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The annual Arizona Burners HOLIDAZE party is coming up!

From this year's host, B-Rad:

Location:

B Rad's Casa

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<http://tinyurl.com/ckvd3op>

Contact cell: 602 980 4481

Facebook link: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=106447129469545>

This is an Arizona Burners Event so if you are inviting friends, be certain they are aware or interested in our culture, dress code (or lack thereof), and comfortable with nudity.

Time: The event officially starts at 6pm on Friday December 16th. Staying over on Saturday to hang out and help clean up is also encouraged or if you want to work on your Santacon outfit we will be offering a sewing machine, white fur and hot glue guns. Event ends at 2pm Saturday.

Immediate needs: We would like some rangers or other responsible people to be "on staff" for this event. We expect the community to be self-policing, however we would like people to specifically watch for problems such as party crashers and underage drinkers. Bartenders are encouraged to sign up if you enjoy making drinks.

LNT organizers are also needed, both to make a few signs and organize before and during the event post event to clean up. I like planning with others, it makes it more interesting!

Show us your stuff! - As this is a Burning Man style event please participate if you can. Feel free to bring any art, toys or party favors, costumes, etc. If you plan on doing fire art, please check with me in advance and let me know your space needs. There is room for fire art outside as well as performances. A fire pit will be going for warmth and a need to burn!

I will be providing sound and some DJ's as well as a host provided Keg. If you would like to contribute art, music, fire, video, so on and so forth. If you are a musician and would like to play in the studio, please send me a set list and I will reciprocate so we have a legitimate live sound that sounds like we practiced more than once. If you would like to practice or bring your band over prior to the party for practice session please let me know the date(s). please contact: B Rad at: [ayev8tor\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:ayev8tor@gmail.com) with any questions/concerns.

Guests: Please use your best judgment when inviting other individuals. If you have 1 or 2 friends that you would like to introduce into the Burner Community please bring them, but please understand this is a private residence.

Dress Code and age: Use your best Playa etiquette, wear your Santacon outfit and playa attire highly recommended, but not required. Nudity is also allowed anywhere past the front door. Remember, nudity does not mean sex, don't touch without permission. Same goes for photographs. If skin is showing ask first. Based on an event that took place under the black lights in the studio about 3am, black light body painting could be fun distraction!

This event has an established age limit of 21 years and older. If you or a guest is under 18 or 21 please check in with the host before hand. We will be selectively carding people that we don't know. Those persons under 21 who are not with a responsible person 21 or over will not be admitted entrance.

We will make every attempt to be inclusive, but we also have to protect ourselves from legal consequences. Remember it is a burner party, clothing is optional and often with adult activity.

Food/Beverage: Holiday is a BYO Everything. Please bring everything you will need for the time you expect to stay - food, beverages, alcohol, ice, plates and cups, clothing, bedding, carpets, tents, music, toys, fire, firewood, furry stuff, whatever strikes your fancy. I will have several yurts set up so there will be plenty of sleeping/play areas. There are several pull out sofa beds in the house so claim yours early! The front bedroom is already spoken for.

There will be a propane BBQ grill at your disposal. If you are planning to stay over until Saturday, the kitchen will be available for breakfast.

Q: How does this year's ticket purchase system work?

A: The Open Sale will work like a typical transaction with real-time results as you would experience for a typical online purchase. The random-selection sales (our Pre-Sale and Main Sale) will work differently. During the registration period you will register for an opportunity to purchase tickets. At the end of the registration period, a computerized random selection will be conducted to award tickets to buyers.

Q: Isn't the term "random selection" just another way of saying "lottery"?

A: Technically, yes, but in the public mind a "lottery" implies ONE winner, whereas in this case the system is being used to distribute tens of thousands of tickets, so the word "lottery" doesn't accurately describe it.

Q: If I get a ticket through the Pre-Sale, Main Sale or Open Sales, can I still apply for a Low Income ticket?

A: No. These tickets are reserved for people who -- financially -- really need them.

Q: What are the available forms of payment for tickets?

A: We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club credit cards.

Q: I don't have a credit card, only a debit card. Can I use that?

A: Yes, you can use a debit card, as long as it carries a MasterCard or Visa logo. You'll also want to check to make sure that your daily purchase limit is high enough to accommodate the price of the tickets you are hoping to buy.

Q: I don't have a credit OR a debit card. How can I get tickets?

A: Pre-loaded single-use credit cards are available in a number of locations; as long as it is one of the accepted card types above, you can use it to purchase in the Pre-, Main or the Open Sale. In the past we allowed PayPal as an option, but that won't be possible for ticket sales in 2012.

Q: Will my credit card number be safe?

A: Yes, our ticket vendor follows PCI Data Security Standards

(www.pcisecuritystandards.org) to securely store your credit card information. Once all orders are complete and the registration period ends, all credit card and personal information will be removed from the system.

Q: Can I buy tickets at a walk-in outlet?

A: Tickets will no longer be available through our walk-in outlets. It was necessary to eliminate walk-in sales in 2011 once the event reached capacity, as there are no means to manage multiple-tiered ticket inventory at multiple walk in outlets while also selling tickets online without overselling. We do thank all our outlets for their years of service to our community and strongly encourage you to continue supporting their businesses!

Q: Can my tickets be held at Will Call?

A: Yes, Will Call will remain an option in 2012 instead of mailing a physical ticket, and all international orders will again be required to be at Will Call, located at the Black Rock City Gate.

Q: Will tickets be sold at the Gate to Black Rock City?

A: No.

RANDOM-SELECTION SYSTEM FAQ

Q: Can I register more than once?

A: No. Only one registration per person will be allowed. A variety of checks and mechanisms will be in place to ensure this is the case.

Q: Can I register multiple times with different credit cards?

A: No. Again, only one registration per person. This isn't fair to others. If you're trying to help your camp acquire tickets we urge you to look at the various purchasing options as additional opportunities and to utilize the approved "secondary sales" environment that we'll be creating.

Q: Will I need to provide credit card info when I register?

A: Yes, a valid credit card will be required. Invalid credit card numbers will be disqualified for participation in the selection process. You will NOT have an opportunity to provide a secondary form of payment.

Q: If I am randomly selected to buy tickets will I then have to take another step to complete the purchase process?

A: No, if your entry is selected, the credit card you provided as part of your registration will be automatically charged for the number of tickets you indicated you wanted to buy (within stated limits, plus applicable fees).

Q: When does my credit card get charged?

A: After the random selection is complete, your credit card will be charged. For the Pre-Sale, that would be on or before December 19, 2011. For the Main Sale, that would be on or before February 1.

Q: How will I be notified that I have or have not been awarded tickets?

A: You will be emailed (at the email address you provided during registration) after the random selection process is complete and your credit card has been charged.

Q: If the system awards me a ticket, can I choose NOT to purchase tickets?

A: Nope. When the random selection happens, your credit card will be automatically and immediately charged for the full cost of your tickets ... as always, all sales are final.

Q: What if I don't have room on my credit card/debit card when the random selection process is complete?

A: The sale will not be processed and your ticket will go to someone else. One solution is to purchase a prepaid credit card for your tickets if you are concerned about fluctuating balances or available funds on your regular card.

Q: If I purchase tickets through the Main Sale, can I still purchase tickets through the Open Sale or the Low Income program?

A: No, once you have purchased tickets you are ineligible to purchase tickets through the Open Sale or to apply for Low Income tickets.

PRE-SALE FAQ

Q: How much do Pre-Sale tickets cost?

A: Pre-Sale tickets are \$420 each, plus applicable shipping and handling fees.

Q: Is the Pre-Sale a random-selection process?

A: Yes. It will operate the same way as the Main Sale (see above).

Q: What are the dates I can register for the Pre-Sale?

A: The registration period for the Pre-Sale will be November 28, 2011 through December 11, 2011 at 11:59pm PST.

Q: If I register for the Pre-Sale, when will I be notified if I've been awarded tickets?

A: If you enter the Pre-Sale you will be notified of the outcome, either way, no later than December 19, 2011.

Q: How many Pre-Sale tickets may I buy?

A: Pre-Sale tickets are limited to four per person.

Q: How many tickets are available in the Pre-Sale?

A: 3,000.

Q: If I get Pre-Sale tickets, does that disqualify me from participating in the Main Sale?

A: Yes. However, if you are NOT selected to purchase Pre-Sale tickets, you will be automatically registered for the Main Sale.

Q: Why are the Pre-Sales tickets more costly than the Main Sale tickets?

A: Two reasons: to help prohibit exploitation of the system by those wishing to up their odds of getting tickets in the Main Sale, and also to help offset the reduced price of the lower tier and Low Income/Scholarship tickets.

Q: When will I get my Pre-Sale tickets?

A: If you're purchasing during the Pre-Sale, you will receive a lovely digital image as part of your confirmation email which you can print out to give to your lucky recipient if you're giving them as a gift.

The physical tickets will be sent in the mail in June, at the same time the Main Sale and Open Sale tickets are sent out.

MAIN SALE FAQ

Q: When can I register for the Main Sale?

A: Registration for the Main Sale will be from January 9, 2012 to January 22, 2012 at 11:59pm PST.

Q: What are the chances that I won't get a ticket?

A: It's really impossible to say, as we don't know how many people will register for the Main Sale. There are several opportunities to purchase a ticket, so this isn't your only option.

Q: Will I possibly end up buying a ticket at a pricing tier I can't afford?

A: No. During registration, you're able to specify the highest pricing tier you wish to be considered for.

Q: How do I increase my chances of getting a ticket in the Main Sale?

A: You can increase your chances by opting into all the pricing tiers.

(We believe, based on many years of analyzing supply and demand, that most participants will find they are able to access a ticket on an acceptable timeline.)

Q: How long will I have to wait to know if I've gotten tickets? How am I supposed to start planning?

A: There will be just over one week between the closing of registration and notification of results. You will find out by February 1 whether or not you got tickets in the Main Sale; if you are not awarded these tickets, you may purchase tickets during the Open Sale, until they are gone.

Q: Can I resell my tickets?

A: Yes. The process for changing the name on an order and reselling will be posted later. We believe the community will be best served if there is an official environment for secondhand (we call them "gently used") ticket sales, and we plan to create such a tool. You are, as always, requested to sell your tickets only at or below face value. If you choose not to join us in Black Rock City and wish to re-sell your entry ticket, you should know that it's frowned upon in our community to resell the ticket over face value.

Q: Why are physical tickets being sent out so late this year?

A: This limits the period of time that physical tickets spend in the market, thereby keeping the secondary market cooled down. It will also make it less likely that people will lose their tickets (a perennial problem). We're also working to send the Survival Guide with the ticket at the same time.

Q: What if I move before my tickets are sent out?

A: You'll need to change your address through the ticketing website.

GENERAL FAQ

Q: Doesn't a random selection process run counter to being "radically inclusive"?

A: An event that might sell out and can't accept all who want to participate is already in conflict with such a principle to some degree. With this system, you have a chance to get a ticket even if you can't afford to spend time purchasing tickets online at a single specified launch time. Unfortunately, there may once again be more people that want tickets than there are tickets available; put simply, that means as far as Black Rock City goes, some who desire inclusion may not be able to attend.

This doesn't mean someone isn't part of the community, or is unwelcome to participate in Burning Man. Burning Man is not just one event -- it's a way of looking at life, and that is available to everyone. We do want everyone who wants to attend to be able to get a ticket, and we hope if anyone misses out, it won't be very many.

Q: Where did you come up with the idea for this style of ticketing system?

A: We were inspired toward this solution by several other events that use random-selection systems to access a limited number of tickets.

This includes several Burning Man Regional events (including Flipside in Texas, which has used a random selection process for years) and several larger-scale events worldwide. As a system for distributing tickets, we felt it would satisfy the need to improve the ticket buying experience and create a more even-handed way for our community to access tickets.

Q: What about collaboration? How will we know how to plan our camp/vehicle/performance/artwork if we don't know how many people in our team will get a ticket?

A: This is an important question, because Burning Man is an intensely collaborative culture. We know that you can't commit on an idea if you're not sure your collaborators will be able to get tickets to the event. Given this, the Main Sale will happen very early in the year to help you know as quickly as possible how to plan. That said, we also know that a number of people (including core community members) either can't commit by January or don't have their money together in January; for them and any folks who don't get tickets through the Pre-Sale or Main Sale, there are tickets being held aside for the Open Sale in March. This will allow projects to add collaborators as plans unfold

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** Quick rundown of the various public AZBurner-related lists and websites!

<http://www.azburners.org>

The official site for the Arizona Burners. Check this out for information on upcoming events, travel information, and lots of information that can help you enjoy your first Burning man event!

<http://www.meetazburners.com/>

This unofficial sight is run by a member of the AZBurner community. It's a great place for Burner Classifieds and Ride Shares.

<http://www.twitter.com/azburners>

The official Arizona Burners Twitter feed

<http://gplus.am/azburners>

The official Arizona Burners Google Plus page.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Azburners/>

This is the main "general discussion" list. This is generally an "on-topic" list for information concerning Burning Man and Arizona Burners.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Azofftop/>

This is everything else! No holds barred, though do remember that the people on the other side of your keyboard are real and have feelings too!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Azburnersnorth/>

This is another "on-topic" list that generally caters to Northern Arizona Burners. Flagstaff, Prescott, etc.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SaguaroMan/>

The Saguaro Man list is for discussions directly related to the Saguaro Man event.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/az_regional_event/

This is the "organizers" list for Saguaro Man and Decompression. It's open to everybody because everybody should be involved! Please note that this list is about people being constructive and getting stuff done.

arizona-announce mailing list

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<https://lists.burningman.com/mailman/listinfo/arizona-announce>