

Do More Now Village and The Firehouse Camp Guide 2016

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Welcome

Welcome campers! We're excited to have you join us at Burning Man 2016. This promises to be one of our best years yet. Are you ready? If not, don't worry. We've got you covered. Here's the skinny on everything you need to know about camping with Do More Now.

TL;DR (Too Long; Didn't Read)

Is your life just too fast paced to read the guide? Here's the basics you need to know:

- This year we're officially a village
- Pay dues \$225 by June 15
- Come to work parties & volunteer for shifts on Playa
- Act like a reasonable adult
- Bring camp meals (two 10-serving trays)
- Bring enough personal food and water for the week
- Clean up after yourself, and help de-MOOP camp
- If someone looks like they need help, pitch in
- Plan to help clean up/tear down after the burn
- If you have questions about tickets, early entry, rideshare, dues, etc? Email: alin@do-more-now.com

About Do More Now and The Firehouse

Do More Now is a community of close to 300 artists, builders, and visionaries based mainly in the greater Seattle area with members located around the globe.

We started life as a small group of friends about 20 folks from the north end of Seattle. In the years since, we've grown to a tribe of nearly 300 participants and affiliated camps not only attending Burning Man, but gathering regularly throughout the year to socialize, build community, and host local events.

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Our group is committed to empowering participants to challenge themselves by coming together and creating innovative and playful spaces that enable and encourage the creation of art, performance and community activities. In other words — *we create possibility!*

Do More Now Village

Over the last few years, Do More Now evolved into an unofficial village — sharing space and infrastructure with smaller camps, allowing them to focus on the art they bring. This year we're making it official, and are delighted to share space with Infinite Oasis, Buzz Inn, and Temple Guardians!

The Firehouse Camp

With the creation of Do More Now Village, the core camp is rechristened as *Firehouse* after the iconic interactive bar we build on playa each year. The Firehouse is the anchor camp for our village, and early interest shows approximately 120 insanely (and sometimes insane) talented and hardworking burners from around the world.

Projects

The Firehouse

One of our favorite projects to bring to the burn is the Firehouse — an interactive extravaganza opened around the clock! An impressive five stories tall, this building is one of the largest in Black Rocky City, and each floor offers a unique experience.

Ground floor — Let loose your inner Banksy or Basquiat on the open painting gallery

Second floor — Unwind with a Life-Altering™ cocktail in our cozy lounge

Third floor — Get comfortable in the open-air chill space and catch up with friends

Observation decks — Ascend to the fourth and fifth story observation decks to enjoy soaring views of the city

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Escher

Picture a jigsaw puzzle on overdrive! While it may not beat the Guinness record, this interactive puzzle features pieces over 4' wide. Bring a friend to help direct you from the top of the firehouse, or team up with new folks to help solve our giant puzzle.

Camping with The Firehouse

Dues

Building our home-away-from-home takes resources, and dues enable us to build, replace, and update the essential elements that go into making our camp both livable and comfortable. Here are just a few of the things your dues help pay for.

- Infrastructure, i.e. shade, kitchen, power, etc.
- Building materials and supplies
- Replacing or upgrading camp tools and materials
- Building our bar — the Firehouse!
- Art projects
- Booze and other necessities
- Transportation and storage of camp resources to Black Rock City

Dues are \$225, and in order to have funds available for purchases and materials throughout the summer we ask that you pay by June 15. Please email Alin, alin@do-more-now.com, to make your payment

Expectations

Participation

Do more now is a group effort. It is the combination of our individual strengths and gifts that make our camp great. Wondering how you can contribute? Here are just a few examples:

- Come to work parties

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- Step up to lead an activity or camp function
- Get to the playa early and help build the Firehouse and camp
- Host a theme party at the firehouse
- Volunteer for shifts during the burn
- Bring a project to show off your talents
- Stay late to clean and tear down! No. Really. Stay late to help clean and tear down.

Don't be a dick

Whether you're a playa virgin or a seasoned veteran, all of us are ultimately here to have fun. Please don't let your good time mess with someone else's.

DO

- Take care of yourself — stay hydrated and fed, get sleep, know your limits
- Show up when you say you will
- Clean up after yourself
- Act like a reasonable adult
- Lend a helping hand when needed

DON'T

- Don't make other people clean up your mess (physical or emotional)
- Don't ruin someone's day because they are covering for you
- Don't antagonize people or get in their faces
- Don't do illegal stuff (including weed or nitrous oxide) in public places (Even though it may be legal in your home state, Black Rock City is on federal lands, and a medical card will not be enough to keep you out of trouble)

Generally, don't be a dick.

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Look after yourself

Whether you're at Burning Man or a work party, take care of yourself.

- Don't get dehydrated or forget to eat
- Take reasonable safety precautions
- Wear sunscreen
- Know your limits, and ask for what you need

You aren't going to be able to have that super awesome time if you're not looking after yourself.

That said, *if you need something, we need you to ask*. At some point, everyone forgets something, or finds themselves in an unexpected situation. Use your words, be an adult, and ask for what you need.

Pre-Burn

General work parties

Work parties are perfect way to meet and connect with your campmates. Throughout the summer there will be at least 8 general work parties, and many smaller ones.

While we would love it if everyone could make it to all the work parties, we understand that sometime there are conflicts. There is an expectation that camp members in the greater Seattle area will make it to at least 4.

Camp meals

While we're in Black Rock City, we gather each evening as a camp to break bread. Every camp member is expected to contribute 2 large pans of food. You should:

- Aim for 10+ servings per tray
- Use disposable aluminum pans
- Clearly label your dishes with

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- The name of the dish
 - Basic ingredients
 - Your name — in case there are any questions
 - If it is appropriate for any special diets such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc.
- Bring your meals to work parties, starting in August, and place them in the camp freezers. Alternately, you can bring your frozen meals to Playa, and add them to camp freezers onsite. Note: There is no room in the freezers for personal items.

At Burning Man

Build Crew

Building our camp together is an amazing experience. We spend six days before the burn starts constructing our camp and the Firehouse. Many sets of hands are needed to help build a magical space for our tribe to call home throughout Burning Man.

Early entry passes are available if you can commit to arriving between the Monday and Wednesday prior to the event. Connect with Chad or Alin to join the build crew, chad@do-more-now.com or alin@do-more-now.com

Volunteer Shifts

Every camp member needs to volunteer for at least 4 shifts throughout the festival (approximately 12 hours). Here are a few areas always in need extra hands.

- Bar
- Kitchen
- Paint
- Garbage & cleanup
- MOOP Patrol
- Camp Ambassadors

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Tear down

Breaking down our space and restoring the playa can be a very rewarding experience, and some of the most important work we do. Remember it is our responsibility to leave our responsibility to leave our little piece of the playa like we received it.

For tear down, we need at least 40 volunteers to stay through Monday and Tuesday

If you're not part of the resto crew, we still need you to do your part.

- Thoroughly clean your personal camping space
- Help de-MOOP the village
- Help with deconstruction and loading the truck
- Take away garbage from the bar

Leave no trace

Do-More-Now is strictly "leave no trace". We do everything we can to make sure our area comes out green on the MOOP map. If you don't know what this means, ask, and we'll be glad to fill you in.

Everything we pack in, we pack out, and we avoid bringing unnecessary packaging with us. This applies to each of us individually as well as our village as a whole.

- Spend roughly 30 minutes per day in camp doing a MOOP sweep during the event
- Have a plan for your personal trash and recycling - there are no communal trash bins in camp
- Every single thing you bring; you will have to take away with you.
- Take a couple bags of trash from the bar or kitchen when you leave

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Post-Burn

After all the fun of Burning Man is over, the truck still needs to be unpacked, things need a good cleaning, and there is always some general maintenance.

- Pick up anything that may be at Chad's in a timely manner
- Attend post-burn work parties (schedule TBD)

Infrastructure

Here are some of the perks you can expect when you camp with us.

Shade

We will have enough shade to cover everyone's personal tent - within reason - anything larger than 10'x10' or over 8' high just won't fit under the shade structure. Please try to keep it reasonable.

Kitchen

The kitchen provides the facilities and basic food preparation items for you to prepare your own meals. There are freezers, but they are strictly for the community meals. Plan to store your personal meals in your own cooler.

Bring your own plate/bowl/utensils/cup, and meals.

Camp Meals

We cook up one hot meal for the camp each evening. This gives us a chance to hang out, share stories, and plot adventures. The food for this is contributed by camp members. See the "Camp Meals" in the Pre-Burning Man section.

Showers

We bring showers and enough water for a couple of showers for each person. We don't have unlimited water - after all, this is Burning Man.

- If you do not know how to work the shower, ask someone to show you

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- Keep showers short
- Conserve water by turning off the shower head while you scrub and clean yourself
- Please take everything with you, and leave the shower clean and pleasant for the next person
 - Clean your hair out of the drain
 - Take your soap, shampoo, towels, washcloths, etc.
 - Remove any trash such as baby wipes or wrappers
- Be sure you fully turn off the water and propane after your shower
- Double check that the water and propane are turned off

If we run out of shower water, or the evaporation pond gets too full, we will close the shower

Gray Water Disposal

Grey water from sinks and any other source that is too contaminated with food or evaporate should be put in the tank we have pumped. The shower and other clean-ish water is evaporated as much as we can.

Greywater pumping is really expensive, and dues can't cover the amount if people pour too much greywater into the evaporation pond or take long showers.

- If there is a sign which says, "Greywater OPEN," you may add small amounts of personal greywater to the evaporation pond.
- If there is a sign reading, "Greywater CLOSED," or no sign, please be respectful of your camp and take your own greywater away with you.
- Have a plan for taking away personal grey water

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Please make sure that any added greywater is *just* liquid, and that there are no solid bits of food, hair, or other debris floating in it.

Power

We will have enough power to run small personal items: chargers, lamps (use LED bulbs), etc. Nothing too heavy - don't bring a big ol' AC unit for your tent.

- Provide your own personal extension cords
- Weatherproof all electrical junctions
- Non-weatherproofed cords will be unplugged so that our power doesn't short out if it rains

A plastic bag covering the junction sealed with a zip tie is a quick and easy way to weatherproof electrical connections.

If you have anything to plug in to our grid which draws a lot of power (more than 100 watts total), consult with Jae. If we run out of power for our critical infrastructure (the Firehouse, sound, lighting, tools, or basic kitchen operation), we reserve the right to unplug less critical uses.

What you provide

Teamwork

The camp takes a certain amount of work to run smoothly, and some things can't function at all without being staffed, such as the bar. This work is done by the camp members.

We're creating rosters of shifts for all the major activities. Please check these when they come out and sign up for four shifts in whatever area catches your fancy. These shifts are a great part of the camp experience, and we expect everyone has to sign up for at least four shifts.

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Drinking Water

You must bring your own drinking water. We can't emphasize this enough. The recommended amount for Burning Man is 1.5 gallons per day – more if you're joining the build crew.

Top tip: When you're putting ice in your coolers, put it in 1 or 2 gallon ziplock – that way, when it melts you can drink it, or even pour it on the roads (clean water is Ok for this).

Food for Yourself

As most of you already know, there's no food on the playa. One camp meal a day won't provide enough calories for long days traversing Black Rock City. You must bring your own food for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Be aware that some foods do not hold up as well on playa, and can make a huge mess. If you need help deciding what to bring, start a conversation in the community.

Tip: We recommend planning for the worst. Ask how you would feed yourself if the camp's stove went kaput?

Cash for Ice

Ice is one of the few things you do need to purchase at Burning Man, so plan accordingly. Arctica and the Ice Caps are the only source for ice in Black Rock City with proceeds going directly to Gerlach-area charities and community groups — and that's cool.

Our camp does daily ice runs for the bar, and are glad to pick up a bit more for camp members' personal needs. We'll be glad to get it for you, but you'll still need to pony up. Last year ice was \$3 each (for 7lbs bags of crushed ice or 10lbs bags of block ice).

Art

At our core we are a camp that constructs spaces that allow people to create art: performance, installation, or any other, large or small. If you have some artistic endeavor that you can bring to, or create on the Playa, then please, please do it. If you need assistance with any part of bringing, erecting, performing, whatever, please let us know and we'll see how we can help you.

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Camp Events

We host a number of fabulous events at the Firehouse, some run by Do-More-Now, some run by friends. Bring suitable party outfits. We know more about the scheduling nearer the date but so far we have a few things planned:

- 50s housewife party
- Brit party
- Cricket match
- Tu-Tu Twerk party
- Dunkaroos!

Burning Man Info

Preparing for Burning Man can be a daunting experience, there are many resources available to help you prepare for the adventure. If this is your first time at Burning Man we recommend:

- Visit <http://burningman.org/>
- Subscribe to Jackrabbit Speaks, <http://burningman.org/culture/stories/jrs/>
- Familiarize yourself with the 10 Principles, <http://burningman.org/culture/philosophical-center/10-principles/>
- Learn more about play living, <http://burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/>

Feel free to reach out to us for specific questions, or just to chat about your preparations, you can reach us on Facebook or email alin@do-more-now.com