



Return of the  
**Space  
Cowboy**\*

**Otherworld  
Survival Guide**

2022

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# Kindle Arts Society Values

## KINDLE ARTS SOCIETY VALUES (SPARC)

### Self-Expression

Our self-expression exists in pursuit of unmediated experience, self-discovery, intimacy, and lifelong play. This is the nucleus around which our community forms. Without the pursuit of self-expression, we do not exist.

We encourage the articulation of one's unique inner self through art and play. To create art is to affirm one's existence. Art does not belong to an elite group with special abilities, skills, training, or social access. Artistic expression is essential to human happiness, and self-expression is the very fabric of human life.

We cherish self-expression and freedom of identity without judgement. We call upon each other to express ourselves with compassion and respect for others. We pursue self-expression with respect given to personal and collective autonomy. We eschew controlling each other, choosing instead to control ourselves.

### Participation

Everyone is welcomed with the opportunity to participate and contribute. There is no audience. Everyone is a participant. We welcome the stranger, embrace newcomers, and actively pursue hospitality.

Ours is a gifting culture in which participants freely contribute without the expectation of reward or payment. Our gifts take many forms. We recognize that if we give the gift of our time, effort, energy, art, and passion – we create an environment of abundance, where there is plenty for all.

Our community is a do-ocracy: if you see a need – fill it. If there is a job to be done – do it. If you don't like how something is done – volunteer to do it better.

### Accountability

We are responsible for our own actions, emotions, and experiences – and are committed to being accountable for them. We strive to minimize our impact on others by ensuring that our own emotional, spiritual, and physical needs are met. We recognize our limitations and commit within them. We take advantage of our own resources before seeking community support.

In keeping our commitments, we trust others to meet the commitments they have made to us. We do not expect others to clean up after us – our trash and belongings (physical and mental) are our responsibility to manage.

We value our community and contribute to ensure its resources are never depleted and it can operate with abundance. We recognize we are all accountable for the health of our community, and we cultivate an attitude of service. Our community is made up of individuals; therefore we honour each other's personal needs.

## **Respect**

We respect the needs of both the members of the Society as a whole and the individuals who form it ("The Community"). We embrace diversity in all of its forms, including but not limited to: class, wealth, religion, race, sexuality, gender, sex, age, physical ability, place of origin, and more. We seek to create an environment of tolerance and mutual support where we all have a sense of involvement and belonging.

We treat each other with equality, tolerance, and respect – even when we disagree. We respect each other's autonomy and strive to help each other to meet our potential.

## **Consent**

We hold ourselves to high standards of respect for others and respect everyone's right to bodily autonomy. We are mindful of everyone's right to say "yes" or "no" to any activity. In order to create a space where everyone feels safe to express themselves artistically and, where appropriate, sexually, we consciously develop a culture of consent.

Consent is an agreement between two or more people to engage or not engage in specific activities together. Consent occurs when people voluntarily agree to the proposal or desires of the other.

Expressed consent is clearly and unmistakably stated, rather than implied. It may be given in writing, by speech, or non-verbally (e.g. a clear gesture such as a nod). In order for consent to be valid, it is given freely and continuously by a person with the capacity to do so. Consent is not just about sex; it's needed before acting on any desire involving others.

We value the transformative experience of consensual touch, play, and interaction, and we believe that consent plays a vital part in our social cohesion.

# The 10 Principles of Burning Man

Burning Man co-founder Larry Harvey wrote the Ten Principles in 2004 as guidelines for the newly-formed Regional Network. They were crafted not as a dictate of how people should be and act, but as a reflection of the community's ethos and culture as it had organically developed since the event's inception.

## Radical Inclusion

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

## Gifting

Burning Man 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 Man 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 endeavour 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 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 hearts.

## **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.

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## **Important About**

**This event is not a party, rave, or a festival in the traditional sense of the word.** The key difference between those and this event is, following the principle of decommodification, nobody's making any money or realizing any benefit here. All 'staff' are volunteers, and revenue surplus to event operational costs go back into the Kindle Arts Society to fund arts grants and other society programs. This small but important distinction is what sets this event apart from the multitude of others that happen every summer. Otherworld creates a unique environment where a participatory community of artistic expression is the goal rather than a commerce-driven consumer experience.

# Boundaries & Consent 2.0

(Also known as the 11th Principle at Burning Man, the 5th at Kindle Arts)

## **This is important so we are going over it again.**

Our community aims to provide a respectful space for all participants and consent plays a critical part. Otherworld 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.

Yes, means Yes. No means No. Anything other than Yes, means No. Enthusiastic consent is either "Fuck Yes!" or it's a No. Sexual contact with someone who is intoxicated and/or incoherent is not sexy. It is 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 behavior, 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+

# What to Bring

- Water! There will be potable water provided on-site, but it may not be near your camp and it will run out periodically. Please bring something to carry about 4L or 1 gallon per day per person.
- Mask, every time you leave camp. Some camps will be requiring mask wearing and possibly a vaccine passport. Everyone has the right to personal safety.
- Bring your own cup. Theme camps gifting food or drink are unlikely to supply you with one and will expect you to have your own.
- Photo ID – your registration is your legal name as on photo id, you will not get into the event without it.
- Your go-to camp gear: Bring everything you would need to go camping in the West Coast Forest including a proper tent, tarps, medical kit, shade structures, sleeping bags, pillows, food, dishes, utensils, camp stove, etc. Don't forget biodegradable dish soap.
- Spare Tire(s), jack, tire iron, lock bolt key, puncture seal, puncture repair kit.
- Anything you need to Leave No Trace. Garbage bags and trash receptacles are not provided for you. Pack it in, pack it out.
- Toilet paper single ply. Please follow the Burning Man rule: "If it wasn't in your body, don't put it in the potty."
- Sturdy shoes, especially for night time. There are many hazards such as uneven ground, rocks, and roots sticking up.
- Flashlights, head-lamps, lanterns, extra batteries. Seriously. It is dark. You will be unable to see your feet at night.
- Creative lighting for your body/vehicle at night. This is a safety thing. There will be up to five art vehicles moving around at night.
- Earplugs. Not everyone will want to sleep when you do.
- Rope, glow sticks, solar lights, etc. Use these to mark off hazards like tent and tarp lines.
- Sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses.
- Costumes, clothing, musical instruments, Art, theme camp decor, random creative projects.
- Insect repellent.
- Bicycle!
- Contraceptives. Lube. Just in case.
- Smokers: bring portable ashtrays. Tip: Altoid tins work great. It is strictly forbidden to MOOP your cigarette butts on the ground.
- Your Gifts to share with community members.
- Electrolytes (Gatorade, Emergen-C, Brawndo).

# What Not to Bring

- Explosives, aerial flares, rockets, fireworks, guns (real or toy or otherwise).
- Animals. Please leave your pets at home.
- Things that create MOOP: ex. feather boas, loose glitter.
- Pets - leave your fur babies at home.

# Theme

**Giddy up, ya cosmonaut buckaroos!** Time to slam your thrusters into full gear because we've got a good time to wrangle up, ya hear?

Camp, cow print and stirrups collide like a meteor in the sky with chromatic metal, robotic machines, and LED technological wonders. This supernova of worlds results in a fantastical kaleidoscope of opposites: wood and metal, camp and high tech, earthly pleasures and the wonders of outer space. Picture it now; the campy herd of cow onesies shepherded by a rhinestone cowboy. The alien creatures emerging from the unknown to share in our terrestrial experience. Shiny holographic LED art glistening in the sun of our honky tonk gathering in this Otherworld.

Charge up your bubble blasters, get out your assless chaps, and prepare yourself for a legendary journey through the cosmos to an intergalactic rodeo.

See you later, Space Cowboi

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## About the Venue

This event is being held on unceded territories of the Lake Cowichan First Nations

<http://lakecowichanfn.ca/>

## How to Get to Otherworld

<http://laketownranch.com/driving-directions/>

The venue is accessed by getting to Laketown Ranch and taking the private road IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT to Laketown Ranch. Seriously, drive another 200 feet past Laketown then turn Right on Teleglobe Canada Rd.

## Driving Directions

### FROM VANCOUVER.

From Horseshoe Bay (West Vancouver) or Tsawwassen (South Vancouver), take a ferry bound for Nanaimo or Victoria. Follow our driving directions from Nanaimo or Victoria ferries

### FROM NORTH (NANAIMO FERRIES OR AIRPORT)

Head South on Highway 1 Continue until Highway 18, just north of Duncan Turn right on to Highway 18 heading west towards Lake Cowichan Veer right on to Youbou Road (Don't turn left towards the shops in Lake Cowichan)

## FROM SOUTH (VICTORIA FERRIES OR AIRPORT)

Head south on Highway 17 Follow signs for Nanaimo and head north on Highway 1 Continue until Highway 18, just north of Duncan Turn left onto Highway 18 and head west towards Lake Cowichan Veer right on to Youbou Road (Don't turn left towards the shops in Lake Cowichan)

## Ferry Schedules

<https://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/Americans>

<https://www.cohoferry.com/Schedule>

## Gate Hours

### GATE OPEN HOURS

June 16 12pm - 10pm

June 17 11am - 10pm

June 18 11am - 10pm

Gate will provide participants with a special Space Cowboi ID wristband that must be visible at all times. DO NOT LOSE IT, THERE ARE NO REPLACEMENTS. Not having your Otherworld ID (wristband) , can be immediate grounds for removal from the event.

**Strict 5 Km/hr speed limit at Otherworld at all times. Safety and dust are top considerations.**

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## Important Paperwork (Pay Attention)

This is what you agreed to when you bought your ticket:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gf\\_I4YnKehqJCDTUBkCritOaLN-cr1vQ9wod3v5Pmj4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gf_I4YnKehqJCDTUBkCritOaLN-cr1vQ9wod3v5Pmj4/edit?usp=sharing)

Bringing your kid's friend? Please fill this out before arriving at the Gate!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t1EAAW48Ugn8Kb4HDBDegdx\\_2guLFgoF/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t1EAAW48Ugn8Kb4HDBDegdx_2guLFgoF/view?usp=sharing)

## Early Entry

June 13th to 15th is Early Entry. Request access using the following form if you have work to do:

<https://forms.gle/iCg1Mw6tZ783adFG6>

Anyone on site Wednesday and earlier is expected to be contributing a large part of the day or evening to a theme camp, art project, civic service, etc.

## Parking

You will be permitted to keep your vehicle in your camping location and there is alternative parking if you don't want any cars at your camp. No driving on site during event hours after camp set up.

### 5 Km/Hr max!

Vehicles are allowed in campsites: try to keep them tidy, in the back, or at least neatly arranged surrounding your plug 'n play compound.

If you need to leave early, please inform the staff at the gate and they will direct you to a special parking lot. Otherwise, vehicles in camps might be blocked in.

## Campsite Facilities

This is Burning Man, Man. Bring what you need to survive.

- There will be portable bathrooms, 24 hrs/day.
- There may be 3 showers and flushing toilets in the lowest field, but they often are unavailable or out of order.
- The lower gate closes at 10 pm each night.
- There is no power on site\*
- There are no vendors of any kind with the exception of ice at Centre Camp. No food, no swag, no alcohol. Bring what you need.

No Ins/Outs without prior arrangement directly with Production. Medical reasons and work/family obligations may count. Let Gate know you need to park your vehicle near a gate so you are not driving in the venue during the event.

\*If you need power for medical reasons, consider joining Empowerment Camp: <https://bit.ly/2LxHX0q>

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## Department of Mutant Vehicles

We're thrilled to have a ramped up DMV at Otherworld this year!

If you're planning on bringing a mutant vehicle or art car to Return of the Space Cowboy, please read through [these guidelines](#) and fill out [this registration form](#) ahead of time: <https://forms.gle/TuJS87DBkrhPo3kD9>

# Volunteering

**EVERYONE AT OTHERWORLD IS A VOLUNTEER OF SOME KIND, INCLUDING YOU!**

Whether it's as a fire performer, gifting people food or drinks, helping make art, running workshops or other activities. What you volunteer for does not have to be structured, official, or scheduled, and the specifics are up to you; but if you're looking for concrete ways to help out, please consider signing up for a production volunteer shift through <https://tinyurl.com/yxcxsczd> before the event, or heading to the volunteer tent at Centre Camp to sign up that day.

There will be a master copy of all volunteer shifts and info at Centre camp. **Please show up to your shift on time!** There will be a posting board where you can recruit volunteers to help you on site. Anyone and everyone is welcome to use it.

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## Leave No Trace!

This is a 'Leave No Trace' event, Vancouver Island's largest.

Participants are expected to take their garbage with them. All participants are expected to de-MOOP their own camp and surrounding areas before, during, and after the event.

Even though this is the forest – please be conscious of your grey water. Limit how much is created and/or hits the ground. Be prepared to pack it out if necessary. Please use designated bathroom facilities only.

### **AFTER THE EVENT LEAVE NO TRACE!**

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

### **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING**

Pack it in, pack it out! Do not leave anything behind, including compostables. Please plan to leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. There are no garbage or recycling bins available on site.

We are most grateful to everyone helping to tear down on Monday and helping to ensure the site is left in immaculate condition - Otherworld has a special relationship with the owners at Laketown largely in part because of the LNT philosophy of the event. Thank you for being part of that. **Everyone out by 2pm on Monday!**

# Sustainability

Your Otherworld Sustainability team is hard at work with the DPW putting together an electrifying lineup of renewable energy to rock the party from this year onward. After 2021's nasty heat dome, it is no longer socially acceptable to throw gasoline at our electrical needs. We have a responsibility to do better as artists and as culture makers; your Sustainability team is here to help!

**Solar is the new big thing!** Otherworld is quickly phasing out generators, and to ease the transition, we're hosting a solar workshop at The Empress at 1pm on Friday. We've also prepared a [Beginner's Guide to Cheap Solar Power](#).

**Carpooling is cool!** Find a ride or offer a ride using our [Carpool Board](#).

## Top Tips for a Sustainable Otherworld

- Bring your own reusable cup!! There are no garbage cans at Otherworld.
- Reuse or buy second-hand. Don't buy fast fashion.
- Make art with found objects.
- Bring reusable items to cut down on trash.
- Trash you carry out is still trash. Limit your waste!
- Mind your moop (matter out of place), avoid wardrobe elements that can easily fall off, glitter, sequins, feathers stay home.
- Bring your solar! We're phasing out generators.
- Attend our solar workshop on Friday at 1pm at the Empress.
- Energy audit your camp and prune away power pigs like halogen lights. Use your creativity to do more with less, burner style!

Read the full Sustainability Guide here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5SyUn-uPPEBOjZ2Fa5hs0bL2SFT-y6lyqB08hH\\_wc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5SyUn-uPPEBOjZ2Fa5hs0bL2SFT-y6lyqB08hH_wc/edit?usp=sharing)

# Safety

## Covid-19

Otherworld 2022 will respect and adhere to all mandated safety requirements of British Columbia at the time of the event. We respect the importance of individual choice and precaution for all to feel safe.



## Fire

Whether or not there is a fire ban, there are NO personal campfires permitted at Otherworld. Propane fire pits are OK.

Use fire only in a safe manner and only when authorised. All fire performance and fire art must be authorised by the designated Fire Safety Lead and Venue Owners. You can find info including the Fire Performance Manual and Flame Effects guidelines on the kindle website: <https://kindlearts.ca/about-kindlearts/fire-safety-liaison/>

## Harm Reduction

Come check out our table of free supplies and information booklets, and chat to one of our volunteers about anything related to reducing harm. Open noon to midnight.

## Sanctuary

Need someone to talk through a difficult experience with? Maybe you took a little too much of something and need a quiet space to settle down. Stop by the Sanctuary any time or ask medical/rangers to radio for the sanctuary lead. Staffed from 6pm to 6am.

## Drug Checking

Get your substances checked with fentanyl test strips and a fancy FTIR spectrometer. Open 3pm to 9pm Thursday & Friday, and 1pm to 9pm Saturday. No drug checking available on Sunday.

# First Responder Team

IN GENERAL, if you see anyone with a radio and you are having an emergency or need help, you can ask them and they can get you the assistance you need.

Also, say THANK YOU to anyone you see with a radio. This person is choosing to be sober and responsible, likely has put in hours before and during the event to make sure our community is safe and has a good time. We are a culture of volunteers, and we are a culture who loves and appreciates said volunteers!

## Rangers

Rangers volunteer some of our time as non-confrontational community mediators, encouraging and facilitating communication. We promote awareness of potential hazards, and carry radios to quickly relay information in case of emergency. We are not security guards, babysitters, nor fun-police, we are simply available, and only assist when needed.

You can find Rangers walking the event in pairs wearing blue BC Rangers t-shirts and carrying radios. You may also find a Ranger at Ranger HQ.

## Medical Team (EMT/Medics)

Otherworld will have professional Emergency First Aid at the event. Please be 'radically self-reliant' – bring your own band-aids/first aid kit, drink your electrolytes, and don't overdo it. Take care of yourself and your campmates. That being said – Medics are there if needed. Grab the closest person with a radio if you or someone needs help in an emergency.

## Producer on Shift

At all times, there will be a Producer available. This person will also have a radio and can assist.

## Security

Otherworld will have professional Security services hired for the weekend. They are mostly there to keep non-participants out of the event and to assist the Rangers and Producer on Shift if needed. If you need help, have an emergency or have a crime to report PLEASE FIRST grab a Ranger. They are best equipped to assist and coordinate any additional resources up to and including security.

## RCMP

RCMP are welcome to peruse the site and check out the event, but if they have not yet been in contact with or are not accompanied by Rangers or a Producer on Shift please let the nearest radioed individual know.

## Wild West Coast

Keep your campsite clean. Don't leave food out or in your tent. Elk, Bears, and Cougars of the large cat variety wander the area.

All local, regional and federal laws still apply here.

# What Happens if I Break the Rules?

Violation of any policies, including the Code of Conduct, will result in corrective action from the event leadership team, up to and including, immediate removal from the event (without recourse or compensation) and potentially being disallowed to attend future Kindle Arts Society events. Criminal acts will be reported to the police.

## Evictions

**THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES CAN GET YOU KICKED OUT, 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. Kindle Arts Society complies with all local, provincial, and federal laws.

Offences include but are not limited to:

- NO OTHERWORLD ID OR PROOF OF TICKET.
- FAILURE TO RESPECT THE EVENT HOST.
- PHOTOGRAPHY WITHOUT PERMISSION.
- VENDING OR COMMERCE.
- FAILURE TO RESPECT BOUNDARIES.
- VANDALISM OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.
- LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED.
- SETTING OFF FIREWORKS WITHOUT PERMISSION.
- FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE FIRE POLICY.
- FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

**BY PARTICIPATING IN OTHERWORLD 2022, THE RETURN OF THE SPACE COWBOY, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES IN THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE.**

## Otherworld First Timer Society

Still have questions? Join us on the Otherworldian's First Timer society. Whether you're a veteran burner attending your first Otherworld, or are completely new to these kinds of events entirely, volunteers there are ready to welcome you and help get you oriented! No question is too silly to ask. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262161984209094>

# Glossary of Terms

**BAD SIGNS:** confusing, silly, or ridiculous signs. A type of art often found at burner events. They may be bad directions, silly street names, nonsense, or jokes.

**BEACON:** A sign or an art piece that people carry, often lit up. They serve both to increase the festive feel of the event and to help your friends find you!

**DARKWAD:** someone who goes around at night without adequate lighting on their person or vehicle/bike

**F\*CKERY:** messing with you, kidding, joking, playing, pretending, trickery.

**LNT:** Leave No Trace. LNT refers both to the ethos of leaving a space better than we found it and to the act of cleaning up during and after the event. E.g. "I'm gonna do a quick LNT"

**MOOP:** Matter out of place. Garbage, Cigarette butts, glitter, feathers, your keys- Don't let it hit the ground. Pick it up if it does, even other people's.

**MOOP-SWEEP:** the act of LNT that is expected of all participants any time they leave one space for another

**PARTICIPANTS:** there are no spectators at a burner event! Drink tea, dance, give gifts, accept gifts, try the art, volunteer, make new friends!

**SCHMOOP:** (from Urban Dictionary) to be schmoopy is to make others vomit with your cavity inducing displays of affection.

**SPARKLE PONY:** a term for a participant that has shown up in fabulous costumes and great style, but has forgotten to take care of their basic needs, including food and shelter.

**TOURIST:** one who does not participate at a burner event.

Read the rest here: <https://burningman.org/culture/glossary/>



Have a Blast!