



# *Zum brennenden Löwen*

SURVIVAL GUIDE

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# Welcome home!

“Zum brennenden Löwen” is a non-profit, cultural event that will take place June 09-12.22 at Kooperation Schloß Gersdorf in Striegestal.

It celebrates beauty and life in accordance with the Principles originally created by Burning Man. Exclusively organized by volunteers, money can not be used on site, and this creates an ideal environment for a temporary shared community, deep connections and new discoveries. This is not a party, but more on interaction and interactive ideas, art installations, performances, workshops and music. In addition, we are very caring towards our environment, and create minimal impact inspired by “leave no trace”.

The motto of the event is “Participate, don't spectate”. We recommend that you print and take the Survival Guide with you!

## Important Channels:

### Mastersheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1crh-F1eVxWKIXs92pcQ-QOFzxAekcygygCAsrJst3gIE/edit>

### Telegram Channel:

<https://t.me/ZBLinfos>

### Facebook membergroup:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/659208251992142/>

# PRINCIPLES (deutsche Version auf unserer website [burninglion.org](http://burninglion.org))

## Radical Inclusion

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

## Gifting

Burning Lion 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 Lion 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.

## **Consent**

Our community values the transformative experience of consensual touch, play, and interaction by hearing and honoring the informed consent (or lack thereof) of those we interact with. We believe that consent plays a vital part in our connectivity and community. Our vision is that all parties feel empowered to participate as they feel comfortable, by „opting in“ from a place of enthusiasm and autonomy.

## **Each One Teach One**

As a self-reliant community, we believe the responsibility of spreading our culture lies with each and every one of us. All of us are custodians of our culture – when the opportunity presents itself, we pass knowledge on.

# COVID POLICY

We waited a while to publish our Covid strategy. Of course we had intense talks about it in the core team. We want to ensure that everyone is safe, but we also take radical inclusion seriously. The basic consent we reached was waiting to see how the official event guidelines are at the time of the event. As it looks now we won't have any restrictions or rules around our event.

But even without official rules we agreed on an extra measure and we decided on a so called "1G" event. Meaning every participant, no matter the vaccination or recovery status, is required to show a negative antigen test at the gate. It shouldn't be older than 24hrs and it has to be from a certified Testcenter (no home self tests!)

Like this we can all feel safe but also don't exclude anyone. We hope that like this everyone feels invited no matter their medical decisions, but we are also not taking any discussions about the tests.

**No test- no attendance, same rules for everyone.**

# WHAT (NOT) TO BRING

## What you **should** bring with you

Please be aware, we are in the countryside and there won't be ANY option of purchase at the event!

- Your membership ticket and photo ID.
- A cup, bowl, cutlery! Make sure you don't miss out on any of the gifting and be extra environmentally friendly by bringing your own cup, bowl & cutlery!
- A portable ash tray (if u smoke)
- FFP2 mask (depending on the current regulations at the date of the event)
  
- Rain proof clothing and shelter. Extra changes of dry clothes in waterproof storage.
- Warm clothing for evenings – it can get cold.
- Bedding
- A good camp tent is recommended along with warm sleeping bags.
- Rubbish bags.
- Recycling bags.
  
- Torches and spare batteries (headlamps are useful) to be sure you can see and be seen at night. LEDs, fairy lights and flashies are good for making yourself visible.
- Sunscreen/sunblock lotion and sunglasses. Long sleeves, pant legs and a hat are also very helpful.
- First-Aid kit.
  
- Extra snacks
- Any required prescriptions, contact lens supplies (disposables work great, pack out your rubbish), or whatever else you need to maintain your health and comfort in a remote area with no services.
- Battery packs or solar bank for your individual electronic needs.

## What is suggested to bring

- Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets; something to break the cruel midday sun.
- A wide brim hat (a chinstrap is useful).
- A raincoat and or umbrella.
- Earplugs! (Not everyone is going to want to sleep when you do).
- Watertight protective bags for clothing, cameras or electronic gear.
- Lotion/lip balm to treat cracked skin.
- Smokers: portable ashtrays (e.g. mint tin that doesn't leak ashes, or film canister).
- Costumes, musical instruments, props, banners, signs, and anything else you can think of that might make the experience more fun for you and your neighbours. Camp marker (flag, flasher, distinctive marking).
- Extra set of car keys (keys are easily lost!).
- Lastly, bring something for the community bar. Gin/Tonic is highly recommended.

## Helpful things to bring

- Sewing kit.
- Batteries
- Rope and/or string.
- Ribbons, mylar, etc., to flag tent ropes/guy lines.
- Handy wipes.
- Duct tape.
- Decorations and fabrics
- Fairy lights
- Multitool / Knife
- Gifts to give to new and old friends.

## Things not to bring and leave home

- Glass containers of any kind if at all avoidable.
- Excess packaging from foods (for example, remove outer box from cereals and just bring the inner bag).
- Non biodegradable glitter.
- Nuts in their shells.
- Anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind.
- Styrofoam chilly bins (they don't hold up and will break into a million bits).
- Explosives, fireworks, aerial flares, rockets, firearms of any kind – including BB guns, air rifles, or paintball guns.



# SHIFTS

Every burn is only possible when everyone takes a part in it. We strongly believe in cocreation and participation! In other words,

*it's run by you!*

We ask every person to take at least 1 shift, better 2. There are 250 participants and 300 needed shifts to cover. Easy, no? There will always be a lead for you to ask questions in case of problems, if you don't know the shift titles, lead names, check out our website or master sheet for explanations.

The volunteers schedule will be at Gate, there you can check the times of your shifts. If you cannot attend your shift you need to find a replacement yourself.

## ART AND DREAMS

One way of realizing radical self expression can be through *art.* We believe that community-driven, inclusive and interactive *art.* is vital to a thriving culture.

It can be some form of sculpture, performance, playful installation or just something beautiful or maybe shocking!

Let your creativity go **wild!**

We encourage you to use as little resources as possible in order to have the least ecological footprint...

Using natural materials, and creating something that can stay in the forest to leave a good trace is also a great idea!

Got an idea? List it in the Mastersheet at "Arts and Dreams"

## WORKSHOPS

It's not a burn without some fun, interesting, mind blowing or crafty workshops!

Want to teach people how to wipe their butt, how to deal with jealousy, how to do a handstand or how to build a harness? Want to show people how to play a trumpet, practice yoga, do a sexy striptease or some morning workout?

# ONSITE FACILITIES

## Rangers

Rangers are a 24/7 volunteer-run operation for safety matters, focused on participant well being for when things move beyond what can reasonably be expected under radical self-reliance.

Volunteers will be walking around the site, are available to deal with any concerns you may have and provide information on welfare services. If you think you or anyone around you may need medical assistance, or if you see people behaving in a way you feel is dangerous, notify a member of the Rangers team.

Please consider signing up for a shift!

## First Aid

If you or someone next to you is experiencing a medical emergency **Do not call 112.**

This would create a lot of hassle for the whole organisation team. You can find First Aid close to the gate or contact them remotely by approaching anyone with a radio (rangers, site lead etc). They will, if necessary call an ambulance.

Please remember to be self-reliant and bring your own first aid supply`s such as bandages, disinfectant solution and basic painkillers.

## Welfare

The Welfare Pandas will offer a sober safer space to recollect yourself 24 hours a day, whether you need a quiet space, some interpersonal support or just a refreshing beverage, shadow or warmth during the night.

Welfare will be open at any time to people in stressful conditions related to substances, weather conditions and social stress (or others of any kind), allowing them to seek and find calmness, rest and also personal psychological assistance (if needed). The space will be open to everybody, even if you just want to relax and take it easy. Be welcome! Greeters will show you our space when you enter the burn.

There will also be mobile Pandas wandering around, approachable and recognizable (they will wear panda cappies) They will be here to help you. Please go see them if anything is bothering you.

## **Water**

The facility provides water to its participants at multiple points across the site. The water is not tested and certified as drinking water quality so use is 100% at your own risk. Please note that this is only due to the pipes/hoses used to distribute the water on site. The water that enters the pipes on the site is drinking quality, but we can't guarantee it is still drinking quality at the other end.

Please always carry a water bottle with you to stay hydrated.

## **Toilets**

There will be toilet facilities located around the site (they will be indicated on the map). You will have the choice between porta potties and compost toilets.

- Only the 3 Ps should go in any toilet: Pee, Poop, Paper. NO wet wipes, tampons, plastic or any other objects please
- Each porta pottie is regularly stocked with toilet paper and hand sanitiser
- Each compost toilet is stocked with toilet paper, hand sanitiser and a bucket full of sawdust - when you have finished, lift the toilet seat, throw in some sawdust from the bucket over your 3 Ps, and close the lid - and hand sanitize.

Toilets are looked after by the Shitninja. Nevertheless if there is a problem with a toilet anyway (lack of paper/hand sanitizer, etc), If you notice there is something missing ( sanitizer/toilet paper) or if the toilet is almost full please contact the nearest shitninja before the problem becomes critical! maybe you will find them around the toilets, or ask a ranger.

Human faeces is toxic and can cause serious illness. Please don't poop anywhere other than the toilets provided!

## **Showers**

There will be showers located on site.

Wash without soap or with a very good eco-friendly product such as Dr. Bronner's. A lot of brands are "fake eco-friendly". Please be careful about that.

## The lakes

There is 1 small pond at the site. In order to protect the ecology, as well as the safety of potentially intoxicated participants, it is not permitted to enter or swim in the lake. (it also doesn't really look or feel like you want to swim in that :))

Doing so is a liability risk for the responsible volunteers of the event, and damaging to a fragile and recovering ecosystem.

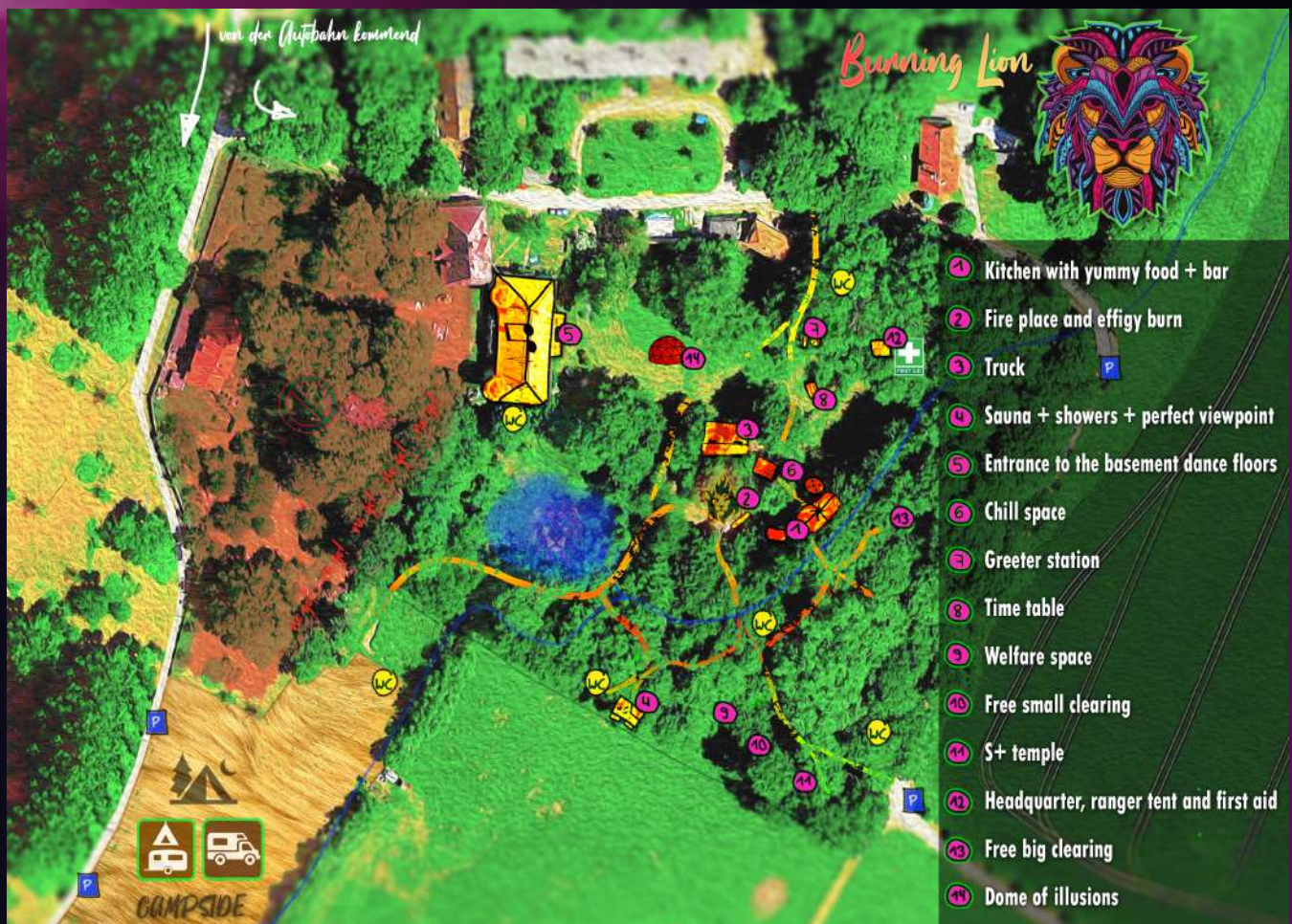
Please respect this legal requirement!

There is however a nice lake around 20 mins walk from the playa, called "Krebsteich"

If you are walking there, make sure to not give the neighbors any reason to complain after. No entering private property, peeing somewhere or being rude. They will be shocked enough to see us:)

**CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY** guys!

## Map



# RIDESHARE TRANSPORTATION

Since we are trying to have a burn as environmentally friendly as possible, we hope that some of you will share their cars or use public transportation.

We have a ride share tab in the Mastersheet and also a telegram group for communication.

<https://t.me/+Gcl2KtFrwA40Ytky>

Also we have a description of how to get there and what's the closest train stations in the mastersheet as well.

If you arrive by car, there are designated parking areas as shown on the map. Please follow the signs and don't park anywhere else, especially not on private property of neighbors. We need to respect nature and people around us and a bunch of wheel tracks in the forest are not a great look!

## GENERAL ADVICE

### Emotional Welfare

In addition to making sure you have all the necessary supplies to water, feed and clothe yourself properly, please take care of your emotional welfare. The Welfare team (location on the map) can help you if you are experiencing any emotional wellbeing issues.

- Listen to your body. Don't push yourself to the limit, and be more gentle with yourself than you would be in your regular environment.
- Be sure to take time to rest.
- Sensitive to noise? It's a good idea to pitch your tent far away from the main areas. Bring earplugs!
- Intoxication has side effects. Bear in mind this can significantly affect your physical, emotional and mental well being both during and after.

### Personal safety & Sex

Zum brennenden Löwen is built on community, and is the chance to make fantastic new friends – safely, one step at a time:

- Introduce yourself to the Wandering Rangers and volunteers (and volunteer yourself!).
- Let someone know if you are going to leave the site, and check in frequently.
- Make new friends, but be alert to the actions of those you meet.
- Secure your valuables away from your camp

### Use your instincts

Zum brennenden Löwen can be an erotically-charged environment. We want to help prevent sexual harassment and assault while ensuring that sex-positive free expression thrives! It is imperative to know and express your own sexual boundaries, along with asking about and respecting your partner's boundaries.

### **SILENCE IS NOT CONSENT!**

**Communication is the best lubricant! Always ask and wait for a YES!**

If you encounter any problems concerning consent, you can always ask for help from the rangers and welfare pandas. They are always ready to help you!

# Photography

We all love to have some great pictures of all the people, art, outfits and memories from a bur. But often this can take you out of the moment, be uncomfortable for the people around us and keep us in the “default world” back home.

There are official photographers who will be visible to you. They are the only ones who are allowed to take pictures at our event. They will be sensitive to the situations, ask for consent where necessary and not publish the material without permission.

We are asking everyone else to put their phones and cameras away and just be in the moment and enjoy where you are at. There will be no phone reception, so perfect conditions to leave your problems and worries at home and be fully present...

After all one of the principles is IMMEDIACY

If you do decide to take a selfie or two, be extra aware of your surroundings. Taking pictures of others without expressed permission, especially in “unusual” situations, is a break of consent and not according to our community ethos!

## Respect your surroundings

Please be respectful of the site as well as the people on it. Please pay attention to signage - if we ask you not to go somewhere/climb on something/light a fire there, it's for a reason. Everyone is responsible for their own actions.

## Trash

One of the 10+2 principles is leave not trace.

Practicing a Leave No Trace Ethic is simple: leave the place you visit the same or better than you found it, leave no trace of your having been there, so that others – human and animal – can enjoy the land the rest of the year.

There will be **NO ACCESS TO TRASH BINS**, so make sure to bring enough trash bags and to take everything you brought, including your trash back home with you.

Plan Ahead and Prepare For each item that you're bringing to the burn, think through how you're going to dispose of it.

Reduce Packaging! Bringing less in means having less to haul out. Leave unnecessary packaging at home. Food often comes in layers of plastic and cardboard, but also cast a critical eye toward the toys and camping gear you're bringing. Unpacking them before arriving on the playa spares you the hassle of bringing back styrofoam packing and shrinkwrap.

## Fire rules

- No fireworks, no BBQs or bonfires.
- Do not discard cigarette butts-use a portable ashtray at all times
  - No burning Art installation
- No playing with fire toys except in the fire space at the designated space during the designated hours.
- Kids should be accompanied by adult around active fires

## Art installations

You can join all workshops and you can enjoy and interact with the art you will be encountering. All contributions to Zum brennenden Löwen are the outcome of many hours of work gifted to the community so please treat that work respectfully.

## Sound

You want to bring music?

Out of respect for neighbors, residents and wildlife around us, there will be no music outside between 22:00 to 08:00, we strongly ask you to respect that.

There are indoor dancefloors, which can be played during the night time. If you want to contribute in some musical way, check out the lineup in the Mastersheet.

## Baby lions

We heard that some of you are thinking of bringing their little lion cubs, that's amazing!

We love having children at burns, they are a vital part of the burn community from the very beginning.

Bringing children to a burn is not an easy choice nor one to be taken lightly. The different environment, social structures and norms can be challenging to explain to children.

On the other hand it can give you a memorable and fun experience to share with them!

In the end it is up to you to decide according to their age, needs and character. Also, keep your needs as parents in mind as well.

If you decide to bring them, please let us know in advance how many kids you are bringing at:

**[velvet@burninglion.org](mailto:velvet@burninglion.org)**

## Here a few things to think about and help you decide:

You are fully responsible for every burner under 18 that you bring with you.

You need to make sure they are fed, hydrated, and taken care of.

Are the children ready to see nudity, people in altered states of mind, different ways of self expression, art and workshops?

What communication and preparation needs to happen before and after the event?

How will you have time for yourself? Who will take care of the children in the meantime?

There will be 18+ areas in the playa, make sure the kids understand and respect that.

## Dogs

The event is not suited for animals, but you can bring your favorite spirit animal onesie or costume!

## Laws

All participants are reminded that you are bound by the local and national laws of Germany. Please check the local laws before you leave home.

Zum brennenden Löwen does not condone illegal drug use and strongly advises against individuals taking risks with their health. Please bear in mind the limited medical support on-site before you consider placing yourself at risk.

Although there are many volunteers in place to assist you, in the end you are responsible for your own safety and your own actions.

**Please be safe,  
be smart and have lots of**

*fun!*