



B.E.D. MANUAL

Bureau of Erotic Discourse
Black Rock City
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Our Consent Policy

We believe Consent is the 11th Principle of Burning Man in the entirety of its definition to create the community we want to be in. We strive to prevent escalations by the curation of our culture before entering Black Rock City. We want people to feel safe enough to explore, not just sexually although we encourage it, with an air of personal freedom and responsibility. Consent for any physical engagement (touching, hugging, dancing, etc.) is required of everyone within BED. Without a freely given, specific, informed, and enthusiastic “YES”, there is no consent. Consent is always reversible and retractable at any time. Violations of the policy may result in a Teachable Moment or immediate removal from the camp with the potential to never be allowed to return as determined by Camp Leads, aka Camp BED Heads.

Welcome to the Bureau of Erotic Discourse Camp! We're happy you've chosen to participate in our mission to promote consent culture on the playa! This camp guide covers a variety of topics that will help you and the B.E.D. camp have a fantastic burn by defining common sense community etiquette as well as few self care and safety tips. It is essential as well as mandatory to acknowledge that you have read this handbook with our camp culture lead.

If any questions arise, please feel free to ask any of the camp leads for clarification. D Rae - Grand Muckety Muck of BED; Todd - Bedhead/Build Lead; Eric - Bedhead LNT Lead; Danger Kitten - Bedhead; Momo - Outreach Lead; Erin - Culture Lead; Forrest - Kitchen Manager; Cameron - N.O.A.H. Lead.

Pre-Burn

B.E.D camp culture is rooted in the 11th Principle. As such, each camper must complete the B.E.Ducator Training course.

https://beducator.teachable.com/?fbclid=IwAR1cSEO8q25aN_tTSS4uXSshUOq2SRqqAiuJ_g30erb76img_Nnu0FInMiQ

Burning Man is a community unlike any other that arises out of the harsh Nevada desert. Simply existing in this space can be a challenge. It is important to arrive prepared, don't be the helpless sparkle pony who relies on the kindness of others to live. The **Burning Man Survival Guide** is essential reading for every burner, even the veterans, as things change from year to year.

There are a few items we would like to highlight:

Leave no Trace

As a burner, one of our main principles is leaving absolutely no trace behind whatsoever. See a hair on the playa? This is MOOP (Matter Out of Place)! This is not just a camp mandatory but a playa mandatory! We will provide you with MOOP bags to show you're not some n00b of a sparkle pony that didn't research the culture before getting here. We have scheduled a camp MOOP sweep each day at 12:00 p.m. If you're wondering how to be a valuable part of the B.E.D. community. THIS is your opportunity! Please reach out to the camp LNT (Leave No Trace) Lead. ALL CAMP MEMBERS must participate in the final MOOP Sweep Sunday 12:00 PM.

BRC is our home and we're all responsible to keep it tidy. If you see any MOOP on the playa, anywhere, please pick it up.

Consider MOOP while packing for Burning Man. Glitter is not allowed in BRC. Avoid swag such as sequins, beads, bindis, body gems, glued-on stuff, fake eyelashes, feathers, styrofoam, plastic bags, hay bales, anything that could blow away in the wind. Bring a reusable water bottle, coffee mug, eating utensils and dishes. Choose aluminum cans rather than glass. Aluminum may be recycled at center camp. Bring a metal tin for cigarette butts and ash, ash is considered MOOP. Be sure to securely tie down and cover your gear while traveling to BM. Fluid leaks from vehicles are a special kind of MOOP and will bring attention from the Black Rock Rangers or Earth Guardians. Finally, in the spirit of radical self reliance each camper must take a bag or two of trash on your way out. Remember **do not dump trash in neighboring communities!**

Radical Self Reliance

Although the BM community is rooted in generosity, you are responsible for your personal health and wellness. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the **Personal Survival Checklist** in the **Survival Handbook**. Bring what you need and tend to yourself. Label all of your belongings that may be misplaced or lost with your name as well as your camp location. This includes your bike. In addition, bring a bike lock and be sure to light up your bike for safety. Walking or riding with no light at dark is a safety hazard, don't be

a Dark Wad! If you didn't bring lights for your bike there may be some available at one of the bike shop camps. All prescription medications must be stored in the pharmacy bottles with your name on the label.

Acculturating to the Burning Man scene can be intense. Please care for your mental as well as your physical health. Consider your personal boundaries and find the courage to communicate them. Know your limits. Be responsible with your alcohol consumption if you choose to partake. Dehydration, high heat and elevation will exacerbate any negative effects you experience from consuming mind altering substances. Playa hangovers are brutal. Sleep regularly. Take a time out when you need one. Listen to your body and attend to its needs.

If you're feeling disconnected, here are some ways to reconnect--

Do:

Volunteer

Sit with yourself out in deep playa

Help somebody—haul ice, pound rebar, cook a meal

Actually go to a WWWW event

Dance until you can't move anymore

Ask someone to teach you something

Hold up a sign asking someone to tell you a story

Tell someone you're lonely and ask if you can hang out with them

Give somebody decision making power over your burn for a set amount of time—go and do the things they pick out and find out why they chose what they did

Don't:

Embrace or battle negative feelings alone. Talk to a friend or find something wonderful to focus on.

Violate anyone's consent ever, for any reason.

Let your bad vibe cascade out to others or the camp. Take time to fix your situation and ask for help if you need it.

Finding a physical connection with someone can help spark your burn. We suggest taking advantage of the rich environment of BM to forge a meaningful connection with someone that can mindfully last one night or one lifetime.

What you can expect from the B.E.D.camp

In addition to a banging community space the B.E.D. camp provides a fully stocked kitchen with all of your cooking needs including: grill, stove, microwave, seasonings, oils, pots/pans, etc. Please thank the volunteers who are providing these things for us to use! The kitchen will also be stocked with snacks! So if you're ever craving that midnight snack, the kitchen pantry is full!!

Volunteers have signed up for camp meals. The day, time, and meal is all up to them. They are also providing the food for the meal. Please appreciate the gift they are offering. Signing up to provide a meal is a great way to participate in the camp community.

Allergens exist, sensitivities exist, and preferences exist. Take this into account when making meals and using the kitchen. If you have any allergies or sensitivities check with whoever is cooking to make sure the meal is safe for you.

Some basic kitchen rules:

1. Always clean up after yourself! No one wants to come into a dirty kitchen. Not to mention the MOOP it can create!
2. When you are done with things make sure they are sealed tight and put away properly. This will help keep things fresh, organized, and reduce MOOP.
3. Wipe down the tables, stoves, and grill when you're done with them! The longer it's dirty the harder it is to clean!
4. Place all trash in the proper place - regular trash, burnable trash, and aluminum can recycling.
5. Make sure all coolers are closed! If a cooler isn't fully sealed the cold gets out and the hot gets in. It ruins our food and those breakfast burritos will go bad!
6. All gas to the stove and grill are turned off when you're done. We don't need a gas leak or an explosion.
7. Label your shit! If you put anything in the camp kitchen it is free game. That goes for tables, plates, food, drinks, etc. If you want people to not eat it, or your property returned to you, label it!
8. Treat everything with respect! As mentioned before everything in the kitchen is provided by volunteers, it's their shit, treat it well so it's returned to them in good condition!

B.E.D. is a safe camp and we follow the Golden Rule, treat others the way you want to be treated. Quick tips on how to behave in our community:

1. Consent in all things! Ask before using someone's stuff, taking photos, giving a hug, etc...
2. Keep your hands to yourself. Being a camp that helps prevent sexual assault and rape we do have camp members who have experienced it first hand and need a safe place. Do not hug, touch, kiss, rub, etc without first asking.
3. Be respectful to our camp. Be careful when handling other campers equipment like pots/pans, tables, chairs, structures, etc.
4. Be mindful of noise levels. If it's 4am don't come into camp louder than a pack of hyenas. People are sleeping and want their rest!
5. If you have an issue with another camp member or camp lead, handle it respectfully by talking to another camp lead and we can mediate the issue.
6. Be polite and keep your shit together. When in doubt, talk it out!

Remember this is Burning Man where everyone should feel safe to engage in radical self expression. Treat everyone with respect and you will receive it in return!

What B.E.D. expects from you

B.E.D. offers several opportunities to participate in the community. These opportunities include, but are not limited to: provide a camp meal, kitchen helper/clean-up, porto poster project, workshop presenters, consent ambassador, NOAH, ice runs, camp build

and tear-down, LNT, handy helper and greeters. If you're interested in taking on one of these roles, speak with one of the camp leads listed above.

Show Up to Shift

When you've signed up for kitchen duty, a B.E.D. talk, or any other camp responsibilities, you must follow through. You do not wish to face the odium of your campmates. If you miss a shift for any reason make sure to apologize and sign up for even more opportunities to regain your status as the reliable and helpful person we know you really are. Don't be a flake! Seriously, you may not be invited back.

Shower Courtesies

B.E.D. provides a camp shower but as gray water is considered MOOP, it must be handled with care. Please limit your shower usage as well as shower time. Be sure to clean up after yourself and do not leave any personal items in the shower area. Also, be considerate of those showering in this public space and offer them the courtesy of their privacy. If you are planning on getting freaky in the shower, please be considerate of your campmates and obtain consent prior to doing so.

Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice is a process by which affected parties in a situation collaborate with a mediator to create a solution that addresses the aftermath of an offense as well as its implications for the future. Solutions are created through a process of mediation and allow the victim's voice to be heard as well as their needs met while also offering offenders the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions and create a path to reintegration into the community if that is appropriate to the situation. See *B.E.D. Camp Problem Resolution Policy*. Most of us carry trauma from past experience. We recommend mediation remain confidential, involving only affected parties and mediator(s), until a resolution is agreed upon and can be presented to the community in a way that minimizes the impact on our camp.

The rules around consent in our global community are changing and inevitable violations are viewed as teachable moments by the B.E.D. camp. Through restorative justice more voices are invited into the conversation as we create new social norms in a safer society.

Problem Resolution

Tier 1: "Hey! How's it going?"

The point of the "Hey! How's it going?" is an unassuming way to just get more information. Anyone can execute this step. Our Camp Leads are tasked with approaching escalations that have been reported to them after campmates have practiced this step themselves. When an incident is escalated to our leads on the playa, they approach the parties to get more information. This is done by having a conversation with the said parties involved to get their sides.

Tier 2: The Teachable Moment

The Teachable Moment is verbally stating our boundaries. Anyone can execute this, and we encourage you to seek help if you do not have the capacity to do this step. With the consent of the parties involved, the Consent Ambassadors mediate the escalation by approaching them and seeking a clear, verbalized boundary. Verbalizing the boundary draws a line in the sand if another escalation happens, it could result in a temporary or permanent ban.

Tier 2.5: Camp Lead Meeting If a Teachable Moment is repeated, or there's an incident regarding any of our principles including consent, then the Camp Leads are tasked with collaborating on disciplinary action. Our minds are greater as a group and our capacity to solve problems is supported when we have more minds together. It's understood not all of the Camp Leads may be present at any given time, but any capable-minded leads are to participate in this portion of contemplating disciplinary action including temporary or permanent bans.

Camp Leads (BED Heads) are Donnarae "Drae" Watson, Morgan "Momo" Kellar, Amanda "Danger Kitten" Joan, Todd Vickers, and Brian Riel. Build Leads, LNT Leads, etc. are not tasked with this unless there is an escalation against those named and they feel comfortable handling the situation.

Tier 3: Removal

Temporary Ban - A temporary ban can apply to a campmate or camp guest for varying reasons (over intoxication, multiple Teachable Moments, intentionally disregarding our principles, etc...) Anyone in camp who has a leadership title, which does apply to Camp Culture Lead, LNT Lead, Kitchen Lead, or other Camp Leads, has the authority to remove these individuals. Rangers are the most common roamers and have the essential resource of wearing radios that escalate outside of our camp. Rangers are volunteers with the tools we need and can lead the situation by expressing demand for backup if need be.

Permanent Ban - A permanent ban must be in the severity that a campmate or guest can never again come back to our camp. This MUST go through our Camp Leads with as many Camp Leads present as possible to vote on the disciplinary action. This Problem Resolution process will take place before a final decision is made.

Incident Reporting

Anyone can report an incident here for the Camp Leads to review:
<https://forms.gle/Y511CUIKWtpYRTi6>

If the incident is about a Camp Lead and you do not want them to read it, it can be reported here: <https://forms.gle/r7vGzhurczKEhJ7P9>

Final Thoughts

Emergency Services

There are 2 law enforcement agencies available on the playa, US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Pershing County Sheriff's Office. It is important to note that marijuana is federally illegal and while it is legal in the state of Nevada, BRC is federal

property and marijuana is therefore illegal. Pershing County Sheriffs are diligent in pursuing and ticketing individuals for illegal drug use and/or distribution. Offering a friend from BM 2018 a mushroom cap may result in a drug distribution charge. If a visitor comes to the B.E.D. camp to talk to a friend, it may be one of these diligent Sheriffs. Please ask the visitor to remain in a designated safe spot and find their friend rather than inviting the visitor into our camp.

Black Rock Rangers are not law enforcement, they are specially trained and licensed burners who are here to help in the case of disputes, emergencies or questions. They are differentiated by their hats and khaki uniforms. Rangers have the ability to radio for law enforcement, medical and mental health staff, firefighter resources and environmental clean-up teams. In the case of an emergency we recommend you speak with a Ranger who can help find resources to resolve issues safely. The Black Rock City Ranger Headquarters is located at 5:45 and Esplanade and there are outposts located at 3:00+C and 9:00+C.

The Black Rock City Emergency Services team are not affiliated with any law enforcement agency and are identified by their yellow shirts labeled "Emergency Services". These individuals may assist with firefighting, medical emergencies and crisis intervention. Medical stations are located at Esplanade at 5:15, 3:00+C and 9:00+C, look for the lighted red cross.

Decommodification


Burning Man prohibits advertising and corporate influence on and off the playa. Burning Man and Black Rock City may not be used to promote products, services or brands. Doing so is a violation of our principles as well as ticket terms and conditions and therefore federal regulations. If you witness this happening during or after BM please have a conversation with the person and help them understand the value of BM principles in the default world.

Thanks for sticking with us as we review this important information! Remember to take care of yourself and don't be an asshole.

Notes:

Questions:

Comments:



I _____ understand the contents of the B.E.D. Camp handbook and agree to follow the guidelines and suggestions contained therein.

Signature

Date