

BURNING DOWN THE RIVER 2015

Presents

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR FLOAT

THE THEME

This years theme: Whatever floats your float.

WHAT IT'S ABOUT

It's about creating your theme on the river: Dressing your float, creating costumes and accessories. This is the challenging yet rewarding part. Unlike traditional burns, it's not focusing on theme camps on the ground but rather in the water. Many people go with the familiar theme camp standby, some do both and other's are finally getting the idea of their own theme float concept. Theme floats are becoming .

WHAT'S DIFFERENT

One thing that is different this year is we are adding **Art Grants**. The purpose of the grants is to help motivate people into creating something unique and different with creative ambition. Two grants will be offered. One is based on the most creative float. What they are actually floating on down the river. Second is the most creative costumes and overall best float. We will decide who gets awarded the grant at the potluck dinner by show of hands vote.

BUSES

We plan on having 2 buses that carry approximately 47 per bus. They will be making 2 trips. Remember anything can change but that's the plan.

DEPARTURE

The departure times for the buses will be early like 9am to 10am and you need to be ready with all your gear.

Announcements will be made that morning to awake you and get you moving. I would suggest not staying up late on Friday night so as to be rested for this journey.

ALL ABOARD!

We will load up at Water Mountain with your coolers and floating gear. Since the space on the bus is limited, it has to fit in your seat compartment on the bus. Two peeps to a compartment unless you have small children. Try to take as much as you can fit in your seat compartment. Your gear that you can't take on the bus needs to be put on a trailer we provide to be hauled up. Please make sure that your gear on the trailer is ready for use and not packaged up in some box it came with, and that it stays deflated until arrival. We would like most of the gear loaded on Friday that's going on the trailers.

ARE WE THERE YET?

Its a very short bus ride to the drop-off point. We should be there just after 10am to start blowing up the devices we are traveling down the river on or in.

ARRIVAL: GET OFF THE BUS!

When you unload from the bus go to the trailer that your floating gear is on. Start to prepare your float vessel to get ready. ABSOLUTELY NO BOXES will be brought to the

landing point. Unpack your float BEFORE coming to Burning Down The River, and put it in a bag instead. No volunteer wants to pick up and break down 100 boxes. Also

you will have more room in your vehicles. REMINDER: This is a Leave No Trace event. Those who bring their float still in a box at the bus drop off point could lose their floating privileges

INFLATING YOUR FLOAT

If your vessel needs to be blown up we

will have 4 blowup stations ready. You need to wait in line and wait for your turn to use the equipment to fill you device. We would like to have everyone in the water by around 11am.

If you can blow up your own device because it's small please do. Don't take up time at the blow stations since some of the vessels require lots of air.

BE AWARE THERE ARE NO LIFE GUARDS AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU OWN SAFETY ON THE RIVER. THIS IS A PUBLIC RIVER AND ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLY. MWB, AND WATER MOUNTAIN LLC. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS ON THE RIVER. BUYING A TICKET TO BDR APPLIES YOU UNDERSTAND THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

Use the buddy system to keep track of your float mates.

NO GLASS OR STYROFOAM IS ALLOWED NEAR OR IN THE RIVER.

SAFETY BOATS

Boats will be launching at the boat ramp so be careful when launching your vessel. Make sure you have everything before pushing off in the river. The rivers current will take you away quickly making it difficult to return after launching so you might find yourself swimming back to shore.

GRAVEL BAR FUN

Don't worry if you don't get in with your crowd at the launch point because they just can't wait and you can't catch up. There are many gravel bar fun stops where you will find them. Going down the river you may change positions and maybe even switch vessels as your adventure begins!

We like to stop at a large gravel bar and eat lunch. So bring lots of snacks or whatever floats your float. I always like to have something filling and tasty. Plan around 12 to 1 pm and a good gravel bar location.

SAFETY THIRD

The river is shallow in many places where you can stand up most the time with your chest above water. Keep in the deepest part going down to prevent portage where it's too shallow. Avoid all trees that have been downed in the river as they can puncture you floating device and or snag your ropes. Boats will be going up and down the river and they should give way to you but be alert

THINGS TO BRING TO MAKE IT AWESOME

- * Large Umbrella if you don't have a cover over your vessel.
- * Sun screen
- * More water than alcohol
- * Water cannons or spray bottles
- * Hat
- * Sun Glasses with a safety cord.
- * Water Shoes preferred/Sandals
- * Dry Bag

THINGS NOT TO DO BEFORE A FLOAT

- * Don't stay up all night drinking alcohol
- * Don't stay up all night, get some rest
- * Don't stay up all night.

STAY DEHYDRATED AT ALL TIMES

Water can keep you hydrated so drink plenty.

If you follow this simple advice then you too will have an awesome time.

Have fun and be smart.