

# SURVIVAL GUIDE 2015



## *Burning Flipside*

**MAY 21–25, 2015**

Here in the merry old land of Odd, you'll find *munchkins*...haunted forests with grumpy trees that throw pecans...robots and other strange tin men...*buses that breathe fire*. We have flying monkeys that will swoop down and help set up your tent. And sparkle ponies of many different colors. Be careful where you park your houses and always remember, there's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home.

**YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES IN THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE. THERE WILL BE A TEST. SERIOUS.**

# THURSDAY, MAY 21–MONDAY, MAY 25

## GATE HOURS

**Thursday & Friday, May 21–22**

9 am – Midnight

*Do not show up early: you will not be admitted!*

**Saturday, May 23**

9 am – 10 pm

**Sunday, May 24**

9 am – 4 pm

*No admittance after 4 pm so volunteers can enjoy the Burn too!*

**Effigy burn: Sunday, May 24**

dark-thirty

**Monday, May 25**

*You must leave the property by 5 pm*



Ticket Art: Cara Jackson



Sticker Art: Hank Padilla



Ticket & Sticker Art: Cody Phillips



Sticker Art: Trisha Clements



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# WHAT IS FLIPSIDE?

## A PHILOSOPHICAL AND PRACTICAL DISSERTATION

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Burning Flipside is an experiment in collaborative community featuring art and music created by those who attend. Attendees are known as participants (there are no spectators at Flipside; everyone collaborates in some way to create the event). Inspired by the Burning Man festival, it is a place for radical self-expression and an experiment in community building. It is a place of acceptance, inclusivity and respect. It is organized entirely by volunteers. The art and entertainment is created solely by participants. There are no concession stands. No cash transactions (except ice sales) are permitted at Flipside—even bartering is discouraged. This is a sincere experiment in creating a gift economy. If you need something, ask for it. If you have it, gift it. There are no garbage cans: everyone is responsible for packing out their garbage.

**You voluntarily assume any risk of serious injury or death by attending.**

### BURNING FLIPSIDE PRINCIPLES

#### 1 Self-Expression

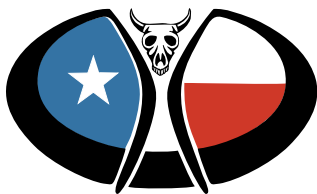
Our events foster an environment of creative self-expression, where participants feel supported to honestly express their inner selves, through artistic creation, performance, and in their social interactions.

#### 2 Accountability

Our events foster an environment of personal accountability, where we hold ourselves responsible for our own actions, and take personal responsibility for meeting our own needs, for the event itself, and for the event's impact on the world at large.

#### 3 Cooperation

Our events foster an environment of cooperation, where participants work together to resolve potential conflicts respectfully, to help mediate conflicts between others, and to create art, performance, and social space on a larger scale than one person could alone. Additionally, participants seek to keep events sustainable by volunteering, cleaning up after themselves, and assuming personal responsibility for conducting themselves in accordance with local, state and federal laws.



### A GUIDE TO TERMS

#### AAR, LLC

Austin Artistic Reconstruction, LLC (limited liability company) are volunteers who organize and host the event. Also, real nice people.

#### Area Facilitators (AFs)

Volunteers that manage teams of leads and are responsible for broad areas of the event. Proven level of awesome.

#### Combustion Chamber (CC)

A diverse group of volunteers who serve as advocates to and for the community and advise AAR, LLC. Could be you.

#### DaFT

Design and Fabrication Team. These people turn a big bonfire into epic beauty.

#### Leads

Leads are volunteers that manage specific functions for the event. Many leads also manage teams of other volunteers.

#### MOOP

Matter Out Of Place. This is the common term for crap on the ground that doesn't belong there. We don't have garbage cans or maids. Pick it up!

#### Mutant Vehicles

Commonly known as "art cars." The DMV (Department of Mutant Vehicles) handles registration of mutant vehicles for the event.

#### PETs

Pyropolis Emergency Team. This is the on-site medical emergency team, which is awesome to have handy when needed. Don't forget, pet a PET.

#### Pyropolis

What we call our city.

#### Rangers

Khaki-clad volunteer conflict mediators and mobile info booths! Always ready to help.

#### Sanctuary

A place as well as an idea—if you're having a hard time coping with something, these people can lend an ear. For more information, ask a Ranger.

# LEAVE NO TRACE

BRING THE KITCHEN SINK, AND THEN TAKE IT HOME



- If you bring it in, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING IT OUT**. There is a recycling station, but you must haul out your own trash.
- Have separate containers for recycling and bring drinks in crushable aluminum cans instead of heavy/breakable glass.
- There is no trash allowed at recycling. You must **SEPARATE GLASS AND METALS** prior to arriving at the recycling area.
- Think ahead about how you will deal with wet and dry trash.
- **START WITH LESS TRASH**: buy in bulk and remove excess packaging before you go.
- If you are in a theme camp, get together with the others in your camp and make a camp-wide plan for cleaning up.
- For your personal camp area, make sure you **TAKE TIME TO PICK UP MOOP** (matter out of place—see glossary).
- It's a good idea to bring at least two extra trash bags more than you will need for your camp's trash and recycling.
- Never let it hit the ground. Be an Earth Guardian for your camp and make sure things are kept tidy.
- Information about recycling and local landfills will be available on the main field at the event.
- Prevent the release of other items that disturb the property such as excessive gray water, chemicals, gasoline, cleaning detergents or any other non-native items.
- Do not disturb the wildlife. They were there first.
- Organic items such as banana peels, eggs shells, etc. are also considered MOOP and need to be removed upon departure.
- Plan to spend **TWO HOURS** cleaning **COMMUNAL AREAS OF LITTER**: the effigy field, roads, river banks, trails and commons. It's not just about your camp, but all about all the spaces you enjoyed. We leave the entire event site as if we were never there.



Envelope Art: Nellie



Envelope Art: Robin



Envelope Art: Special



Envelope Art: Nellie



Envelope Art: His Nobs, of the International Cribbage Conspiracy



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# WHAT YOU'RE GETTING IN TO

## BURN SHIT, VOLUNTEER, DON'T TREAD ON OTHERS

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Burning Flipside is a participant-created experimental community bound by a spirit of participation, mutual respect and radical self-expression. Here's some ways we operate.

### CAN'T WAIT? GET INVOLVED

Can't wait for Flipside? Then don't wait. Make stuff happen every Wednesday night at Church Night! Church Night is community building, literally. Wanna meet people? Have a project idea and want to find help or get feedback? Projects come in all sizes. Paint signs or cigarette butt tins, or help build the effigy. Church night is every Wednesday around 7 pm at the AAR Warehouse—1023 Springdale Road, Austin.

#### **VOLUNTEER: IT'S HOW WE HAVE FUN**

There are so many valuable ways to be a participant: create art, perform, be yourself, form or join a Theme Camp. One of the easiest ways to participate is to volunteer! Many people consider volunteering their art form, whether it is the emotional assistance of Sanctuary or the manual labor of Shaven Apes, every department at Flipside makes our event go. What does that mean? In a nutshell, when you look around, you know someone who is contributing through the gift of their time and expertise.

Volunteering isn't a means to an end or a trade, it's a gift. It's art. It's participating, at **AN EVENT BUILT ON PARTICIPATION**.

Contact [VolunteerInfo@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:VolunteerInfo@BurningFlipside.com) if you would like to discover the new artform of volunteering. We'll work with you to find a place where your talents can be utilized.

### EFFIGY BURN

We reserve the right to burn the effigy at any time or not at all depending on weather conditions. The effigy burn is planned for Sunday evening. Pay attention on-site for schedule changes. In the rare chance the effigy is to be burned early, we will do everything we can to let the community know.

### MEDIA

Many people are sensitive to photos taken or recordings made of them at the event. Knowing that you're being photographed can make you hold back from the self-expression that Flipside is all about. The right **not** to be photographed (or recorded in other ways) always trumps the right to take a photograph. Ask permission.

### MUSIC. DANCE PARTIES. MEGAPHONES.

There is always something going on! Flipside is organized into areas by sound—"Loud" "Really Loud" and "Slightly Less Loud." There is no guaranteed quiet zone. Plan ahead with earplugs, other sleep aids, white noise machines, etc. You can always ask nicely for someone to turn it down. Please consider that it's one weekend and earplugs are super cheap. Bring extra!



### PERSONAL BOUNDARIES



Self-expression and cooperation require a social contract to make our event a place for everyone to play.

#### **Respect the personal boundaries of others.**

- Respect the moment. Comfort levels vary at different times and with different people.
- Before you assume someone wants your physical attentions, ASK. Being direct is not a buzz-kill obligation—it is expected protocol. **NO MEANS NO. ONLY YES MEANS YES**
- After someone has said **no**, cajoling, pleading, or any form of **EMOTIONAL BLACKMAIL IS UNACCEPTABLE**.
- Respecting personal boundaries includes taking pictures or video, as well as physical and verbal interaction.

#### **Take responsibility for your own boundaries.**

- **YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SAY NO.**
- Be sober enough to be in control, or make arrangements with a friend to have a "designated driver."
- How you feel is not magically telegraphed to others. You are in charge of your boundaries.
- You are responsible for yourself but you can always ask for help. Talk to those around you (or a Ranger) if someone is making you uncomfortable.

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# PLAN AHEAD. WAY AHEAD.

## REALLY, DON'T FORGET TO PLAN AHEAD

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### ART

What are you bringing? Where do you want to put it? What do you need to make it go?

Register your installation or piece so we can point folks your way and help get you the resources you need! For deadlines and info see [BurningFlipside.com/Art](http://BurningFlipside.com/Art), or email [Art15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:Art15@BurningFlipside.com).

### BROADCASTING

If you want to run a low-power FM station at Flipside, you must contact the event organizers at [LLC@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:LLC@BurningFlipside.com) prior to the event for approval.

### BURNABLE ART

Burning art is part of our culture at Flipside. It is a symbolic celebration of the cycle of life and death—we don't dwell in what we've done so much as we celebrate what we can do.

- **IF YOU PLAN ON BRINGING ART TO BURN** contact the Burnable Art Lead at [BurnableArt15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:BurnableArt15@BurningFlipside.com) in advance for approval and coordination. This refers to art that is consumed by fire.
  - If you plan on bringing **FLAME-EFFECT ART**, such as propane-fired devices, you do not need to register that with the Burnable Art Lead. You must register with Art or Mutant Vehicles, as appropriate. If you have any questions, by all means contact the Burnable Art Lead.
- There is **NO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR ART WILL BURN**. Please plan other creative ways to destroy or transport out your art in the event of a burn ban. You may not leave it behind.
- Don't ever throw toxic or dangerous things into any fire!



### CHILDREN

For the protection of minor children and in accordance with Texas law, any minor child attending this event must be accompanied by someone with legal authority to make decisions for the child.

- A minor is anyone under the age of 18.
- Bring **PROPER DOCUMENTATION TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE CHILD**.

**For the child:** Print out the Minor Affidavit at [BurningFlipside.com/MinorAffidavit](http://BurningFlipside.com/MinorAffidavit), fill it out, and **HAVE IT NOTARIZED**. Alternatively, you can bring **originals** of official documents identifying the child, such as a birth certificate or

passport. An electronic copy of your documentation will be stored along with the signed event waiver. **For the parent:** photo ID.

- You are **SOLELY RESPONSIBLE** for the care, supervision, and well-being of your child **AT ALL TIMES**. There may be activities not suitable for children or behavior that you may not wish your children to see. Do not expect anyone to censor their behavior because children are present.
- You must sign an event waiver of liability for each minor child, including a statement that you have authority to act on behalf of the child.
- Bring everything your children will need to have a safe and enjoyable event.
- Inability to take care of the minors you bring to the event can result in ejection.
- Questions? Email AAR, LLC at [LLC@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:LLC@BurningFlipside.com).

### MEDIA DEPICTIONS

Burning Flipside is a private event. For the protection of all artists and participants at Burning Flipside events, Austin Artistic Reconstruction, LLC retains **FULL AND EXCLUSIVE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL** of any and all filming and recording of any other pictures, descriptions, audio or accounts (hereinafter "Media Depictions") of any and all Burning Flipside events. AAR, LLC will not sell or use your work without your permission. Commercial use of all Media Depictions is prohibited without prior written permission of AAR, LLC.

Approved, professional media will receive a camera tag indicating their approval, and have been informed of our community expectations for the media. Anyone encountering a problem with



a photo/videographer should discuss it with a Ranger.

Information about the media policy and permissions may be obtained at [BurningFlipside.com/Media](http://BurningFlipside.com/Media).

(Note: there are no comp tickets available for members of the media. You must provide supplies and shelter for your entire crew.)

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RVs)

- No hookups or pumping available.
- If camping in a Theme Camp, please make sure the Theme Camp informs Placement of the number and size of RVs in your camp.
- City Planning may ask you to relocate your beast if it is deemed an obstacle.
- No in and outs for RVs.
- Must be parked and left stationary during event.

## MUTANT VEHICLES



If you want to cruise the grassy playa, **YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED** with the Department of Mutant Vehicles and must have DMV tags. All other cars must be parked during the entire event.

As our city grows, we have more vehicles and more crowded streets. An art car is not just meant to transport you around the event, it's also supposed to be **ART!** To that end, we ask that you make your vehicle as artified as possible.

### To drive your sweet art ride around the city

- Register before the event at [secure.BurningFlipside.com/register](http://secure.BurningFlipside.com/register). **ALL ART CARS MUST PRE-REGISTER.**
- Undergo an on-site inspection.

### Follow driving rules

- Speed limit 5 mph.
- Yield to everyone (Art cars should yield to pedestrians, bikes, carts, little red wagons...).
- Observe traffic rules.
- Abide by instructions from Rangers and event coordinators.
- **BE COMPLETELY SOBER.**
- Have gelled headlights if driving at night.
- Have a genuinely artfully mutated vehicle.
- Submit to on-site safety inspection/interrogation/indoctrination to receive DMV tags.
- No mutated buses or vehicles in excess of 35' are to be driven around Pyropolis. It is dangerous in our tight event space.
- Improper use of a mutant vehicle can result in the revocation of your DMV license.
- All other cars must be parked in designated parking areas or **ARTFULLY DISGUISED IN YOUR CAMP** during the entire event.

## SOUND SYSTEMS



### Must be pre-registered.

If you are planning on creating or using anything with lots of sound, you must **BE FAMILIAR WITH AND ABIDE BY THE BURNING FLIPSIDE SOUND POLICY**, which can be found at [BurningFlipside.com/soundpolicy](http://BurningFlipside.com/soundpolicy). You will be asked to sign a Sound Policy Agreement upon entering the event. Contact the Sound Lead at [Sound15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:Sound15@BurningFlipside.com) if you have any questions.

- See [burningflipside.com](http://burningflipside.com) for registration deadlines
- If you are **CAMPING** with a sound system, you must pre-register with Theme Camp Registration.
- If your **ART PIECE** involves loud sound, you must indicate that in your art registration.
- If your **THEME CAMP** will have amplified music or loud sound, you must pre-register with Placement.
- **MUTANT VEHICLES** making sound must also abide by the Sound Policy and must register with the DMV.

## THEME CAMPS

### Guess what? Also must be pre-registered.

Theme camps are a central part of the Flipside experience for a lot of people. Are you organizing one? If so, register it at [BurningFlipside.com/ThemeCamps](http://BurningFlipside.com/ThemeCamps).

Filling out your form with accurate and complete information will help the City Planning volunteers ensure that you and everyone else have enough room and are placed according to your needs.

## DON'T BE A STRANGER!

The Flipside Flame is a great communication resource. Contribute to it or just read it to find out what's going on. It's yours. Advertise your theme camp fundraiser, find out about events, and read about community issues. It'll help you **PLAN AHEAD!** Contact [Content15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:Content15@BurningFlipside.com), read it online at [BurningFlipside.com/flipside-flame](http://BurningFlipside.com/flipside-flame).



Sticker Art: Gray Mack



Ticket Art: Layne Galido

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# WHAT TO BRING

GLITTER STAYS HOME, LEAVING MORE ROOM FOR WATER, BACON

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## BRING IT



Burning Flipside is an exercise in radical self-reliance. You must bring enough food, water and shelter to survive, and hopefully enjoy, your time at the event. Gifts are a wonderful expression of community, but you must take responsibility for your own survival and well-being. Do not show up expecting the community to take care of you. Participants arriving with inadequate supplies will not be allowed to enter the event.

Some recommendations on what to bring:

### Necessities

- **THREE GALLONS OF WATER PER PERSON PER DAY** (for drinking, dish and body washing, food preparation, etc.). Keep a bottle of water with you at all times.
- Enough food and beverages for your entire party.
- First aid kit.
- Bedding and shelter of some type (a good camp tent is recommended along w/sleeping bags).
- Single-ply toilet paper—the Port-a-Potties can run out.
- Garbage bags (more than enough for all of your garbage—it's good to bring extra for MOOP that accumulates during the event).
- **PORTABLE ASHTRAYS** if you smoke (mint tins work well)
- All required prescriptions, contact lens supplies, toiletries, etc.
- Flashlights—**HEADLAMPS ARE VERY USEFUL.**
- Extra batteries for everything.
- Sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Sturdy closed-toe footwear.
- A **CUP FOR BEVERAGES** (some camps may have drinks to share, but you are expected to supply the container).
- Ice chest, ice for the entire duration of your stay, or cash for ice sales.
- Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude.

### Recommended

- Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets; things to break the cruel midday sun.
- A cooking stove.
- Portable showers (There are **no** showers!)
- **EARPLUGS** (not everyone will sleep when you do).
- Insect bite treatment/medication

- Watertight protective bags (e.g. heavy Ziplocs) for cameras, electronic gear, etc.
- FM Radio—some participants set up micro-power stations for your entertainment.
- Blinky lights, toys, **MAGICAL FABULOUSNESS** and swell stuff to share; anything you think would make things more fun for you and your fellow Flipizens.
- Handi-wipes.
- Spray bottle (for misting).
- Rope, string, duct tape, zip ties.
- Fuel for stoves, generators, mutant vehicles, etc.
- Abundant amounts of whatever makes your life better: **BEER, BACON, CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, POWDERED DONUTS.**
- While you're planning your gear for Flipside, consider packing a walkie-talkie. Configuration: MURS radio to channel 5, code 11 (154.600 /CTCSS 97.4). This channel is compatible with the Flipside Safety team's, and Burning Man's too. More information [BurningFlipside.com/radios](http://BurningFlipside.com/radios).
- Clothing for a range of weather conditions. And costumes.



## WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

Bring the kitchen sink, your costume closet, and the art project you've been working on all year. But these things...

### Prohibited

- Animals (except service animals by prior arrangement).
- Firearms.
- Fireworks and other explosives.

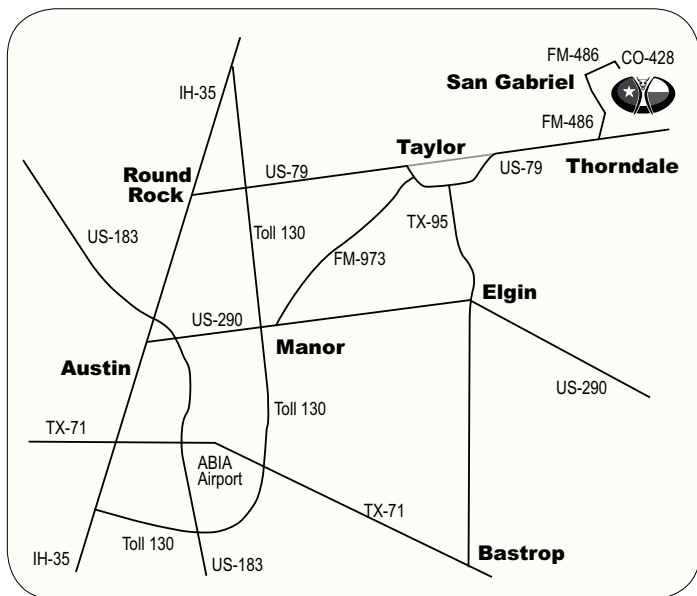
### Think Twice or Thrice

- Excessive packaging (buy in bulk, reusable containers, or consolidate before you arrive).
- Feathers (MOOPy).
- Glitter (seriously, how are you going to clean that up?)
- Lasers (**See Lasers, p11**).



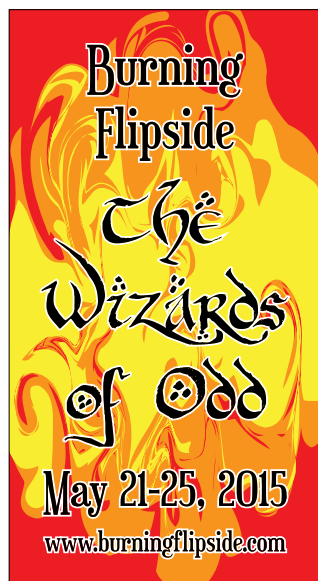
# GETTING THERE

## MAP, GATE, GREETERS, PARKING



### DIRECTIONS

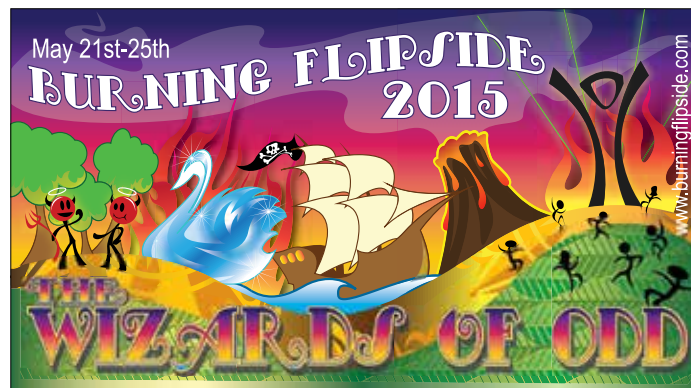
- Drive to Thorndale, TX, from wherever you're coming.
- Take FM 486 north to San Gabriel.
- Make a hard right in San Gabriel (the road is still FM 486).
- Travel 3.1 miles to the intersection of FM 486 and County Road 428 (a dirt road).
- Bear right on Country Road 428 and travel 1.3 miles to the Flipside entrance.
- Drive through the property gate and present your **WILL-CALL RECEIPT AND ID** to the gate crew.
- For directions from other cities, see [BurningFlipside.com/directions](http://BurningFlipside.com/directions).



Ticket Art: Jordan Sims



Ticket Art: Tatiana Gonzalez



Ticket Art: C. Padilla



Sticker Art: Frank Suhomel



Sticker Art: Heather Thomas

## Fly In, Rent a Car, Get Here Fast!

The fastest route from Bergstrom Airport to Flipside uses Toll Road 130. Exit the airport by turning right (east) on 71. Get in left lane to enter Toll Road 130 heading north. Stay on 130 until you hit 79 in Hutto. Turn right (east) on 79 and follow the map. Basically it is 80 mph all the way, no traffic or traffic lights until you hit Hutto. **TEXAS HAS DONE AWAY WITH CASH PAYMENT IN TOLL BOOTHS.** The tolls will be charged to your card a few weeks after the rental by your car rental agency. Please check with your rental agency to confirm their additional service fee for this. For supplies on this route, Stone Hill Town Center in Pflugerville is located at the intersection of Toll roads 130 and 45. You'll find Super Target (bacon, groceries and what not), Dicks Sporting Goods (camping equipment), and a Home Depot (duct tape).

## GATE



The first folks you'll encounter are the Gate staff! The **GATE IS STAFFED BY A PRIVATE COMPANY** working with AAR, LLC to provide impartial services for the thousands creating Pyropolis.

- Gate is not Greeters. They aren't there to make sure you feel the Flipside Superlove. They **PROCESS YOUR TICKET AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE ADEQUATELY PREPARED** and not sneaking someone in. Then they send you to the Greeters.
- Wait until you arrive at Greeters to refresh yourself or take off some of those warm clothes and begin your Flipside experience.
- Follow all requests from Gate staff. **GIVING THEM ATTITUDE WILL NOT GET YOU IN ANY FASTER.**
- You'll have to sign some waivers. Where appropriate please legibly print your real name, not your burner name.
- Gate staff will apply your wristband. These wristbands help us and Milam County Sheriff's Department to identify and deal with trespassers.
- Please **KEEP ALL TICKET INFORMATION UPDATED** at [secure.BurningFlipside.com](https://secure.BurningFlipside.com). If your cousin will be using your extra ticket but their name isn't in the database, make sure it's updated on the ticket website! It makes things faster. Faster is better.
- Be nice to Gate. They're super-awesome folks who do a nonglamorous yet essential job for our community.

## GREETERS

The Greeter Station is where we **STEP OUT OF DEFAULT REALITY AND ENTER THE ONE WE CREATE TOGETHER** as well as a place to ensure all participants are prepared for their time together. The Greeter Station may set up outposts during peak times.

### How to be Greeted:

- Arrive at a Greeter station ready for some love!! The Greeters will be super excited to see you. **GREETERS LOVE GIFTS** and will share them back, especially water, other drinks, and snacks!
- You will be directed to an appropriate parking place so that you can safely leave your vehicle and join the Greeters while they **QUIZ YOU ON THE SURVIVAL GUIDE**, to help you set good expectations for yourself and double-check that you have made yourself aware of all the necessities



for a great event (water, sunscreen, trash bags, food, etc.). **IF YOU'RE NOT FULLY PREPARED, YOU MAY BE**

**TURNED BACK** to finish gathering enough provisions.

- Once you have been properly Greeted, proceed to your identified Pyropolis Zone where you will be met by Zone Greeters who will direct you to your flagged theme-camp spot or the Awesomest spot in Open Camping. You will have a **WINDOW OF 2 HOURS TO UNPACK AND GET YOUR CAR TO PARKING**. You must park your car in Parking! No one wants to hang out in a parking lot, so please don't turn Pyropolis into one.

## GATE

**Thursday & Friday,  
May 21–22**

9 am – Midnight  
*Do not show up early:  
you will not be admitted!*

**Saturday, May 23**

9 am – 10 pm

**Sunday, May 24**

9 am – 4 pm  
*No one admitted after  
4 pm so volunteers can  
enjoy the Burn too!*

**Monday, May 25**

You must leave the property by 5 pm

## Zone Zero

If you're bringing a theme camp, major art piece, or sound system, stop by the Zone Zero desk at Greeters to check in.

## PARKING



- Parking will be extremely limited; carpool if you can.
- Park in designated areas **AWAY FROM CAMPING AREAS**.
- If you are sleeping in your vehicle and it is parked in your theme camp you must disguise, cover or otherwise get rid of its 'car-ness'. **IF A VEHICLE IS NOT ARTIFIED YOU MUST MOVE IT TO PARKING.**
- Your car will be marked with your drop-off deadline; after that **YOU NEED TO PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREA.**

- Unloading vehicles **must** be 5' off of the roads. There must be easy access for emergency vehicles at all times.
- RVs, trailers and other larger vehicles may be directed to reserved areas. (**See RVs, p5**).
- Vehicles parked in unauthorized or unlawful areas will be towed (yes, really towed) at owner's expense.
- Please secure your vehicles when you park!

**ANY LATE-BREAKING NEWS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE AUSTIN-ANNOUNCE LIST OR IN THE FLIPSIDE FLAME.**

## MADE IT TO CENTRAL TEXAS AND NEED SUPPLIES?

If you would like to maximize Flipside's positive monetary support of Milam County, please consider shopping for goods in Thorndale, Cameron, and Rockdale. (FYI: Round Rock, Hutto, Taylor, and Thrall are *not* in Milam County.

HEBs are the local big grocery stores. Produce, organic items, meats, beer, and wine. An HEB is located in Round Rock on 79 and A.W. Grimes.

Don't want to buy camping gear? REI rents tents, sleeping bags, stoves, backpacks, and more. There are three locations around Austin—the closest to Flipside is north of Round Rock at I-35 and University, behind the IKEA.

Grocery stores carry only beer and wine. Liquor is sold 10 am–9 pm only at liquor stores.

## Milam County Businesses

### Apache Pass Restaurant & Icehouse

At Apache Pass, off of FM 908, in Downtown Texas, Texas.

### War Horse Saloon

707 E Hwy 79 (North side), Thorndale. (512) 898–2606 Larger bar, average prices open from noon to late, 7 days a week.

### Steve's Place

111 E Salty St. (Off Main St), Thorndale. A small bar, less expensive. Excellent burgers served after 6pm, Sat. 11am–3pm.

### The Downtown Cafe

118 S. Main St, Thorndale. (512) 898–4116. Good folks and good food, near as we can tell. They can handle a crowd (up to 150 people). Catering available. Tell Louis "Howdy!" from the Burner crowd.

### Thorndale Community Lumber

Co. 99 S. Main St, Thorndale. (512) 898–2024. They also have a supply of hardware. 8–5 pm M-F and Sat. 8–noon.

### Thorndale Meat Market

204 W Hwy 79, Thorndale. (512) 898–5387. A good place for meat, especially bacon. Give a howdy from the Burner crowd. Call ahead if you have a special request. 7 am–5:30 pm M-F and Sat. 7 am–noon.

### CEFCO Convenience Store

201 E. Hwy 79, Thorndale. (512) 898–2683. Especially convenient because it doesn't cross Hwy 79 and FM 486.

### J&K Grocery (Shell)

101 E. Hwy 79, Thorndale. (512) 898–2921. Will do special beer orders; deliveries are Tuesday & Wednesday. Call ahead.

### Brookshire Brothers

1701 West 4th Street, Cameron, TX 76520 and at 725 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, TX 76567. Grocery store.

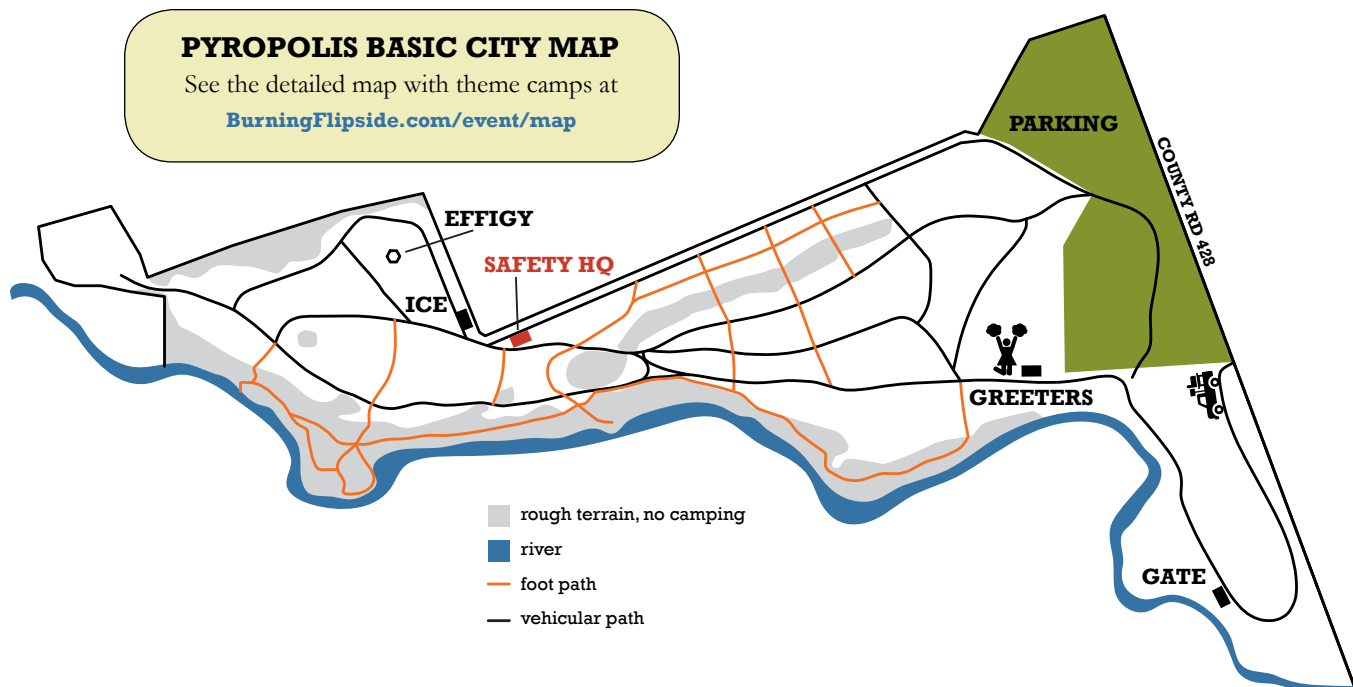
### Walmart

709 West US 79, Rockdale, TX.

## PYROPOLIS BASIC CITY MAP

See the detailed map with theme camps at

[BurningFlipside.com/event/map](http://BurningFlipside.com/event/map)



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# BEING THERE

## SERVICES AND POLICIES

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### ANIMALS

**NO PETS ALLOWED.** If you bring an animal, you will not be allowed into the event. If you require a service animal, email [LLC@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:LLC@BurningFlipside.com) by May 1, 2015.

### EJECTION

Austin Artistic Reconstruction, AAR, LLC, reserves the right to deny entry to the event or to revoke event access at any time for any reason or for no reason whatsoever.

### ENTRANCE POLICY

No one will be allowed into the event without a ticket, signed waiver of liability, and valid ID. If you are bringing minor children, additional documents will be necessary. (**See Children, p4**). You cannot gain admittance by volunteering. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the gate. Keep your ticket handy.

### EXODUS

Flipside **OFFICIALLY ENDS ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015**. The celebration is over and we need to begin returning the land to its natural condition. So all Flipizens, their camps, MOOP and trash must be off the land by 5 pm on Monday. There will be Exodus teams roaming the land assisting Flipizens with their departure. There are no exceptions to this rule.

### FIRES AND FIRE PERFORMERS

If you are planning fire activities, contact the Safety Area Facilitator at [Safety15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:Safety15@BurningFlipside.com). **IF THERE IS A BURN BAN** no fires will be allowed at all, not even those in burn pits, and all fire performances must be in designated areas. If there is not a burn ban, be respectful of the land when using fire. **READ THE FLIPSIDE FLAME OR CHECK WITH GREETERS WHEN YOU ARRIVE.**

- Use burn barrels or pre-made fire pits. Do not damage the land. **DO NOT LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.** If using **ANY** fire or flammable materials, bring a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.
- If you are a fire performer, have a 'safety' at all times.

### ICE

Ice will be sold at Flipside on the main field near the Effigy area. Hours are subject to change.

#### Planned Ice Hours:

Thursday: noon to 4 pm

Friday through Sunday: noon to 6 pm

Monday: noon to 2 pm

### PORT-A-POTTIES

Porta-a-Potties will be located throughout all populated areas at Flipside. Hand washing stations will be located at the larger banks of Port-a-Potties. **DON'T LEAVE YOUR TRASH OR THROW TRASH IN THE PORT-A-POTTIES.**

### RECYCLING

Check with Greeters when you arrive for recycling locations. Recycling will be back this year, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the Recycling Lead and the citizens of Pyropolis. It is expected that **GLASS, ALUMINUM, CARDBOARD, PLASTIC AND STEEL WILL BE ACCEPTED**. See the Flame for details. Hours are subject to change.

#### Planned Recycling Hours:

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am to 6 pm



### FIREWORKS & FIREARMS

Fireworks and weapons are prohibited and can be grounds for immediate ejection from Flipside.

### IN & OUT POLICY

In & Outs at the gate are discouraged. Really, why would you want to leave? If you must leave, check in with Gate on your way out. To get back in, you must return only during Gate Hours (**See Gate, p8**) with:

- The re-entry pass issued to you by Gate for \$10 per person.
- Your Flipside ticket.
- Some form of identification.
- Your wristband.



## LASERS

Lasers are cool, but even inexpensive handheld ones can cause permanent blindness almost instantly if used carelessly. Before using or even packing a laser, think hard about how you will use it responsibly, and whether the fun you'll have with it will outweigh the risk. **IMPROPER USE OF LASERS CAN RESULT IN TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT BLINDNESS.** Seriously. Look it up.

- You must never shine a laser of any size into anyone's eyes, including your own.
- Anything **LARGER THAN A HANDHELD LASER MUST BE MOUNTED** 7' above the ground and **must** be aimed into the tree line.
- If you bring a laser, you take personal responsibility for the safe use of that laser.
- If you have any questions or concerns, email AAR, LLC at [LLC@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:LLC@BurningFlipside.com)

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

We create a temporary city with its own rules. This city coexists within an area of real laws. Try to make that coexistence a peaceful one. Abide by all relevant local, state and federal laws. If you see law enforcement officers, be nice to them. AAR, LLC will cooperate with all local, county, state and federal officials. We all share an interest in having a smooth event.

## PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO & AUDIO RECORDING



Burning Flipside is a private event. Redistribution or public display of images, including internet-based media, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties.

- **ASK FIRST** before you shoot or record! Many people are sensitive to photos taken or recordings made at the event.
- Images may only be taken for personal use and may not be used professionally or for any commercial purpose without prior written approval by AAR, LLC.
- Photography, videography, and audio recording for personal use is allowed; however, you must sign a Commercial Media Agreement which states in part that the media will not be used commercially unless otherwise approved by AAR, LLC (**See Media Depictions, p4**).
- **All** video cameras must be registered. Registration can be done at Gate or the Ranger Station.
- See **Social Media** below if you are considering posting photos on a website.

## SAFETY MARKERS

Any intentional removal, destruction, or alteration of the safety lighting, event signs, or caution tape is grounds for removal from the event.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Posting photos to social media sites removes your control of the photos and of the 'ask first' arrangement made with other participants. Your friend said "yes" to your snapshot, **not** to your publishing that photo into the InterCyberGooglyTweets. These sites can retain photos even after you delete them. Think twice before giving your art to Social Media Inc.



## TRESPASSING

Don't cross fences, boundary tape, and other posted boundaries. The property lines may be in unexpected places. **DO NOT CROSS THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EVENT.** If you see a sign, respect it. Trespassing on private property is illegal and can be dangerous. Disregarding boundary signs can get you ejected from the event.

## VANDALISM/ART DEFACEMENT

Defacing art or any other property that belongs to others, including the land and its trees, is **NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXERCISE OF SELF-EXPRESSION.** Anyone caught defacing any artist's work or private property without that artist's express permission will be subject to both ejection from Flipside and any potential legal charges that the artist may wish to file, with the full support of AAR, LLC.

## WRISTBANDS

Everyone is required to wear wristbands. Anyone found without a wristband may be ejected. Replacements can be acquired at the Gate (you will need your ticket and ID).

### THE COMMONS

Pyropolis has a variety of public playspaces, all a part of "The Commons." There are beaches (river access points), paths for art, and performance areas open to all Flipizens and specially set aside from personal camping.

**THE ISLAND** is an organic space with no amplified music. It is a chill-out zone filled with art where you can relax, make music and art, hang out with old friends and new, and always find peaceful refuge.

The **ARTWALK RUNS ALONGSIDE THE RIVER** for the length of the city. It is a shady stroll that takes you past many public play-spaces and art installations.

The Art team has Art Nodes all around the city and would like to invite you to **TAKE PART IN ARTIFYING, LOUNGIFYING, AND PROTECTING THEM FOR COMMON USE.** Interested in adopting an Art Node as a group or individual? Contact the Art Area Facilitator at [Art15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:Art15@BurningFlipside.com).

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# LOOK OUT!

## HAVE FUN, DON'T DIE

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### DRIVING

Many volunteer departments use golf carts as official vehicles. You must be authorized to drive an official vehicle. Participant-created art vehicles (cars, trucks, golf carts, etc.) must be registered with the Department Of Mutant Vehicles. Unauthorized or unsafe use of a vehicle can result in ejection from the event, liability for property damage, and even criminal charges (**See Mutant Vehicles, p5**).

### FAUNA

There are plenty of nasty critters all over Texas. This is not a definitive guide. Keep an eye out and try to avoid these creatures.

Pound for pound, the **FIRE ANT** is the meanest animal to ever walk the face of this great planet. Put signage around ant beds so people know to avoid them. Ants don't like cinnamon; put around your tent to keep these pests out of your stuff.

**MOSQUITOES** are omnipresent in Texas during the summer. Use bug spray, and treat bites by cleaning the bite area and rubbing on Benadryl lotion or some other anti-itch lotion. Don't scratch!



**SCORPION** stings can be painful, but they can be avoided. Scorpions like to hide under things (like tents) and in things (like shoes). If you are stung by a scorpion, wash the area with soap and water. Use ice to dull the pain. If you experience unusual symptoms (shortness of breath, dizziness, vomiting), contact the Pyropolis Emergency Team (PETs) immediately.

While many **SNAKES** are not harmful, go with the plan of mutual avoidance for safety. If you hear a rattle, stop and move slowly away from the sound. The **RIVER MAY CONTAIN WATER MOCCASINS**.

**TICKS** can carry diseases you do not want. Avoid them by using insect repellent, and wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt while setting up. If you don't know how to remove a tick, ask the PETs for assistance.

### FLORA

#### Poison Ivy



Look for asymmetric lush green leaves of 3, 5 or 7, red stems. If you think you have been exposed:

- Cleanse exposed areas with rubbing alcohol.
- Rinse with water first—no soap yet! I will only make the reaction worse. *Now* wash with soap and warm water.
- Put gloves on and wipe everything you had with you, including shoes, tools, and your clothes, with rubbing alcohol and water.
- Pack Ivy-block, Zanafel, Ivy Cleanse Towelettes and/or Tecnu Extreme Poison Ivy Scrub just in case.
- For more information visit [poisonivy.us](http://poisonivy.us)

#### Pecan Trees

The trees at the land are beautiful, sacred, and fragile. Do not hang things from the trees, as that may cause breakage. The trees are part of a working agricultural orchard. Do not paint, mark, cut, trim, drill or spike a tree for any reason. Doing so will be considered vandalism of private property. We want to be invited back, so this falls under being respectful. Some art may be allowed to hang from trees, but only with advance approval. If you are bringing art and want to explore your verticality options, contact the art lead at [Art15@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:Art15@BurningFlipside.com).

### HYDRATION

Dehydration is a very serious risk due to Texas summer heat.

**DRINK WATER**, lots of it. Beer dehydrates you; it is not water. Water is not sold at the event (except in the form of ice), so bring all the water you will need. We strongly recommend a **MINIMUM OF 3 GALLONS PER DAY**. Signs of dehydration:

- Feeling uncharacteristically cranky.
- Rapid or sudden weight loss.
- Increasing thirst.
- Dry mouth.
- Weakness or lightheadedness (particularly if worsening on standing).
- Darkening of the urine or a decrease in urination (drink enough water to "piss clear").

## THE RIVER

The San Gabriel River runs through the land and is a great place to cool off. Be aware that the water is considered public and is **NOT A PRIVATE SWIMMING HOLE**. While water



traffic in the area is uncommon, it is possible. Media, law enforcement, and others may be using this public waterway. Consider the water like a public road. Please respect all local, state, and Federal laws, and the sensibilities of our neighbors.

Before you hit the water, know:

- Swim at your own risk. There are **NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY**. **DO NOT SWIM ALONE**.
- Be alert to obstacles under the water (tree limbs! rocks!).
- It is not a pool, but real live flowing river downstream of a dam. Check first for signage before entering the water.
- Be alert to weather conditions. If there is rain in the area, water can rise rapidly. In case of storms, get out of the water.

## MUTANT VEHICLE ETIQUETTE



Mutant Vehicles can be seen and ridden at the event. Participants are responsible for interacting safely with Art Cars. Unsafe or unauthorized use can result in ejection from the event, liability for property damage and even criminal charges.

## Thou Shall Not

- Try to get on, impede, or stop a moving mutant vehicle.
- Be a jackass and still try to get on the art car if doesn't stop for you.
- Operate any mutant vehicle and/or its artistic additions (e.g., fire cannons, pants cannons, sounds and light systems, etc.) without permission of its owner/operator.
- Hi-jack, hoodwink or harass the driver whilst they are in command and control of the mutant vehicle.

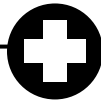
## Thou Shall

- Dance around, wave thy arms and ask politely from a safe location to get on a passing mutant vehicle.
- Wait until the mutant vehicle has come to a complete stop and you have the operator's permission before boarding or disembarking.
- Help look out for the safety of thine fellow passengers, passers-by and other sundry freaks.
- Report any safety issues, violations, and/or problems to the Pyropolis Rangers immediately.

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# SAFETY SERVICES

LOCATED AT SAFETY HQ, NOT A BAD IDEA TO KNOW WHERE IT IS



## PYROPOLIS EMERGENCY TEAM (PETS)

The Pyropolis Emergency Team (commonly referred to as 'PETs') provides **24-HOUR FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE** for Burning Flipside. Every PET is a certified or licensed medical professional who is trained to treat injuries and, if necessary, work with the Rangers to evacuate patients with serious injuries or potentially life-threatening medical conditions. If you need a PET, **THEY CAN BE FOUND AT SAFETY HQ**, or contacted via your nearest Ranger or radio-wielding volunteer. Safety HQ is located near the main field (See **Pyropolis Basic City Map**, p9).

## PYROPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pyropolis Fire Department is made up of trained firefighters. In an emergency, the fire team can be reached at Safety HQ or via radio by any radio-wielding volunteer, including any Ranger.

## RANGERS

Radical self-reliance and respect means you are responsible for your own actions. Make sure your actions don't interfere with the enjoyment of the event for others. This includes being respectful of your neighbors, controlling the volume of your camp, and working out disagreements respectfully. Rangers mosey through the event. You can reach out to them if you need urgent help, or assistance in resolving a conflict. They are not police, **THEY ARE NOT THE MAN. RANGERS ARE PARTICIPANTS WHO VOLUNTEER** to help make our event safe and smooth, so that we can all have more fun. There will always be a ranger at Safety HQ.

## SANCTUARY

Flipside can be a challenging environment, not just physically but emotionally, and sometimes people get overwhelmed. Sanctuary is there to help participants get centered and get back into the event.

## ALL KIDDING ASIDE, THIS IS IMPORTANT



- **You voluntarily assume any risk of serious injury or death by attending.**
- You must bring enough food, water, shelter and first aid to survive a long summer weekend in rural Texas.
- You may encounter venomous snakes and insects, wild animals, thorns and poison ivy.
- Proper footwear and personal lighting are essential.
- Extreme heat is to be expected and flash flood conditions are possible.
- Be aware.
- This is not a consumer event. Leave nothing behind when you leave the site. This is what it means to Leave No Trace.
- Firearms, fireworks, rockets and all other explosives are prohibited.
- Commercial use of photo/video/audio and other media depictions taken at Burning Flipside is prohibited without prior written consent of Austin Artistic Reconstruction, LLC.
- No vending.
- No pets.
- No spectators.
- Austin Artistic Reconstruction, LLC, reserves the right to deny entry to the event or to revoke event access at any time for any reason or for no reason whatsoever.
- Tickets are non-refundable.

### YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES IN THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE.

*To learn more about Flipside 2015 and how you can get involved, visit [BurningFlipside.com](http://BurningFlipside.com) or email [VolunteerInfo@BurningFlipside.com](mailto:VolunteerInfo@BurningFlipside.com)*



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