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PARTICIPANT GUIDEBOOK

Florida Afterburn 2026 Participant Handbook

Transcend Edition



Welcome Home

Dear Afterburn Participant,

Welcome home.

Whether this is your first Burn, your first Afterburn, or another chapter in your journey with this community, we are grateful you are here.

For nearly two decades, Burnt Oranges has existed because people have chosen to show up, contribute, and create something together. Every piece of art, every volunteer shift, every shared meal, every conversation, and every helping hand has come from people who believed that a meaningful community could be built when we participate together.

That is the heart of Afterburn.

This gathering is not something created for you. It is something created with you.

Our Board of Directors and volunteer teams work throughout the year to provide the structure, planning, and support that allow Afterburn to happen, but the spirit of this event belongs to everyone who walks through the gate. The creativity you share, the kindness you offer, the connections you make, and the care you show for each other and this land all become part of the experience.

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome. You do not need to arrive knowing everything. You do not need a costume, a camp, an art project, or a grand plan. Start small. Say hello to your neighbors. Ask questions. Volunteer for a shift. Explore something unfamiliar. Offer a helping hand.

You may discover that a gathering of strangers can become a community faster than you expect.

To those returning, thank you for helping carry this culture forward. Your experience, generosity, and willingness to welcome newcomers are some of the greatest gifts you can offer.

As we gather, we ask everyone to practice the values that make this community special: inclusion, creativity, generosity, responsibility, consent, and care for one another.

Take care of yourself.

Take care of your neighbors.

Take care of the land that hosts us.

Remember that you belong here.

Thank you for bringing your unique spark to Afterburn and for helping us continue nearly twenty years of connection, creativity, and community in Florida.

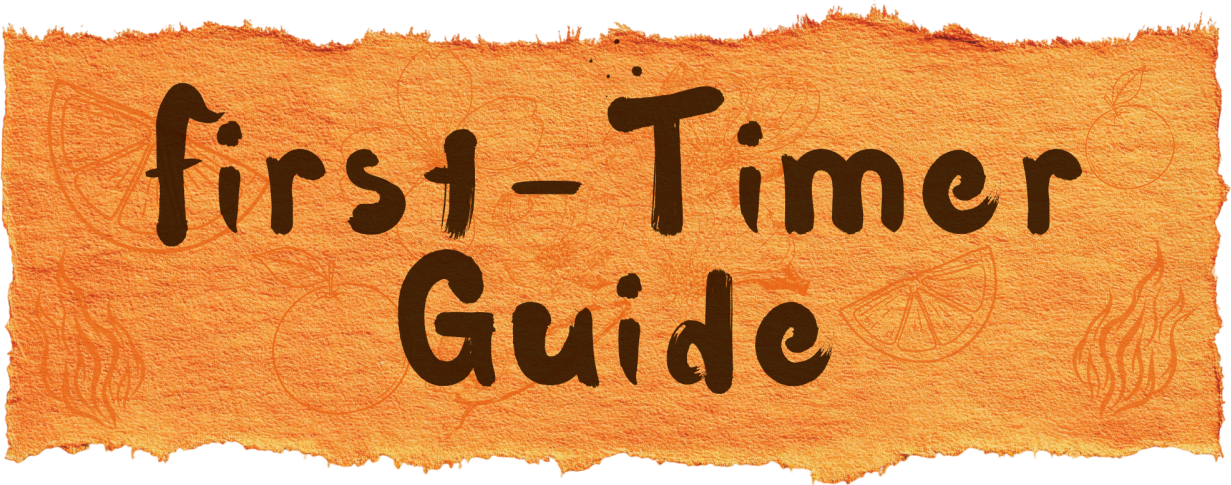
We cannot wait to see what we create together.

Welcome home.

With gratitude,

The Burnt Oranges Board of Directors





Welcome, First Timer!

Your first Afterburn may feel exciting, unfamiliar, overwhelming, hilarious, confusing, magical—or all of the above.

There is no single “right” way to experience Afterburn. Come prepared, stay curious, and remember that everyone around you is helping create the experience.

Here are a few tips from experienced participants:

1. Pack More Socks Than You Think You Need

Florida weather can mean rain, mud, humidity, and unexpected conditions. Dry socks can make a long weekend much better.

2. Wear Comfortable Shoes

You will probably walk more than you expect.

Bring footwear that can handle grass, dirt, trails, weather, and long days outside.

3. Bring Lights

The property gets dark at night.

Bring a flashlight, headlamp, and lights for yourself or your campsite. Being visible helps everyone navigate safely.

4. Label Your Belongings

Camps get busy. Items get misplaced.

Label coolers, chairs, chargers, water bottles, and other important gear with your name or contact information.

5. You Cannot Do Everything

There will always be more happening than you can experience.

Give yourself permission to miss things. Rest is part of the adventure.

6. Try Something New

Join a workshop. Visit a camp. Learn a skill. Talk to someone new.

Some of your favorite memories may come from things you never planned.

7. Meet Your Neighbors

Your campsite neighbors are your first community connection.

Say hello. Learn names. Offer help. Share a conversation.

8. Bring Something to Share

Participation does not have to be elaborate.

A snack, a story, a skill, a song, a craft, or a kind gesture can all be gifts.

9. Take Care of Your Body

Eat. Drink water. Rest.

Adventure is more fun when you are taking care of yourself.

10. Prepare for Florida Weather

Bring:

- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Rain gear
- Layers for cooler evenings
- Shade options

Florida weather changes quickly.

11. Ask Questions

Nobody expects you to know everything.

Ask volunteers. Ask neighbors. Ask Rangers.

Curiosity is welcome.

12. Respect “No”

Consent applies everywhere.

Respect boundaries around:

- Touch
 - Photos
 - Conversations
 - Activities
 - Personal space
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13. Explore After Dark

Night transforms Afterburn.

Bring lights, wander safely, and discover what appears after sunset.

14. Take Breaks

You do not have to be “on” all weekend.

Visit Sanctuary, find a quiet space, or simply rest.

15. Let Go of Expectations

Afterburn may not look exactly like what you imagined.

Allow yourself to experience what is actually happening.

16. Help Before You Are Asked

See someone struggling? Offer help.

See MOOP? Pick it up.

See someone who looks lost? Say hello.

17. Keep Your Camp Organized

A tidy camp makes arrival, living, and cleanup easier.

18. Bring Ear Protection

Music and late nights are part of Afterburn.

Earplugs help protect your hearing and your sleep.

19. Remember Everyone Is Participating

The artist, the volunteer, the cook, the builder, the person welcoming newcomers, and the person picking up trash all contribute.

There is no audience.

20. Leave Room for the Unexpected

The best moments often happen between planned activities. Stay open.





What Is Florida Afterburn?

A Community-Built Regional Burn

Florida Afterburn is a participant-created gathering inspired by the culture and principles of Burning Man.

It's not a traditional festival or a concert.

It's definitely not just a camping trip.

Afterburn is a temporary community created by the people who attend.

A Brief History of Burning Man Culture

Burning Man began in 1986 as a small gathering on Baker Beach in San Francisco, where a group of people came together to build and burn a wooden figure. What began as a creative gathering among friends grew into an international community centered around participation, creativity, self-expression, and connection.

As the community expanded, local gatherings inspired by these values developed around the world. These became known as Regional Burns.

Each Regional Burn reflects the people who create it, the land where it takes place, and the culture of its community.

Florida Afterburn is Florida's expression of this culture.

More Than an Event

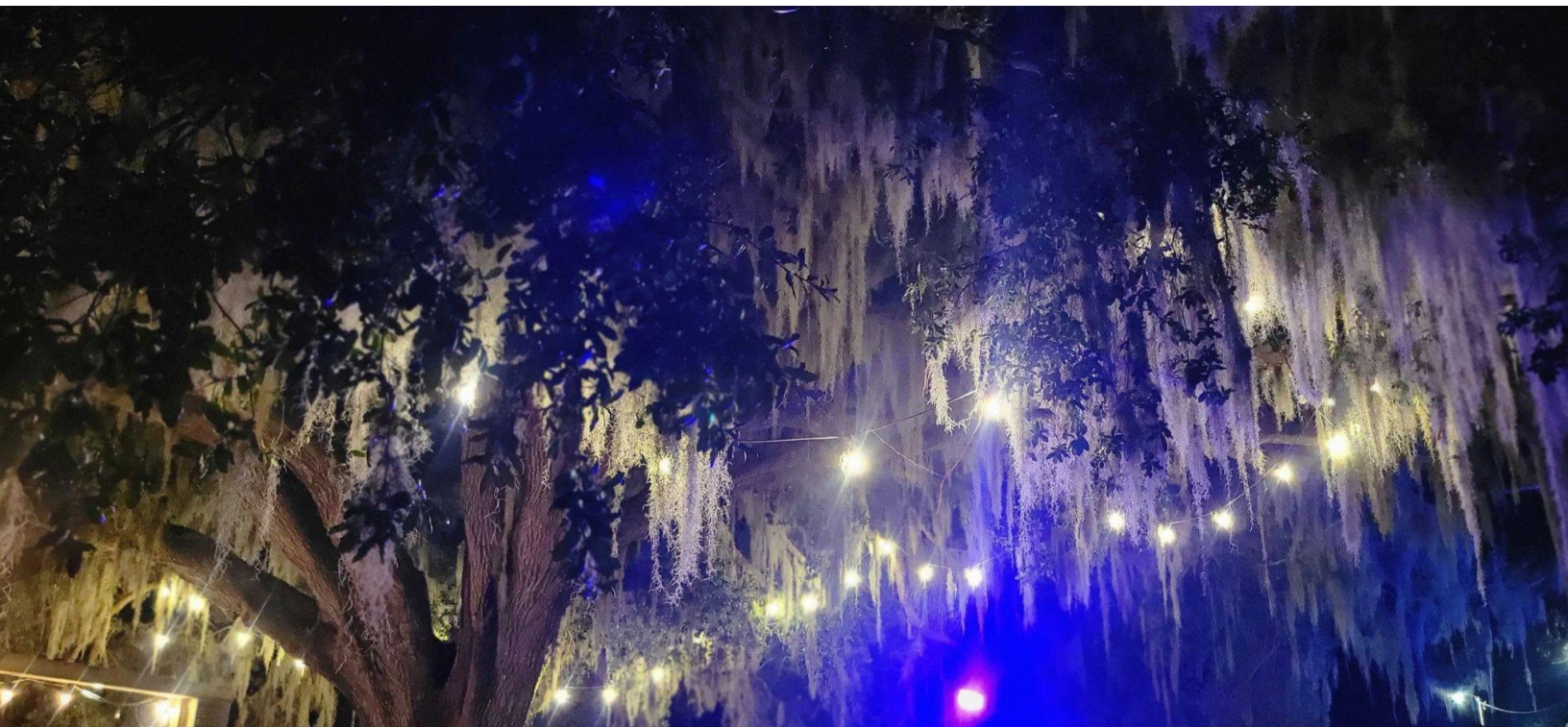
At a traditional event, organizers create the experience and attendees arrive to consume it. Afterburn works differently. The experience is shaped by the people who show up and choose to contribute.

Participants bring art, performances, workshops, theme camps, shared meals, decorations, volunteer hours, skills, stories, and acts of kindness. Some contributions are big and visible; others are small moments that make someone else's weekend better.

Afterburn becomes what we collectively create together.

The Heart of Afterburn

Some of the most memorable moments at Afterburn are the ones no one planned: a conversation with someone new, a meal shared with neighbors, a piece of art discovered while wandering, a helping hand when it's needed, or a spontaneous moment of connection. These are the moments that give Afterburn its character, and they happen because of what each of us brings to the gathering.





About Burnt Oranges

Nearly Twenty Years of Community in Florida

Burnt Oranges began in 2008 with the goal of creating a space where Florida's Burner community could gather, create, and connect.

As Florida's oldest sanctioned Burning Man Regional organization, Burnt Oranges has spent nearly two decades building opportunities for creativity, participation, and community.

We are a volunteer-powered nonprofit organization. There are no employees behind the scenes creating the experience. The people planning, organizing, building, welcoming, cleaning, and supporting Afterburn are members of the same community who attend.

Every contribution matters.

Our Mission

Burnt Oranges fosters a community centered on creative participation, radical acceptance, and meaningful connection through inclusive gatherings that encourage artistic expression, collaboration, and shared responsibility.

We create spaces where people feel empowered to contribute, connect, and build experiences together.

Our Vision

We envision a safe, sustainable, and connected community where individuals are encouraged to express themselves, support one another, and create experiences that would not exist without their participation.

Why We Gather

In a world where connection can feel increasingly difficult, Afterburn creates space for something different.

A place where:

- Creativity is celebrated.
- Generosity is encouraged.
- Strangers become collaborators.
- People are invited to contribute.
- Community is built intentionally.

The question at the center of Afterburn is simple:

What can you bring?



Chapter Three

The Culture of Afterburn

The Eleven Principles

Afterburn is guided by a culture of creativity, participation, generosity, respect, and connection.

Many of these values come from the Ten Principles of Burning Man, which were created to describe the culture that developed within that community. They are not rules or commandments. They are ideas that help us think about how we interact with each other and the world we create together.

Afterburn also recognizes **Consent** as an essential principle.

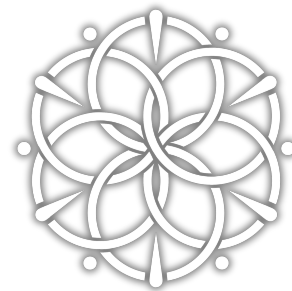
These principles are invitations to consider:

How am I contributing to the community around me?

Radical Inclusion

Everyone Belongs

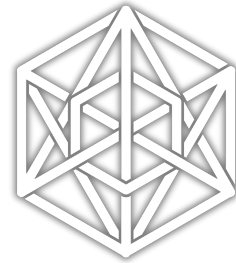
Radical Inclusion means recognizing that every person brings something valuable to the community. At Afterburn, that means welcoming newcomers, making room for different experiences



and perspectives, and sharing what we know with people who are learning. You do not need special experience, a particular skill, or a special invitation to participate. **If you are here, you belong.**

Gifting

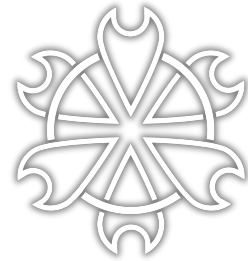
Giving Without Expecting Something Back



Gifting is generosity without expectation. A gift might be something handmade, a shared meal, a performance, a useful skill, a conversation, a helping hand, or simply a moment of kindness. What matters is the spirit behind it: giving because you have something to offer, not because you expect something in return. In a community built on connection, generosity creates relationships that go beyond transactions.

Decommodification

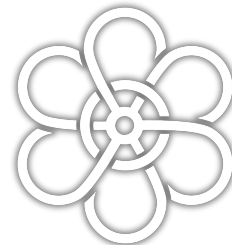
Creating Beyond Commerce



Afterburn is not designed around buying an experience. The things that make the gathering meaningful cannot be purchased: a new friendship, a spontaneous adventure, a shared laugh, a creative collaboration, or a moment that stays with you long after the weekend ends. We invite you to think of yourself as a participant rather than a consumer, and to consider what you can bring to the experience rather than only what you can get from it.

Radical Self-Reliance

Prepare Yourself



Afterburn is an outdoor, community-built experience, and being prepared is part of taking care of yourself and the people around you.

Bring the shelter, food, water, clothing, medications, and weather gear you need to be comfortable and safe. Know your own limits and plan for your needs.

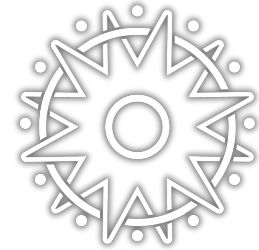
Self-reliance does not mean doing everything alone. It means taking responsibility for yourself while remaining part of a community that looks out for one another.

Radical Self-Expression

Bring Your Spark

That expression might show up through art, clothing, performance, decoration, workshops, conversation, or an idea nobody has tried before. There is no single way to express yourself here. Bring your weird, your wonderful, your curious, and your creative, and make room for everyone else to do the same.

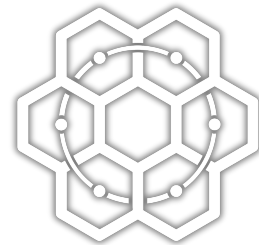
Your freedom to express yourself exists alongside your responsibility to respect the people around you.



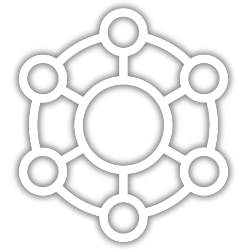
Communal Effort

We Build Together

Afterburn exists because people contribute their time, energy, skills, creativity, and care. Volunteers keep things moving, artists create things to discover, neighbors help one another, and participants come together to build and maintain shared spaces. Some contributions are highly visible; others happen quietly behind the scenes. Every one of them helps create the experience we share.



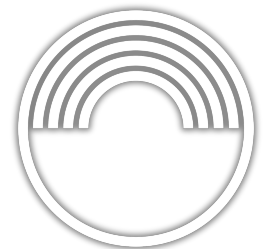
Civic Responsibility



Care About the Community You Create

Being part of Afterburn means taking some responsibility for the experience everyone around you is having. Follow safety guidelines, respect shared spaces, communicate when something is wrong, and look out for your neighbors. A strong community is built by people who notice what is happening around them and care enough to help.

Leaving No Trace

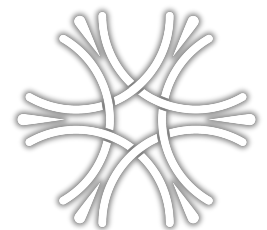


Leave It Better Than You Found It

We are guests on the land that hosts Afterburn, and caring for that land is everyone's responsibility. Pack out everything you bring, keep your campsite clean, pick up MOOP (Matter Out Of Place), and treat the property with care throughout your stay.

When it's time to leave, look around one more time. The goal is simple: leave the land better than you found it.

Participation



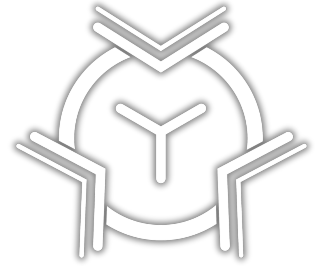
Do Not Just Attend—Engage

Participation is at the heart of Afterburn. You might volunteer, make art, share a meal, teach someone something, lend a hand, start a conversation, or bring an idea to life. Your contribution does not have to be elaborate or impressive to matter. Sometimes participation is simply noticing an opportunity to help and stepping into it.

Immediacy

Be Present

Immediacy means being present for what is happening rather than simply observing it. Let yourself step away from the schedule, follow your curiosity, and make room for the unexpected. Some of the best moments at Afterburn are the ones you could never have planned.

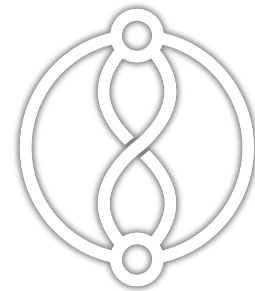


Consent

Respect, Communication, and Choice

Consent is foundational to Afterburn. Ask before touching someone, photographing them, entering their space, or involving them in an activity. Respect the answer you receive, and remember that consent can change at any time.

Consent applies everywhere—from physical interactions and photography to conversations, activities, and shared spaces. A person's comfort matters.



DID YOU KNOW?

The symbols for the Burning Man principles were designed by artist Wick as a gift to the community. While co-founder Larry Harvey wrote the actual text of the 10 Principles in 2004, Wick created the visual icons to represent each tenet.



Preparing for Afterburn

Know the Property

Afterburn takes place at Camp La Llanada, a large outdoor property with wooded areas, open fields, shared facilities, and natural water features. Preparing for the environment is part of preparing for the event.

You will encounter uneven ground, trees, roots, insects, wildlife, mud, heat, and changing weather. Wear appropriate footwear, use caution when exploring, and pay attention to your surroundings.

Not every part of the property is accessible to participants. Respect signs, barriers, fencing, and instructions from event staff.

Bathrooms and Portable Toilets

There are both permanent bathroom facilities and portable toilets onsite.

Portable toilets are located throughout the event area for convenient access, while the brick-and-mortar bathroom facilities provide additional restroom and shower amenities where designated.

Please help keep all restroom facilities usable for everyone:

- Leave facilities clean.
- Dispose of waste in the appropriate receptacles.
- Do not place trash or other objects in toilets.
- Respect posted capacity and usage guidelines.

- Report maintenance issues to event staff.

Restrooms are shared community resources. Leave them ready for the next person.

Florida Wildlife

Camp La Llanada is a natural environment, and wildlife is part of the landscape.

You may encounter mosquitoes, ticks, snakes, frogs, insects, birds, and other wildlife, particularly around wooded areas and water.

There may also be alligators on or near the property.

Important: No Lake Entry

Participants may not enter the lake or other designated bodies of water.

Do not swim, wade, paddle, fish, or enter the water unless specifically authorized by event leadership for an approved activity.

Never approach, feed, harass, or attempt to interact with wildlife.

Keep food and trash secured, stay aware of your surroundings, and give animals plenty of space.

If you encounter wildlife that appears injured, aggressive, or unusually close to participant areas, notify a Ranger or event staff rather than attempting to handle the situation yourself.

Families and Young Participants

Afterburn welcomes families, but it is important to understand that this is an adult-oriented community gathering rather than a traditional family festival.

Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children throughout the event. Children should remain within the supervision and care of their parent or legal guardian, including around water, fire, vehicles, nighttime activities, and other potentially hazardous environments.

Parents and guardians should use their own judgment about which activities and areas are appropriate for their children. Some Afterburn experiences may include loud music, mature themes, alcohol, fire, costumes, or adult-oriented conversations and activities.

Children should never be left unattended or assumed to be under the supervision of another participant simply because they are in a community space.

Our community expectation applies to everyone: children deserve the same respect for their boundaries, privacy, and consent as adults.

Photography and recording involving children requires particular care. Ask a parent or guardian before photographing or recording a child, and respect their decision.

Packing Checklist

Shelter & Comfort

- ☐ Tent or shelter
 - ☐ Sleeping bag, blankets, or bedding
 - ☐ Pillow
 - ☐ Camp chair
 - ☐ Shade structure or canopy
 - ☐ Hammock or lounge gear
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Clothing

- ☐ Comfortable clothing
 - ☐ Warm layers
 - ☐ Rain gear
 - ☐ Swimsuit
 - ☐ Closed-toe shoes
 - ☐ Walking shoes
 - ☐ Extra socks
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Lighting & Power

- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Campsite lighting

- ☐ Phone charger
- ☐ Portable battery pack

Night lighting helps keep you safe and visible.

Health & Personal Care

- ☐ Water bottle
 - ☐ Sunscreen
 - ☐ Bug spray
 - ☐ Toiletries
 - ☐ Medications
 - ☐ First aid supplies
 - ☐ Ear protection
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Helpful Extras

- ☐ Costume or expressive clothing
 - ☐ Gifts to share
 - ☐ Wagon/cart
 - ☐ Coffee setup
 - ☐ Games
 - ☐ Musical instruments
 - ☐ Art supplies
 - ☐ Decorations
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Food & Water

Afterburn is a self-reliant event.

Plan to provide your own:

- Food.
- Snacks.
- Drinking water.
- Cooking supplies.
- Hydration needs.

Some camps may gift food or beverages, but do not rely on community offerings unless you have confirmed availability.

Ice

Ice will be available for purchase onsite.

Participants are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive prepared with the supplies they need for the weekend.

Consider bringing:

- A properly sized cooler.
- Initial ice supply.
- Water containers.
- Backup hydration options.

Planning ahead helps you spend less time managing logistics and more time participating.

What Not to Bring

For safety and community wellbeing, the following items are prohibited:

Firearms & Weapons

Firearms and items intended to cause harm are not permitted.

Fireworks

Fireworks create unnecessary risk and are prohibited.

Laser Pointers

Laser pointers can create hazards for participants, vehicles, performers, and aircraft.

Glass Bottles

Broken glass creates safety hazards and difficult MOOP.

Choose reusable containers instead.

Pets

Pets are not permitted.

Large gatherings, crowds, fire, vehicles, and unfamiliar environments can be stressful and unsafe for animals.

Service animals may be accommodated according to applicable requirements.

Unauthorized Fire

Fire activities must follow Afterburn approval and safety procedures.

Do not bring personal fire installations or perform fire activities without approval.

Excessive MOOP-Producing Items

Avoid bringing:

- Glitter.
- Confetti.
- Feathers.
- Items that shed pieces.
- Disposable decorations.
- Materials difficult to clean up.

If you bring it in, plan to take it out.

Bikes, Art Carts, and Getting Around

Bikes and art carts can be great ways to explore the property, particularly when moving supplies or traveling between areas.

If you bring a bike or cart:

- Keep pathways clear.
- Travel at a safe speed.
- Watch for pedestrians.
- Use lights after dark.
- Secure your belongings.
- Yield to emergency and operational vehicles.

Larger art cars and vehicles may have limited mobility around the property. Not every road, path, or camping area is suitable for large vehicles.

If you are bringing a large vehicle, art car, trailer, or substantial installation, check with the event team before arrival so we can help determine the most appropriate location and access route.

The RV field may provide opportunities for larger installations or exhibits where appropriate. Placement will depend on the size of the project, vehicle access, safety requirements, and available space.



DID YOU KNOW?



"Leave No Trace" applies to more than trash. Everything you bring to the event should leave with you, including zip ties, cigarette butts, food scraps, glitter, and the tiny bits of stuff you didn't realize escaped your campsite.

Chapter five

Your Home for the Weekend

Camp La Llanada

For the weekend, Camp La Llanada becomes our shared home.

This beautiful piece of Florida landscape is where we gather to create, connect, explore, and make memories together. Take some time to wander beyond your campsite and discover everything the property has to offer.

You might find yourself exploring trails, meeting new neighbors, discovering unexpected art, cooling off by the water, or finding a quiet place to pause and recharge.

A site map will be provided before the event. Until then, come ready to explore.



Shared Spaces

The Pool

The pool is a community gathering space for cooling off, relaxing, and connecting with others. Whether you are taking a break from exploring or joining friends for a conversation in the sun, the pool is a place to slow down and enjoy the moment.



Please help keep this space welcoming by respecting posted guidelines, keeping glass away from the pool area, cleaning up after yourself, and respecting everyone's personal boundaries.

The Burn Field

The Burn Field is where some of Afterburn's biggest shared moments take place, including burns, fire performances, and large-scale art experiences.

This space holds a special kind of energy and requires everyone's awareness. Respect safety boundaries, follow Fire Safety guidance, keep pathways clear, and do not enter restricted areas.

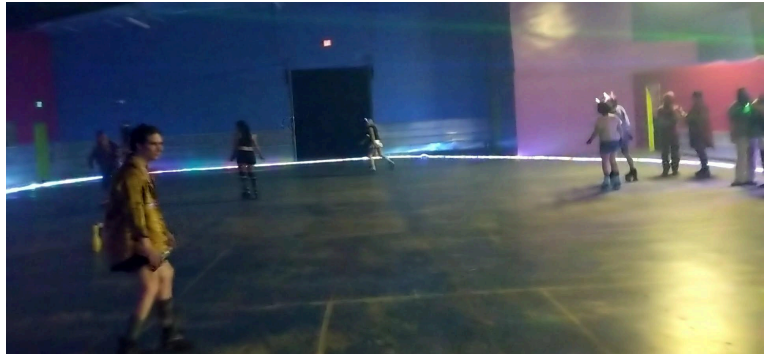
The best experiences happen when everyone helps keep the space safe.



The Theater

Located near the pool, the Theater is a large, covered, open-air building that serves as one of Afterburn's main gathering spaces. It is often transformed into a skating rink, but may also host music, dancing, performances, and other activities throughout the weekend.

With a roof overhead but open sides, the Theater offers some shelter from the Florida sun and rain while remaining very much part of the outdoor environment. Check the schedule for planned activities, and follow any posted guidelines when using the space.



Outdoor Kitchen

The outdoor kitchen is more than a place to prepare food, it's a shared community resource and a gathering space for meals, conversations, and connection.

Nestled beneath the shade of an ancient live oak and surrounded by plenty of seating, it offers a place to share a meal, relax with neighbors, or take a break from exploring.

Help keep this space welcoming by cleaning up after yourself, storing food responsibly, returning shared supplies, and leaving it ready for the next person to enjoy.



Tiki Gazebo

The Tiki Gazebo is one of the central gathering spaces at Afterburn. Throughout the weekend, it may become home to workshops, performances, announcements, conversations, and unexpected moments of connection.

Check the schedule for planned activities—but leave room for the magic of something unplanned.

Sanctuary

Sanctuary is a calm, supportive space for participants who need a moment away from the intensity of the event.

You are welcome to visit if you feel overwhelmed, need quiet, need emotional support, or simply need space to reset.

Taking care of yourself is part of participating.

Medical

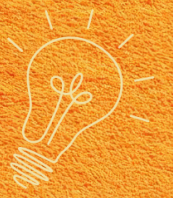
Medical services are available onsite to support participant health and safety.

Please seek assistance if someone is injured, experiencing heat illness, needs medical attention, or if a situation requires professional support.

If you are unsure whether help is needed, ask. Taking care of one another is part of the Afterburn experience.



DID YOU KNOW?



Most First Aid Kits Lack Meds! Studies show that many commercial first-aid kits miss basic over-the-counter pain pills and antihistamines! Don't forget yours at home!

Chapter Six

Participation

You Are Part of the Experience

Afterburn is created by the people who attend it.

When you arrive, you are not simply attending an event someone else produced. You are joining a temporary community shaped by everyone who chooses to contribute.

Participation does not require a massive art project, a theme camp, or a leadership role. It means recognizing that your presence, creativity, kindness, and effort all contribute to the experience.



Everyone Has Something to Bring

Participation looks different for everyone. It might mean volunteering for a shift, creating art, hosting an activity, sharing a skill, decorating your campsite, cooking for your neighbors, playing music, welcoming someone new, helping solve a problem, picking up MOOP, or simply offering a kind word when someone needs one.

Not every contribution needs to be big or elaborate. Often, the smallest moments of generosity and connection are the ones people remember most.

Create, Don't Just Consume

Afterburn is not designed around being entertained by someone else.

The community experience comes from what participants bring forward.

You do not have to constantly perform or create something elaborate. Participation can happen in quiet moments:

- Helping someone carry their gear.
- Sharing a conversation.
- Teaching something you love.
- Making someone laugh.
- Taking care of shared spaces.

Every action helps shape the world we create together.

Participation Is an Invitation

Participation is encouraged, but it is not a competition. You do not need the biggest project, the most creative outfit, or the most outgoing personality to make an impact.

Start where you are. Say hello. Explore. Offer something small. A conversation, a helping hand, a shared idea, or a moment of kindness can all become part of the experience.

The community grows through thousands of individual choices to show up, connect, and engage.



Chapter Seven

Theme Camps

Creating Neighborhoods Within Afterburn

Theme camps are participant-created spaces built around a shared idea, activity, or experience. They are one of the ways people transform Afterburn from an event you attend into a community you help create.

A theme camp might offer workshops, games, performances, food or drinks, interactive art, conversation, or simply a place to gather and connect. Some camps are elaborate productions, while others are simple spaces built around a shared interest or a group of friends.

Theme camps are not vendors or businesses. They exist to contribute something to the community and create opportunities for connection.

Building a Theme Camp

Theme camps are built through collaboration. Camp members work together to design shared spaces, create activities, host experiences, and support one another throughout the event.

Some camps begin planning months in advance. Others come together more organically through friendships, shared ideas, and a desire to contribute something unique. There is no single way to create a camp—what matters is bringing people together and adding something meaningful to the experience.

Visiting Theme Camps

Exploring theme camps is one of the joys of Afterburn. Wander, be curious, and discover what your fellow participants have created.

When visiting a camp:

- Introduce yourself and engage with the people who created the space.
- Ask before entering private or clearly marked areas.
- Participate when invited.
- Respect the time, energy, and resources that went into creating the experience.
- Leave the space cleaner than you found it.

Remember that theme camp members are participants too. They may need time to rest, explore, or enjoy Afterburn outside of their camp.

Camp Boundaries

While many theme camps are designed to welcome interaction, not every area is public. Some spaces may be reserved for sleeping, personal belongings, storage, or behind-the-scenes work.

If you are unsure whether an area is open to visitors, simply ask. Respecting boundaries helps keep camps safe, sustainable, and welcoming for everyone.





Art

Creativity Across the Property

Art is one of the most visible expressions of Afterburn culture. Throughout the weekend, you may encounter sculptures, installations, performances, interactive experiences, camp decorations, and unexpected creative moments tucked throughout the property.

Art at Afterburn is often created to inspire curiosity, invite participation, and create connections between people. Some pieces are carefully planned months in advance, while others appear spontaneously as part of the experience.

Respect the Artists

Every piece of art represents someone's time, effort, resources, and creativity. Whether it is a large-scale installation or a small handmade creation, each piece exists because someone chose to share something with the community.

Help protect and preserve these contributions by following posted instructions, asking before touching or climbing, respecting restricted areas, reporting safety concerns, and treating installations with care.

The best way to honor the artists who share their work is to engage with curiosity, respect, and appreciation.

Interactive Art

Some art is meant to be touched, explored, or transformed through interaction. Some art is meant to be observed and appreciated from a distance.

If instructions are unclear, ask before engaging. A simple conversation with an artist can prevent accidental damage, offer insight into the piece, and create a more meaningful experience for everyone.

Fire Art

Fire Is Beautiful. Fire Requires Responsibility.

Fire is an important part of Burner culture.

At Afterburn, fire may appear through approved performances, installations, and community experiences.

Because fire carries inherent risks, all fire activities must follow Afterburn safety requirements and approval processes.



DID YOU KNOW?

The first Burning Man was held on Baker Beach in San Francisco in 1986. Only about 20 people attended.



Fire Safety

Respect the Flame

Fire is a powerful expression of transformation, creativity, and connection. It brings people together, creates moments of wonder, and adds a unique energy to Afterburn. It also requires preparation, awareness, and responsibility.

Our Fire Safety team helps support safe fire practices while allowing performers and artists to share their work with the community.

Fire Safety at Afterburn

The Fire Safety team helps make fire experiences possible by reviewing approved fire projects, establishing safety zones, guiding performers and artists, monitoring fire activities, and responding to concerns when they arise.

Their goal is not to limit creativity—it is to help ensure that fire can be enjoyed safely by everyone.

Around Fire

When you are near a fire performance or installation, stay aware and respect the space around it. Follow safety boundaries and instructions, give performers room to work, keep pathways clear, and avoid distracting those managing the activity.

Never enter an active fire safety zone or interfere with a performance.

Fire Safety Guidelines

Please do not:

- Enter designated fire safety areas.
- Touch fire art unless specifically invited.
- Perform fire without prior approval.
- Bring unauthorized open flames.
- Move or interfere with safety equipment.

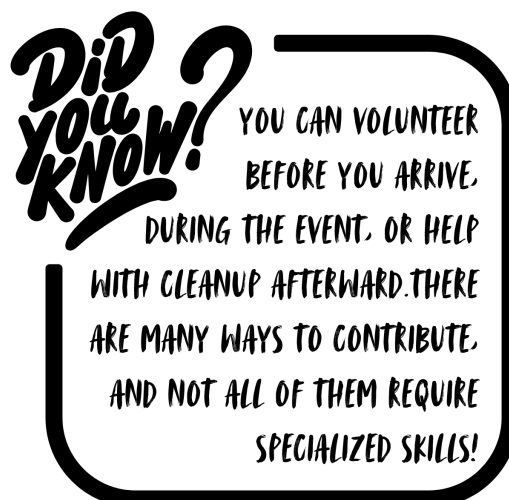
If you have questions about fire at Afterburn, ask before participating.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency:

1. Stay calm and move away from danger.
2. Follow instructions from Fire Safety, Rangers, Medical, or event leadership.
3. Keep access routes clear for responders.
4. Notify the appropriate team if assistance is needed.

Fire safety is a shared responsibility. Staying aware and looking out for one another helps everyone experience the magic of the flame safely.





Leave No Trace

Leave It Better Than You Found It

Afterburn is temporary. The land, the property, and the relationships we build together are what remain.

Our goal is simple: when we leave, there should be little evidence we were here beyond the memories, connections, and experiences created together.

Leave No Trace is not just about cleaning up at the end of the weekend. It is a practice throughout the event—being mindful of what we bring, what we use, and what we leave behind.

What Is MOOP?

MOOP means **Matter Out Of Place**. Anything left somewhere it does not belong is MOOP.

Some MOOP is obvious: trash, bottles, cans, food containers, broken equipment, or abandoned belongings.

Some MOOP is easy to miss: glitter, confetti, zip ties, tape, string, food scraps, and tiny pieces of decoration. Small items add up quickly when hundreds of people gather in one place.

Everyone contributes to the impact we leave behind, and everyone has the power to reduce it.

Everyone Owns Their Impact

Leave No Trace is a community effort. Pack out everything you bring, secure loose items before they escape, clean up after yourself, and pick up MOOP when you see it—even if it is not yours.

Before bringing something onsite, consider what happens to it when the weekend is over. A little preparation before arrival makes cleanup easier for everyone.

If you see something out of place, take care of it.

Leaving Your Campsite

Before departing, take the time for a thorough final sweep:

- Remove all personal belongings and trash.
- Check under tents, vehicles, and structures.
- Look along pathways and gathering areas.
- Collect small items that are easy to overlook.
- Walk the area one final time before leaving.

A slow second look often catches what the first one misses.

Ask yourself: **Would someone know I was here?**

Leave your space better than you found it.



DID YOU KNOW?



Microplastics do not truly break down or disappear; instead, they persist in the environment for 100 to over 1,000 years. To prevent microplastics and synthetic shedding while camping, swap single-use plastics and degrading polymer gear for natural or durable alternatives, use certified outdoor water filters, and avoid leaving synthetic items exposed to harsh sunlight.

Chapter Eleven

Health & Wellbeing

Take Care of Yourself and Each Other

Afterburn is an immersive experience filled with creativity, connection, and adventure. Taking care of yourself is part of participating in the community.

Florida brings its own challenges: heat, humidity, insects, changing weather, and long days outdoors. Radical self-reliance means understanding your needs, preparing ahead, and knowing when to ask for support.

Florida Weather

Expect the Unexpected

Florida weather can change quickly. A sunny afternoon can become a storm, a warm day can turn into a cool evening, and humidity can make the temperature feel much higher than expected.

Prepare for:

- Heat and sun exposure.
- Rain and wet conditions.
- Humidity.
- Mud.
- Cooler nighttime temperatures.

Appropriate clothing, footwear, and supplies can make the difference between enduring the weather and enjoying it.

Heat, Hydration & Rest

Florida heat can sneak up on you, especially while dancing, exploring, volunteering, building, or spending long periods outdoors.

Take care of yourself by drinking water regularly, eating enough food, taking breaks in the shade, wearing sunscreen, and replacing electrolytes when needed. Check in on your neighbors, especially during hot weather.

Signs of heat illness may include dizziness, confusion, nausea, extreme fatigue, headache, or weakness.

If someone is struggling:

1. Move them to a cooler area.
2. Encourage rest and hydration.
3. Seek medical support if needed.

Rest is also part of participation. Sleep, breaks, and quiet moments help you stay healthy and engaged throughout the weekend.

Ticks, Mosquitoes & Florida Critters

Share the Land Respectfully

Afterburn takes place in a natural environment. Prepare by using insect repellent, checking yourself for ticks, wearing appropriate clothing in wooded areas, securing food and trash, and respecting the wildlife around you.

The outdoors is part of the experience. Treat the land and the creatures who share it with care.

Alcohol & Substances

Know Your Limits

If you choose to consume alcohol or other substances, make choices that keep yourself and those around you safe.

Stay aware of your limits, hydrate, eat regularly, look out for friends, never pressure others, and never drive impaired.

Consent, safety, and personal responsibility always come first.

Mental & Emotional Wellbeing

Take Care of Your Mind

A Burn can be an intense experience. New environments, unfamiliar situations, sensory experiences, and strong emotions can affect everyone differently.

Give yourself permission to step away, take breaks, spend time alone, change your plans, set boundaries, or ask for support.

You do not need to experience everything.

Taking care of yourself is part of taking care of the community.



Medical Services

Help Is Available

Medical services are available onsite to support participant health and safety.

Seek assistance when someone is injured, showing signs of heat illness, needs medical attention, or when a situation feels beyond your ability to handle.

If someone needs help, ask.

Looking out for one another is part of Afterburn culture.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH
THE MAP AND GROUNDS!



Chapter Twelve

Community Expectations

Creating a Respectful Space Together

Afterburn works because participants share responsibility for the experience we create together.

Everyone arrives with different backgrounds, comfort levels, needs, and boundaries. Making room for those differences allows our community to be more welcoming, creative, and connected.

Respect is not about everyone having the same experience—it is about creating enough space for many different experiences to exist alongside one another.

Photography & Recording

Ask Before Capturing Someone's Moment

Afterburn encourages creativity, self-expression, and personal exploration. Because people may be sharing vulnerable, unexpected, or deeply personal moments, photography and recording require care.

Before taking photos or videos:

- Ask permission first.

- Respect a “no” without question.
- Be mindful of private or personal moments.
- Do not assume that costumes, performances, or participation mean someone wants to be recorded.

Consent applies to images too. Everyone has the right to choose how and when they are represented.

Noise & Shared Spaces

Be Mindful of Your Neighbors

Music, performances, conversation, and celebration are all part of Afterburn. So are rest, quiet moments, and the ability for people to recharge.

Be aware of the spaces around you, including nearby camps, sleeping areas, and shared gathering spaces. Consider the impact of music volume, generators, late-night conversations, and activities happening near places where others may be resting.

Create joy. Share your energy. Just remember that everyone around you is creating their own experience too.

Boundaries & Respect

Everyone Has Different Comfort Levels

Connection is encouraged. Respect is required.

Ask before touching someone, entering personal spaces, joining a private activity, or involving someone in an experience. A person’s comfort level may be different from yours, and that difference deserves respect.

Everyone has the right to decide what participation looks like for them.

Consent

Respect, Communication & Choice

Consent is foundational to Afterburn.

Consent means asking first, listening to the answer, respecting boundaries, accepting “no” without pressure, and understanding that consent can change at any time.

Remember:

Silence is not consent.

A maybe is not a yes.

Pressure is not consent.

Consent applies everywhere—from physical interactions and photography to conversations, activities, and shared experiences.

Rangers

Community Support & Conflict Resolution

Rangers are trained community volunteers who help participants navigate challenges and find support when situations become difficult.

They may assist with conflict resolution, safety concerns, difficult conversations, locating resources, or connecting people with the right team.

Rangers are not law enforcement. They are participants helping participants.

Sanctuary

A Place to Reset

Sanctuary is a calm, supportive space for participants who need a moment away from the intensity of the event.

You may visit Sanctuary if you feel overwhelmed, need emotional support, want a quieter environment, or need help processing an experience.

Taking time for yourself is not stepping away from the community—it is part of caring for yourself within it.

Conflict Resolution

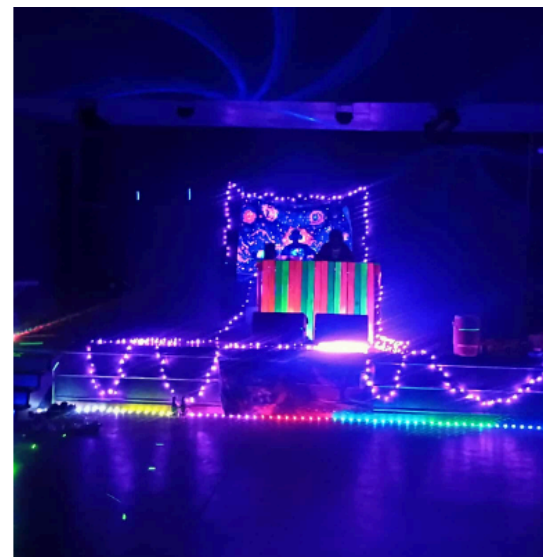
Talk First. Listen First.

Conflict is a natural part of any community. What matters is how we respond when challenges arise.

When possible:

1. Pause before reacting.
2. Listen to understand.
3. Communicate respectfully.
4. Consider impact alongside intent.
5. Work toward solutions.

If you need support navigating a situation, reach out to Rangers or another available community resource. Asking for help is part of building a stronger community.



Chapter Thirteen

Event Logistics

Everything You Need to Know Before You Arrive

A little preparation goes a long way. Knowing what to expect before you arrive means you can spend less time solving problems and more time enjoying Afterburn.

Event Logistics

Arrival and Departure

Your Afterburn experience begins at the gate and ends when you leave the property.

Please plan your arrival and departure carefully, follow volunteer instructions, and allow extra time for traffic, check-in, and moving into your camping area.

Getting to Camp La Llanada

If you are traveling to Afterburn via Florida's Turnpike, **do not miss your exit.**

Seriously.

The turnaround is a long one, and discovering that you missed your exit is an adventure nobody needs to have before arriving at the event.

Check your route before leaving and pay attention to navigation instructions as you approach the property.

Gate and Check-In

When you arrive:

- Follow signs and volunteer directions.
- Have your photo ID ready.
- Be patient with the Gate team.
- Follow all parking and placement instructions.

Our Gate volunteers are there to help get everyone safely onto the property. A little patience goes a long way.

Exit and Re-Entry

After you leave the property, **there is no re-entry.**

This is **intentional.**

Part of Radical Self-Reliance is planning ahead and bringing what you need to fully participate in the experience. Afterburn is an opportunity to step away from the routines, demands, and distractions of the default world for a little while. The no-re-entry policy helps create that sense of separation.

Rather than treating the event like a place you can come and go from, we encourage you to embrace the limitation. Pack thoughtfully, plan for the unexpected, settle in, and give yourself permission to fully disconnect.

Before you leave the property, make sure you have everything you need for the rest of your stay. Once you exit, you will not be permitted to return.

Plan accordingly before departing.

Make sure you have:

- Everything you need for the remainder of your stay.
- Your food and water supplies.
- Medications and personal belongings.

- Any camping equipment you may need.
- Anything else you would otherwise need to retrieve from your vehicle.

Once you exit the property, your ticket DOES NOT provide re-entry.

Vehicle and Structure Access

Camp La Llanada includes areas with different physical access limitations. Large vehicles, tall structures, trailers, art installations, and other oversized equipment may not be able to reach every part of the property.

Some areas may have restrictions based on:

- Height
- Width
- Length
- Turning radius
- Overhead structures
- Road conditions
- Terrain
- Emergency access requirements

Final measurements and zone-specific restrictions will be published once confirmed.

Do not assume that a vehicle or structure that fits on one part of the property can reach another.

If you are bringing an RV, trailer, art car, large art installation, or other oversized equipment, contact the event team before arrival.

Camping and Large Exhibits

Not every camping area is appropriate for large vehicles or installations.

The RV field may be used for larger exhibits or installations when appropriate and approved. This can provide additional space for projects that would be difficult to place within more compact camping areas.

All installations remain subject to placement, fire safety, accessibility, and operational requirements.

Please do not arrive with a large installation expecting to find a place for it onsite without prior coordination.

Facilities

Afterburn has both permanent bathroom facilities and portable toilets distributed throughout the property.

Additional shared facilities and gathering spaces include:

- The Theater
- The Tiki Bar
- The Open Camping Canopy
- The Outdoor Kitchen
- The Pool
- The Burn Field
- Sanctuary
- Medical
- Ranger support areas

Facility locations will be shown on the event map.

Water and Wildlife

The property contains natural water features and wooded areas.

No lake entry is permitted.

Do not enter the lake or other restricted water areas, and never approach wildlife.

Alligators, snakes, ticks, mosquitoes, and other Florida wildlife may be present. Keep your distance, secure food and trash, and use appropriate precautions when exploring.

Quick Vehicle Access Guide

Final measurements will be published after site verification.

For now, the important rule is simple:

If you are bringing something tall, long, wide, or difficult to maneuver, ask before you arrive.

This includes:

- RVs
- Trailers
- Art cars
- Large art installations
- Structures
- Tall shade structures
- Large vehicles

We would much rather help you determine access ahead of time than discover at the gate that something cannot make the turn.

Family Quick Reference

Families are welcome, but Afterburn is a participant-created gathering rather than a children's festival.

Parents and guardians are responsible for their children at all times.

Please be especially aware of:

- The lake and other water areas
- Fire and fire performances
- Vehicles and art cars
- Nighttime activities
- Loud music and performances
- Alcohol and adult-oriented spaces
- Wildlife
- Uneven or wooded terrain

Children should not enter restricted areas, water, fire safety zones, or operational spaces.

As always, ask before photographing or recording children and respect their privacy.

Arrival

Welcome Home

Arrival instructions and gate procedures will be shared before the event. When you arrive, have your ticket information ready, follow volunteer guidance, drive carefully, and allow time for the check-in process.

The people welcoming you are volunteers working to help everyone arrive safely and smoothly. A little patience and kindness go a long way.

Parking

Arrive Prepared

Parking areas will be designated onsite, and all vehicles must remain in approved areas. Follow placement instructions, keep emergency access routes clear, and work with volunteers to help everyone get settled safely.

Additional vehicle requirements may apply depending on your camping setup.

Cabins

Indoor Accommodations

Cabins are available as an alternative to tent camping for participants who prefer indoor accommodations. Cabins are rented as complete units and are intended primarily as sleeping accommodations.

Each cabin includes:

- Electricity.
- Air conditioning.
- One full restroom.
- Ten single beds.

Cabins are not intended to serve as theme camp headquarters, public gathering spaces, or party locations. Participants staying in cabins are responsible for respecting shared spaces, following posted guidelines, keeping areas clean, and leaving the cabin in good condition.

RV & Vehicle Camping

Plan Ahead

RV and vehicle camping spaces are limited and require advance reservation.

Participants staying in these areas should follow placement instructions, respect neighboring camps, manage generators responsibly, and maintain clean campsites throughout the event.

Quiet Hours

Respect Rest

Afterburn is a celebration, but rest is part of the experience too. Specific quiet hours and sound expectations will be shared before the event.

Be mindful of nearby participants, especially those who may be sleeping, recovering, or taking a quieter moment away from the action.

Ice & Water

Plan Ahead

Ice will be available for purchase onsite, but participants should not rely entirely on event resources for their needs.

Come prepared with:

- A cooler suited to your needs.
- Initial ice or cold storage.

- Water containers.
- Hydration supplies.

Taking care of your basic needs helps you stay comfortable and ready to participate.

Charging Stations

Stay Connected Responsibly

There are no organized charging stations available onsite. Participants should plan for their own power needs whenever possible.

Consider bringing:

- Portable battery packs.
- Charging cables.
- Backup power solutions.

Planning ahead helps ensure you have what you need throughout the weekend.

Lost & Found

Helping Belongings Return Home

Lost items are a community effort.

If you find something, bring it to Lost & Found and leave identifying information intact whenever possible. If you lose something, check Lost & Found, ask nearby camps, and provide details that may help identify your belongings.

A little effort can help reunite people with the things they thought were gone.

Emergency Contacts

Know Where to Get Help

Emergency information and important contacts will be provided before and during the event.

For urgent situations:

- Contact Medical for health concerns.
- Notify Rangers for community support.
- Seek event leadership when appropriate.
- Contact emergency services when necessary.

If you are unsure who to contact, ask. Someone will help connect you with the right resource.

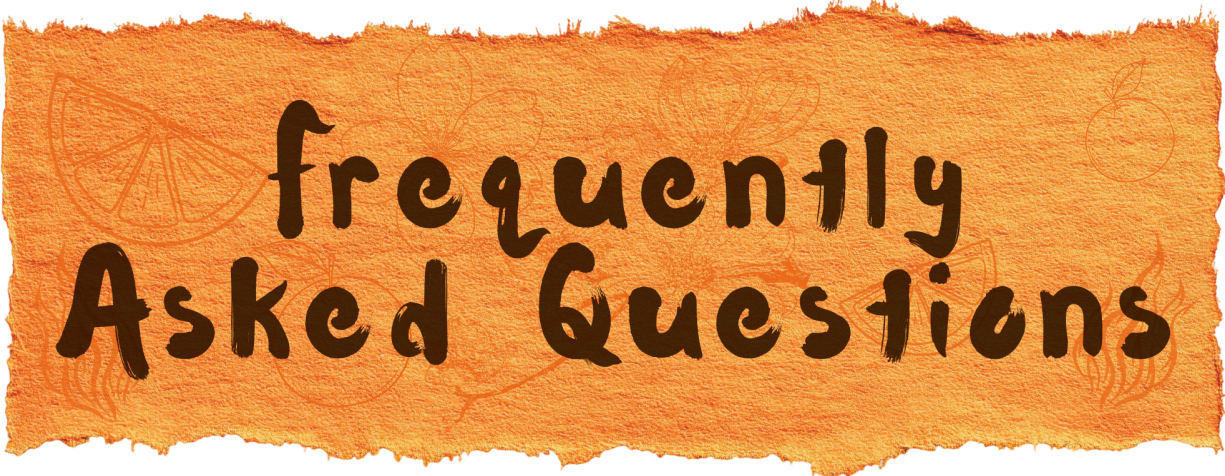
Departure

Leave With Care

Departure is the final part of your participation. Before leaving, remove all belongings, complete your MOOP sweep, clean your campsite, and follow exit instructions.

Take one last look around your space and help ensure the property is left ready for what comes next.

Leave the land better than you found it.



frequently Asked Questions

Everything You Need to Know Before Arriving

1. What is Florida Afterburn?

Florida Afterburn is a participant-created Regional Burn inspired by Burning Man culture.

It is built through art, volunteering, gifting, creativity, and community participation.

2. Is Afterburn Burning Man?

No.

Afterburn is inspired by Burning Man but is its own independent event with its own community, traditions, and identity.

3. Is Afterburn a music festival?

No.

Music may be part of the experience, but Afterburn is centered around participation and community.

4. Is this my first Burn?

You are welcome!

Many participants attend their first Burn at Afterburn.

Come prepared, curious, and ready to participate.

5. Do I need a theme camp?

No.

Theme camps are one way to participate, but not a requirement.

6. What does participation mean?

Participation means contributing to the experience.

It can be volunteering, creating art, sharing skills, helping others, or making connections.

7. What should I bring?

Bring everything you need for yourself:

- Shelter.
 - Food.
 - Water supplies.
 - Clothing.
 - Medications.
 - Lighting.
 - Weather protection.
 - Personal necessities.
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8. Is food provided?

No.

Participants should plan to provide their own food.

Some camps may gift food, but do not rely on it.

9. Is water available?

Participants should arrive prepared with their own water needs.

10. Is ice available?

Yes.

Ice is available for purchase onsite.

Participants are encouraged to plan ahead.

11. Can I bring alcohol?

Yes, responsibly.

Know your limits, respect consent, and never drive impaired.

12. Can I bring firearms?

No.

Firearms and weapons intended to cause harm are prohibited.

13. Can I bring pets?

No.

Pets are not permitted.

Service animals may be accommodated according to applicable requirements.

14. Can I bring art?

Yes!

Participant-created art is encouraged.

Projects involving fire, structures, electricity, or other safety concerns require approval.

15. Can I perform fire?

Only through the approved Fire Safety process.

Unauthorized fire activities are prohibited.

16. Can I take photos?

Yes, with consent.

Always ask before photographing or recording people.

17. What is MOOP?

Matter Out Of Place.

Anything left where it does not belong.

18. Do I have to volunteer?

No, but volunteering is encouraged.

Small contributions help create the experience.

19. Are cabins available?

Yes, in limited quantities.

Cabins are rented as complete units, not individual bunks.

20. Can I bring an RV?

Yes, if you have reserved an approved space.

21. Are generators allowed?

Generators may be allowed under event guidelines.

Use them responsibly and consider neighbors.

22. What happens if it rains?

Weather is part of the experience.

Come prepared for rain, mud, and changing conditions.

23. What should I wear?

Whatever makes you comfortable.

Costumes and creative expression are welcome, but there is no required style.

24. What happens after dark?

Afterburn transforms with lighting, art, gatherings, and exploration.

Bring lights.

25. What if I need help?

Ask.

Rangers, Sanctuary, Medical, and volunteers are available.

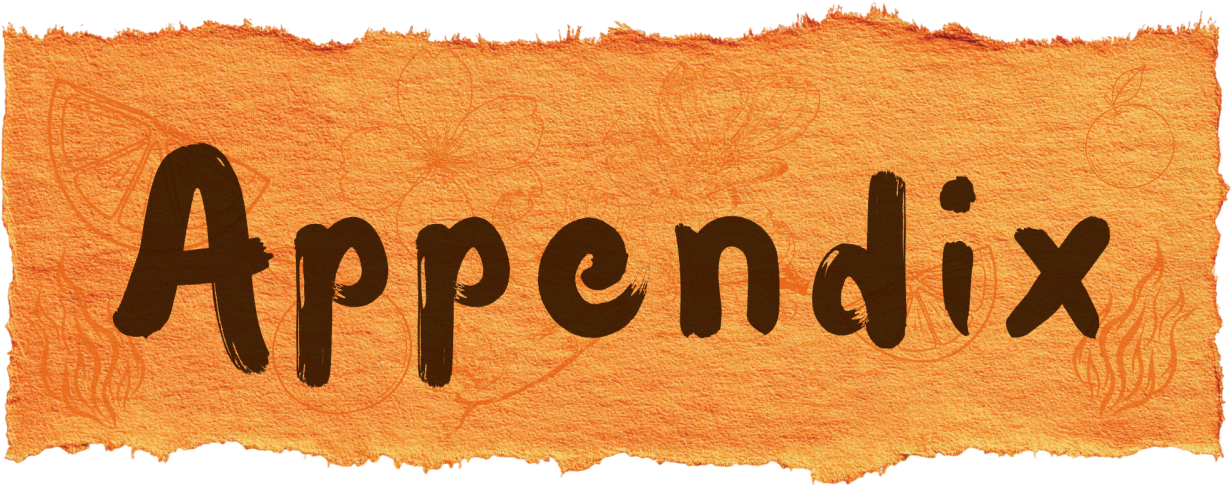
26. What is the most important thing to remember?

You are not just attending Afterburn. You are part of creating it.

Bring your curiosity. Bring your kindness. Bring something to share. Bring your willingness to connect, participate, and contribute.

Together, we create the experience we share.

Welcome home.



Quick Reference Guide

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This section is designed as a quick reference before and during the event.

For full details, refer to the relevant handbook chapters.

Event Map

Finding Your Way Around Camp La Llanada

A detailed site map will be provided before the event.

The map may include:

- Gate and arrival area
- Parking areas
- Camping areas
- Theme camp locations
- Cabins
- RV areas
- Pool
- Burn Field
- Gymnasium and skating rink
- Outdoor Kitchen
- Big Tiki Gazebo
- Art installations
- Medical
- Sanctuary
- Ranger resources
- Volunteer areas
- Emergency access routes

Part of the Afterburn experience is exploration. Some of the best discoveries are not planned.

Community Departments

Who Helps Make Afterburn Happen

Afterburn exists because volunteers contribute their time, skills, and energy.

If you need help or want to participate, these departments are here to support the community.

Gate & Greeters

Welcomes participants, assists with arrival procedures, and helps everyone start their Afterburn experience smoothly.

Rangers

Community support volunteers who assist with:

- Conflict resolution
- Safety concerns
- Communication
- Finding resources
- Difficult situations

Rangers are participants helping participants.

Medical

Provides onsite medical support and assistance for health-related concerns.

Sanctuary

Provides a calm, supportive environment for participants who need:

- A quiet space
 - Emotional support
 - Time away from stimulation
 - Assistance processing difficult experiences
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Fire Safety

Supports safe fire activities, including:

- Fire art
- Performances
- Safety reviews
- Fire-related guidance

All fire activities require appropriate approval.

DOGS

Department of Ground Services

Supports the physical needs of the event, including:

- Infrastructure
 - Site operations
 - Property support
 - Grounds coordination
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CATS

Combustible Arts and Tactical Safety

Supports:

- Combustible art
 - Fire-related projects
 - Safety coordination
 - Technical planning
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Earth Guardians

Supports environmental responsibility through:

- Leave No Trace education

- MOOP awareness
 - Environmental stewardship
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Placement

Coordinates camping layout and community placement.

Art Support

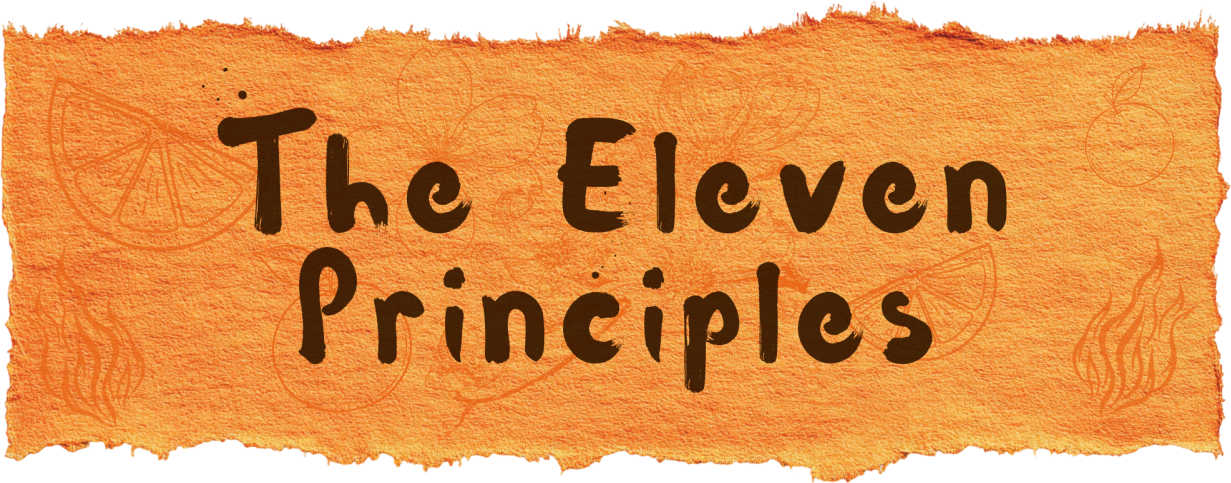
Supports participant-created art and creative projects.

Volunteer Team

Helps participants find opportunities to contribute before and during the event.

Event Leadership

Coordinates overall planning, operations, communication, and support.



The Cultural Foundation of Afterburn

Afterburn embraces the Ten Principles of Burning Man culture, along with Consent as an essential additional principle.

These are not rules.

They are guideposts for how we interact with each other and the world we create together.

1. Radical Inclusion

Everyone is welcome.

We create community by welcoming new people, sharing knowledge, and making space for others.

2. Gifting

Give freely without expectation of receiving something in return.

A gift can be an object, a skill, a meal, a conversation, or a moment of kindness.

3. Decommodification

Create experiences beyond buying and selling.

The most meaningful moments often cannot be purchased.

4. Radical Self-Reliance

Prepare yourself.

Bring what you need, understand your limits, and take responsibility for your wellbeing.

5. Radical Self-Expression

Bring your authentic self.

Creativity, individuality, and personal expression are celebrated.

6. Communal Effort

We build together.

Every contribution helps create the community.

7. Civic Responsibility

Consider how your actions affect others.

Respect safety, guidelines, neighbors, and shared spaces.

8. Leaving No Trace

Take responsibility for your impact.

Pack out everything you bring and leave spaces better than you found them.

9. Participation

Do not just attend.

Contribute.

10. Immediacy

Be present.

The best moments often happen when we are open to the unexpected.

11. Consent

Respect boundaries, choices, and autonomy.

Ask first. Listen. Respect the answer.

Packing Quick List

Bring What You Need

Shelter & Comfort

- ☐ Tent or sleeping shelter
 - ☐ Bedding or sleeping bag
 - ☐ Pillow
 - ☐ Camp chair
 - ☐ Shade structure
 - ☐ Hammock (optional)
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Lighting & Power

- ☐ Flashlight
 - ☐ Headlamp
 - ☐ Batteries
 - ☐ Campsite lighting
 - ☐ Phone charger
 - ☐ Portable battery pack
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Clothing

- ☐ Comfortable clothing
 - ☐ Warm layers
 - ☐ Rain gear
 - ☐ Swimsuit
 - ☐ Closed-toe shoes
 - ☐ Extra socks
 - ☐ Extra clothing
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Health & Personal Care

- ☐ Water bottle
 - ☐ Sunscreen
 - ☐ Bug spray
 - ☐ Toiletries
 - ☐ Medications
 - ☐ First aid supplies
 - ☐ Earplugs
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Food & Camp Supplies

- ☐ Food
 - ☐ Cooler
 - ☐ Ice plan
 - ☐ Cooking supplies (if needed)
 - ☐ Trash bags
 - ☐ Reusable containers
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Fun & Participation

- ☐ Gifts
 - ☐ Costumes
 - ☐ Art supplies
 - ☐ Musical instruments
 - ☐ Games
 - ☐ Decorations
 - ☐ Skills to share
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Prohibited Items

For Everyone's Safety

Do not bring:

- Firearms
- Weapons intended to cause harm
- Fireworks
- Laser pointers
- Illegal substances
- Glass bottles
- Pets
- Unauthorized open flames
- Excessive waste-producing materials
- Unapproved fire equipment

When unsure, ask before arriving.

Fire Safety Quick Guide

Respect the Flame

Remember:

- ✓ Approved fire activities only.
- ✓ Respect safety boundaries.
- ✓ Follow Fire Safety instructions.

- ✓ Give performers space.
- ✓ Keep pathways clear.
- ✓ Report concerns.

Never:

- ✗ Create unauthorized fire.
 - ✗ Enter active fire areas.
 - ✗ Touch fire art without permission.
 - ✗ Interfere with safety operations.
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Consent Quick Guide

Respect Boundaries

Ask before:

- ☐ Touching someone
- ☐ Taking photos
- ☐ Recording video
- ☐ Entering personal spaces
- ☐ Joining private activities
- ☐ Involving someone in an experience

Remember:

No means no.

Silence is not consent.

A maybe is not a yes.

Consent can be withdrawn at any time.

Leave No Trace Quick Guide

MOOP Checklist

Before leaving:

- ☐ Remove all belongings
- ☐ Pack out trash
- ☐ Check under tents
- ☐ Check under vehicles
- ☐ Check gathering spaces
- ☐ Remove decorations
- ☐ Collect small debris
- ☐ Sweep the area again

Ask:

Would anyone know I was here?

First Timer Checklist

Before You Arrive

- ☐ Read the Participant Handbook
 - ☐ Learn the Eleven Principles
 - ☐ Prepare for Florida weather
 - ☐ Plan food and water
 - ☐ Pack lighting
 - ☐ Label your belongings
 - ☐ Consider volunteering
 - ☐ Introduce yourself to neighbors
 - ☐ Leave expectations behind
 - ☐ Make room for unexpected experiences
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Burner Vocabulary

Words You May Hear

Burner

A participant in Burning Man culture or a Regional Burn community.

Burn

A participatory gathering inspired by Burning Man principles.

MOOP

Matter Out Of Place.

Anything left where it does not belong.

Playa

A term originating from Black Rock Desert. Often used generally to describe the environment of a Burn.

Gift

Something offered freely without expectation of exchange.

Theme Camp

A participant-created camp built around an idea, activity, or shared experience.

Mutant Vehicle

A creatively modified vehicle designed for participant interaction.

(When applicable.)

Sparkle Pony

A playful term sometimes used for someone who enjoys the spectacle of a Burn but participates less actively.

Often used as encouragement to engage more deeply.

Consent

Respecting boundaries and ensuring participation is willing and enthusiastic.

Emergency Information

If You Need Help

If you or someone nearby needs assistance:

- Contact Medical.
- Find a Ranger.
- Visit Sanctuary.
- Notify event leadership.
- Contact emergency services when appropriate.

Do not hesitate to ask.

Important Contacts

Save Before Arrival

Before the event, save:

- Event leadership contacts
- Emergency information
- Department leads
- Volunteer contacts
- Lost & Found information



A final Reminder

Afterburn is temporary, but the memories we create, the friendships we form, and the connections we build together can last far beyond the weekend.

Come prepared to care for yourself and your neighbors. Bring what you need, share what you can, respect the people and place around you, and leave the land better than you found it.

Most importantly, remember that Afterburn is not something you simply attend.

It is something we create together.

Every conversation, every act of kindness, every shared experience, and every contribution helps shape the community we build.

Welcome home.