera, Batteries)
- Gas to Generate the Electricity
- Community Shade 80'x40'
- Community Kitchen 40'x40'
- Community Events area - 40'x40' (Transformed into a UV-Light Experience @ Night)
- [Shower Structure](#) / Privacy Curtain - **You supply the water.**
- Grey Water Recycling
- Spray bottles, cement bins, tarps, and buckets for the Human Carcass Wash.
- Rope, Duct Tape, First Aid Kit & other things to repair things that need repairing
- Rental Truck - Gas to & from Playa - Insurance - to haul ALL of the above
- Camp Meals are not part of your Camp fee – They are a GIFT to your fellow campers
- [Village of PolyParadise Playa Events](#)

### First Aid Kit in the Community Space

This Kit will include: Antacid – Saline – Nasal Spray - Vinegar - Vitamin E - Skin Cream Benadryl - Gauze Bandages - Band-Aids Alovera Gel - Analgesic Lotion – Ibuprofen Insect Gel – Hydrocortisone - Antibiotic Ointment - Zinc Oxide – Aspirin – Bactine Feminine products - New Skin Bandage Tape Cough Drops - Blister Pads - Fire Extinguisher in the Kitchen - Duct Tape – Emerge-C Hydrogen Peroxide



*"When you think about it \$250 isn't bad at all for 7 days... Can you find another hotel that only charges \$35 a day for all this and all the dust you could want?"*

## Community Snacks

- Asst. Nabisco cookies - Chex Mix
- Rice Krispie treats - Cheez-it's - Ritz cheez `n' crackers
- Asst. Sun Chips - Reg & BBQ chips - Asst. nuts - Trail Mix
- Pringles – Pretzels – Oreos - Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Instant oatmeal - Asst. Cold Cereal (you need the milk)
- Nutri-Grain bars - granola bars - Low Carb Breakfast bars
- Red Vines - Beef Jerky - Fruit Cups
- Ritz-Crackers Bits & Cheese
- Juice Boxes – Capri Sun Variety Pak
- Applesauce - Chocolate | Vanilla | Butterscotch Pudding
- Chocolate bars & Asst. chocolate candies
- Soy Sauce - BBQ Sauce - Teriyaki Sauce
- Ranch & Italian Salad Dressing
- Syrup - Cooking Oil – Kitchen Wipes - Mustard, Ketchup, Relish
- Asst. bev. (Gatorade, tea, coffee, etc Lemonade, Iced Tea Mix)

Personal coolers should be clearly marked with your name so its contents are not mistaken for Community use. Be respectful of what is not yours. **YOU MUST COME TO THE PLAYA WITH ICE IN YOUR COOLER – YOU MUST KEEP THE CONTENTS OF YOUR COOLER ICED!!** These coolers will be inspected by the Nevada Health Department; any cooler contents that are not properly ICED will be disposed of. Cooler water that is NOT TAINTED should be drained in an available 5-gallon bucket for use as dishwashing water. It is **your responsibility to purchase ice for your personal cooler.**

***Please See Ice – Ice – Daily Ice – Page 14***

## Community Kitchen

### **Kitchen & Community Meals**

The Kitchen and all its contents (Except Marked Coolers) will be available for all PolyParadise campers to use and consume. Please be respectful in cleaning up after yourself after using the Kitchen. Wash any and all utensils, pots, spills in a reasonable amount of time after you have prepared any food. Within 3 hours is an acceptable time frame...

There will be a Dish Washing & Rinsing Station available...Please use it!!! If you use a LARGE Pot to prepare your meal, you are responsible for cleaning said Pot.

***Please See Community Kitchen - Page 10***

*'Burning Man will change your life...You just do not know how yet'  
'Everything you take to Burning Man including yourself will never be the same'*

## Camp Resident Responsibilities

**Individual Water Bottles** – Please do not be that camper that leaves half empty water bottles around PolyParadise. If you are drinking a bottle of water, and leave it there, do you honestly expect someone else to come along and drink it? Do you honestly expect someone else to come along and pick up after you? Apparently!! Nobody wants your half-used bottle of water. Either finish it or dispose of it. If you intend to come back to it, write your name on it. Get them to the recycle bin empty. **FINISH IT OR DISPOSE OF IT**

**DeMoop** - Please DE-MOOP your camp food contributions before coming to the playa. Do not bring the Cardboard Box just the food portion.

**Waste** - Do not bring a giant size jar/can of anything, unless you have some idea of how it is going to be used. A 10lb can of chickpeas might be a bargain, but **NO ONE** likes them that much, and once opened, if it is not used by the end of the week it becomes trash and could end up in the trash bag assigned to YOU. The less trash we all generate; the lighter will be your bag at the end of the week. **PAY ATTENTION** to the signs that say **RECYCLABLE, BURNABLE, TRASH.**

**Special Food Mention** - Watermelons do not do well in heat. If left out for one day the insides cook and become inedible. If you are bringing a watermelon, leave the rind at home. Cut up the melon – use a seal-a-meal. Then you can eat or serve them when you like. Melon pieces can also be whipped up into a smoothie.

Pretty much the same goes for any kind of melon (Cantaloupes, Honeydews) and fruit without a hard skin (bananas, kiwi). Apples seem to last fairly well. Dried fruit works great.

If you have special dietary requirements, you should take it upon yourself to provide accordingly. Do not presume that what other people contribute will conform to your dietary needs.

**Community Space Edict** - PolyParadise is a very free and accepting community. We ask that sexual activity or clearly X-Rated behavior not take place in the open community or event space. There may be minors not miners in the camp, and though they may have been raised in an open environment at home and not themselves mind such activity. Please confine sexual activity to your own private accommodations and not in the Community / Event spaces.

### What Other Camp Contributions Do I Still Need To Bring?

- **5 Gallons of Water/ Car** - to contribute to the running of the Human Carcass Wash / Community Drinking water. If you can bring more water that would be greatly appreciated.
- Participate in Daily Community Meal - (Eating, Cooking, Serving or Washing Dishes)

Each camp member is expected to take some Community Trash home & dispose of it in the proper manner in an appropriate facility or container. Plan to donate at least **2 hours** of your time before you leave the Playa to cleanup of the PolyParadise site as well as the general state of BRC.

- Be present and do the work for your randomly assigned shift/task on whatever day you are assigned.

## Consent in Black Rock City

Burning Man is committed to making our city safe. We are family in Black Rock City and we always need to take care of our own. If someone needs a hand, we give it. If someone is getting a little out there, we steer them towards safety. And if someone is sharing themselves in a way that makes someone else uncomfortable, we let that sharer know it's about time to back off and go someplace else. Yes means yes, and no means no, maybe means no, drunk does not mean yes, and neither does naked or altered. So if you see someone being treated any way but wonderfully, step on in and be an advocate. Please read the consent flyer in your Greeter packet.

The Bureau of Erotic Discourse (B.E.D.) is a committed group of participants who promote positive change in the Burning Man community using posters, workshops, outreach and dialog on consent, sex and sexual assault prevention. Emergency Services (ESD) is also here to help, offering medical professionals as well as an experienced group of mental health professionals called the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

## PolyParadise is a Global Presence

Over our **25yrs** we are proud to have hosted campers from **32 Global Communities** (Australia, Belize, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom)

## Village Resident Tags

**Village of PolyParadise Resident Name Tags** - There will be a box in the Community Space the PolyParadise Resident Name Tags; please make sure to get yours.

On the **FRONT** of your tag is a 'Symbol' and on the **BACK** on the Tag is a 'Symbol' - There are **Six (6)** different Symbols **Front & Back**. Use these Symbols to **'Mix & Match'** conversations; get to know one another. It would be a random occurrence in making the tags that you would match both symbols. **Break The Ice or Playa Dust** whichever you prefer.

## Volunteer Poster Boards

The Daily Menus (Who is cooking what) | Poly High Tea | Human Carcass Wash | and the randomly assigned **Volunteeroldism™** schedules (Daily Ice Run | Kitchen Management | Leave No Trace | Garbage Management) will be printed on poster size boards.

## Honoring Those That Have Passed

As a Community we honor those PolyCampers that have passed; we **CELEBRATE** their life and the contributions to our collective. **You all will be forever MISSED!**

**Jim 'Alien' Hughett – 2023**

**Casey Eakes – 2023**

**James 'Kilted Freedom' Richardson - 2021**

**Steve 'Woodstock' Feinberg - 2021**

**Greg Carter – 2021**

**Bernie Lucy – 2021**

**Jane Thomsen - 2021**

**Erich 'Cobalt' Laskowski - 2020**

**Larson 'Easy Rider' Rider - 2020**

**Ray Shady - 2019**

**Ephraim Phil -2018**

**Larry 'Founder of Burning Man' Harvey - 2018**

**Cliff Levy - 2016**

**Sherluf - 2015**

**Dr. Jeff Patterson – 2011**

## Volunteeratoldism™

Communities thrive by Participation; no wonder it is one of Burning Man's Ten Principles. Your own share of the entirety of the workload as a camp member may come as a Lead, Volunteer or being Voluntold to any specific task. Having a vested interest in the success of said community creates pride & satisfaction.

Due to factors that are irrelevant to this consciousness of thought several of our long time leads (Kitchen Management, Garbage, LNT, Ice) have either stepped away from Burning Man and or their role as a lead. We are now @ a cross-roads to forge a new direction as we celebrate 25yrs in BRC.

Forward-looking thinking requires bold moves – it requires creating a unique word "**Volunteeratoldism**"™ and design a new paradigm. This new model will ensure that each day's tasks are being attended to and everyone shares in the over-all effort it takes to create & maintain a community as large and as diverse as ours all week long. Adding an "ism" to a word indicates that the word represents a specific practice, system, or philosophy. That is exactly what we are creating a new way that the camp as a whole will be managed and operated.

During the registration process you were told that you would be randomly assigned a task; with several campers for each task/day the idea is that this new model will allow all the things each day get done – with many hands makes light work.

The randomly assigned tasks will center around Managing the Kitchen/Meal, Daily Ice Run, Managing and distribution of garbage, Leave No Trace. The schedule & detailed instructions will be printed on large poster board.

If you as an individual camper do your part on your assigned task/shift with other campers on your assigned task/shift, then all things will get done each day! Our success as a camp this year & moving forward is in the hands of all of you.

## RV's & Generators

If you are bringing your personal [RV](#) to the Playa and it has a Generator – We **STRONGLY** suggest that Pre-Playa you get the generator serviced so that it is proper working order. If at all possible, create an [Exhaust Vent](#) that blows UP and over the RV instead of directly at the tent next to you. Please also consider a noise dampening system for your generator.

If you are renting an [RV](#) and you plan to use the generator, make sure that you know ahead of time how many hours are included with your rental agreement and what the costs are per/hour after that amount has been exceeded. Remember generators require gasoline. Do not transport gasoline inside your vehicle or RV. Spilling gas will render that space permeated with an obnoxious smell for days and can ruin food. Transport gas in approved containers. Store gasoline with caution & respect as the flammable liquid it is. You must bring a container to store your gas containers – [Please see the acceptable containers for Gasoline](#).

Some of you on this message have already gotten in our camps Pre-Paid RV Pump Out Vouchers. If you have already paid for a slot please do not look to acquire another; we only have so many slots available and would love to make sure as many RV'ers have an opportunity.

We are Pre-Paying for 30 Vouchers \$80/each for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. ALL PRE-PAID VOUCHERS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED. These are available on a First-Come First-Serve basis. The current list <https://tinyurl.com/2tzduu6p>

**Water Fill** – As a camp we have **NOT PRE-PAID for Water Refill** – The overall bill with Gray Water is **\$7,680** – so I wanted to let you know that this is info from **United Site Services**. So if you want/need water fills you are on your own to navigate that process.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT Changes for 2023:**

We will no longer offer pre-sale vouchers for flag downs of any kind, flag down service is cash only.

1. **Flag down service is not recommended because we cannot guaranty it will be offered.**
2. RV Water fill vouchers will only be sold to camps with 20 or more RV's – additional vendors can be found here: <https://burningman.org/event/participate/camps/so-you-want-to-camp-at-burning-man/deliveries/outside-services-providers/>
3. **We will no longer offer flag down RV water fill service of any kind. Pre-scheduled fills only.**

**Gasoline & Gas Storage** – One of the things we have been dinged about in the past the storage of all of the fuel within our boundaries which includes the gasoline you bring to power your RV generators and all of the fuel that the camp brings to power the camp. In the end we need to be better at managing & concealing that fuel storage at your RV location. We will be providing each RV storing gasoline a plastic wade pool as well as Fire Retardant blanket covering so the fuel containers are not exposed to the direct sunlight. In the heat the fuel containers must be vented & kept out of direct sunlight exposure to avoid swelling and or fuel leaks.



## Hydration

**Drink Water! Drink Water! Drink Water! Drink Water!**

No... I did not say drink a Beer, Wine Cooler, cup of Coffee, Iced Tea...I said...Drink Water!

Maintaining enough fluid in your body is probably the single most important thing that must be done! The Black Rock Desert is a very harsh environment. Most if not all of you (other than our Arizona contingent) do not live in a desert and are not used to the full sun & heat all day. Please pay attention to your body, when it says it is time have water, drink water, when it says it is time to rest, please rest...

Watch for the warning signs of non-sufficient hydration:

Lack of energy, headache, dry lips, tongue or mouth, Lack of sweat, Infrequent urination or no urination whatsoever, dark urine or urine with a strong odor (by day 2, your urine should be close to "clear" if properly hydrated)

Either that or... a visit from the Paramedics, a trip via CareFlight & Emergency Room in Reno in the \$5000 range!

**Drink Water! Drink Water! Drink Water! Drink Water!**

You may want to consider a [American Med Flight SaveAir](#) Membership to cover any out-of-pocket transportation costs if you have to be [transported Off-Playa](#) for a medical emergency.

## Playa Essentials

- Lots of Brand-New Socks
- Baby Powder
- Hand Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Clean Clothes for Ride Home
- Comfortable Shoes
- Camelback
- Baby Wipes
- Wash Cloths
- Hats
- Sunglasses
- Spare Glasses
- Spare Contact Lenses
- Extra Batteries
- Dust Mask
- Goggles
- Q-Tips
- Headlamp/Glow **Don't be a Darkwad**



## New Camper – PolyGuides

Every year we have at ~60 NOOBIES to our camp; many of them are Playa VIRGINS as well. I encourage our veteran campers to assist our VIRGINS in the ways of PolyParadise...

- Camp Placement: Hold fast until Scotto designates a place for you. The boundaries of PP. Be careful about trip hazards
- Pick up your PolyParadise Resident Tag and wear when using PP facilities.
- Where to put the 5 gallons of drinking water and the location of the drinking water container
- The Placement and Naming of Ice Chests and how to get ice. If melt water is clean, save it for the dishwashing.
- Explain how food is served, how cooking is done and the requirement to clean up after. If you have extra food or beverages, feel free to share them. Cooking for 25 people for one meal is the minimum.
- The coffee machine and its use
- The location and how to use the shower and the use of the solar shower bags
- The location of the charging station and proper etiquette [Don't hog, remove when finished etc.]
- The requirement to separate trash and crush recyclables and if leaving early, take a bag of garbage. If you have the room, take several. If you see improper use of trash, please fix it yourself, don't wait for others to do it.
- The PolyP events: Poly High Tea, the Human Carcass Wash, Others... How to volunteer to help
- Explain the camp is here because of the hard work of many volunteers that set it up, keep it running and take it down. Honor them by volunteering yourself, keeping things neat and clean and looking out for others.

## Camp Layout

I have **NO IDEA** where within the camp's perimeter any one person(s) will be located. What I do know is where the main structures will be placed, beyond that there is no Pre-Playa plan. Our space is **350'x440'** that is **3.53 acres**.

**Please find Scotto before you start to setup your space**, it is very important that you find Scotto or the person he has left in charge. There is no Pre-Playa plan, as in you will be placed as you arrive. If many of you arrive in camp at the same time, please be patient with us as we find the best suitable location for you and your gear. The camp is a LARGE puzzle that is pieced together as the week progresses.

If you arrive and Scotto and/or his trusty steed are asleep please take a walk to the Man, relax it is your **Day 1 @ Burning Man**.

A situation may arise where you are asked to adjust the size of your footprint; I expect your understanding & patience. Please be flexible and be willing to compromise on the amount of space you are allotted if I ask.

## Community Kitchen - from Page 6

Meals times - **Breakfast: 8a-10a, Lunch 12p-2p, Dinner 6p-8p**, please plan you're cooking & preparation time accordingly. Remember you are cooking for 25. Please be respectful of any events that are in-progress while in the Kitchen/Community area while preparing your meal.

Our kitchen has everything you need to create your dish (Pots & Pans, Stoves, Utensils, Propane, Spices) and just about everything else you need to make an awesome Playa Meal.

You are always welcome to jump right in on cleaning an dirty pots, dishes, and utensils that are just waiting around for someone like you to come along and clean them. Remember the longer they sit the harder they are to clean.

If you cook a meal, then you are responsible for cleaning up.

Community Meals mean you bring something to share. It is not enough just to bring the can of vegetables or fruit, but also to cook or serve what you brought.

Please do not use the Community Kitchen as a drop-off point for food items you brought but will not use. If you had room in your vehicle to bring them to the Playa, you certainly have the room to take them home with you.

## Camp Shower

Wet Naked Polyamorous People! Did THAT get your attention? I sure hope so...This from the Department of Yucky Water Stuff...

One of the perks of joining PolyParadise is we provide community shower space for our members and provide safe and ecologically responsible wastewater management.

In the past, we have used Propane Powered devices, pumps and heaters to accommodate our campers shower needs. All of these systems have their failure points and need constant attention & repair throughout the week.

To reduce the frustration levels all around, we have decided to return to the more traditional Camp Shower Bag (5 Gallon). **You supply the water.**

The shower structure is a raised platform with Dual-Hand Rail Steps and a mid-level safety rail. The structure will be enclosed with Tarp & Cammo Net and a pulley-system for Raising & Lowering the shower Bags. The shower base will have a non-slippery surface.



**Bring your own water for showering:** This is separate from the 5-Gallon water donation per vehicle as your water commitment for camp use (Dishwashing & Starter Water for the Human Carcass Wash). To maintain sanitation and safety standards use only water from unopened containers. Others using the shower will thank you knowing only pure, clean water in the system.

**\*\*Make Friends Washing Dishes\*\***

**\*\*LEAVE NO TRACE\*\***

**\*\*Keep Your Community Space Clean\*\***

The empty shower bags will be hanging on a bar on the side of the shower structure. Fill the bag with water (Up to 5 Gallons) and place the bag in the sun - 15-20min in direct sunlight will be hot water. Always test the water temperature before using; that is not the type of Burn you are looking to have.

If you encounter a full shower bag in the sun getting towards Hot, **DO NOT assume this was filled for you.** Take an empty bag, fill it with your water and wait for it to get to temperature. There should be plenty of available brand new shower bags. Please return shower bags after use.

Clean up after use - We will have a trash sack for soap wrappers and other small stuff. Please do not leave small bars of soap, take them with you or trash them. Keep the shower floor free of any debris even if you didn't drop it.

Please remove your stuff after using the shower. If consumables such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash etc. are left behind they will be considered community property and free use rules apply.

Take your towels and wash cloths when you are done. Take everything you brought to the shower form your space back to your space.

Absolutely **NO** wastewater dumping in the shower. No, dumping of human waste in **ANY** part of our gray water processing system at **ANY** time! Dispose of human waste in the Porto-Potties only. **Do not Pee in the shower.**

The shower is open for operation 24 hours a day. The shower system is for the exclusive use of PolyParadise members only. The public may participate in the Human Carcass Wash experience if they desire.

The community shower may be shut down without prior notice. If conditions warrant, we may close the shower system prior to final shutdown on Monday.

The shower may be closed at anytime without notice if conditions warrant as we are at the mercy of the total grey water storage which includes the kitchen and anticipation of an on time Servicing on that day; shit happens on-playa - just be prepared that when the shower was the only thing that was going to save your bad playa day; it might be closed.

Volunteerism is important; it is the purest sense of giving. When you give freely with no guarantee of compensation...The reward is the journey itself.

## Gray Water Reclamation

Over the years, we have experimented with various ways to handle our Gray Water. Gray water is defined as water from human activities not including human or other body waste. This includes dishwashing, showers etc.

Black water is defined as water that includes human or other body waste. This includes poop, pee, blood and that "other stuff." At no time will PolyParadise process black water. Burning Man has provided Porto-Potties for such disposal.

Our gray water will be from the following four sources:  
Kitchen dishwater - Community Shower - Human Carcass Wash - Camper generated from individual cooking.

We are estimating the following volumes from each source:  
Kitchen- 50GpD - Shower- 100 GpD - Human Carcass Wash- 10 GpD - Other- 20 GpD - Total 180 GpD

Our methods evolved from Treating & Filtering to Evaporation, with each passing year learning what works & what does not work. The stumbling blocks we experience is the sheer volume of water generated during the week that must be evaporated.

For this and many other reasons in 2023 PolyParadise will be contracting with an outside company to Deliver & Service (4)-250G Holding Tanks for Gray Water Collection. (3) PolyParadise (1) Twisted Swan|Temple of Bacchus. Including Pre-Paid RV Service vouchers, the total cost is \$7,638 + Driver Tip. Delivery is scheduled for 8/25; with servicing during the week.

Consider Pre-Cooking portions of your meal if possible. The [Food Saver](#) will create an awesome storage container for your meal. (Freeze Liquids before Sealing)

Having holding tanks within camp for our Gray Water Disposal does not mean we do not care about Water Conservation, in-fact, it will make us more aware of the volume of water we produce as a camp.

Dishwashing Water will be collected at the sink and screened for particulate matter before the Holding Tank. There will be available to assist in dishwashing Biodegradable-Mother Earth Friendly Soap (Camp suds).

All materials not suited for the Holding Tank will be collected in 5-Gallon sealable buckets for Off-Playa transportation & disposal.

**Shower Water** - There will be one main camp shower available to all campers. **You supply the water.** The shower will consist of an enclosed shower tent on a raised base off the Playa. All shower water drainage will be collected and transported to the Holding Tank. Do not Pee in the shower.

The shower water collection area should never be used for Gray Water Disposal. Do not urinate or empty personal pee containers into our Gray Water system, please use the Porto-Potties.

**Human Carcass Wash** - Gray Water Collection - In running the HCW the participants stand in plastic troughs to catch the water and particulate matter washed from bodies. If this water has not evaporated, it can be dumped directly into the Gray Water Tanks. HCW crew must be diligent to ensure that no foreign matter such as plastic, jewelry or other MOOP gets dumped into the system.

## Community Trash

Trash is a problem. We all generate trash. We all need to be a responsible for it.

Each vehicle that arrives at PolyParadise will be required to take home **at least two bags of trash**. Towards the end of the week, the TRASH crew will place the bags of trash at the driver's side door of your vehicle (think of it like SANTA). These are YOUR bags to take home. It will be DOUBLE BAGGED, NON-STINKY, and of REASONABLE size and flexibility for packing. Please plan room in your vehicle for these bags of trash.

If for any reason, you don't like your bag of trash (you just don't click or cannot get along with one another) please see the **TRASH Crew** for an exchange of bags.

It is your responsibility to dispose of your bag properly. The best place for this would be at home. But if you cannot take your bag home, here are some alternative places you can rid yourself of your bag. Remember we don't take glass in the trash. It is a hazard to handle...You had room to bring it to BRC you have room to take it back home.

**Rabbit Traxx Truck Stop — Mini-Mart (Trash & Recycling)** 580 Patterson St., Cedarville CA • (530) 279-2022 Open Labor Day • 24hrs Sat 8/31–Wed 9/4 • \$5 per kitchen size bag, \$10 per 35 gal., \$15 up to 55 gal., \$15 bike recycling • free recycling (please clean, sort, unbag recyclables) • hazardous waste prohibited

**Waste Management — Fernley/Churchill Transfer Station (Trash & Recycling)** 1100 US Highway 95A, Fernley NV • (775) 329-8822 • Closed Labor Day • Tue – Sat, 8 am–4:30 pm • Closed for lunch 12–12:30 pm • \$28 min. per cubic yd • recycle no charge/no buybacks

**Waste Management — Stead Transfer Station (Trash & Recycling)** 13890 Mt Anderson, Reno NV • (775) 972-9160 • Closed Sunday and Labor Day • Tue – Sat, 8 am–4 pm • \$25 min. per cubic yd • recycling no charge/no buybacks

**Whole Foods Market (Trash & Recycling)**  
6139 South Virginia St, Reno NV • (775) 852-8023 • Open Labor Day • Sat 8/31 – Wed 9/4, 6 am–12 am • \$7 per 35 gal. • free recycling (please clean, sort, unbag recyclables before deposit) • hazardous waste prohibited •

**Save Mart Supermarkets (Trash & Recycling)**  
525 Keystone Ave, Reno NV • (775) 786-2150 • Open Labor Day • 24hrs Sun 9/1 – Wed 9/4 • \$10 per 35 gal. Free Recycling – please clean, sort, unbag recyclables before deposit • Hazardous waste prohibited

**Green Solutions (Recycling)**  
1085 Telegraph, Reno NV • (775) 870-0812 • Closed Labor Day • Tue – Fri, 8 am–4 pm • Sat – Sun, 12 pm–4 pm • free recycling • no buybacks

**Modoc District Fairgrounds (Trash, Recycle, RV Dump)**  
1 Center St, Cedarville CA • (530) 279-2315 • Open Labor Day • Everyday 24hrs • \$5 trash per 13 gal. • \$10 trash up to 55 gal. • free recycle • free grey water • \$10 RV dump • \$20 RV hookup • \$5 bike recycle • \$10 dry camping • \$5 showers • non-perishable food donations accepted for local shelter • call to reserve storage

**Alturas Chevron (RV Dump)**  
1080 North Main St, Alturas CA • (530) 233-5114 • Open Labor Day • Everyday 5:30 am–12 am • \$10 grey and black water

**Pyramid Lake Marina & Campground (RV Dump)**  
2500 Lakeview Dr, Sutcliffe NV • (775) 476-1155 • Open Labor Day • Everyday 24 hr credit card kiosk \$10 dump station (must have hoses and elbow before payment)

**Love's Travel Stop (RV Dump)**  
825 Commerce Center Dr, Fernley NV • (775) 575-2200 • Open Labor Day • Everyday 24 hrs • \$10 grey and black water (must have own hose)

**Golden Gate Petroleum (RV Dump)**  
1055 S. Rock Blvd, Sparks NV • (775) 358-7400 • Open Labor Day • Everyday 5 am–9 pm • \$8 grey and black water • propane available • no potable water

**TA Travel Center (RV Dump)**  
200 N. McCarran Blvd, Sparks NV • (775) 359-0550 • Open Labor Day • Everyday 24 hrs • RVs and 55-gallon drums acceptable • \$5 grey water and black water

More tips on trash can be found at: [Trash Tips](#)

## Village of PolyParadise – Playa Events

### *The Human Carcass Wash – Mon-Sun - 3:00p-4:30p*

If you have never been a participant in the HCW, you are in for a treat, both participating and helping run it.

The HCW breaks gender barriers for being touched; it of course by its nature of being washed means it also 'Encourages' people to be naked and to be washed. People who would not otherwise be naked or want to be photographed doing such an activity. I highly encourage everyone to get involved in this fun activity. The HCW area is a 'No Camera Zone' and is clearly marked as such. When dealing with someone who is taking pictures politely ask them to respect our 'No Camera' Request. If they become belligerent, please do not provoke them. People are going to be people.

All participants 'Must' be asked their boundaries for being touched prior to being the one washed. We must make sure that all other participants have heard that stated boundary, or the question is asked again at the next station.

### *3D UV-Light Experience - Monday thru Sunday 8:00p-Sunrise*

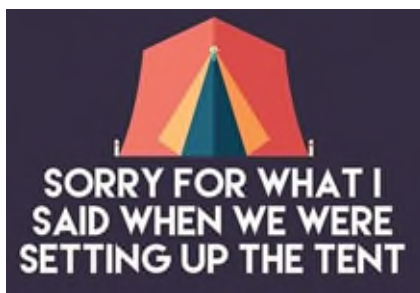
Come and enjoy our 40'x40' Event Space @ Night that is LIT UP with UV-Light - Tapestries - and other Art. Make sure to use the available 3D-Stereoscopic | Prism | Heart Glasses to see this UV-Light space in a different luminous variation.

### *Poly High Tea – Mon-Sat - 1:00p-3:00p*

Just what is Poly High Tea? First, it's a Tea Party. We will be serving Tea and Cookies. All you Polyamorous, poly-curious, and poly-friendly folks out there on the playa are invited to join us for a discussion about the practical issues of loving more than one in an open, responsible multi-person relationship. There is much wisdom in the poly community which can be helpful to people trying to make \*any\* relationship work, monogamous or Polyamorous. There will be a facilitated discussion in which you can get your questions addressed and some of the knowledge in our community can be shared.

### *Therapeutic Photography Session- Monday 3:30-5:30p*

Bring your phones or cameras and embrace the Burning Man principle of Immediacy. It has been said that actively composing, shooting, and mindfully reflecting on photographs of the world around you pulls you into the moment and has positive well-being benefits including joy and relaxation. Hosted by a professional photographer from Paris known for putting people at ease, you can choose to be behind or in front of the camera or both!



### *Poly Friendly Mixer/Social – Tuesday 3:30p-5:30p*

A mixer for poly and like-minded folks to meet, chat and make some new friends ... Or more. Beer – Wine- Soda provided. Come and hang out for a drink & a chat.

### *Fire Flow Yoga with Jill - Tuesday 6:00p-7:00p & Saturday 4:00p-5:00p*

A one-hour vinyasa yoga flow to some funky music to get your body moving in a fluid and balanced rhythm. Get out of your head and into your body for a deep mind-body connection that will set your soul aflame.

### *Tantra Journey - Wednesday 11:00a-1:00p*

Tantra Journey: Love & forgiveness, trust & surrender, tantra into BDSM. This is an invitation for you to come home to yourself. Embark on a path following your inner compass. Explore new depths of your heart. Let go, surrender, and melt into what is. Dance and move your energy. Discover how tantra can enrich BDSM with simple practices. This is a consent-informed and trauma-informed session. Solo, duo and trio practices. Bring a partner or find one at the workshop.

### *Framed Intimate Sculptures - Thursday 3:30p-5:30p*

Come and join the event space for an artifact of the special kind: A plaster portrait of your most intimate places. While the plaster takes its time to harden, you have the possibility to create your own stylish frame.

### *Tantric Dance Workshop - Friday 3:30p-5:30p*

For singles and couples, no dance experience required. Enjoy learning how to confidently move as one gracefully with a partner, connecting both physically and soulfully. Explore dancing sensually together. Get blissed out by taking dirty dancing to the next level of intimacy.



*"The Man Burns Tonight: A Black Rock City Mystery by Donn Cortez available in Paperback. Noted on Pg. 173 is The Human Carcass Wash, the best Wash on the Playa - PolyParadise."*

# Village of PolyParadise – Camp Events

## Celebrating The Man Burn Together

Going out to see **THE MAN BURN** Saturday night is one of the Highlights of the week as we **CELEBRATE** another year concludes as the MAN BURNS & FALLS. **The Man BURNS ~9:00p Playa Time.**

If you want to be up close, I suggest that you start your walk towards The Man around 7:00p; make sure you bring all you need as it will get quite packed up front; yes, you can leave but will be very difficult to get back to where you might have been.

Looking for a different alternative? As a camp we will gather in the Community space @ 8:20p on Saturday night and load up our wagons with chairs & Libations and head out to the Playa together. We will walk a bit out on the 8:00 spoke on the Playa; find a spot, spread out our chairs and TOAST Often, Laugh, Cry and watch that Mother Fuckin MAN BURN together.

In past years we have had ~30 campers join us on our trek; all are welcome to join.

## Black Rock City Yearbook Camp Photo

Each year we partner with the Black Rock City Yearbook to have our Village Photo taken to be included in the yearly created portfolio.

As soon as the ability to request to be part of the 2023 yearbook I will do so. **The requested day/Time will be Friday @ 2p - 3p.** There will be a flyer in the Community space with the confirmed date/time.

## Weddings

**Nir & Brightness** are ready to officially **Tie THE Knot...**



Join us for their Playa/BRC PolyParadise Family Wedding Ceremony...

**Monday ~6p - @ a TBA Art Project**



**Ken & Becky (Scotto's actual next-door neighbor)** who will be celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> Burn will be getting married On-Playa.



Join us for their Playa/BRC PolyParadise Family Wedding Ceremony...

**Date & Time To Be Announced....**

## Massage Tables & Masseur's

We have **(2)** Massage Tables available for use anytime. Sheets & Oil will be available.



You are welcome to bring your Fav lotions or oils to add to what is available.

## Cotton Candy

The Camp now features a **Cotton Candy Machine** that will be available for use by **anyone, anytime** with the following flavors: *Amaretto, Banana, Blue Raspberry, Bourbon, Brandy, Bubble Gum, Cherry, Chocolate, Grape, Green Apple, Irish Cream, Lime, Mimosa, Orange, Pina Colada, Pink Vanilla, Peach Brandy, Rum, Strawberry, Watermelon, Whiskey, White and Pink Champagne*



## ICE – ICE – Daily ICE....

PolyParadise **SALUTES & THANKS Max Flynn and his Ice Taxi** for making the vehicle available to us as a camp to make a large Daily Ice run to Artica. In 2023 Artica ice prices for **16 lb. cracked \$10 & 7 lb. block ice are \$5.**

Do to the fact that we do not have a dedicated Ice Czar/Lead this year; each day an Ice Team will be randomly assigned with our working model [Volunteeratoldism™](#). The Ice Taxi plans to arrive each morning **~9:00a-10:00a Playa-Time**. The Team will go to Artica and purchase the Ice and return to camp and place the Ice in designated coolers within our kitchen space.

The camp budget will cover the first day Ice Purchase. A bucket will be provided for you to deposit your \$\$ on a per Bag Cost that you take from the cooler. *This will be on the honor system*; if you take Ice and do not put \$\$ in the bucket you are hurting our entire camp. Each days Money put into the bucket replenishes the supply of the same number of bags purchased. We will not be making change – deposit the correct amount into the bucket.

If you want ice you should be **In Camp** to receive the ice when it arrives as it is on a **First-Come First-Serve basis**. You can always go a purchase ice on your own @ a nearby Artica location.

*Ice is sold at Artica in Center Camp, and in the 3:00 and 9:00 plazas on G. During the event, Monday to Saturday hrs are 9a to 6p, Sunday noon to 6p and Exodus Monday in Center Camp only from 9a to noon. Ice is available in crushed or blocks **16 lb. cracked \$10 & 7 lb. block ice are \$5.** Pre-event, ice is available at Center Camp Artica & Ice-9. Hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon to 6p. New this year: pre-event ice is available at Ice 9 on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6p. You can pay with Credit Card or Apple Pay and or Cash.*

## 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration (2019)

To **CELEBRATE the 21<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY** of The Village of PolyParadise we have a **NEW ART PROJECT!!** This will be our New Entrance to the Camp's Community Space.

We purchased another **Light Truss & 1' Wood Letters** to spell out The Village of PolyParadise – That is **21 Letters & the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** of the Camp. So, each Letter was painted with **UV Reactive Paint** as a tribute to that years Burning Man Theme. The painted letters are illuminated with UV Lights and **JUST POP WITH COLOR** and exudes ART!

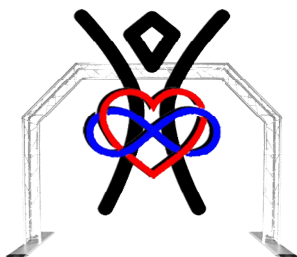
Thanks to everyone who assisted with this project @ our annual Work-Party in March.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (2018)

### 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY VILLAGE OF POLYPARADISE ART PROJECT

In order to properly **CELEBRATE our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** within the gates of BRC – we are creating an Art Project that will be located on our camp frontage.



Work on the project is proceeding nicely. We have purchased the Lighting Truss & at the work-party in March (Special Callout) to **Atira & Armella** for cutting out a full-scale model of the Art Project in Cardboard.

Scotto send Huge KUDOS to **Atira & Armella, Rich, Tattletale, Ian Liljelblad** and all PolyCampers in celebrating our **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!**

**The Twisted Swan**, the incarnation of the former Dusty Swan, a full-service Celtic pub with a bar, pull tap, whiskey, Irish coffee, live music sessions, and a good old-fashioned pub feel in BRC!

Come each night we have a theme to suite your geek needs along with our friendly pub feel. If nothing else for a respite.

## **Twisted Swan Events**

**Monday:** The pub opens at 8pm with a Dr. Who theme, dress as your favorite timelord, companion, or alien and party like it's 5999!

**Tuesday:** At pub open will be our Steampunk/ firefly fancy duds party! The best party in the verse, Alliance need not attend! Get your boiler bubbling and come let off some steam with us.

**Wednesday:** At pub open will be our Theme for the night Brown coat / sci-fi night We aim to misbehave

**Thursday:** At pub open at 8pm don your house colors for Hogwarts night! Leviosa some pints until your petrificus totalous!

**Friday:** At pub open at Theme for the night Goibhniu - The Celtic god of brew needs the rest of our beer in you.

### **Celtic Singalong - Monday, 8PM - 9PM**

Join us for libations and song! You will be guided through some of the best known (and maybe a few more obscure) Irish and Scottish drinking songs by our resident troubadour. Come drink, laugh and make the night sing.

### **Traditional Irish Song Circle - Wednesday, 4PM - 6PM**

Song circles or singers' sessions are specifically meant for those singers who sing unaccompanied traditional Irish songs. Everyone will have a chance to sing a song or four and listen to the best Celtic singers in BRC belt away while drinking our beer and whiskey. Participation is encouraged, but not required; come drink and listen, if you'd prefer.

## **Temple of Bacchus Events**

<b>Monday</b>	Open 2:00p – 8:00p
<b>Tuesday</b>	Open 2:00p – 8:00p
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00p – 2:00p Yoga/Meditation
<b>Wednesday</b>	Open 2:00p – 8:00p
<b>Thursday</b>	Open 2:00p – 8:00p
<b>Friday</b>	Open 2:00p – 8:00p

**Temple of Bacchus** is happy to support your bacchanal all week long and keep you energized for the long haul. We will be open from 2:00p to 8:00p We offer water and a variety of non-alcoholic drinks to keep you ready for the rest of the party. But let's be honest you may want a little more than hydration so we will have wine and other drinks as well. We will also be offering a nice shady spot to smoke hookah or just hang out.

Even when we are not serving the space will be open 24 hours if you just need a place to hang.

## **PolyParadise on Facebook**

Did you know we have a **PolyParadise FaceBook Group?** You need to be '**Friends**' with someone already in the group to join. Friend **ME** and I will add you: <https://www.facebook.com/scott.platsky>

[Twisted Swan FB](#)    [Temple of Bacchus FB](#)

## **Black Rock City Acculturation: Where Will You Volunteer?**

Volunteerism is important; it is the purest sense of giving. When you give freely with no guarantee of compensation...The reward is the journey itself. There are so many opportunities and places to volunteer within Black Rock City (Artery, Artica, Airport, Center Camp Cafe, Census, Greeters, Lamp Lighters, Media Mecca, Playa Info).

You are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to volunteer outside of camp and give of yourself and your time to the citizens of BRC.

Log into your Burner Profile and fill out the Volunteer Questionnaire to get matched with volunteer teams. Start conversations on our FB Group | Volunteer together | Share together.



## **Trash Can Cooking**

**Wednesday Dinner** *TOGETHER* we will be making **30 Pizzas** in perfectly good Trash Cans. Come by the kitchen **~4:30p** to assist assembling the pizzas.

**Friday Dinner** will feature **100lbs of Turkey** cooked in those same perfectly good Trash Cans. This Thanksgiving Dinner On-Playa would not be complete without **Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce.**

Special **CALL-OUT** to **Trevor** the **Charcoal CZAR** of **Trash Can Cooking.**

## **Clothing Exchange**

In the Community Space we will have an area set aside for a **Clothing Exchange**; so please bring your **Burner Best Attire** that you would like to **RE-GIFT** to someone else.

## **Regional | International Flags**

Let's **CELEBRATE** our **HOME Country – State – Region – Regional Event** by bringing a **FLAG** to hang in the community space and we can all be reminded of the large **GLOBAL DIVERSE WORLD-WIDE COMMUNITY** we all hail from.

## Health & Safety

Stay healthy and safe while you explore the many opportunities for participation at Burning Man! Here is some information you need to keep yourself healthy, and tell you where to find emergency services, should you need them.

Remember Radical Self-Reliance! Bring a first aid kit and any medications you may need (the closest pharmacies are in Fernley or Reno, and there is no clinic in Gerlach).

Should your illness or injury be more severe than you can manage without help, there are **Emergency Services** medical stations on the **3:00 and 9:00 plazas**, on the **Esplanade at 5:15**, and new stations on the plazas at **4:30 and 7:30**, and out between the Man and the Temple. All stations are identifiable by a red cross on top of the buildings. The stations are staffed by emergency health care providers (doctors, nurses, medics, etc.) who donate their time and medical expertise to the city as their gift to us all.

If you require a higher level of care than cannot be provided on the playa, you will need to visit a hospital in Reno, either by getting a ride from a friend, or being transported by an ambulance, plane, or helicopter (depending on your condition). If you are able, request to sign a "Consent to Release Information" form so we can tell your friends and family where you are and what happened (by law, we can't provide information about you without your consent). Bring your ID, insurance card, cell phone, and wallet when you go. If you get transported by ambulance, plane, or helicopter, you'll need to arrange for a friend to pick you up after your care. There are no shuttles from the hospitals back to the playa.

## Rebar Safety

Each year most of the injuries at Burning Man can be traced to collisions with rebar. These steel rods work well because they are cheap and hold up against the playa winds better than standard-issue tent stakes.

Most rebar injuries result from stubbing a toe, piercing a foot or otherwise impaling a body part on the exposed metal. Injuries generally happen at times of low visibility, such as in the dark and massive dust storms.

The solution? Covering the exposed end of the rebar with a tennis ball, doll head, plastic bottle or other padding will help prevent injuries is a step in the right direction, but the best way to prevent injury is to **HAMMER THAT SUCKER ALL THE WAY IN! However, before doing so, you must make sure you are equipped to pull it out again.**



The radicalness of it is not that it is offensive or edgy or in your face-shocking - The radicalness of it is that it is coming straight out of your heart and it is going public, where else do you get that chance.

## YOUR COOLER – DAY 1

When you pack for your trip to BRC - your cooler should be **ICED** - When you are at the last stop on Rt. 80 (From the West (Sparks) - From the East (Fernley) before making the turn on HWY 447 heading towards Gerlach - **YOUR COOLER SHOULD BE ICED!!** When you arrive @ Burning Man your cooler should have **ICE** maybe somewhat melted, but it should **HAVE ICE!!!**

As a Village of 300 persons, we are required to have a Health Permit by the Nevada Health Dept. The Health Dept will visit our camp and make sure that we are adhering to all prescribed food preparation - serving - cleanup requirements.

**In 2022 WE DID GREAT WITH THE PREPARATION - SERVING - CLEANUP** aspects of the inspection in part to the efforts of our Kitchen Biatches >Knotch< Shadow & LauraZ. **BUT WHERE WE HAD ISSUES WAS WITH PERSONAL COOLERS THAT WERE PLACED IN THE KITCHEN THAT HAD NO ICE.** The Nevada Health Dept will inspect all coolers and make sure that the contents of said cooler are at proper temperature. Obviously, coolers that have **NO ICE or LIMITED ICE** cannot possibly be at proper temperature. The contents of any cooler not cooled to proper temperature were **DISCARDED!**

**WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE - NO WE REQUIRE that you ICE DOWN YOUR COOLERS as you start your trip to the Playa and KEEP ICE LEVEL IN COOLERS AS REQUIRED during your trip.**

This will ensure that when you cook your meal that **NO ONE EATING YOUR FOOD WILL GET SICK!**

We will also be more proactive and do an **ICE RUN on Sunday (Day 1)** that any camper can use to make sure that when you arrive On-Playa that your cooler can be **RE-ICED** and your food can be kept to temperature and **KEPT SAFE FOR EATING!!**

**ULTIMATELY KEEPING YOUR COOLER ICED - YOUR FOOD SAFE ON THE WAY TO BRC IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

During the event you can order **ICE** in conjunction with our **ICE - ICE - Daily ICE - SEE PAGE 14**





## Burner Express Bus

For those that travel to Burning Man on the [Burner Express Bus](#) Check the FAQ for all Ticketing & restrictions on what you can & cannot bring on the bus aka "Amount of Gear Limits".

You will be given a **Burner Express Trash Bag** – Make sure to bring that Trash Bag to the **Trash Area** and fill it properly with Community Trash that you can transport back on the Burner Express as you leave Burning Man.

## From the Garbage Dump

Since Burning Man is a Leave No Trace event, all the garbage we produce needs to go back home with us. There is no place to leave it on the Playa.

Therefore, starting on Saturday & Sunday your very own PolyParadise garbage will show up next to the driver's side door of your vehicle delivered by the [Volunteeratoldism™](#) crew. These are your very own bag(s) of trash to take off the playa and dispose of responsibly. We will do everything we can to make sure that these bags are not over-stuffed. They will be double bagged & taped to avoid any leakage.

To help facilitate the whole process of garbage handling there are things you can do, as a responsible PolyParadise Camper that will make the job easier.

Try your best to drop your trash into the appropriate bin. There will be labeled bins for **TRASH, RECYCLE, GLASS and BURNABLES**. Crush plastic containers. Crush cans with the provided crusher.

If you are keeping a separate trash container in your tent, take it with you. Bringing it to the camp trash at the end of the week just means that someone else will need to carry it away.

**GLASS – There will be specific BAGS for GLASS – these bags are made so that broken GLASS will not rip/tear said bags.**

On Monday, the trash area will officially close – There won't be an announcement of when. The Kitchen is the first to come down Monday TEARDOWN DAY! If you haven't gotten rid of it by now. you need to take it home with you.

**Anyone who can take MORE than two bags of trash,** People who take more than one bag of trash have a special place in our community's heart.

Remember, any trash that doesn't go home with you, has to go on the truck. And there isn't much spare room on the truck for trash.

**Don't bring garbage to the playa.**

Remove as much of the packing material as you can from ANYTHING you bring to the playa. Get rid of the cereal box and just bring the inner bag. Get rid of the plastic rings on the 6 pack of beer. Unwrap the individual snack bars from the plastic bag.

If you are just going to throw it out on the playa... then it should not come out in the first place.

**Each Vehicle is required to take 2 bags of trash off the playa with you.**



That's right... There is no trash pick-up at Burning Man. The trash we generate is the trash we must take off the playa. Each Vehicle will be required to take **2 bags of trash** off the playa. **PLAN FOR THIS WHEN YOU ARE PACKING.**

One helpful hint: If you have planned your food correctly, there will be empty space in your cooler where you can store some of your camping equipment (sleeping bag, mattress, camelback) to make room for the trash you need to take away.

There are plenty of opportunities to get rid of your trash on the drive home. **See Community Trash Page 11.** Many of the Indian Tribes provide opportunities on Rt. 447 to deposit your trash for a \$/Bag Fee.

Your trash will show up next to your vehicle sometime Saturday/Sunday. **DON'T LEAVE IT BEHIND OR WE WILL HUNT YOU DOWN.**

## 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Art Project

**HOLY SHNICKIES BATMAN!!!** We are **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS** in **Black Rock City**. Huge shoutout to **Touch** (*The inventor of the Human Carcass Wash*) our only remaining member from the original iteration of PolyParadise in **1999**.

In **1999** PolyParadise was **8** campers. In **2000**, my first year we were **15** campers. In **2004**; Wildchild's 1<sup>st</sup> year we were **65** campers. It was **2010** that was the first year we had over **100** campers. In **2014** we topped a population of **200** and for the past **10 Yrs** we have been averaging **~260** campers within PolyParadise.



In **2003-2005** PolyParadise anchored **Shangri-La Village** which was a collaboration of several San Diego based camps.

In **2013-2015** we welcomed the **9 Energies** The Camp within our borders.

Huge shoutout to **Duncan & Kilted Freedom** who originally purchased the former **Dusty Swan** theme camp then rebranded as the **Twisted Swan** and have been part of our Village since **2014**.

MAJOR KUDOS to **Guami** who took over as lead of **The Twisted Swan** in **2017** and also leads the **Temple of Bacchus** theme camp. I got to say that it is incredible to have a BAR as part of the Village aka literally stumbling distance from your Tent or RV.

Over the **25 YRS** we have hosted **hundreds** of **international** campers from **30** countries.

**WOW JUST FREAKIN WOW!!!!**

I have an idea for a **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Project**; that will adorn our already **UV-LIT** illuminated Playa frontage. I am currently scheming & purchasing materials.

I will have all things purchased and ready for some assistance @ our **July 29<sup>th</sup> PolyParadise Transformation to Playa Staging** area event here in Phx.

**HOLY SHNICKIES BATMAN!!!** We are **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS** in **Black Rock City!!!**

## Food Prep Tips

Tear away all the unneeded packaging you can before you pack for your trip to Burning Man, so that you can shrink the size of your kit/bundle/stuff. Recycle those bits \*before\* you come, and you won't need to deal with them. Use Tupperware or other sealable that don't become trash afterwards where possible. You may also consider buying items with less packaging as a matter of principle. Wash veggies, if possible, before you arrive.

Take spices in those 7-day pill minders. Works great and they seal shut and take no space. Put your name on them with a Sharpie. **If you need refrigeration for meds, make sure to ask one of our campers with an RV, I am sure they would not mind storing these for you.**

Try and measure things so that there are no leftovers unless you'll actually eat them. Leftovers seasoned with Playa are even less appetizing. Leftover organics are difficult and smelly to dispose of.

Don't fool yourself into believing that you can live on granola bars at Burning Man. You need balanced nutrition like you've never needed it before in the desert, as you're often expending huge amounts of energy and won't realize it. You need greens, protein, as well as carbs, and tons of water (and perhaps other liquids).

**Making Meals for 25:** Generally, you can take a recipe for 4 and multiply it by six (adding a dash here and there) to make a meal for 25.

Budget your time accordingly. We're a very patient bunch, and you'll make many people happy, as you will when you chow down on exquisite desert-made cuisine.

Salads can be easily extended by putting good things in them, like nuts (unsalted but roasted, generally-- always in a dish on the side for those that have nut allergies), raisins, cranberry-raisins/craisins, chopped veggies (carrots, celery, bell peppers, cherry/grape tomatoes), small fruits (grapes, cherries, kiwi, etc.) and the like. Dressings can be made from simple oil/vinegar combinations (try various oil and vinegar flavors), and crouton-like bits. Avoid putting things together; let people assemble their own combinations. Remember to set things up for easy clean-up and/or re-use (although re-use is more difficult due to the dust).

There will be **Index Cards – Place Holders – Pencils** for you to write down & display what you have cooked so those in the serving line know what they might be eating or how it was prepared or what ingredients are included.

If you KNOW that your offering is vegan, please label it so. Vegetarian is a loose definition, but usually means no meat products, but might include dairy. Chicken (and for many, eggs) and fish aren't vegetarian, along with certain meat by-products like marshmallows, cheese made with animal rennet, and the like. Please label accordingly if you're sharing.

If you take medication that requires refrigeration, ask a fellow camper with an RV if they might be able to store it for you. Let them know what kind of access you will need to it.

Enjoy the snacks; they're usually nutritious and their variety can please many tastes. Snack wrappers create MOOP if not watched and recycled carefully. Snacks aren't for nutrition, generally, they're good only for short-term energy. Don't consider them food.

There's lots of food available elsewhere on the playa. There are no food lines on the playa or food kitchens. There are a lot of foods given as gifts, and camps that specialize in this. Remember to bring your own cup, plate, napkins/serviettes, and cutlery with you-- and something to clean your hands as well as the aforementioned items- in your backpack/camelback.

### Food Sources near Black Rock City

Depending on your politics, [Wal-Mart](#) can do a lot for you. There are lots of them, several in Reno/Sparks, one in Fernley, and in Winnemucca NV. If you like going to Wally World, they're ok. There's a huge [Trader Joe's](#) on the south side of Reno; very well stocked and full of burners.

Once you've gone onto 447 North Fernley, the pickings are impossibly thin, except for some roadside Indian Taco stands. Wadsworth, Nixon, Empire, and Gerlach all have small stores; you're on your own. Planning will help you; shop in Reno/Sparks, Fernley, Lovelock, or Winnemucca before you hit NV 447 to Gerlach and the Burn.

Radical Self-Reliance is a hallmark of the event. That doesn't mean you're totally stranded, but it does mean that the others around you, while inclusive and generous, also have brought what they needed, and must leave with no trace.

## Camp Laptop | Movies

There will be a Community Laptop; the primary function of this device will be to interface with the Stereo to provide a continuous (if desired) stream of **Techno – Rock – Reggae – 100Gigs** as a matter of fact. There should be (2) WiFi Options – The Camp WiFi will require a password and should not be shared. A fellow camper is providing a WiFi option for the public @ large that will have Per Day Time Limits by device – But there are no guarantees, as this is Burning Man.

Each night we will have **MOVIES** being shown in the Community Space. We have an awesome selection of the finest movies for your enjoyment pleasure. We will also have a Popcorn Maker, because nothing goes better with a Movie than Popcorn.

**See Movie List Page 23**

The Human Carcass Wash is mentioned in this PDiddy article from 2013. [Diddy had a life changing experience at Burning Man - In which he states people do stuff like scrape the dirt off each other's naked bodies.](#)

## Playa Tips

**Foot Care:** *Playa foot* - is a malady unique to the Black Rock Desert caused by the alkali dust that makes up the desert. It is, in essence, a chemical burn. The most common cause of playa foot is exposure of your feet to the desert floor by not wearing socks and closed shoes.

Wash your feet well to remove all the playa dust that is embedded in the cracks of your skin. This may require soaking them in a basin of water. Many people recommend adding a small amount of vinegar to the water to neutralize the alkali. 1/4 vinegar and 3/4 water is a good mix. After washing your feet, dry them well and look to make sure you have gotten all the playa dust off of them. If available, apply a thin layer of antibiotic ointment or lotion to the soles of your feet. This isn't necessary and should only be done if you can keep your feet covered with socks and shoes or boots.

Keep your feet covered with socks and closed shoes or boots. Failure to do so will only allow your feet to get worse from the accumulation of more dust on your feet.

**Nose Care:** Saline or w/aloe nasal spray. Especially if you are use to a more humid climate. Dried out nasal passages can hurt and bleed.

*Take care of your Feet...  
Your Feet will take care of YOU!!*

**Lip Care:** lip balm with sunscreen, preferably hung from a lanyard so you always have it at the ready.... whether you have pockets or not.

**General Stuff:** A set of clothing including shoes/sandals that stays in zip lock bags until after tearing down camp, to change into for the ride home.

Mask for windstorms, Small sized Sanitizing gel (alcohol) to keep in your pocket. Good to use after a trip to the Porto Potties. Camelback or similar (for portable hydration). A reusable mug or cup for coffee and beverages at the Center Camp Café. Contact Lenses: (Bring a back-up pair. Then bring a back-up pair for the back-up pair)

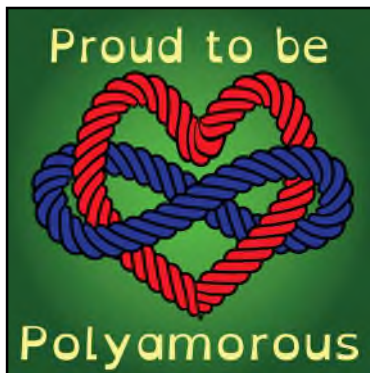
**Medical Alert Bracelets:** Black Rock City's [Emergency Services Department](#) highly encourages folks who normally wear a medic alert bracelet to do so on playa as well. If you don't usually wear a medic alert bracelet but have a serious medical condition, we encourage you to wear one on playa to ensure Emergency staff can take appropriate care of you. Questions? Email [911\(at\)burningman\(dot\)org](mailto:911(at)burningman(dot)org) or contact Black Rock City's [Emergency Services Department](#) via email.

*If it does not come out of your body  
It does not go into the potty!!*

## Camp Needs

**Needs for Community Space:  
Chairs & More Chairs for Community space  
(Without Footrest Attached)**

**Remember:** Anything that you bring to the Playa & PolyParadise is yours to take back home. Please do not leave your unwanted food, infrastructure, or garbage for me to take home to Phoenix.



**How much water should I bring?** You are responsible for bringing **Five (5) Gallons** of water/vehicle to donate to the Camp. This water will be used for starter water each day for the Human Carcass Wash and will also fill a Community Water jug for all to use. This bright orange cooler will be in the Community Space and will have blocks of ice dropped in each day so that there is always cold water to enjoy for all campers.

You also need to plan for water you will personally use during the week. Plan on **1.5 Gallons/Person/Day** for drinking, your consumption may vary.

It is also your responsibility to bring your own shower water. We supply the shower you supply the water. The Shower bags have a **Five (5) Gallon** capacity and if you leave the nozzle open the water drains at **One (1) Gallon/minute**. So that would mean you would get a **5-Minute** shower. If you want a longer shower have more water available or turn the nozzle off while you soap your hair or lather your shower partner.

So, if you plan to take one shower/day and you are there for 7 days you would need ~30 Gallons of water for showers.

The best transport for your water is the Arrowhead or similar brand 5-gallon suitcases, they pack & carry the easiest.

Remember, water weighs **8 lbs./Gallon**, so you might want to wait to purchase your water in Reno or Fernley and not transport the water from your home destination to save weight and gas mileage.

*The definition of community is a place where there is gift exchange. The converse of that would be; if you wish to destroy community, a good way to do it is to turn all gift giving into commercial exchanges.*

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### Water and Plastic Waste

Everyone has to bring water to the playa. Try to buy your water in the largest sizes you can find. 5-gallon containers are great. 2-gallon containers are ok. 1-gallon containers are barely acceptable. Avoid as much as possible cases of "single serving" water bottles.

- These are wrapped in plastic and cardboard, which is garbage before it even arrives.
- Water bottles end up all over camp – half-drunk – with no names on them, and who the heck is going to finish someone else's half-drunk water.

These are **WASTE**, all the way around.

Our camp has a water cooler that refilled with ice each day. **BRING A PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE AND FILL IT UP FROM THE COOLER.** This will greatly reduce one of the worst forms of waste. Re-use! Re-use! Re-use!

Burning man does not provide a space to Burn Trash. As a result, it is even MORE imperative that you think about reducing the amount of paper trash you bring to the playa.

If you had room to bring it, you have room to take it home.

In the past, people have left broken chairs behind as garbage, as if **YOUR** broken chair was the **CAMP's** problem. **No. No. No.**

In the past, people would leave unused water as a "gift" for the camp. Which meant that someone else had to pour it out and deal with the plastic waste. **No. No. No.**

In the past, people would keep trash in their tent, and at the last minute, bring it out to the trash area, as if suddenly your personal trash became community trash. **No. No. No.**

Whatever "**personal**" trash you end up with is yours to handle. Broken chairs, tents, bikes, and personal trash don't suddenly become everyone else's problem. You had room to bring it out, you have room to take it home.

With some fore thought, we can reduce the amount of trash that we all need to deal with before anyone leaves the playa. I appreciate all your efforts, and I especially appreciate those that pitch in and those who manage to take MORE than the minimum # of Trash Bags Off-Playa



## Sense of Community

We are a community and the way PolyParadise continues to be a community is through the efforts of all of YOU!

Burning Man is based on Radical Self-Reliance, as a community at Burning Man this does not change, except for the infrastructure that is provided. It is still up to all of us to make the PolyParadise community be successful. It takes all of us together to put the structure together, maintain it on a daily basis.

What you need to contribute towards our community is:

- **5 Gallons of Water/ Car** - Running of the Human Carcass Wash / Community Drinking water.
- **Take At Least Two (2) Bags** of Community Garbage Off-Playa - Be responsible and dispose of this garbage in appropriate receptacles.
- Follow the **LEAVE NO TRACE** rule of BRC, and coordinate with other camp members prior to leaving the event and our campsite looking for and picking up MOOP (Matter Out of Place)
- Participate in one mandatory meal prep/serve/clean a (Providing a meal for 25)

**Meals are not included in the \$250/person Camp Fee.** Meals are a gift the community gives to itself. Again, this is radical self reliance it is not up the community to feed you, and it is up to all of us to contribute together.

Even if it is not your scheduled turn to cook...adding a small side dish can add to any meal. It can be as small as chips and salsa, canned fruit, a salad, anything you want to share with the group. The more you share without being asked the more there is for everyone.

Personal Coolers can be stored in the designated area at the back of the kitchen so you can have easier access to your items, and you do not have to store them in a hot tent. Please put your name on your cooler and respect another persons property. Ice for personal coolers is the responsibility of the individual.

A Large container of Cold Drinking water will always be available in the community area.

PolyParadise works because we all work together.

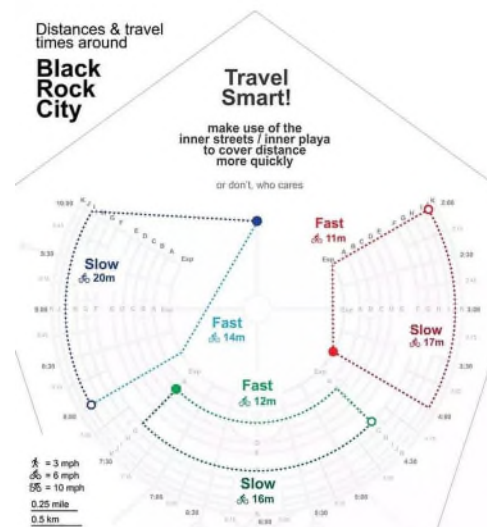
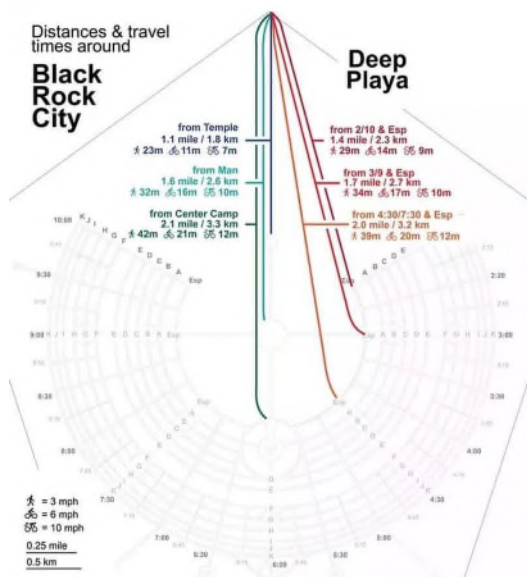
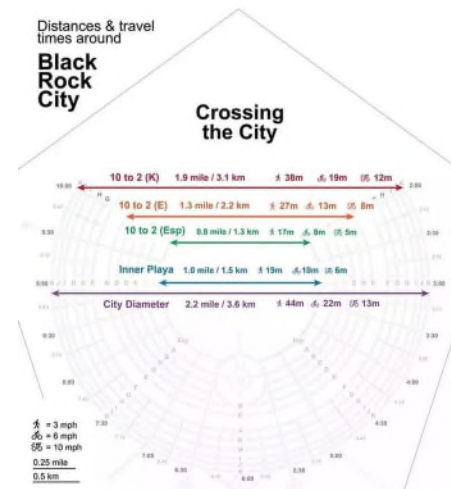
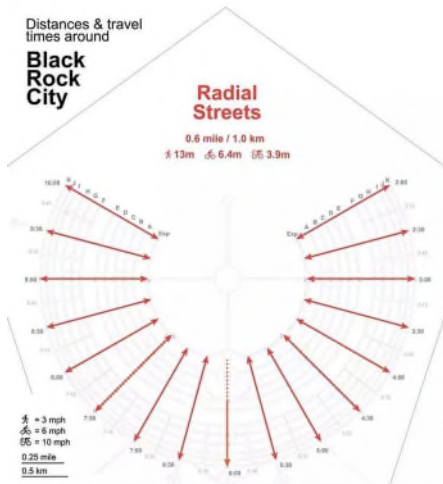
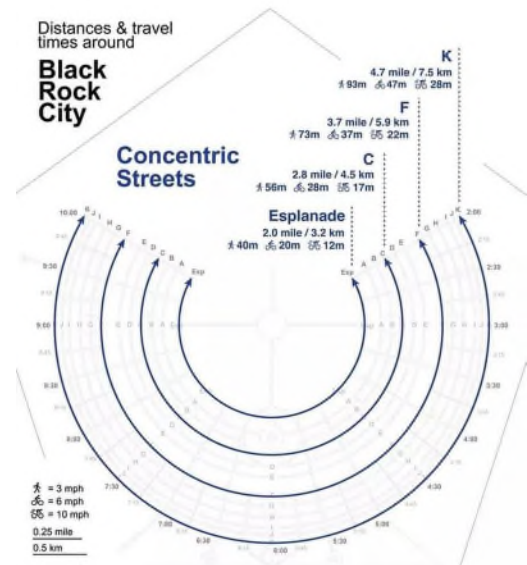
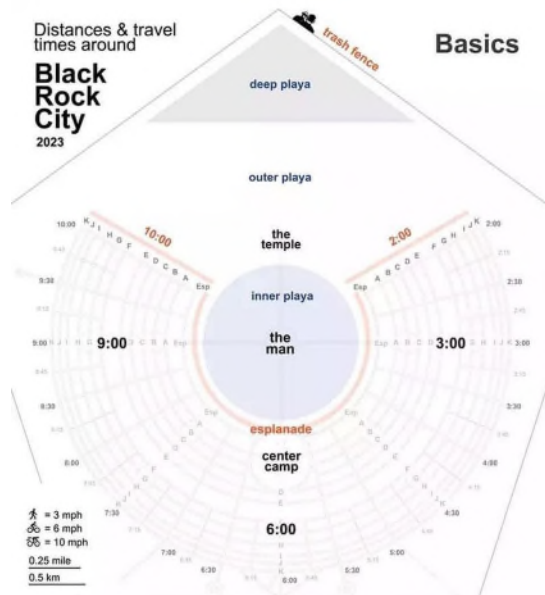
This is a "do-ocracy" If you see something that needs to be done...do it or ask for help from a campmate.

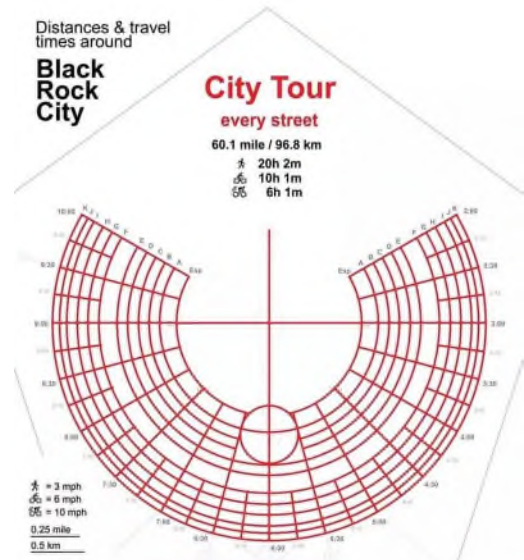
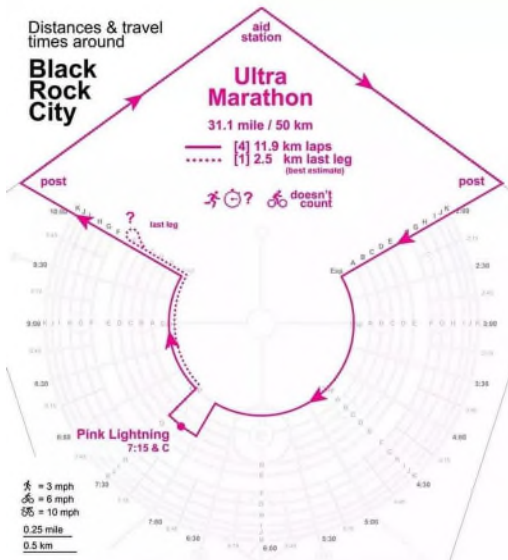
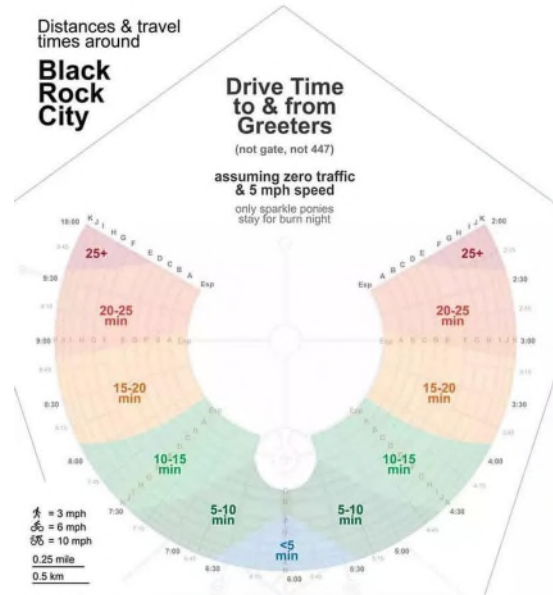
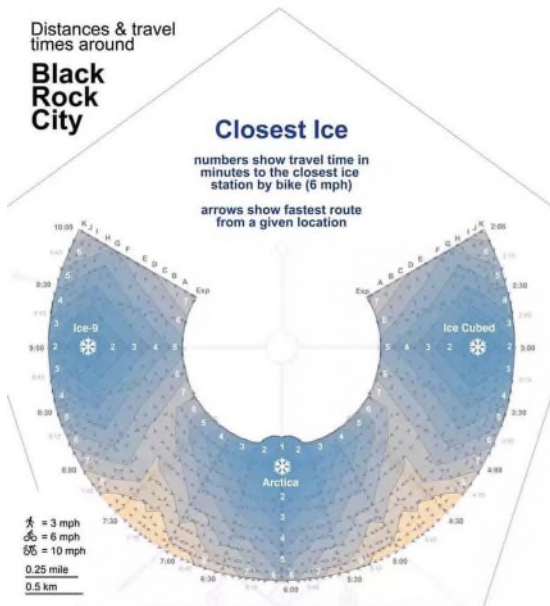
PolyParadise is our home in the desert for a week. Together we can enjoy our community and enjoy our Burning Man.

Burning Man can be anything you want it to be.... So make it AMAZING!

Love and Playa Dust,  
**WildChild** aka Ginny - **Burner Chick - Camp Mom**

# Black Rock City Distances





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## The Ten Principles of Burning Man

This is the 18 YEAR Anniversary of the Ten (10) Principles

\*\* Read Them - Re-Read Them – Repeat Them 5x – Live Them \*\*

Let them guide you in your daily life - Spread the Word!!!

Burning Man Founder [Larry Harvey](#) wrote the Ten Principles in 2004 as guidelines for the newly formed Regionals 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** - In order 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 his or her 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.

**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.

## Movie List

2001-A Space Odyssey  
 2010 – Year We Made Contact  
 African Queen  
 Airplane I & II  
 Altered States  
 AMV Minis – Season 1 & 2  
 Anchorman I & II  
 Angry Birds  
 Any Given Sunday  
 Archer Season 1 - Season 8  
 Armageddon  
 Austin Powers I & II  
 Avatar  
 Batman-Superman Movie  
 Being John Malkovich  
 Best Looney Tunes  
 Big Lebowski  
 BigMeat Eater  
 Blazing Saddles  
 Brother Where Art Thou'  
 Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck  
 Bugs Life  
 Cabin in the Woods  
 Caddy Shack  
 Captain Underpants  
 Cars 2  
 Casablanca  
 Celebrity Death Match  
 Cheech-Chong-Animated Movie  
 Children of Paradise  
 Citizen Kane  
 Clockwork Orange  
 Contact  
 Chronicles of Narnia  
 Curious George  
 Daffy Duck – Best Of  
 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid  
 Death Match  
 Despicable Me I & II  
 Deadpool I & II  
 Donnie Darko  
 Enders Game  
 Falling Down  
 Faceoff  
 Fear Loathing in Las Vegas  
 Fifth Element  
 Finding Nemo  
 Fistful of Dollars  
 For a Few Dollars More  
 For Your Height Only  
 Galaxy Quest  
 Ghostbuster's I & II  
 Grandmas Boy  
 Gumby  
 Hang Em HIGH  
 How to Train Your Dragon  
 Happytime Murders  
 Harry Potter Sorcerer's Stone  
 Harry Potter Sorcerer's Stone Alt  
 Harry Potter Goblet of Fire  
 Harry Potter Chamber of Secrets  
 Harry Potter – Deathly Swallows I-II  
 Harry Potter – Order of Phoenix  
 Harry Potter - Prisoner Azkaban  
 Heavy Metal  
 History of the World Part 1  
 Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy  
 I-Robot  
 Incredible Hulk  
 Independence Day I & II  
 Ice Age I - IV  
 Jaws  
 Justice League 2017  
 Justice League Doom  
 Kung Fu Panda – I - III  
 Lego Batman Movie  
 Labyrinth  
 Looney Tunes Show  
 Little Shop of Horrors  
 Liquid Sky  
 MASH Season 10  
 Mission Impossible I - V  
 Metropolis  
 Madagascar I & II  
 MOIST  
 Monty Python - Meaning of Life  
 Monty Python - Life of Brian  
 Monty Python - Holy Grail  
 Mr Bean  
 Minority Report  
 Minions  
 Mr. Magoo  
 Muppet Movie  
 MSTK (49 Episodes)  
 National Lampoon Christmas Vacation  
 One Flew Over the Coocoo's Nest  
 Pink Floyd -The Wall  
 PIRANHA  
 Plan 9 From Outer Space  
 POKÉMON Detective Pikachu  
 Pulp Fiction  
 Purple Rose of Cairo  
 PI  
 Quackerz  
 Quantum of Solace  
 Ready Player One  
 Reefer Madness  
 Reefer Madness The Musical  
 Repo The Genetic Opera  
 Requiem For a Dream  
 Robot-Monster  
 Rocky Horror Picture Show  
 Santa Claus Conquers MARTIANS  
 Shark Island  
 SkyFall  
 Sleeping Beauty  
 Spaceballs  
 SPECTRE  
 Spinal Tap  
 Starship Troopers  
 Stripes  
 Swordfish  
 The Book of Eli  
 The Brain That Wouldn't Die  
 The Fox & the Hound  
 The Book of Eli  
 The Bourne Identity  
 The Bourne Supremacy  
 The Bourne Ultimatum  
 The Emoji Movie  
 The Good – Bad - Ugly  
 The interview  
 The Jerk  
 The Magic Christian  
 The Princess Bride  
 The Warriors  
 Three Amigos  
 Toy Story 1 - 3  
 Total Recall  
 Truman Show  
 True Lies  
 Tweety's High Flying Adventure  
 Vanilla Sky  
 Waking Life  
 Warriors  
 Weekend at Bernie's I - II  
 When the Wind Blows  
 Wizard of OZ  
 Young Frankenstein





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The 13<sup>th</sup> **VOLUME**

Even if you have camped with us before, I encourage you to read the information contained within.

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**25 YEARS**

8,766 Days

210,384 Hours

12,623.040 Minutes

In Black Rock City

1999 - 2023