



## **SURVIVAL GUIDE BURN IN THE FOREST 2017**

You are invited to participate in BitF on many levels. We encourage and support everyone's freedom to express themselves, have the experience they want, and add to the experience of others. However, we do have a few guidelines to ensure that your freedom does not interfere with others and to help us all keep safe and comfortable. In the following pages you will find information on how to prepare for the event and some conditions on attending.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Welcome to our Community! BitF has been co-created by participants like yourself. We ask that while you are here, you follow three simple guidelines:

#### **Respect Yourself**

This environment and experience may push you in different ways. Occasionally you may feel uncomfortable, or out of sorts. We trust that only you can fully understand what your comfort levels and personal boundaries are.

Please be conscious of your well-being and aware of your own needs. Practice self-care. Remember that we value self-reliance in our community. Please know that you can reach out to others for support if you need it.

#### **Respect One Another**

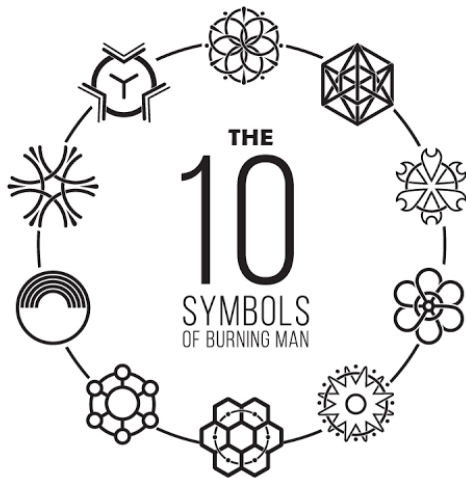
As a participant, please be aware of your behaviour, your choices, and ways that they impact other members of the community. Keep consent and personal autonomy at the forefront of all of your interactions. Check in, with yourself and others.

#### **Respect Our Hosts**

There are very few places that allow us to do what we do. It's a privilege to use this space and we need to take care of it. As guests, please treat our hosts and this site, their home, with care; our actions will guide future use at this unique location.

If something doesn't seem right, you are empowered to speak up or report the situation to your Production Team or Rangers (in blue). In exceptional circumstances, we reserve the right to remove participants who contradict the spirit of this code of conduct.

This code of conduct has been created within our community. We have endeavoured to create a healthy and respectful environment for all participants, and we welcome you in sharing it with us.



Burn in the Forest is Vancouver's official Regional Burning Man event. It is an experiment in creative, collaborative and cash-free community and its culture is guided by the following Ten Principles.



The 10 symbols of Burning Man  
Thanks to James Wickham  
[jameswickham.com/10-symbols](http://jameswickham.com/10-symbols)

### 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 organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavour to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with Canadian laws.



### Radical Inclusion

Anyone may be a part of Burn in the Forest. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.



### Gifting

Burn in the Forest 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

We encourage the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.



### 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 endeavour, 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.



## **BEFORE YOU GO - READ THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE**

UNDERSTAND that you voluntarily assume the risk of serious injury or death by attending BitF. Bring everything you need. There is no vending and no supplies onsite. Please support the local economy and buy as many of your supplies as you can in Agassiz.

### **GETTING THERE**

From Vancouver: Approx 1.5 Hours.

Take Highway 1 East out of Vancouver to exit 135 (Agassiz /Harrison Hot Springs)

Continue through to roundabouts, following the signs to Hwy 9 / Agassiz. Take Highway 9 bridge across the Fraser and continue to Macdonald Road (approx 7km from exit 135 to Macdonald Road). Turn Right.

Take a quick left on Macdonald Rd S, then your first right onto Appel Rd. The Cheam Fishing Village and Gate are at the bottom of Appel Rd.

Please obey the posted speed limits – Appel Rd is residential and you may encounter children, horses, pets and livestock in the road. This is a rural area, slow down and move over to pass them.

When you enter the campground, there are Burners running around loose. Drive very carefully and slowly (10km/h tops).

### **Gate Hours**

- Tuesday, July 11: 2pm – 10pm (Pre-registered Early Arrival Only) – GATES LOCKED 10PM-10AM
- Wednesday, July 12: 10am – 10pm (Pre-registered Early Arrival Only) – GATES LOCKED 10PM-10AM
- Thursday, July 13: 10am – 10pm (Gates open to all!)
- Friday, July 14: 10am – 10pm (Gates open to all!)
- Sunday, July 16: Exodus for participants (anyone who stays must help tear down)
- Monday, July 17: Teardown day – complete exodus by dark.

### **At the Gate**

- NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT GATE.
- YOU MUST HAVE ID TO BE ADMITTED, AND YOUR ID MUST MATCH THE NAME ON YOUR TICKET.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian AT ALL TIMES.

## 4 step process

1. Vehicle and ID check - STOP at the gate. You will be met by lovely gate staff to make sure **everyone** in your car has a ticket with matching ID and make a quick inspection. All trucks and RV's will need inspection.
2. Ticket scanned and wristband applied.
3. You will be informed about our alcohol, drug and consent policy.
4. You will receive a copy of the WWW.

***Please note, THERE ARE NO INS AND OUTS.***

## Early Arrival

Grant artists or theme camps wishing to set up early can apply on the website arrive as early as Tuesday at 2PM. Only DPW and FLOW volunteers are allowed on-site prior to Tuesday. There are no facilities for an "early party", and if you are on site early, you'll be put to work!

## PARKING POLICY

### Theme Camps

Any vehicle is permitted to park in theme camps with approval and placement of your theme camp lead. Vehicles should be placed towards the back of your camp allowing for front access interaction with the community. Theme camps should look like theme camps not parking lots! You will be asked to move vehicles that are an eyesore or obstruction.

### RVs, Trailers, Buses, Camper Vans, etc

All vehicles over 7 meters (25 feet) that are NOT placed in a Theme Camp will be asked to camp in the RV Camping Lot.

- All other camper vehicles that are NOT placed in a Theme Camp (i.e. vans, tent trailers, etc) are permitted anywhere within the Open, Family and Quiet Camping area if they are preregistered at [flow@burnintheforest.com](mailto:flow@burnintheforest.com).
- Tow vehicles for any kind of camping trailer – 5th wheels, regular trailer, as well as tent trailers: you will need to drive your vehicle to the Parking Lot once you unhitch.
- Vehicles with generators or other loud equipment will be asked to camp in the RV Camping Lot

RV & Tent groups: if you are in an RV and you want to cluster with other RVs or with people in tents, please let Valerie, Parking Lead know by Sunday July 9th . This will ensure that onsite placement is aware of your group's needs in the open camping area and can direct you accordingly upon arrival. Email [flow@burnintheforest.com](mailto:flow@burnintheforest.com).

## **Tent Camping in Open, Family and Quiet Areas :**

This year, ALL VEHICLES MUST PARK IN HAYFIELD PARKING, unless you plan on camping in your vehicle and have preregistered on the list by July 9th at [flow@burnintheforest.com](mailto:flow@burnintheforest.com)

- You have 15 minutes to drop off your belongings at your campsite. You will then need to drive your vehicle to the Parking Lot. Personal camp set up is only permitted AFTER vehicle is parked.
- PULL OVER WHEN OFF LOADING, remember there are others using the road too.

Any questions related to parking, contact [flow@burnintheforest.com](mailto:flow@burnintheforest.com)

## **Description of the Grounds**

The Cheam Fishing Village includes a large gravel section, where most of the theme camps, art, and sound stages will be situated (the middle portion of the map above), an active hayfield where the parking, remainder of the theme camps, and walk-in camping will be situated, and a treed section on the southwest, where additional walk-in camping may be found. These are small sites that may need additional clearing by campers.

There is less tree cover than our previous site at Squamish Valley Campground (SVC) – plan for the sun. Bring shade, and sunscreen, and pace yourselves. The treed campsites will offer some relief, but there really aren't many of them, and the mosquitoes are worse in the trees...so there is a tradeoff! Also, if you had plans to suspend art or structural elements from trees, a plan B would be a good idea.

For the theme camps and campers on the gravel areas, we suggest you bring rebar or 12" spikes as opposed to tent pegs, and bring or know a campmate with a hammer to drive them into the hardpack.

## **General Camping in the Hay Field**

Treat it gently, and don't tear it up. This is an active hay field and we are guests on it. There will be a single road for vehicles to drop things off along the hay field. If you are bringing a generator, place a tarp or other spillage control mechanism beneath it to catch any spilt fuel. Mind the boundary line to the northern section of the field, which is out of bounds.

## **INFO BOOTH**

This year we have an Info Booth at Centre Camp, right beside Crew HQ, to help you find answers to your questions and to help to direct you on where you need to go.

Here are just some of the many reasons to check in at the Info Booth:

- You brought some renegade (unplaced) art.
- You want clarification or help regarding your art or theme camp placement.

- You need your art approved by Art Safety.
- You have a question and you are not sure who can answer it.
- You have questions about where you should camp.
- You want to talk to some fabulous people.

## WHAT TO BRING

- TICKET, AN OPEN MIND, AND COMMON SENSE
- FLASHLIGHTS AND BATTERIES
- STRONG SHOES
- FIRST AID KIT
- EARPLUGS
- BUG SPRAY
- SOLAR SHOWER ANYTHING ELSE TO MAKE YOUR CAMPING MORE COMFORTABLE (please use containers for your grey water and only use phosphate free and biodegradable soap - see below)
- There is no power on-site

### Grey Water

Bring grey water containers to truly Leave No Trace. Use phosphate free and biodegradable soap to wash up, at least 200 feet away from natural water sources.

### Food & Supplies

Note that you must bring all supplies with you; no in-and-outs are permitted to get supplies.

### Water

While you are responsible to bring all that you need to survive for the event, there is running potable water (service from Agassiz) available at limited outlets; bring vessels to contain it. If you are sensitive, perhaps don't count on it and bring your own water.

### ICE or DRY ICE

Please be self sufficient and bring all that you need. Keep coolers out of sun and open sparingly. Try a second cooler for drinks.

### Shelter

Bring shelter and protection from the rain, sun and insects. Prepare for all temperatures and weather conditions.

### LNT, GARBAGE & RECYCLING

There are no garbage/recycling collection bins onsite...Pack it in, Pack it out. Like Burning Man. Please plan to bring garbage bags and bins, and enough room in your vehicle to leave with your garbage!

### **Bug Repellant and Sunscreen**

Be prepared for higher than-usual sun and mosquitoes. Mesh jackets, pants, and shelters are also useful.

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

### **MOOP**

Glass, glow sticks, glitter, or any other MOOP - Matter Out Of Place - that is potentially harmful to the environment.

### **Pets**

As of 2016, the Safety Team has implemented support structure for registered Service Dogs only (<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/human-rights/guide-and-service-dog>).

Anyone arriving at gate with a pet, will be turned away. See Service Dog Policy further below.

### **Glass Containers**

Even with your best intentions and safest handling, glass can break. Aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and boxes of wine present less of a potential hazard to safety and MOOP.

### **Explosives**

The only thing we want to see explode is your MIND! Aerial flares, rockets, fireworks, and firearms. All fire effects need to be sanctioned by the Fire Safety Team Lead.

### **No Commerce or Vending**

Vending is strictly prohibited at the event. We are not a commercial or consumer event. Please don't advertise your business, band, DJ, etc. at the event.

### **Drugs**

Possession, sale, or consumption of illegal drugs is a federal offense. Local law enforcement may be present at times during the event. The event organizers will cooperate fully with the landowner, their representatives, and the authorities.

## **PARTICIPATE**

Citizen Participation is what sets BitF apart! On top of the 10 guiding Principles that shape burner events, the most significant difference between a "typical" festival, and Burning Man Regional events like BitF, is the level of citizen participation. Whereas at most commercial events, you pay your admission and in exchange become a spectator for whatever entertainment the producers have prepared for you, at BitF all activities, stages, theme camps, workshops, art, and performances are independently produced by BitF citizens and offered free of charge for the benefit of the other citizens.

## **Gift your passions!**

The beautiful tapestry of citizen contributions is what makes BitF special. Citizens dedicate their effort and time to the things that they are passionate about, then build them, bring them, and let the others experience this amazing gift. During the event, visit Centre Camp to find out where you can gift your talents.

To find out about needs prior to the event, please see: <http://burnintheforest.com/participate>

Here are some examples of teams looking for volunteers on site:

- FLOW: Welcomes everyone to the event and process gate/ parking/placement procedures.
- DPW: These folks come early and stay late to set up the site, pathways, lighting, structures, then help to take it all down.
- LNT: LNT crew acts as ambassadors and missionaries, spreading the good word of LNT and distributing garbage bags.

## **Art and Theme Camps**

Art installations and theme camps need to register well in advance through the website. Deadlines are typically 2 months before the event. Refer to the What Where When guide for this year's listings.

## **SITE MAP**

You will receive a copy of the map upon arrival as part of the What Where When Guide.

## **SITE LOGISTICS**

### **Sound Policy**

The following five points summarize the sound policy:

1. Amplified sound is not permitted between 6am and 12pm daily.
2. A maximum power amplification of 200 watts (a boom box, not a PA) is permitted throughout the venue with the following exceptions:
  - a. Within designated sound camps during permitted hours.
  - b. During a registered theme camp event with a valid PA permit to operate a PA ONLY during the event. Theme camps may request a PA permit when registering an event.
3. Neighbors should talk to one another if sound becomes problem and try to resolve the issue through direct communication.
4. If you are unable to resolve issues through direct communication, please bring your complaint to a BitF Ranger at the Ranger Station (near medical). Concerns about excessive sound can result in:
  - a. volume check and mediation between camps,
  - b. volume check and a final warning on complaints,
  - c. the disabling of equipment.
5. A sound marshal will be monitoring the sound levels throughout the event 24 hours/day.



As a community, we need to work together to keep sound at desirable levels. This means that everyone involved is personally responsible for how they affect everyone else's experience. A community effort is need to pull this off.

### **Questions about Sound?**

Feel free to ask questions or direct comments the 2017 Sound Team Lead, Peter Blitz, at [sound@burnintheforest.com](mailto:sound@burnintheforest.com).

### **Generators**

If you do choose to bring a generator, please consider the following guidelines:

- Bring the quietest generator you can afford and the smallest that will meet your actual needs.
- Don't run your generator late at night or early in the morning.
- Place the generator as far from other camps as possible.
- Cover your generator with a sound shield or baffle or outfit it with a motorcycle muffler.
- NEVER bury it to shield the noise.
- Make sure people can't trip over any power cords.
- Always turn it off if no-one is in camp
- Take great care when refueling any personal generators, to ensure that no fuel spillage ensues.
- Refuelling must take place on a spillage tray similar to Burning Man.

### **Porta Potties**

If it doesn't come out of your body do not put it in the porta-potty. Keep it clean for others and no candles please, use a flashlight.

### **Respecting the Land**

- The foundation of our relationship with the Sto:lo is mutual respect of shared Principles; the Ten Principles resonate with our hosts. Leave No Trace and taking care of the land, in particular, are pillars of our community. Continuing the strong history we have established is important.
- There are no garbage or recycling bins at the site. All garbage and recycling must be collected and stored at your site, and completely removed with you when you depart. Bring your own garbage bags and storage containers for this purpose. You know, like Burning Man!
- Keep your campsite tidy. Wild animals (including bears) are not common, but they do appear from time to time.

### **Our Hosts**

- The land is unceded Sto:lo nation territory which has been legally subleased by GVIAS
- The Cheam Village is a traditional fishing spot, and fishermen may access the site via the main road from time to time. They will proceed to the harbour and launch their boats only

- Some local Sto:lo make a livelihood by selling food and camping essentials to tourists. They have a general store located ~1km from the front gate, that will sell fresh fruit / vegetables and fish, among other things. Please support them with your business on the way in and out.

## **PARTICIPANT LOGISTICS**

### **Rangers**

IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK A RANGER! You can find Rangers walking the event in pairs wearing blue BC Rangers t-shirts and carrying radios. They can call on-site medical, fire personnel, security or Production Team Members as needed. You may also find Rangers at Ranger HQ, which is shown on the map. Rangers are burners who volunteer to help out their fellow community members. Rangers are our “eyes and ears” that help maintain the safety and well-being of event participants, acting as non-confrontational community mediators.

Some things Rangers help with include: help educate and acculturate burners to the community, act as a source of information, respond to emergencies and coordinate appropriate resources, maintain fire perimeters, help disoriented participants find their way, and mediate disputes between participants.

### **Medical & Security Services**

Hired medical and security staff are on-site 24 hours a day. Access their help by asking a Ranger, or finding them at Medics station (see the map).

### **Children**

Do not leave children unattended. Be aware there may be subject matter inappropriate for minors. Do not expect the community to watch over your children or censor their behaviour. Children, as defined by Ranger/Safety Protocols, are any participant less than 18 years of age.

### **Laser Policy**

Handheld lasers are not permitted at Burn In The Forest, due to significant safety concerns. Many inexpensive, readily-available handheld lasers may be powerful enough to cause permanent injury. Mounted lasers, or art pieces involving lasers must be reviewed and approved by a Safety Producer. If you see a laser being operated unsafely onsite, please contact Rangers.

### **Drone Policy**

All drones operated at Burn In The Forest must be registered with the Safety Team, and operated responsibly and respectfully for safety and privacy concerns. Registered operators be issued an identifying laminate. If you encounter a drone operating unsafely or intrusively, please contact Rangers.

## Service Dog Policy

In the spirit of Radical Inclusion, we strive to make Burn in the Forest accessible for everyone. While BitF maintains a "no pets" policy, we do welcome Service Teams with certified service animals. If you plan to attend BitF with your certified service animal, please contact us at [safety@burnintheforest.com](mailto:safety@burnintheforest.com) and let us know how we can help.

It might be a little surprising for participants to see your animal helper. A visual identifier such as a vest or harness, although not legally required, would help participants understand that your helper is working, and is not a pet. Service animals are expected to be leashed while at BitF, except while at their personal camp, or in a designated off-leash area. If at any time you are uncomfortable or if you have any concerns, please find a Ranger and ask to speak with a Safety Producer. Information for Service Teams and the public can be found online [HERE](#).

## In Case of Emergency

Should a serious emergency arise, Ranger HQ will be used as a muster station, and the Production Team and Rangers will help direct you. In the event that Ranger HQ is rendered inaccessible, please muster at the Gate, unless otherwise directed.

## Taking Photos and Video

BitF is a temporary autonomous zone. As a general note: at all times ASK FOR PERMISSION to take pictures. If you plan on publishing personal photos on the internet, you must have the consent of all subjects of your photos/videos.

Selling of photos taken at BitF, or using them for any commercial means is strictly prohibited. You are prohibited from taking long range or vista photos where there is any nudity.

## Use of Alcohol

- Consume Only In Campsites.

The Cheam Fishing Village policy is the same as SVC. Open alcohol only WHERE YOU SLEEP. IE. not on roads, dance floors, and beaches.

- Consume Responsibly

Take it easy, it's hot out. Hydrate yourself and take care of yourself. If you are consuming, consume with buddies and take care of each other.

- Don't Drink And Drive

There are no in and outs at BitF. Don't drink before driving to or from BitF (duh!). Don't drink and operate Mutant Vehicles.

- Don't Let Minors Drink

Minors have distinctly coloured bracelets. Do not let minors drink. Conceal open alcohol and keep away from view of any minors.

- Monitor Your Guests

You may share alcohol with guests at your campsite. Do so responsibly. Do not let them enter or leave with open alcohol. Do not share alcohol with them if they are intoxicated. Provide a hydration station. Take care of each other and keep each other safe

- Pick Up Your Empties

Pick up all your empties and recycle them. Avoid glass bottles if at all possible, particularly on the hayfield. Leave No Trace!

### **Law Enforcement**

Respect and cooperate with RCMP or aboriginal police if and when they patrol the site. They are our friends too!

### **SITE SAFETY**

Be aware. Know what is going on around you. Be aware of others, know your limits and know where your friends are.

### **River Levels**

Although the river levels fluctuate throughout the season, the volume of the river means that changes generally occur over days and weeks, not hours. Historic flooding (which has happened 3 times over the last 70 years) occurs in years of significant snowpack, and presents a risk to local homeowners who live behind dykes – not to campers or BitF: we will have days of notice to move our gear if the river is rising. The riverbed adjacent to the site dries up in June-July, so that it can be walked upon for many hundreds of meters. We are again expecting the river levels to be sufficiently low, and to place the effigy and fire performance area all on the exposed bed.

### **Swimming**

The Fraser River is faster-moving like the Squamish River, with significant currents. All swimming is done at your own risk (BitF has no lifeguards), and we encourage you to instead use the spring-fed swimming hole which is on the dry riverbed adjacent to the site, and will hopefully be revealed with sufficient river level droppage before the event. If you have small children, ensure that they are aware of river risks.

### **Trees**

- Cheam Fishing Village is primarily open spaces. Plan to bring your own shade, as you would at Burning Man, since trees are scarce.
- If you need to suspend anything, don't plan on having trees to tie off to.
- Small undergrowth may be cleared away to make space for a tent. No cutting of trees under any circumstances.

### **Unstable Ground**

The campground contains uneven and hazardous terrain. Carry a flashlight at night.

### **Insects**

Come prepared; repellents with DEET are effective, and cream-based products don't sweat off so quickly. Mosquito coils are useful in enclosed spaces, and mesh jackets, pants and hats are also effective. After-Bite helps calm the itching. Keep bugs out of your tent by keeping all

zippers closed! There may be some wild bees and wasps onsite; if you are allergic, bring a CURRENT Epi-pen and know how to use it. Honeybees are gentle and do not typically sting people.

### **Fire Safety**

ALL WOOD BURNING FIRES by participants ARE BANNED AT BitF 2017.

Conditions in BC are extraordinarily dry and firefighting resources are stretched. Please be cautious at all times and help us not be part of the problem.

- Camp stoves and propane BBQs are permitted - be extremely careful.
- DO NOT FLICK YOUR BUTTS! EVER!
- Bring a portable butt tray (film canisters and altoids tins are great) and take great care when putting out your butts.
- FIRE PERFORMERS will only be allowed in the fire performance area, and with fire safety personnel in attendance. No impromptu fire jams will be permitted.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS are located at every event generator.

The area is extremely dry and there are many wildfires in the Province. Take great care and practice Civic Responsibility by minding all flames at all times until extinguished.

## **AFTER THE EVENT**

### **LEAVE NO TRACE!**

Do not leave anything behind, including compostables. Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it.

### **Garbage and Recycling**

There are no garbage bins onsite at the Cheam Fishing Village. Pack everything out with you.

### **EVERYONE OUT BY DARK ON MONDAY**

We are most grateful to citizens who stay to help us tear down Sunday and Monday. If you plan on staying Monday night or beyond, you will need to pay the campground hosts directly.

## **EVICCTIONS**

THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES CAN GET YOU KICKED OUT OF THE EVENT, SO DON'T DO THEM. Evictions can be made by a Ranger Lead in conjunction with a Production team member OR by the Landowner and are FINAL. The Greater Vancouver Interactive Art Society (GVIAS) complies with all local and provincial laws.

Offenses include but are not limited to:

- NO WRISTBAND OR PROOF OF TICKET.
- FAILURE TO RESPECT THE SOUND POLICY.
- PHOTOGRAPHY WITHOUT PERMISSION.

- VENDING OR COMMERCE.
- FAILURE TO RESPECT BOUNDARIES.
- VANDALISM OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.
- LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED.
- SETTING OFF FIREWORKS.
- FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE FIRE POLICY.
- FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

## **BOUNDARIES & CONSENT**

Our community aims to provide a respectful space for all participants and consent plays a critical part. BitF can be an overwhelming environment, and we want to ensure that we co-create a safer space for radical self-expression while protecting against harassment and assault. There are also many diverse participants present, and where one person's self-expression and another's boundaries come in contact, both parties are responsible for negotiating the interface.

With regards to anyone's physical person, only an enthusiastic "YES" means YES. Anything less is not consent. Rather than risk confusion, create a space where a "no" is always heard and respected, whatever form it may take. Do not plead, coerce, or emotionally manipulate the situation to get a "YES". If the action persists, it may be cause for EVICTION from the event.

Communicate actively and often. Consent to one thing does not mean yes to another.

Know your personal boundaries, and be comfortable expressing them.

Respect the moment and know that comfort levels differ at different times with different people. Always ask about and respect the boundaries of others, even if you already know that person.

Be mindful of intoxicants. Remember, under Canadian law, anyone under the influence of intoxicants cannot consent to contracts OR sexual contact.

Need help in a situation that involves threatening behaviour, or a sexual assault or domestic violence? Protocols and supports are in place for these situations. Seek assistance from any Ranger, at Ranger HQ, or the Medical Station.

Theme camps that involve explicit sexual activity will be clearly marked and only open to participants 19+

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YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES IN THIS SURVIVAL  
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