

Frostburn Survival Guide

Winter in West Virginia is highly unpredictable, and governed by physical laws that cannot be ignored. Although the Frostburn team strives to create a safe environment, you alone are responsible for your survival, safety and comfort. Read this Survival Guide completely, and be certain that everyone else in your group does so as well!

Share the Warmth!

Thanks for joining us! We've created this Survival Guide to help people understand what to expect at Frostburn, as well as to provide tips on what you should bring. Read it and re-read it (maybe even print out a copy) so you know to plan for things like snowball fights and, say, most of your water freezing (don't worry, we'll let you know how to fix it...just read on). To start, we'll introduce some of the principles of the Frostburn event, followed by advice on planning for a winter art event, including tips on packing and preparation; a discussion of what you should expect upon arrival as well as other information that could prove invaluable throughout the weekend. Note that this guide, while helpful, is far from comprehensive. We encourage you to seek out other information, especially pertaining to winter camping, before the event!

Remember, it is ultimately you who is responsible for your health and well being.

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(1) The Ten Principles

1. **Radical Inclusion:** Anyone may be a part of Frostburn. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.
2. **Gifting:** Frostburn 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.
3. **De-commodification:** 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.
4. **Radical Self-reliance:** Frostburn encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.

(2) The Language

Every sub-culture has its own terminology, and Frostburn is no exception, so without further ado...

Burn — an event similar to, or vaguely associated with the annual Burning Man event in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. Such events generally promote and celebrate the Ten Principles, detailed above.

Burner — a person who participates in a burn do-ocracy — a culture which recognizes that it is within everyone's power to affect the change they want to see, meaning that if you see something you think should be done, you should “just do it” instead of complaining about it or waiting for someone else to do it. This turns out to be pretty empowering and reminds everyone that the community belongs to all of us instead of being someone else's responsibility.

Interactive Art — art that encourages “hands-on” interaction or can respond to people interacting with it.

MOOP — stands for Matter-Out-Of-Place, and refers not only to litter and trash, but anything that wasn't there when we arrived, or something left where it can be easily blown away by the wind. If we all minimize MOOP we can help maintain the Leave No Trace of Frostburn!

Mutant Vehicle — also known as an “art car”, a mutant vehicle is a mobile work of art capable of being driven and typically capable of carrying passengers. See Mutant Vehicles (p.5).

No Spectators — Frostburn is a culture of “participating” and what happens there is determined primarily by its participants, not by the event organizers. Here, you are the artist! You are the performer! You are the entertainment! The more you put into the event, the more you will probably enjoy it.

Regional Burn — a “burn” event held in a certain geographic region & intended to bring the spirit of a Ten Principles event to a locality.

Theme Camp — a camp or other structure or area that creates a specific experience. Some theme camps offer gifts of food or beverages, while others may simulate a fantasy environment or provide music and/or space for dancing, relaxation or learning. Elaborate theme camps combine many, or all of these elements.

To start...

Participants at Frostburn must bring with them all necessities for attending the event. This includes, but is not limited to: food and drink, shelter, sufficient winter clothing, and basic first aid supplies. As you read this Survival Guide, please remember that you are responsible for your own conduct, safety, and comfort at all times, in every way, before, during and after your visit. Additionally, you must follow basic rules pertaining to public safety and communal well being to help ensure the collective survival of our attendees and the event:

- You are required to abide by all laws, campground regulations and community standards at all times.

- You are required to behave in a socially responsible manner.
- You are expected to adhere to the Ten Principles.

Remember, membership in our community is a privilege. Although we welcome and value your participation, we reserve the right to eject from the event, without refund, anyone who cannot conduct themselves in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations. Frostburners must be able to present a valid admission laminate at all times.

(3) Radical Self Reliance

Marvin's Mountaintop is normally closed during the winter months, but they've agreed to open over Presidents' Day weekend exclusively for Frostburn! As a result, most regular campground services will not be available during our event. Plan for your visit as you would plan for Burning Man or a winter wilderness camping trip! Do a test run with your equipment before leaving home.

The following list should help you remember many of the most important necessities.

What will you need...

- Water to drink, bathe, freeze, and prepare food. If you intend to build fires, you must also bring sufficient additional water to extinguish any fire that you become unable to tend. Beware, your water can and will freeze if left exposed to the elements, so try to keep it either in a cooler (without ice), a tent, or wrapped up in your car as a precaution.
- Enough food and beverage for your entire time you're there. Comfort foods are especially good, and warm foods such as soups, hot cocoa and tea, will help you stay warm and make you happy. Remember though, the easier it is to make and prepare, the more likely you are to actually make it when you need it! It's possible that your food can freeze if left exposed to the elements (this includes fruit and veggies!), so plan ahead and bring food that you can thaw out.
- A First Aid Kit.
- A well-outfitted, 3.5- to 4-season camping tent in good condition! Recreational vehicles, domes, and hexayurts or portable, MOOP free and seasonable structures are also welcome. See Winter Camping Survival (p.3) for more information about Winter camping.
- Warm clothing, including waterproof, weatherproof attire and backups including socks! See Staying Warm (p.4) for tips on how to dress for success!
- Garbage bags, a broom and dust pan. Frostburn is a Leave No Trace event (see the Ten

Principles on page 1 and Leave No Trace on page 6).

- Required Medications and Health and Beauty Aids, including prescriptions, contact lens supplies, and anything else essential to your health and comfort.
- Flashlights and spare batteries. Headlamps are particularly useful. El-wire, reusable glowsticks and blinky things will help you stand out at night.
- Coolers... to keep your food and beverages from freezing! Just as coolers can keep your food cold in the summer, a cooler without any ice in it can also insulate your food from extreme cold weather and keep it from freezing. Alternately, if it's warm, you'll have something to keep your food cold in.
- Cookware, including a cooking stove, or items that can be used over a campfire. You will probably be craving hot food. Plus, if your food freezes, you'll have to thaw it out.
- Tire Chains for the drive into site. You may not need them, but you might. Don't get stuck on the mountainside, miles away from help.
- Common sense, an open mind and a great attitude. Be prepared to challenge your values at Frostburn. Not everyone is comfortable with radical self-expression. Be certain you are ready to consider alternate viewpoints, to respect the free speech of others, and tolerate those with different opinions from your own—no matter how crazy they seem!

Also Consider Bringing:

- Art Installations! Frostburn is all about self-expression, and what better way to express yourself than by creating and sharing a work of art? All forms of art are welcome and those that include an interactive component can be even better. For example, anything that can be handled, climbed or manipulated by participants is great for this event. Don't be shy: any little thing you bring adds to the Frostburn experience.
- Costumes, instruments, decorations or any other elements that you think might improve the atmosphere, vibe and experience for yourself and others.
- Earplugs! Not everyone will want to sleep when you do.
- A camera, to capture the moment. See Media, Photography and Video (p.6) for important information about etiquette behind the lens.
- Lotion/lip balm. Cold weather can be tough on your skin, and chapped lips are no fun to kiss!

- Watertight protective bags for cameras and other gear.
- Portable ash trays (for smokers). Leave No Trace means cigarette butts, too! A metal container for mints or candy works well.
- A battery-powered camp light and spare batteries, as cold weather decreases useful life.
- An extra set of car keys—in case you drop yours in a snow bank and can't find them again!
- Plastic reusable water bottles are recommended by some to hold boiled water for extra warmth. Be careful to avoid burns!
- Winter Driving Gear such as snow tires. A snow shovel, sand (for traction), tow rope with a hook, and other tools can also prove to be very useful if it snows during the event or if your car gets stuck. Better to plan ahead than to pay for towing. See the RV section for additional tips for large vehicles.
- A Plastic Sled to move your gear to and from your campsite.
- Body warmers - Hot Hands, ToastyToes, etc.

Leave These Things at Home:

- Straw or hay bales are prohibited by our hosts and nearly impossible to Leave No Trace.
- Explosives. Fireworks.
- Firearms, including air rifles, BB guns and pellet guns, are prohibited.
- Glass containers. We recommend against bringing glass containers, as cleaning up broken glass is very difficult in the snow, and highly problematic in the outdoors in general.
- Excess packaging. The more you bring in, the more you have to pack out when you leave! Removing packaging, such as the plastic those brand new long-johns came in, can reduce the amount of trash you have to pack out with you.
- Space heaters, unless you can guarantee that there is no risk of fire, carbon monoxide poisoning or other suffocation/oxygen depletion to yourself or other participants. A carbon monoxide detector is essential if you are burning fuel indoors.

- Bicycles. You should be able to walk everywhere you need. In case of snow or rain, a bike won't make for a more pleasant trek and it's probably not worth the effort.

(4) Getting There...

We want your trip to be a pleasant one, from the moment you depart to the moment you return. Here are some tips for getting to Frostburn:

- Purchase your admission in advance. Sales at the event are not guaranteed. If available, onsite tickets will be higher than presales, and only cash will be accepted at the event for payment. Avoid disappointment and hassle, and help the committee plan! Your advance purchase will be waiting for you when you arrive. For more information, visit our website.... www.frostburn.org
- Use more than one website to map your route, write the directions down and the location or print them out. Do not expect to have cell service the whole trip.
- Do not trust your GPS, it will not work for parts of the drive. We recommend that you instead follow your directions to Masontown, WV. From there follow the directions (provided below) and the posted Frostburn signs from Masontown to Marvin's Mountaintop. Resolve any differences between the suggestions before you hit the road.
- Consider Carpooling in a 4x4 or all-wheel drive vehicle. Easy access parking can sometimes be at a premium at Frostburn, especially in the event of bad weather which may cause some of our plowed areas to become less accessible. Carpooling helps everyone out by giving everyone access to more "premium"/easily accessible spots. Prepare for winter driving conditions before you leave home. Even if the weather is good and roads are clear, there is no guarantee that things won't change by the time you arrive at Frostburn. Route 7 is generally well-maintained, but the final stretch up the mountain is cleared by the county. This road is not heavily traveled and therefore a low priority to maintenance crews. Local residents rely on four-wheel-drive vehicles with snow tires or snow chains; if at all possible, you should too! At the very least, prepare for the worst and don't overestimate the capabilities of your vehicle. Better to prepare too much than not enough!
- Arrive Alive... Be sure that you get enough sleep before you depart so that you're not fatigued on the drive.
- Try to arrive during daylight hours, the roads are more likely to freeze at night.
- Frostburn officially opens at noon (EST) on Thursday. We are not expecting a line at the gate, so please do not show up early. If you are part of a theme camp or constructing an art installation and feel that early set-up might be required, please apply for early arrival

when registering your theme camp or art installation through the Frostburn website.

Frostburn will take place at:
Marvin's Mountain Top
Greens Run-Long Hollow, Masontown, WV 26542
(39.566587, -79.747159)

Directions

We do not recommend following GPS past Masontown, WV. It will cut out often and is more likely to lead you to an unplowed dirt road on an uninhabited part of the mountain, chances of you getting stuck there are high and that won't be fun. Instead, we recommend you follow the directions listed below and the signs we will be posting from Masontown, WV to the entrance of Marvin's Mountaintop.

(From WV- 7 East)

Turn left onto Depot Way/East Street (0.2 miles)

Continue onto Herring Way (1.5 miles)

Turn Left onto Nuce Road (1.5 miles)

Turn Left onto Green Run-Long Hollow Road (0.25 miles)

Turn Right (0.2 miles)

Turn Right and drive up to check in. Welcome Home!

When You've Made It

When you arrive at the campground, greeters and event staff should be at the gate to check you in and hand out your admission laminate. Don't forget your government-issued photo identification, as proof of age and to pick up your tickets and pre-purchased firewood from the will-call list.

If nobody is at the gate when you arrive, please park your vehicle in the parking lot and walk to locate a member of the event staff right away. Please do not drive into the event area, nor set up camp, before you have received your admission laminate and instructions from the event staff. Be sure to keep your admission laminate with you at all times (preferably where we can see it without asking). If you are unable to produce your laminate when requested by the event staff, you may be ejected from the event without refund. We don't want that to happen, so please display this fashionable work of art with pride!

In and Out

Your admission purchase includes unlimited in/out privileges for people, but not for vehicles. Driving at Frostburn presents a safety hazard. Park your vehicle in the designated space upon arrival and leave it there until you are ready to return home.

When entering or leaving the event, do not exceed five miles per hour (5 MPH), stay on

designated roads and do not drive if conditions are hazardous. If you remove your vehicle from the event area, you will not be permitted to bring it back in: "cruising" the event is not permitted.

****Warning: While we don't expect any issues, Frostburn assumes no responsibility for your vehicle or its contents, regardless of where you park****

(5) Parents, Children and Everyone Else

Radical self-expression is one of the ten principles of the burner community, and one of our goals at Frostburn is to foster that principle as much as possible. As a result, some of the art or performances that you encounter at the event might not be suitable for all participants, especially children. We urge you to exercise discretion before bringing minors or sensitive individuals to the event, and closely supervise those in your care.

Marvin's Mountain requires that all persons under the age of eighteen be under the supervision of a parent or court appointed legal guardian at all times. Parental consent to attend with a friend or family member is NOT enough! All participants will be required to show valid, government issued photo identification to gain access to the event. If you are a parent or guardian, you may be required to provide notarized evidence that any minor(s) in your custody are your legal responsibility.

(6) Winter Camping Survival

Camping in the winter requires much greater preparation than in the warmer months. Bring more blankets, sleeping bags, and clothing than you think you will need—better to have too much than not enough! A heavy sleeping bag and insulated sleeping mat are essential to winter tent camping. A sleeping bag rated well below freezing temperatures is critical to your survival, and the use of a fleece or summer bag inside your winter bag may be warranted, as even cold-rated sleeping bags may not keep you comfortable at that temperature. Similarly, extra bedding can be used over and under your sleeping bag to supplement its heat retention. A standard inflatable air mattress becomes as cold and uncomfortable as the air that fills it. A closed-cell foam mat or winterspecific air mattress will insulate your body from the cold ground, and is a much better option than a regular air mattress. Mylar sheeting can be placed between the ground and your bottom layer of bedding to reflect any body heat that escapes back to you for an extra measure.

****Space heaters and camp stoves that consume wood-based or oil-based fuel carry a serious risk of fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, air pollution and oxygen depletion. Do not operate any heat source that poses a threat to you or other attendees in a closed space. If you plan to burn fuel in an enclosed space, use a combination FIRE and CARBON MONOXIDE detector!****

Outdoor Tent Camping

Winter camping requires far more information on preparation and planning than we can provide

in this Survival Guide. We urge you to do extensive research before attending the event, including reading these referenced documents, seeking the advice of experienced winter campers or, if possible, obtain certification in Wilderness First Aid. If you have the option, it can help to try camping in your backyard on a cold night to experiment with how to stay more comfortable in the cold.

A Few Winter Camping Resources:

<http://www.theozarks.com/WinterCamping.htm>

<http://www.backpacking.net/wintertips.html>

Recreational Vehicles

Your motor home, trailer or other recreational vehicle is welcome at Frostburn. We have a designated RV parking area, near the general parking area of the event.

There are several things to consider when planning on bringing an RV that will make it a more enjoyable experience:

- There are no electrical hookups for RVs
- Water and sewer hookups are not available on site.
- In very extreme temperatures, your RV heating system may not work effectively, so it might make sense to bring an electric space heater as a backup heating source, but also your generator might freeze, so be prepared.
- Take precautions against getting stuck! Your RV will be located in the area which we believe has the lowest potential for you to get stuck. That said, in the unpredictable weather of West Virginia during the winter months we can't guarantee anything. Therefore, please take precautions when you arrive and depart: (1) bring snow removal equipment; (2) consider bringing 2"x6" or 2"x8" boards to park on such that the RV doesn't sink into the snow; and (3) if you find yourself getting stuck while attempting to leave: STOP! Take a breather and get people to help push (or pull with their 4x4)...digging into the snow will just make it tougher to extract the vehicle later. Follow these considerations and you'll minimize the possibility of needing to call for more expensive help. We recommend snow chains for all vehicles.

(7) Staying Warm

Winter in West Virginia is unpredictable. There might be inches of snow or rain, or nothing at all. The temperature can easily fall below freezing, but highs in the fifties or even sixties are not unknown. Follow these tips to stay warm, dry and comfortable, to make your Frostburn weekend a pleasant one! Bring more clothing than you think you will need—it's better to have too much than not enough! Perhaps more important, bring the right kinds of clothing—all the layers you can bear won't be very comfortable if your entire outfit is wet, heavy, or stinky!

- **Insulated, waterproof boots** (two pair) are a must-have! Also bring water-resistant outerwear, such as ski jackets and snow pants, over layers of breathable synthetic material. In addition to a warm hat, you should bring balaclavas, dickeys (mock turtlenecks), ear muffs and glove liners. Be prepared to cover your face (including your ears!), neck, head, extremities... heck, every inch of your body!

Check what your clothing is made of. Cotton Kills, so look for things made of synthetics, silk and wool. Your local outdoors/ski shop will be happy to help you .

- **Dress in loose layers of clothing** that can easily be removed when you get warm, or put back on as you start to get chilly. This ability to “layer down” as you heat up will keep you from overheating, and more importantly, from sweating and getting your clothes wet. Wet clothes are a dangerous situation when camping in winter weather. Also plan on bringing multiple changes of clothes and multiple pairs of gloves (or mittens for even more warmth), hats, boots, etc. so you'll always have something dry, as you may change your ensemble two or three times as often as you would under normal conditions.
- **Costumes** are strongly encouraged . Faux fur is always in fashion. Don't forget colorful hats, gloves and scarves!
- **Seek out heat-producing art installations** and theme camps based around campfires. Enjoy the company of other participants to warm your body and soul. Try not to spend much time alone in the cold, and keep an eye on other solo participants. **Share the Warmth** of our community by helping others stay dry and comfortable. You'll be amazed how much better you feel when you help a fellow Frostburner in need.
- **Be careful not to overheat.** Also, think twice about using a personal heating device that may dry your skin, cause burns or create a fire hazard. Stay on your guard, and ***maintain a safe distance from campfires***, fire art, fire performances and other heat sources. See Fire Safety for more information.

(8) Good Neighbors

Although Frostburn has few neighbors, residences on and near the event site are not affiliated with our event. Stay within campground boundaries and only use public roadways. Do not attempt to enter or exit the event site except where instructed. High-volume sound systems may only be operated in designated areas and must not disturb our neighbors. Sound equipment that causes problems after an initial warning may be relocated or disabled; repeat offenders may be ejected from the event.

(9) Public Safety

Cooperation is the cornerstone of our Frostburn event and the burner community. However, there is no guarantee that a few bad apples won't slip into the event and cause harm. Always maintain awareness of your personal safety during the event. Secure your belongings before you leave your camp, get to know your neighbors and work together to keep things secure. Make new friends, but be alert to the actions and intentions of those you meet. Be cautious about accepting gifts of drink or food from strangers. Before wandering off alone or with a new friend, tell someone you know and trust where you are going. Learn to identify event and campground staff by their special identification laminates.

Frostburn and our hosts support all local, state and federal laws. As in any other community, you are required to know, respect and obey the law. Frostburn does not promote or condone the use of illegal drugs, which can cause a serious health risk in hazardous winter conditions. The legal drinking age in Pennsylvania is twenty-one. Sexual conduct is prohibited in the presence of minors and in civic spaces. All residents of our community also have a right to privacy in their camp quarters. Know your rights and respect the rights of other participants!

In the event that a conflict arises, event staff will act as community mediators to help resolve disputes. As with other burns, community mediators called Frostburn Rangers may also be available to help resolve conflicts between participants. However, neither the event staff or Rangers are law-enforcement officials, and any breaches of the law or conflicts stemming from breaches of the law which cannot be resolved via mediation may result in expulsion from the event or (as a last resort) be referred to local law-enforcement. If you have prior experience as a Ranger, or are interested in teaming up with an experienced Ranger at Frostburn, please email kimbellora@gmail.com before the event to volunteer.

That tingle you feel might be more than just the winter air: many participants think of a burn event as an erotic, sexually-charged environment. Know and express your own sexual boundaries. It is imperative that you ask about and respect the boundaries of others. Remember, silence is not consent. Yes means yes. Everything else means NO!

Local police are not expected to patrol the event. If you encounter a public safety situation that cannot be resolved by venue or event staff or the Frostburn Rangers, call **9-1-1** for the police.

(10) Fire Safety

Fire is an integral part of every burn, but it's particularly important to us. Frostburn was created to showcase fire's value as both an art medium and heat source—at the same time. Communities have always formed and gathered around fire. The warmth of fire is greater than BTUs: it also creates culture and fosters relationships.

Frostburn participants must understand and perform all responsibilities for fire safety. When used for artistic purposes, fire must not endanger participants or damage property. All artists and crews are solely responsible for their art. This includes verification, through adequate testing, that performers, participants, staff and safety personnel will not be endangered by the piece. Operators and performers must not smoke while participating with any fire project, and must not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any kind while performing their duties. Negligence, carelessness and unsafe conditions will not be tolerated. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for the fire safety, please email Brian@brianwoodard.com

Fires are prohibited on all paved areas and in close proximity to campground structures. Frostburn assumes NO responsibility for the safety of ANY art projects or performances, whether approved or not.

Open Fire

Any art that uses basic fire sources (other than pressurized or liquid fuels), is called an open fire. Danger is generally proportional to size, and appropriate precautions must be taken to keep fire under control. The fire should be clearly visible to participants, and ways to escape or extinguish the fire, should the need arise, should also be obvious to any bystanders.

Guidelines for open fires:

- Open fire must be in a fire ring or burn-proof container. At the request of the venue owner we must try to minimize burn scars.
- Installations that become engulfed in flames and/or produce dangerous heat require a safety perimeter and properly-trained fire safety personnel. If you have any question about the size of the perimeter, err on the side of caution. You are required to properly research and understand the dangers of large-scale fires and take every precaution to prevent a safety hazard.

Flame Effects

Flames that are automated, switched, pressurized or having any action beyond simply “being on fire” are called flame effects. Projects that use propane or liquid fuels also qualify.

Every flame effects artist is required to follow these guidelines:

- Understand and properly use all equipment related to their materials, including, but not limited to, fuel lines, fittings and pressure levels;
- Prepare a safety plan specific to their piece, and be certain that all persons attending and/or assisting with the piece know and understand the plan;

- Install the piece such that all flames and fuel are a sufficient distance from structures, vehicles and other installations;
- Provide sufficient and proper fire extinguishers;
- Attest that all effects operators and assistants are at least eighteen years of age and trained in the proper use of the fire extinguishers provided; and
- Inspect all equipment as often as necessary to ensure proper assembly and operation.

This list is not all-inclusive. Additional project-specific precautions may be necessary. It is the responsibility of the artist(s) and his/her/their team to assure the safety of all participants in regards to each project.

Pyrotechnics

The use of fireworks, explosives or projectiles for art, craft or science is called pyrotechnics. Use of such materials requires a license from the State of West Virginia. Unlicensed use of such materials is unlawful and prohibited. Licensed fireworks operators must present certification and plans to event organizers at least two weeks in advance. We may reject any request to use Pyrotechnics. Any approved project must adhere to the requirements for Flame Effects, as well as all applicable state laws and regulations.

Fire Performance

Any performance involving human interaction with fire requires specific precautions:

- All equipment must be inspected before use.
- At least one person should be identified as a “safety” for the performance. This person will have a fire blanket or other means of extinguishing any fires that are caused.
- If multiple performers are involved, the performance should not begin until all performers and safety personnel are in place and ready.
- Do not smoke while performing or perform under the influence of alcohol or any drug!

The following minimum safety perimeters are required for fire performances:

-Finger fire and hand-held finger props: 4 feet.

-Torches, chains, staves and small props: 15 feet.

-Open fire: twice the artwork height (a 5-foot-tall piece, for example, requires a 10-foot perimeter).

- Flame effects, except from flame retardant decorations and those intended to burn: 25 feet.
- Pyrotechnics: 50 feet (larger if appropriate).

(11) Firewood Matters

The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive insect that poses a serious threat to the health of our forests. The WV Department of Forestry has imposed a quarantine on live trees, firewood, dead wood and even wood chips in local counties. It is unlawful to move any hardwood firewood into or out of the quarantine area, which includes our venue, so don't bring wood from home. To ensure compliance with this mandate, all firewood at Frostburn must be purchased from our approved local vendor. Firewood may be purchased in advance for the best price. It may also be purchased on site, but the price will be significantly higher and supplies may run out. Although unused firewood is non-refundable and may not be removed from the site or resold during the event, we do strongly recommend that you estimate your need and purchase your supply in advance.

Firewood consumption is unpredictable and varies based on the size and duration of the fire, type of wood and ambient temperature. If you are planning a round-the clock fire installation for the entire event, you would be wise to purchase at least one truckload of firewood in advance. The price per truckload is significantly less than the cost of purchasing smaller quantities at the event!

(12) Emergency Services

Several experienced EMTs will be attending Frostburn as participants and may be available to provide assistance in the event of an emergency. However, participants are ultimately responsible for their own well being and health.

If you require assistance or treatment and are mobile, please find someone to escort you to a warm place and contact a Frostburn organizer, Ranger, or EMT (if available). If the situation is an emergency and you need immediate assistance, call 9-1-1 (see below for dispatch information).

Remember, there's no shame in feeling sick. Ask for help if you need it; we're all here for each other.

If you are an experienced health care provider and would like to make a meaningful contribution to the Frostburn community and event, please email fb2010@frostburnpgh.com beforehand to join the team!

If you or someone you know (or encounter) requires emergency services, call 9-1-1 and inform the dispatcher that you are at: **Marvin's Mountain Top, Greens Run-Long Hollow, Masontown, WV 26542**

(13) The Gift Economy

To provide an experience free of commercial exploitation, sales of products or services of any kind are prohibited at the event. This includes the sale of handmade items, food and beverages for any amount, even if it is less than the cost of production. Anyone caught in violation will be ejected without refund. The only exception is for our authorized firewood sales! We strongly encourage you to offer meaningful gifts to others. The more you put into the event and community, the more you will get out of Frostburn. Lend a hand to someone in need. Create and share works of art. Share the Warmth! Frostburn is an all-volunteer, community-sponsored event. Everyone is unpaid, even the event staff, artists and performers. Please do your part by volunteering time and effort before, during or after the event. Maybe you can serve as a Greeter, Ranger, DPW, or in another capacity? Let us know how you're willing to help: email kimbellora@gmail.com

(14) Mutant Vehicles

Frostburn welcomes art cars and other mutant vehicles to participate in the event. All vehicles must be approved to cruise the venue. To receive approval, a vehicle must:

- Be structurally and mechanically sound at all times;
- Have 4x4 drive or tracks or be on sleds;
- Provide adequate safety for all passengers, including safety from falling off or injury caused by vehicle modifications;
- Be driven safely and carefully at all times by a driver not under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- Provide adequate safety to all pedestrians;
- Adhere to the 5 miles-per-hour speed limit;
- Come to a complete stop before allowing anyone to board or disembark, and stop to allow passengers to disembark immediately upon request (or as soon as it is safe to do so);
- Not be driven erratically (jerking, swerving, etc.);
- Remain on marked, clear roadways at all times;
- Always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and vehicles;
- Display a Frostburn DMV placard when operating.

A mutant vehicle's owner and operator are jointly responsible for the safe behavior of its passengers. Permission to board and occupy a mutant vehicle is at the sole discretion of the owner and/or his/her designated representative.

(15) Media, Photography, and Video

Photography (including video recording and media coverage) are welcome at Frostburn, but respect for the privacy of our participants is everyone's responsibility. As a No Spectators event (see Frostburn Jargon on page 1), you may only use photography to document your own experience at Frostburn. Remember that while your boss might join you at Frostburn, for others the wrong photos can make their life very complicated. Remember to Ask First! Do not interfere with anyone's experience by pointing a camera where it is not welcome! If you feel that someone with a camera is causing a nuisance, contact a Ranger or member of the event staff. Remember Immediacy, enjoy the event,

Commercial use of all imagery captured at Frostburn is prohibited without express permission. Images captured for personal use must not be professionally distributed. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in eviction from the event without refund. Commercial use of images without express permission may result in prosecution. Respect the Frostburn community, especially when you are behind the lens.

(16) **Leave no Trace**

As a Leave No Trace event, Frostburn is committed to leaving our venue better than we find it, to ensure that we are invited back. It is important that everyone do their part. Here are some tricks:

- Plan ahead. Don't make a mess if you can avoid it.
- Clean as you go. Left alone, a little mess often gets worse over time. It's usually easier to clean up smaller messes now and then, than to deal with a larger mess all at once.
- Don't let it hit the ground, so you won't have to stoop to pick it up!
- Carry a portable ash tray to dispose of your butts. An empty metal candy or mint container works well.
- Create valuable, meaningful gifts that are not likely to be discarded. Don't give away trinkets that become MOOP.
- Scour your campsite, art installation and/or theme camp before leaving. Pick up what you find... if it's yours or not.
- Don't leave debris around anything you create.
- Carefully clean up broken glass or other sharp objects. Wear gloves! Use a broom and dustpan. Place larger pieces in a container they cannot pierce.
- Bring more trashbags than you expect to use.

- Take it home. Frostburn has no community waste disposal. You are responsible for removing all of your discards from the venue and disposing of them when you get home.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Leave excess packaging at home. Use your own reusable, non-glass drink container when visiting theme camps and installations. Choose recyclable containers and energy efficient light and power sources. Salvage your camp materials and art projects for reuse or adaptation at your next burn event.
- Every participant is required to remove everything from the site that he/she brings or acquires. This includes trash, other discards and all personal belongings.
- Portable toilets are for human waste and single-ply toilet paper ONLY! Remember, *if it wasn't in your body, don't put it in the potty!*

(17) Returning to Everyday Life

When it is time to leave, be sure to pack out all of your belongings, as well as any waste that you accumulated during the event. Frostburn is a Leave No Trace event. Use caution while departing the venue, and be careful during your trip home. Stay sober, take frequent breaks and don't hurry... we want you to make it safe so you can spread the burner vibe and promote Ten Principles until next year.

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