

FLIPSIDE FLAME

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Flipside is a Bad Idea!

'Tis *OUR* Season!

I bet you are thinking..."What? ANOTHER Flame? So SOON??!?" Yeah. It's ON! (and it's a Bad Idea!) Have you mailed in your ticket request in a sealed and decorated envelope? With your registration form and money order made out to Austin Artistic Reconstruction?? You better get on it! Time is running out! Attending Flipside with a minor? Don't forget you will need to show proof at gate that you are legally able to sign a waiver for them. You may do so by bringing documentation as proof of parent/guardianship or by bringing a notarized affidavit that may be found here:

<http://www.burningflipside.com/MinorAffidavit> Here we go kids...

Spring Town Hall is February 5th!

It's that time again folks! Spring Town Hall is just around the corner!

When : Saturday Feb 5t, 2011 Tailgating starts at noon!!

Where : The Warehouse of course (1023 Springdale Rd.)

Why : Do I really need to answer this? Ok fine! This is an opportunity to hear about ticket stuffs, and CC and LLC biz and meet your new DaFT lead and meet all of your other Leads and well, just get together and have a hootenanny!

More info to come, but get this sucker on your calendar.

Ok bye now.
~Reese

Volunt-awesome-ism

It takes imagination to conceive it, brains to organize it, strong backs to prepare for it, hands to build it, smiles to greet it, Guardians to keep it safe, Rangers to keep it civilized, PETS to keep it healthy and ART to make it Flipside.

If you don't already know that Flipside is about volunteerism and art (and not necessarily in that order), then either A) you have never been to Flipside, or B) you haven't been paying attention. For an event management geek such as myself, I can appreciate the size and scope of an event such as Flipside. It is a massive undertaking and takes hundreds of "man-hours" to pull off. Think in terms of all the planning your Theme Camp goes through leading up to Flipside...and then multiply that by all the Theme Camps that come to Flipside and then add the layers of safety, communication, legal/liability issues, the list goes on and on...it is a WHOOPPING task!

You may have heard this, but there are no spectators at Flipside. Everyone there is contributing to the event in some way. Our event has grown rapidly over the years. As a result, it takes more and more volunteers to join the DO-ocracy and make it happen. Some of you may think that volunteering is hard or takes up too much time or effort. Yeah, throwing snowballs at people as you greet them is REALLY hard work! Giving up a whopping 6 hours out of 5 whole days *is* way too much to ask...It's not like we are asking you to pull poison ivy off trees or anything. (Well, maybe we are, but the work weekends are FUN! We'll talk more about those later). In a nurt shell, more volunteers mean fewer shifts per volunteer, which means more to the current volunteers than you former non-volunteers can possibly imagine.

My experience is you get out of it what you put into it. Volunteering at Flipside deepened my relationship with the event itself. I created new bonds and truly discovered our common-unity. I have a better understanding of who we are and what we are about. Last year, I signed up for 4 on-site safety shifts in addition to writing The Flame. I met so many wonderful people, many of whom I would not have come to know otherwise. I made so many new friends, and it was all because I stepped up and got involved. Check out www.burningflipside.com/volunteer





Sure, the party is fun but being a part of the “net” supporting the event...brings it to a whole new level. Take my word for it, give your mind and body a little break and use that time to volunteer. You'll be really glad you did!

& that's my 2 pennies,
~Flamy

smART, tART, cART...fART? It's ALL About ART!

What are you bringing to Flipside this year??? Is it an art project that you always bring out and keep at your camp? Is it something brand new that is going to blow us away? Is it still a figment of your imagination? Go to burningflipside.com/art and register your art.!

If you have your installation in your camp, registering it will get the word out . Interested people can come experience it. Or, we can find perfect placement on the main field or in one of our lovely parks. Is your art a performance or happening? We will get you in touch with the coordinators and find you a stage! Is your camp bringing a stage? Do you have some time you won't be using it? Let us know! Do you need some volunteers to help you build your art? Tell us!! Do you need help getting your big art out there? We can help!!! Need some funds for something truly amazing?? Maybe we can facilitate that!

Email art10@burningflipside.com. Can't wait to see what amazing things our community brings out this year!!!

~Leaha

In Memoriam: A Tribute to Passion and Enthusiasm

Sometimes we may feel as though we don't make that much of a difference or be unaware of our personal contribution to a community at large. We almost certainly never realize it when we make a lasting impression on someone. Some of you may not have had the opportunity to know Dru Taylor, but she made positive and lasting impressions on many of us. She took the time to get involved. She stepped up in our community. She made a difference. She left us too soon. We are sad that she is gone. In the words of three who barely knew her and one who knew her well, it is clear to see how one person makes a difference in our community.



“Dru volunteered as a MEAT at Myschievia. This was to be her first year as a PET at Flipside. I was really, really excited about having her join PETs this year. She was so enthusiastic and wanted so much to contribute to this community in every possible way she could. I am really sad Dru will not be with us this year.” <3 Mu

“A few weeks ago, Dru decided she wanted to help out with Freezerburn in whatever way she could. She proved to be very resilient and fearless. Her generosity and spirit showed through in even the smallest of choices and actions. I was really looking forward towards the friendship I thought we would be enjoying for many years to come. Her passing was a major shock, but her contribution to my life, as short as it may have been, will live on with me through the remainder of my own years. I'm grateful to have gotten to know her, and will miss her very deeply. Thank you Dru for the kindness and generosity you have shared, and for helping me see what a gift that can





be to all those around us. You lit up a lot of lives within the brief time you were among us, and each one of those lives are better off from the experience.” <3 - Monk

“Dru was an amazing, dynamic soul. She was the most forgiving person I have ever known. She was always the first to forgive and forget, no matter what the circumstance. Charming, magnetic, passionate, and giving, Dru could stop anyone in their tracks with her smile and her laugh. She had a certain glow about her. I'm not quiet sure if she understood the power she had. Having spent the last five years by her side talking shit, pushing each others limits, and ruffling up feathers - I can safely say those were the best times of my life on this planet. Some days were better than others and some days were better than ever. I can't wait to see her again. Dru, I know our paths are different and we will face different challenges along the way. I understand what you mean now. I know we will both come out of this shining. I miss you terribly. You took a piece of me when you left, I can feel it. We have so much more to talk about, so much more to experience and so much more shit to talk! I'm sorry for the times you had to take out the trash. I know you hated it. I will buy a Hanna Montana balloon for you come Flipside. Save me a seat, this isn't the end. I love you with all my heart and soul. Always.” Love, The one and only TT

Dru wrote to me in response to an issue of The Flame last year. She wanted to express her ideas to make Flipside an even better experience for everyone. She noted that in 2008, it seemed a lot of people didn't realize there was a “certain time” to be at the effigy for the burn. She asked that we educate more about burn night and what it means to us so that everyone can experience it from beginning to end. I think we did a better job in 20-X with the Processional at our new land. We'll keep doing a better job Dru. Thank you for writing to me, and for wanting to be heard. Not everyone does that, and it means something to me when they do. It means something to me that you read The Flame. Thank you for appreciating my contribution! (and that goes for all of you reading this, too!) ~Flamy

Dealing with death, even if at arms length is never easy. Whether the deceased is family, a close friend, a roommate from years ago, or merely an acquaintance...it is human nature to seek to understand. Death is a reminder of how short and precious life really is. It reminds us to let those we love know that we love them. It reminds us to forgive and to ask to be forgiven. Most of all, it reminds us to live fully, love openly and be joyful in it.

Thank you for reading The Flame!

On a lighter note...See you Feb. 5 2011 at Town Hall!

