



2023 Lake Como Naked Burn Festival Principles

Welcome to the Naked Burn

There are “Burns” throughout the world based on the tenets of the Burning Man Festival, held annually in the Black Rock desert in Nevada. A community of over 70,000 people gather to celebrate the human condition in their own way through their art.

There are traditions that govern the behavior of Burners (those attending the festival). The Naked Burn embraces these traditions and requests attendees to respect them. They shape the ambiance of the event and keep everyone on the same page behavior-wise.

There is no money exchanged. If you would like to share something by gifting it, please do. There are no vendors or advertising. Take a break from the money circuit. Lock up your wallets and enjoy. This is a gifting society. If you receive anything from someone, nothing is expected in return.

Self reliance is key to a successful Burn. Be thoughtful about what you bring with you. You need a place to sleep out of the rain. You need to be able to feed yourself and keep yourself safe. Some camps may offer drinks if you keep your own cup handy as you walk around. Wear a light on your body at night for safety’s sake.

Plan on participating. Many people have spent a lot of thought and effort to make the weekend special. Show your appreciation by participating at Theme camps. Much of the art is interactive, so play with it. Radical self-expression is encouraged. Become your alter ego through costuming. Find a way to participate.

Burns are usually “Leave No Trace” events. Everyone is expected to keep their eyes out for MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). No matter how small the item is, pick it up and take it back to your campsite or deposit it in the garbage. Leave the grounds better than you found it. Last thing to do after breaking camp? MOOP Sweep!

A Burn succeeds through communal effort. You don’t have to be part of a Theme Camp to support a Burn. Volunteers keep the festival functioning. Be one! There are lots of opportunities to lend a hand. Mention your intention to volunteer when buying your ticket. You’ll be contacted in regard to the needs of the organizers.

Try to stay in the “now moment.” Your immediate experience may help overcome barriers that stand in the way of recognizing our inner selves, the reality of others, participation in this society and contact with the natural world. It is the touchstone of a Burn.