

# FLIPSIDE FLAME

## GIT EDJUMICATED!

Greetings Flipizens, and welcome to the first installment of *Git Edjunicated!* I'm here for YOU, my dears, to edjuncate you about stuff that just might end up being helpful to you at Burning Flipside this year. Our first lesson this year is this: **Stealin's BAD, M'Kay?**

For most of us, we were all taught this lesson in kindergarten, but it seems that some Flipizens weren't paying attention in class that day. Either that or their mommas just didn't love them enough to instill in them this very basic social tenet. Really, the lesson is this: **Theft Happens in the Austin Burn Community and at Flipside**, just as it happens in every community.

We Flipizens enjoy the fruits of our gift economy and we enjoy giving gifts generously. We also enjoy being part of a community that values personal responsibility. Some of us want to believe that our little utopian experiment in community building is immune from selfish people who take things that don't belong to them; but guess what? No, not ChickenButt™. I'll say it again - stuff sometimes gets stolen at Flipside, and when it happens to you, those warm and fuzzy generous feelings can dissipate completely and leave you feeling more violated than you would have felt if your stuff had been lifted in the "default" world. It's a major, major buzz kill.

Theft at Flipside can be unintentional and, for the most part, innocent – someone could pick up your stuff at the creek and walk off with it because it looks a whole lot like their stuff. Or, a thief may take the form of a random, unknown visitor in your camp snatching a beer out of your ice chest without asking first. However, other thefts at Flipside are not unintentional at all. In fact, some thefts are premeditated and executed with great skill and experience, so please take these simple steps to discourage theft at Flipside:

- Don't bring your really good, super-expensive stuff to Flipside unless you are willing to part with it indefinitely. Or, if you bring your really good stuff, put it away, hide it somewhere or lock it up before you leave your camp.
- If you borrow something from a camp or individual, take the time to return it to them. Nothing says R-E-S-P-E-C-T like walking back into Danger Kamp after your night of partying with their stuffed-sheep-on-a-stick: to return their beloved mascot to them.
- Get to know your neighbors. Go over and introduce yourself to the weirdos pitching their tents across the street. Gift them a cold beer and ask them what their names are.



- Some great 2009 ticket request art!

Thieves are less likely to steal if people can recognize or identify them.

The bottom line here is we need to watch out for each other and speak the fuck up when something seems not-quite-right. This will be the largest Flipside

ever, and there will be lots of newbies and a few opportunists in the crowd. If you see someone acting suspicious or doing something they shouldn't be doing, don't worry about coming off as a meanie. Call them on it! Go ahead - ask that person, "Hey you there! What the hell are you doing with my friend's generator?!" If you actually catch a thief trying to steal something – yell for a Ranger. Rangers will deal with these losers the way they need to be dealt with. 'Nuff said. Let's summarize, shall we? **Keep an eye on your stuff and your neighbor's stuff. And to all those theivin' predators out there, Don't steal stuff. Stealin's Bad. If you steal stuff, bad karma in the form of a rabid, starving, Pedernales Squācon will descend upon you faster than you can say "It was C.O.L.D. Camp! C.O.L.D. Camp did it!"** That is all. Thank you for your attention.

*Your Loving Edjunicator,*  
**Steph T.**

## WORK WEEKENDS!

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Looking for something to do this weekend? Want to help build this city on a little bit of rock and roll? Feel like getting out of town and experiencing the awesome that is Flat Creek without all the randomness? Well the first work weekend is *this weekend* Feb. 27th-Mar. 1st out at Flat Creek.



- *Ditch\_the\_Kitsch!!* on Flickr

We have shifts on Saturday and Sunday available. If you're interested in helping, email [volunteerinfo@burningflipside.com](mailto:volunteerinfo@burningflipside.com) for details asap!

\*Please note: do NOT come out to the site if you haven't signed up as you will not be allowed onto the property.

Come help us begin the work of making this a great Flipside!

## SAFE AND SANE? (MOSTLY?) WE NEED YOU!

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We are recruiting currently for help with our safety teams. So if you have medical, crisis counseling, or fire (as in keeping people safe from it not making more of it) experience/certifications, then please email [volunteerinfo@burningflipside.com](mailto:volunteerinfo@burningflipside.com) and help keep us alive for yet another miraculous year!

## CALLING ALL NINJAS!!

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Boobytrap Camp is throwing down the gauntlet, slapping you in the face, and insulting your mother. Do you have what it takes to make it through the Boobytrap Maze of Horror?! We will have all the most evil devices imaginable to protect a SECRET PRIZE only for those possessing the Mad Ninja Skillz needed to penetrate our boobytrapped lair. You might encounter a pit full of spikes laced with human excrement! A



Bouncing Betty on a trip wire! A concealed tank full of ravenous crocodiles and electric eels! A precariously perched vat of acid! Exploding Boobies! Or possibly some other evil things.. whatever they will let us get away with. Mwahahaha!

*You Have Been Warned!*

## BREAD, BUTTER, CHEESE, VICTORY!

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### HELLO GRILLED CHEESE ENTHUSIASTS!

It is with nearly-orgasmic pleasure that I tell you we have solidified the date for the 2nd Annual Austin Grilled Cheese Invitational....

And that date is SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009  
(The Curds of March)

Are you the Missionary Master,  
simple but by no means easy?

Are you the Kama Sutra Knight, able to thrill  
with your complexity and ingenuity?

Are you the Honey of the Honeypot,  
sweetening hearts and minds?

Are you mysteriously MexicTexican, ready to  
rock this regional event in whole new way?

Or maybe you're AC/DC and like it every way?



Then be one of only 40 competitors who will compete for the chance to proclaim:

*I am a F\*\*\*ing Grilled Cheese Champion!*

<http://grilledcheeseinvitational.com/austin/>

### SUBMIT

You can say "fuck" if you want to. But you have to submit something in writing first. -ed.

## ZION COMMUNAL KITCHEN & HOOKAH LOUNGE

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Come one and come all!!! Zion Communal Kitchen & Hookah Lounge will once again be at Flipside for its 3 year in a row. This is a place to cook, feed, relax, smoke, chill, socialize and anything else to your hearts content. We are a collective of individuals from all over. All are welcome and able to come and enjoy the benefits of the community. At Zion no one goes hungry. We are looking for people interested in making this year even better than the year before, and the year before that, and the year before that... and so on, and so on.

Nonetheless we are looking forward to the countdown to returning home. We brought out some fresh meat last year and made a lot of wonderful friend out on the playa, at the creek, in the showers, everywhere. No word on the placement but most definitely we will be on the playa somewhere.

Keep a watchful eye and ear for updates and new announcements. Join our Yahoo Group!

Zion Communal Kitchen & Hookah Lounge

("That MEAT Camp!!!")

If you have something that you would like to contribute to the camp please offer and bring it out so that it is not such a tough strain on the few that bring out items for the camp. Camp carpets, shade structures, lights, generators, kitchen items, tables, anything that you can think to make our theme camp something more and to add to the Freakalicious Safari theme. Create an art project for the Large Army Tent that we use for the Hookah Lounge. Again thank you everyone that has been involved and looking forward to returning home.

Join our email list:

[Zion\\_Communal\\_Kitchen-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Zion_Communal_Kitchen-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Post message: [Zion\\_Communal\\_Kitchen@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Zion_Communal_Kitchen@yahoogroups.com)

*Elder Warlock  
Zion's Flame (Houston, TX)  
Zion Communal Kitchen & Hookah Lounge  
("That MEAT Camp!!!")*

## KANIHEPYA?

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Hey! You! Yeah, you! Do you like helping people? Do you have a mentality to serve the masses? Do you like Bananas?

Then Have I got a Volunteer Opportunity for you!

More than that! It's a Way of life! The Shaven Apes path is one of jumping down from Ye Ol' Banana Tree and helping others! We walk upright, searching for others to help and share our bananas with!

If you think you would be interested in helping out, want to sign up, or just want more information, head to:

[http://www.burningflipside.com/wiki/Shaven\\_Apes](http://www.burningflipside.com/wiki/Shaven_Apes)

or email Whiskey Belle: [apes09@burningflipside.com](mailto:apes09@burningflipside.com).



- More awesome ticket request art

## SERIOUSLY: SERIOUS CAMP

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Dearest Flipizens,

Greetings from the Glorious Leaders™ of Serious Camp. The Tickle and the Whimsy have been observing your fair woodland city for quite some time now and following a thoroughly quantitative, analytical and structurally sound assessment of the situation, we have reached a very serious conclusion: you are all far too silly. As a gift to the community, we, the Glorious Leaders™ of Serious Camp, along with our eager and impossibly sober camp of followers, will strive to bring greater levels of seriousness to Pyropolis and the greater Burning Flipside community. Keep an eye out in the Flame for ways that you, yes, you, can help advance the serious agenda of a very Serious Camp.

*Sincerely yours,*

**The Whimsy & The Tickle**

## LISTLESS?

When you hear people mention “the list”, are you worried that you don’t know what “the list” is? Well, there are actually many lists. Here’s the run-down.

“The” list (aka “The Austin list”): the main community discussion group. It began as a regionals list, so to join, go to: [http://regionals.burningman.com/us\\_tx\\_aus.html](http://regionals.burningman.com/us_tx_aus.html)

More lists are run locally. Go here to see a full list: <http://www.burningflipside.com/email-lists>

## WHAT GOES WHERE?

- **Announce:** Announce is ONLY for official announcements. Every ticket holder is on this list. (You can sign on even if you don’t get a ticket.)
- **The Austin list** - discussions pertinent to Flipside or the Flipside community. Other subjects should be labelled “OT” for off topic. (Keep OT stuff to a minimum. This is supposed to not clog inboxes. Theoretically.)
- **Chat** - this is where you fill up inboxes with whatever random stuff you want. It’s *so* off topic that the ONLY things not allowed are things pertaining to Flipside or Burning Man directly.
- **Events** - Want to skip all the discussion and just know what’s going on around town? The Events list is a low traffic list for event announcements only. Do not reply to the Events list directly. Also, not a good idea to set up on digest mode or you’ll miss stuff.
- **Burn List** - Are you going to the Nevada regional, aka Burning Man? This list is for you. This is where details for the yearly pilgrimage get worked out: community truck, seeking/selling tickets, rideshares, flight deals, car rental tips. (Stuff that’s boring to anyone not going.)
- **Everything else** - There are other lists for special topics whether by region or subject. Go check out <http://www.burningflipside.com/email-lists> to find your people.

## A WORD ABOUT LIST DRAMA

People have opinions. Those opinions can be in the form of ranting. Ranting may make someone seem like a self-important jerk. Jerks in print aren’t always jerks in person. Try not to take offense. Or at least:

- Be respectful.
- Don’t post private replies to public lists.
- Save your retorts to draft. Check back for actual wit.
- Count to ten. Take a breath.
- Take some 5-htp.
- Try a nap.

## BEFORE FEAR

*by winnie hsia (whimsy of serious camp)*

your first time and your fifteen hundredth time  
should play out like kindergarteners with crayons  
done, unashamed with unfettered enthusiasm  
drawing outside the lines and off the page

before fear of failure and obsessions with inadequacies  
there was a time when making beautiful things was all we  
knew

a time when all things that flowed from fingertips  
into pencils, sidewalk chalk and clay

were not sources of anxiety  
but just another way to play

for our formative years, play was just  
another part of our day  
comfortably nestled between  
naps and lessons, lived  
the socially acceptable space  
to express ourselves

as adults, we struggle to schedule  
often fretting more than  
we run our fingers along frets

struggling to conform  
when we should be sculpting  
paining instead of painting

sighing instead of singing

lying instead of living

nowadays, for those of us who find the time  
art is often viewed as little more than work with a different face  
a thing that causes veins to pulse and our pulse to race  
a source of stress and not release

how did we lose our innocence?

was it when we were told  
that, sure, our little songs, scribbles and sonnets  
were... cute, but they could not stand up against  
chart toppers, show stoppers, or real poetry

that the only art that was worth a damn in this world  
was beyond the potential of our talent  
and that maybe we should get real jobs  
and forget about childish pursuits

that we should stop struggling to be good  
because we would likely spend our whole lives  
running towards that finish line and never reach it

only, i think what we seem to be forgetting here is  
since when did this whole thing become a race?

let's stop running

let's slow down

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there was a time when making beautiful things was all we knew



- Dragon Lee