

AMBER BURN

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GUIDELINES FOR AMBER BURN '22 VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Lithuania Burners community! **Amber Burn is a regional Burning Man gathering in Lithuania, run entirely by volunteers following the 10 Principles of Burning Man.**

What happens at Amber Burn is totally up to us. We all are participants and volunteers, making an impact each year again, and every time the outcome is unique. While volunteering, you get a chance to contribute to different teams, have many ways to express yourself, a possibility to make new friends, and have a gratifying and memorable burn. Volunteering is not obligatory but highly recommended, and your help is really important. Do not miss a chance to enrich your experience.

This guide provides you with valuable information and may help you to better understand the essence of Amber Burn. Also, it will hopefully help to make the whole Amber Burn experience a lot more fun. Please do read it through and pass it on to others if they haven't read it yet.

The 10 principles of Burning Man

Around the world, the Burners community follows the 10 Principles of Burning Man. They are the reflection of the community's ethos and culture, followed both in burner gatherings as well as everyday life:



Radical Inclusion. Anyone may be a part of Burning Man, the same as part of Amber Burn. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.



Gifting. Like Burning Man, Amber Burn 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.



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. Like Burning Man, Amber Burn encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on their inner resources.



Radical Self-expression. 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.



Leaving No Trace. Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such 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.

As the 9th Burning Man principle, Participation, says: *“Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play”*, Amber Burn invites you to immerse yourself in the full experience of a Burn and participate by creating an expressive and exciting reality together.

So how can you volunteer at Amber Burn?

Choosing a team: by filling in the [volunteers registration form](#), you will choose the team(s) you want to volunteer with.

Meeting with the team lead: once you have chosen a team, the team lead will contact you to schedule a meeting. You will have few online/live meetings with your team before the event.

Scheduling a shift: the team lead will introduce you to the volunteering schedule and ask you to pick shift(s) to participate. Shifts are usually 3–4 hours long, depending on the department. Some participants sign up for a shift per day, others volunteer once per event. Any amount of your time spent volunteering is appreciated.

Training: before you start volunteering, your team lead will do a quick training and introduce you to the responsibilities. This training can either take place online or at the location of the event or both.



Recommendations:

Choose 1-2 teams: It's always better to start smaller and then go for more if it feels right. When signing up for shifts, think about sleep, food, rest, and leave yourself enough time to play. It's up to you, how many shifts and departments you would like to be part of.

Show up: show up on your scheduled shift 15 minutes before it starts. This way the volunteer swap can be smooth, and the previous team will be able to introduce you to the latest updates and news. If you decide to volunteer and have chosen your shifts, know that your team counts on you. Remember - every shift you sign up for, but can't or don't make it to, the responsibilities of it get piled onto someone else.

Be sober: we kindly ask you to come for your shifts sober. Taking care of others means that you should have a fresh mind and you could react adequately to any situation.

If you can't make it: if something happens and you are not able to take your shift, please let us know by contacting your team lead or the Info Point. Ideally, we might be able to find a replacement for you. Also, it would be great if you would take a replacement shift.

Volunteering with kids: If you come to Amber Burn with kids, you can and should volunteer together. For example, as a greeter or in Leave No Trace department. Of course, for kids, it shouldn't be longer than an hour or so. It is a way for kids to stay active, both of you can learn a lot of new things and moreover, meet other families too.

Embrace "Do-ocracy": the Participation and Civic Responsibility Principles mean that we operate in a Do-ocracy. If you see other ways of how things could be done, volunteer to make it better.

You want to volunteer, but can't decide: follow the Immediacy principle and volunteer on the spot! Visit the Info Point where volunteers will inform you about the "Burning Shifts" (available daily shifts) based on the requests from different teams.

Returning volunteer: as a returning volunteer, you already have the knowledge of how things work in Amber Burn. You can either be a part of the same team, choose a different team, or could become a crew member throughout the year. The Lithuania Burners community is active all year round. If you want to take a part in it or just want to know more about it, don't hesitate and contact us at volunteers@amberburn.lt

Early Arrivals, Build and Strike

BUILD: the build for this year's Amber Burn will start on the 23rd of June. The plan is to build the framework and set up the infrastructure of Amber Burn City. Everyone who is interested in this part has to register for an Early Arrivals pass and get a confirmation.

EARLY ARRIVALS (EA): those crazy burners who build everything from scratch in the middle of nowhere. There is nothing like seeing a City rise before your eyes - for some it may be the peak of self-expression. And it's not only a City that is being built during this time - deep connections, friendships, trust... Some burners say it's the best part. Some even don't stay for the actual event.

IMPORTANT:

- No entry to anyone before the gate opens (Thursday, 30th of June, 12:00) without filling out an Early Arrival form and getting the confirmation! **The form will be shared in June.** We may ask you to explain the reason for your early arrival and leave ourselves the right to void an Early Arrival Pass.
- Event tickets are still required.



STRIKE: So we have built the City, had our event and then what? Just pack and go back to reality, to the usual Monday morning? Nah, we know a better and less painful way to end this magical experience - we stay for a few more days and calmly tear everything down, pack, clean, burn, de-moop, restore the surroundings to its initial state (or make it better, cos "Leave No Trace"). Strike is the most tender, sweet and gentle part of the event - we reminisce about the good times, share laughs, hugs with those who understand, sometimes (most of the time actually) shed a few tears around the fire and take our sweet time before getting back home.

Be radically self-reliant



As stated before, radical self-reliance is one of the 10 Principles of Burning Man. Keep this in mind while volunteering which requires your energy and good spirit. Please make sure you get enough sleep, drink enough water, and bring your food & drinks, lights, warm clothes, rain jacket, comfortable shoes, etc.

- If your shift is during the day, you might need sunblock, shades, hat and extra water;
- If your shift is at night, you might need a headlamp and lights. It might get cold at night time, so be prepared.
- Also, Bring Your Own Cup (BYOC)! You never know when a burner friend surprises you with some lemonade or coffee! ;)

Program - your gift to Amber Burn city

Volunteering does not end with building and maintaining the city. Knowledge sharing, entertainment and play is a big part of Amber Burn. If you want to teach a new skill, gift a workshop, organize a mosh-pit, cook a meal for fellow burners, present a performance or build a naked human mandala, naming only a few, you should let us know by [filling the form here.](#)

Don't worry if you only get the idea during the gathering, many great ideas are inspired by the people you meet and the location itself. It is still possible to share your art, experience and knowledge, just drop by the Info Point and add your gift to the program on the spot.

Communication channels for volunteers

Discord – the main communication channel. All discussions are held here and divided by topic/team. [Link to Discord](#)

Facebook group – [Amber Burn participants!](#)

For any other information, head to **Amber Burn website** – www.amberburn.lt

Before the event, we will also send you a **Survival Guide** so you can prepare. We will also share a map of Amber Burn city and reveal the location of the gathering.

If you have any questions, **contact us** at volunteers@amberburn.lt

Friendly reminder

- Take anything you might need to the Burn. There are no vendors at the event and no possibility to buy anything;
- Respect your fellow volunteers and participants;
- Rest, eat and drink a lot of water and be self-reliant;
- Show up for the shift you have registered and be sober during all your shifts;
- If you have any questions, head to Info Point;
- If something happens, let your team lead, Ranger or anyone around know;
- Respect art and nature;
- Leave No Trace and minimize the impact to the surrounding area, less is more.



**Always remember, the most important part
of volunteering is enjoying it! Have fun! ;)**

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