

## 2013 Camp Membership Guidelines

### *How We Organize:*

The primary source for camp organizing and information can be found on our Google Doc [here](#). We have a google group/email listserv that spits out seriously great information or just plain shennenigans, a Facebook group (both public and private) as well as a website that is NEW this year! (www.beecharge.com)

### *Requirements for Bee Membership:*

There are these basic tenants: **Participation & Contribution!** If you are not actively engaged with learning about who we are as beeople, running events, maintaining camp infrastructure, or involved with the construction or deconstruction of the camp then you might want to consider other options (trust us- there are loads!). We care deeply about our community and we all work hard to build that both on and off playa. We subscribe to the values Burning Man holds dear so please make sure you review those on their website.

If you are considered a **BeeCharge!! Returner**: You are willing and able to take on a leadership, event, or coordinating role on and off playa. At least two. Sign up's are available now!

**Burn Returners (but never a Bee)**: You are willing to attend planning meetings and/or make it a point to hang/connect online with current camp mates.

**Virgins**: You are so so new and delicious and we love you! <3 It's your first year and we want to make it special. Sign up for at least 2 basic jobs while at the burn and connect with us before leaving, respond to emails! Other camp mates: make sure we help these folks out the way we got helped out our first year. And give these people some buzzy shit! Don't take too much advantage of their virgin-ess. :)

Finally, if you want to join, we request that you make plans to be at Burning Man by Wednesday morning. This ensures we all get to know you and allows everyone to be a part of our community events that happen Wednesday, Thursday and sometimes Friday. The Earlier the Better in OUR BOOK! Did we mention- say yes to everything? and Confidentiality is key? It is. Think what happens here stays here or gets edited in your photos (which you obvious ask permission to take).

### *Responsibilities:*

Each camp mate is required to provide for his or her own entertainment and survival. We collectively share responsibilities, although we have some administrative and leadership roles to ensure that shit gets done and no one is stuck doing all the heavy lifting (even though it sounds

fun to watch big muscled humans construct camp while enjoying a LaBEeEEito). Our BeeCharge!! Camp Expectations:

- 1 You participate PRIOR to leaving to Burning Man: You join the email list and facebook group. Respond to emails that request a response. You fill out the planning doc, you attend meetings if possible, you actually read (gasp) meeting notes as they come across. If you live in the Bay Area, you lend a hand in fundraising events or meetings.
- 2 You take on a ROLE or join a TEAM: This is the most important part. We have a tab in the google doc that outlines these opportunities. Sign up for at least two. If you have other ideas, let someone on the admin team know!
- 3 You get yourself **TO** Burning Man: We will have a tab on our planning doc that will allow you to say if you can give someone a ride or if you need a ride, but it's your responsibility to figure it out. CARPOOLING helps green our camp- Make it happen People!
- 4 You manage your own FOOD and COOKING: Although we are open to Bees volunteering for a group meal (assume only half will show) Otherwise- remember, you eat about HALF of what you would in 'default' life. We'll send out tips to newbees later this year.
- 5 Shelter: Make note of what you decide to sleep in on the google doc so we can create a logical space model. Damn, we're so fucking organized.
- 6 Looking saucy in all that burner gear you plan to bring and energy you choose to contribute to making this camp rock socks.

No one will be chasing you around to do these things, so we expect we're all highly functioning adults and can manage to get to camp to accomplish whatever it is you signed up for. If you are incapacitated for any reason (ie- passed out in Lindsay and Marvin's yurt) please make sure you find a replacement. And we'll all be Happy Happy HAPPY!

### ***Camp Fees, Dues and Amenities:***

For 2013 our current camp dues are set at \$200. Please budget for this- now you know! We will also be hosting a couple of fundraisers for camp infrastructure which may drop the price a bit, but for plan for \$200.

This year, we will be creating a side budget for "BeeCharge Scholarships" which will cut your camp dues in half or less depending on your financial situation. Our BEO's will do a private call out to our camp to learn about who may need financial support. This financial support DOES come with a few requirements: Stepping up in leadership roles both on and off playa beyond the requirements.

What do camp dues cover? the big one: WATER. A shower, drinkable water and grey water removal. Storage space for all our bee camp stuff, community shade with couches, rugs, lighting, tables, music, etc. Mylar for your tents (helps with sun), camp decor and give aways (bee style), generators and power, garbage and recycling disposal. Bee Bike Lights and Bike Tags

### *Now, How do I get into Camp?*

All New BeeCharge Campers come directly from current BeeCharge members. Unfortunately, we have enough requests through our campers that we don't have the capacity for new folks. It's important for us to keep our camp at a manageable size and we have all collectively decided that 70 is a comfortable number for everyone. If you are someone who is connected to a current BeeCharge Member we look at the following things:

- Connection to camp
- Past history of contribution/leadership
- Blood relatives
- Current commitment to contributions/leadership
- Duration of stay on playa (favoring those who stay longer)
- Ability to attend pre/off/playa events and to meet/connect with bees (either on or offline)
- Technical/special skills
- Number of burns (vets and virgins-both awesome, but good balance is important)
- Ownership of a water company
- Ability/willingness to wear excellent and hot outfits

When Joining Camp- Things we want to know about you:

- Where do you live?
- The Basics: Email, Phone
- Previous Years at Burning Man/or are you a VIRGIN?
- When you want to arrive/When do you want to leave
- How do you want to contribute? (take a look at the leadership/teams, or give us your ideas!)
- Do you have a ticket?
- Other camps or art projects I've worked on
- Why are you excited to be BEE? Intentions for this years burn?
- 3 words that your friends use to describe you

***HAPPY CARGO CULT 2013!!!***

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