

# BURNT SOUP 2024

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## Elsewhere Playa, Texas

Recreation Destination: 3550 Pursley Road, Dripping Springs, Texas

**BY PURCHASING A TICKET, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES IN THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE.**

Note: New Organizational (org.) team members are Gary Lomb, Julie Wood, Juni Gloves, and Shane Stenger. See link below for additional info

[2024 Introduction - Public Link - Google Docs](#)

**THURSDAY, August 29 to MONDAY, September 2, 2024**

### GATE HOURS

(Are strict and will not be bent for anyone, pls don't even ask)

**Thursday, August 29**

**2:00 pm – 9:00pm**

*Do NOT show up early: you will not be admitted! The road in is narrow and we need to get infrastructure in place. If you arrive early, you will be in the way!!!*

**Friday, August 30**

**9:00 am - 12:00 am**

**Saturday, August 31**

**9:00 am - 12:00 am**

**Sunday, September 1**

**9:00 am – 6:00 pm**

*No admittance after 6:00 pm so volunteers can enjoy the event too!*

**Monday, September 2**

*GTFO! You must leave the property by 3:00 pm.*

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*Shout out to our artists who created the stickers for the contest!!*





## GATE, TICKETS, and GREETERS

### PURCHASING YOUR TICKET



Event and ticket info can be found at:

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[2024 Burnt Soup Ticket Purchasing Information - Public Link - Google Docs](#)

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If someone else will be using your ticket or your extra ticket but their name isn't in the database, **THEY WILL BE SENT BACK TO DEFAULT WORLD! TICKET TRANSFER DEADLINE DATE IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

- The minimum age for Burnt Soup attendees is 18 years old.
- No animals are allowed unless they are service animals and must be well behaved. (We really don't want to have a soup dog thread)
- If you have a disability and would like to request accommodations, please reach out to an Org team member and we will do our best to assist in any way above and beyond our abilities. [burntsouptxorg@gmail.com](mailto:burntsouptxorg@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook.
- **There are no refunds – Burnt Soup will be held rain or shine.**

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### ENTERING THE GATE

(YAY you made it)

The first folks you'll encounter are the Property staff of Recreation Destination!

**THE GATE IS STAFFED BY THE VENUE STAFF.** Burnt Soup does not have any control over how the gate operates. This is why it is important to make it here before gates close!

**YOU WILL NEED YOUR ID AND CONFIRMATION NUMBER** sent to your email! **CELL RECEPTION IS SPOTTY - PLEASE** have this number on hand. This is where you will sign the Site Waiver forms – **LEGIBLY PRINT YOUR REAL NAME ON THE WAIVER FORMS, NOT YOUR BURNER NAME.**

Follow all requests from Gate staff. **NO GIVING THEM ATTITUDE - IT WILL NOT GET YOU IN ANY FASTER and they have been given permission to put people in the time out chair of perpetual doom, if necessary, aka your driver's seat back home.**

Be nice to Gate. They're super-awesome folks who ensure the use of the Property an essential job for Burnt Soup! We know you might be tired from your drive, but good news is you are almost home. ❤️

**\*\* REMEMBER TO KEEP CLOTHED PROPERLY UNTIL you hit GREETERS \*\***

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## CHECKING IN AT GREETERS

- After checking in at Gate, you will proceed to Greeters and check in with them. This is where you will be greeted, sign your Burnt Soup Event Waiver form, and receive your wristband.
- 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. Ex: water, other drinks, snacks, compliments, and consensual hugs.
- Greeters will **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.) and know the basics of the principals esp. consent. **IF YOU'RE NOT FULLY PREPARED, YOU MAY BE TURNED BACK** to finish gathering enough provisions and/or study up on the principles (esp. consent).

## PARKING and VEHICLES

- Once you have been properly Greeted, Greeters will help you navigate Recreation Destination and Areas to Camp on the Elsewhere Playa.
- If you've reserved an RV spot, please let greeters know and they will direct you appropriately. Limited Hookups are available by reservation only. No tent camping in the RV area. RV/Trailer/Pop-up only. Rangers may ask you to relocate your RV if it is deemed an obstacle. No in-and-out for RVs. They must be parked and left stationary during event.
- Greeters will mark your Vehicle with a Time. You will have a **WINDOW OF 2 HOURS TO UNPACK AND GET YOUR CAR TO PARKING** - You must park your car in Parking unless you are car camping or have a Medical issue requiring easy access to your Vehicle! Please email: [burntsouptxorg@gmail.com](mailto:burntsouptxorg@gmail.com) to make arrangements for ADA compliant parking. Bring tapestries, tarps, blankets, etc to disguise your car camping vehicle. Make art out of it! If you are sleeping in your vehicle and it is parked in your camp you **MUST** disguise, cover or otherwise get rid of its 'car-ness'. Part of the fun of a burn is taking us out of the default and what says real world more than a car?
- Once you are done unpacking take your car back to parking where you will be directed to PARK in the designated parking areas so that you can safely leave your vehicle and join the FUN on the playa!
- **MUTANT VEHICLES:** An art car is supposed to be ART! Please artify your Mutant Vehicle or it will need to go to regular Parking. Be creative, make it come to life, have fun with it. But be thoughtful about MOOP and the leave no trace principle.

To drive your sweet art ride around the city:

- **BE BASELINE SOBER!!**
- Speed limit 5 mph.
- Yield to everyone (Art cars should yield to pedestrians, bikes, carts, little red wagons...).
- Abide by instructions from Rangers and event volunteers/LLC.
- Have gel headlights if driving at night. You can use red translucent film. Please don't blind participants with your bright headlights!
- Driving an art car is a privilege which can be revoked if guidelines aren't followed. Please don't put others and/or you own safety at risk.

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# VOLUNTEERING:

It's a great way to Participate, Learn more about the community and Meet people! And burners LOVE their volunteers!!

There are so many valuable ways to participate at a burn: create art, perform, be yourself, or maybe join or create a Theme Camp. But one of the greatest ways to help the community is to Volunteer! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

More information email: [burntsouptxorg@gmail.com](mailto:burntsouptxorg@gmail.com) or join the FB group Burnt Soup TX at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/315319008601646>



## EFFIGY

Due to frequent burn bans in Hays County during soup time, we are planning both a water and burning effigy. We won't know what we will be able to do until closer to the event. If you would like to help with the effigies shoot the organization team an email or message on Burnt Soup TX Facebook page.

## THEME and SOUND CAMPS

Theme and Sound camps are a central part of the Soup experience for a lot of people and a great way to participate and meet likeminded burners. Please Contact the org. team for more info. All sound **MUST** be kept below 85db.

**All safety teams below can be reached at Safety HQ near the main field.**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT 🔥

In an emergency, the fire team can be reached at Safety HQ or via radio by any radio-wielding volunteer.

## MEDICAL TEAM 🏠

The Medical Team provides **BASIC FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE** for Burnt Soup. Our medical team volunteers are certified or licensed medical professionals who are trained to treat injuries and, if necessary, work with the Rangers to evacuate patients with serious injuries or potentially life-threatening medical conditions.

**DRINK MORE WATER!!**

## SANCTUARY 🌈

Burnt Soup can be a challenging environment, not just physically but emotionally, and sometimes people get overwhelmed. **SANCTUARY** is there to help get you centered and get back into the soup. Find information at HQ or find anyone with a radio to help.

## RANGERS 🚒

Radical self-reliance and respect mean that you are responsible for your own actions. Make sure your actions don't interfere with the enjoyment of the event for others. This means following basic courtesy and working out disagreements respectfully. Rangers will be wandering around the event. You can reach out to them if you need urgent help, or assistance in resolving a conflict or have an **EMERGENCY SITUATION**. They are not police, **THEY ARE NOT THE MAN. RANGERS ARE PARTICIPANTS WHO VOLUNTEER**

They help make our event safe from outside interference (self-policing), so that we can celebrate 24/7 during the Burn. There will always be a ranger at Safety HQ. **LOOK FOR TAN SHIRT**

**DRINK even MORE**

**WATER with electrolyes!!**

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## PRINCIPLES of BURNS:

This is what makes our community special

**Radical Inclusion:** We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

**Gifting:** Burnt Soup is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value. This can also include your time for volunteering.

**Decommodification:** In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

**Radical Self Reliance:** Burnt Soup encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources while knowing that it is also ok to ask for help if you need it.

**Radical Self-expression:** BE YOURSELF! Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

**Communal Effort:** Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote, and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

**Civic Responsibility:** We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

**Leave no trace:** Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We strive to leave places in a better state than when we found them.

**Participation:** Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve Being through

Doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

**Immediacy:** Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

## **\*\* CONSENT \*\***

(is sooooo sexy)

(Part of Civic Responsibility) **PERSONAL BOUNDARIES**  
Respect the personal boundaries of others. Pay attention there might be a quiz on this section later.

- Before Contact, **ASK**. Do not assume someone wants your physical contact. **NO** means **NO**. Look for enthusiastic **YES** for consent!!
- If you are not sure, ask.
- If someone is intoxicated and can't give a **NO** or enthusiastic **YES** or speak, that means **NO!**
- After someone has said **NO**: cajoling, pleading, or any form of **EMOTIONAL BLACKMAIL IS UNACCEPTABLE**. And is cause for ejection from the playa.
- Respecting personal boundaries includes getting consent **BEFORE** taking pictures or video too.

### **NOTE: PHOTOS/VIDEO/SOCIAL MEDIA**

The right not to be photographed (or recorded in other ways) always trumps the right to take a photograph. The same goes for posting photos without consent on social media! **ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION**. Taking Photos without consent may result in being ejected from the event.

**IF YOU NEED HELP CONTACT A RANGER OR ANYONE IN SAFETY!**

Want more info on Consent? Check out this short 4 min. video (Soup in in no way affiliated with the persons who created the video we just think its super informative)

<https://youtu.be/TBFCeGDVAdQ?si=5w5jR5cFp-SluZ2k>

# SAFETY

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## FIRES / FIRE PROPS

Around soup time there is usually a burn ban in Hayes Co. **Fire props will be permitted only at the sand-pit volleyball court.** Please check in with HQ first if you are interested in fire spinning.

**NO GROUND FIRES.** Propane cooking appliances must be a minimum of 28" above the ground. You **MUST** have a fire extinguisher handy while cooking. You may share an extinguisher with a neighboring camp, but only one stove can be on at a time.

## POOL and CREEK

A creek runs around the land and the pool is located on the lower field near the pavilion. This a great place to cool off. Be aware that the river is considered public and is **NOT A PRIVATE SWIMMING HOLE.** Be alert to obstacles in the creek such as tree limbs or rocks. 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. The pool is completely private for our use! **PLEASE USE THE SHOWER BEFORE GOING INTO POOL** Swim at your own risk. There are **NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY. DO NOT SWIM ALONE.** There are outdoor showers across from the pool and Indoor ones up the path. **MAKE SURE TO TURN OFF WATER** after shower use!! And if a toilet or shower won't stop running contact someone at HQ or someone with a radio.

### DON'T BE THAT GUY! 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.

- 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. **And you will be ejected from the event if found with these items.**
- Commercial use of photo/video/audio and other media depictions taken at Burnt Soup TX is prohibited.
- No Pets allowed. ADA certified with vest/equipment is accepted ALWAYS!
- No **POINTING LASERS AT PARTICIPANTS!!!!**
- If you bring it in, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING IT OUT.** There is **NO** recycling station, you must haul out your own trash. **PACK IN, PACK OUT!** Leave no trace. **TAKE TIME TO PICK UP MOOP** (Matter Out Of Place) this includes organic items such as banana peels, eggs shells, etc.
- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING GLASS, FEATHERS, GLITTER, SEQUINS,** Etc. If it falls off your artistic clothing, then you are required to pick it up and take it home with you.
- No vending except for Ice. The price of Ice will be determined once a contract is signed. Listen for onsite announcements of when Ice will be open.

## WATCH OUT FOR

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- Fire Ants
- Mosquitoes
- Scorpions
- Snakes
- Ticks
- Poison Ivy
- Dehydration – **DRINK MORE WATER** than you think you need. Then drink more with electrolytes!!

**Need help? Look for Rangers in Khaki, Sanctuary in Purple, Medical in Red shirts, or anyone one with a radio or golf cart. Or you can go to HQ.**

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# WHAT TO BRING

(this list is not all encompassing so use your own discretion)

- **RECOMMENDED: THREE GALLONS OF WATER PER PERSON PER DAY** (for drinking, dish washing, food preparation, etc.). Don't forget electrolytes!!
- Remember to bring all necessary medications with you. Basic first aid will be available, but always good to be prepared too. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARD THAT SOMEONE WHO KNOWS YOU KNOWS HOW TO RETRIEVE!**
- Toiletries, Glasses...etc...
- Single-ply toilet paper—the toilets can run out.
- Enough food and beverages for you.
- Bedding and shelter of some type
- 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 ANYTHING (mint tins work well) LNT
- 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 "VESSEL").
- Ice chest, ice for the entire duration of your stay, or cash for ice sales.
- Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets; things to break the cruel midday sun.
- A cooking stove. Fuel for stoves, generators, mutant vehicles, etc.
- **EARPLUGS** (not everyone will sleep when you do).
- Spray bottle (for misting).
- Insect bite treatment/medication
- Watertight protective bags (e.g. heavy Ziplocs) for electronic gear, etc.
- Blinky lights, toys, **MAGICAL FABULOUSNESS** and swell stuff to share; anything you think would make things more fun for you and your fellow Burners, i.e. - GIFTING!
- Handi-wipes. Do not Flush them!
- Rope, string, duct tape, zip ties.
- Abundant amounts of whatever makes your life better: **BEER, BACON, CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, Etc..**
- Clothing for a range of weather conditions. And Costumes!
- Common Sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude.

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