GREENING YOUR NEST - Forest of Wild Love

Credit to Roy Graff for sharing the original document for this Greening your Nest.

PREPARATION

Take time to read through this document and educate yourself on leaving a better trace. Please at very least read the information highlighted in green.

- Plan ahead what you need and leave a lot of time to prepare. If you rush things you'll be tempted to purchase unnecessary things on the way there, and more likely to purchase cheap things that could break.
- Coordinate with your friends/camp. Share all your resources, share items instead of purchasing new ones
- Borrow as much as you can. If you still need something new, scour resources for used items
- Get knowledgeable about the latest plans for recycling on site - More Information about this below.
- Consider how to reduce packaging when making purchases for you/your camp.
- Bring reusable bags for any grocery trips during the week.
- Source locally - could you get food/beer/cider in the local area
- Create/ join groups sharing resources for making art
- Purchase a sturdy, well-made tent that can withstand all kinds of weather it could encounter. In the long run you will save money in comparison to a cheap tent that could get destroyed in one festival or season and end up in landfill (these can't become donations for refugee shelters - they are not fit for living in). A lightly used high quality tent will be a better investment long term than a cheap low quality one.
- Bring natural biodegradable SPF lotions and hygiene products (no SLSs!)
- Bring natural biodegradable soaps for your showers.
- Glass and other similar materials will need to be taken home with you. So leave enough space for this.
- Come to an LBT lead if you need any advice or assistance!

TRANSPORT

- You can head to Newton Abbot station and then get the bus. Or Exeter, but then you'll need to make sure you're on the right side of the highway! Alternatively, ask to be picked up at either station.
- Burner Bus (**Goes off sale on the 4th of May or when they sell out**) London Victoria -> Nest; departs Mon 18 May at 12PM
  Nest -> London Victoria; departs Sun 24 May at 3PM

  Tickets are £28 each way (need to be bought separately).

  If you're doing Forest build, you cannot get the burner bus there (build arrival is Saturday night).

  If you're doing Forest strike, and you take the burner bus, then you'll miss the last couple of hours of strike.

  Tickets here for the Burner Bus.

- Rideshare and fill all seats:
  Peri's set up Forest ride shares! Head over to the Master info spreadsheet if you're interested:
  Ride share HAVE A RIDE:
  Ride share NEED A RIDE:

  There's also a Nest central Signal group for Ride-Shares:

  And this is the Burning Nest Ride-Share google docs sheet, which I believe also includes collecting from the station:
- Offset your carbon output (although reduction is better). Also, consider your vehicles: LPG, biodiesel, electric motors, etc.
- You could Cycle if possible, either from the closest train station, or all the way
- Camps and artists who need large items brought to site can share resources to rent large vans together

CAMPS & ART

- Design camp and art structures out of material that will last or can be re-used rather than breaking easily.
- Consider reusable zip ties rather than throwaway plastic ones
- Use recycled or reclaimed materials. Research where to obtain repurposed materials in your area. Try: Facebook Marketplace for wood pallets and timber; Freecycle for furniture and camp things; local charity shops for deco, Olio or Trash Nothing
- Don't burn anything with plastic or inorganic elements/toxic materials
- Use solar powered lighting
- Purchase any new materials from environmentally conscious sources
- Consider what the end-game is before you even start when planning art- where will this end up after Nest? Can I design this to be easily transported to other events? Can I design it to be easily repurposed or recycled?
- Coordinate to lend items to your camp instead of buying new things for the camp
- Coordinate between camps and artists to share resources and tools
- Could your moving art use people-power to make it move? Saves energy and can be fun!
- Use solar-powered lighting, solar chargers, solar panels for the camp
- Store camp infrastructure locally if it's not going to be needed elsewhere to save on transport
- Consider donating leftover materials from past projects to other artists/camps to repurpose

FOOD AND DRINKS

- Prepare food in sensible quantities. record and update the numbers of people eating at each meal to reduce food waste. Gift leftovers promptly. Compost food waste.
- Use a communal Burner Cookbook resource which has GF/ vegan/ nut free recipes in and are upscalable for £5 per person per day - Crumpet has a copy - just ask!
- Source food/drink locally
- Bring your own reusable bags and refuse the plastic bags - If you have to use a supermarket,
- Consider sharing gas or power with another camp or camps, to minimise the use of fuel, gas and gas canisters
- Work with others to bulk buy food/drink. Maybe locally sourced? Try Approved Foods (online) for cheap bulk supplies that are near to or just past the Best Before date, but still perfectly edible.
- Bring your own reusable containers - Nest has drinking water available,
- Bring your own cups and reusable utensils
- Consider donating leftover food: Dry unopened foods at the gate for local food charity/donations. These charities should also have fridges for uncooked foods that are in date. Check with your LBT lead about this.

COSTUMES & PERSONAL ITEMS

- No glitter (microplastics). There are also issues with 'biodegradable' glitter at burns (it takes them a while to actually biodegrade and therefore it does leave a temporary trace, and one cannot tell by looking whether or not it is bio, therefore it has to be treated as MOOP and picked up regardless).
- How much El-wire do you really need, especially at events with no vehicles moving around? Is it worth the waste of batteries? Could you use glow-in-the dark elements, reflective or sparkly fabrics, or other alternatives to look fabulous at night?
- No glow sticks (one time use) - these can't be recycled, last only a short time, they add toxic fillers to landfill. Use reusable personal lighting/torches
- Keep your tent closed and camp items secured so things don't blow away and onto the land in a wind gust or storm
- Find used costume items at charity shops, on Ebay/ Depop/ Gumtree etc.
- Support designers who used recycled/repurposed materials, or at least sustainably harvested natural materials like cork, linen, and hemp.
- Could you make your own unique costume by repurposing old ratty clothing or fabric offcuts? Scrounge some used items that might otherwise go to landfill and stick them to an old hat to transform it into something special? Get creative!
- Organise costume-making events ahead of Nest, where fellow Burners can get together locally, share resources and ideas for costumes and decor, and work together
- Mend and fix your costumes and accessories when they break/ tear.
- Have clothing swaps to pass on things you're bored of and find new things- the Apple Tree pub in London has a monthly clothes swap event for the fabulous
- Use non-toxic and biodegradable body paints and hair dyes

VOLUNTEERING FOR LBT

- **Day leads**
- **Washing up**

Everyone will need to help with the initial sweep (on Sunday) to make it much easier and more efficient to pack our camp up with the final sweep on Monday.

MOOP

MOOP = Matter Out Of Place
Pick it up, even if it's not yours!
Totally avoid:

- Feathers
- Glitter
- Disposable cups/plates/flatware
- Cigarette butts on the ground
- Non-biodegradable soap/shampoo - If you would like brand recommendations, please ask at: LBT@burningnest.co.uk

If you find any MOOP (outside the camp) that someone may have just misplaced, please take it to lost and found! Otherwise see below what to do if it is found in the camp.

As at Burning Man, if the area of your camp is left with a lot of MOOP, it can affect placement at the next Nest. The LBT report will be shared with all theme camp LBT leads after strike finishes.

Colour code meaning implications:

Green - Passed LBT 1st check - Can reapply in 2027

Yellow - Passed on 2nd/3rd check - Can reapply in 2027- with a caution

Orange: Small amount of MOOP left on-site - Can reapply- in 2027 with a caution and additional inspection mid-week

Red: A lot of MOOP left on-site - Cannot reapply in 2027

OTHER

- Respect the wildlife and any animals you encounter on the land, and teach children the same
- Don't wash up in the lake/creek/spring, wash up away from water sources and let the ground take the grey water from washing
- Recyclables are to be put in clear bin bags, general waste is to be put in black bin bags

WASTE DISPOSAL

We will have access to a big blue 1100L Recycling bin that is being borrowed from Nest.

Recycling must be clean and free of food.The recycling company will not accept contaminated recycling waste, and will dispose of this as general waste at a higher cost, if found.

Recycling for the big 1100L bin will need to be separated into the following materials (Please read all to familiarise yourselves:

- **Paper and Cardboard, and Tetra pak:** (Tetra pak is cardboard and foil cartons with plastic lids - mostly milks)
- **Aluminium (drinking cans) -** Nest LBT can get money back for this
- **Plastic and Metals (NO FOIL)**: Needs to be separated from Aluminium. **Any Steel found with aluminium and the whole bag may be disposed of as general waste.**

Other waste to bear in mind:

- **Grey water (mainly from washing up water):** filter out organic matter (and compost it), then pour the water into the woods.
- **Food wastage**: a food waste bin will be provided in the camp, where the washing up monitors will dump camp collected food waste in the Compost Pit by the Troll Bar (not in the Troll Bar)
- **Glass**: Avoid bringing to site if possible for LBT and H&S Reasons. **Camp members should properly dispose of glass themselves by recycling offsite.** The only Glass remaining should be anything bought by the theme camp to recycle off site.
- **Lost and found if in camp only areas**: a designated area will be provided.
- **Lost and found if in public spaces**: we will have a dedicated space, where a Forest representative will take any lost and found to the LBT hub at the end of each day
- **Everything else**: Use bins with black bin bags provided

Thank you so much for reading how you can Green your Nest this year.

Please reach out to Daelyn or Alice (otherwise your day lead for the selected day) if you need any assistance or have any questions!