

VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK



AFR!KABURN

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WELCOME!

Dear Dusty Traveller,

Welcome to the realm of AfrikaBurn, where the desert is our playground, and creativity knows no bounds. We are thrilled to have you join us as a volunteer for this year's Burn; and we can't wait to embark on this extraordinary journey with you.

AfrikaBurn is not just an event; it's a unique community that thrives on radical self-expression, inclusion, and participation. As a volunteer, you play a crucial role in our temporary city, adding your dedication and passion to the mix and turning chaos into a work of art!

The Tankwa Karoo becomes a canvas during this magical time, and each one of us is an artist, ready to contribute our unique brushstrokes to create a masterpiece. Whether you find yourself helping to construct inspiring art installations, contributing as a ranger, or simply sharing smiles and acts of kindness, your role as a volunteer is essential in making this experiment a success.

As you get ready for this adventure, don't be shy to connect with your fellow volunteers. Share your thoughts, ideas, and always be open to helping or asking for help. The friendships you make here can be deep, and the memories you create will be remembered as part of AfrikaBurn's history.

We encourage you to take some time to explore our volunteer handbook, a valuable resource containing essential information about the different roles, responsibilities, and our guiding principles. We are all part of this artistic canvas, and together, we shall craft an unforgettable Burn.

Once again, welcome to the family, the tribe, the community that is AfrikaBurn. Release your creative spirit, let the dust settle within your soul, and let's come together to create a Burn that will be remembered for a long, long time.

"In Dust We Trust"

With dust-covered hugs and boundless excitement,

ArfrikaBurn Team

General sign up here!

ABOUT AFRIKABURN

AfrikaBurn is a creative art movement that has been around since 2007. It was originally called Afrika Burns but was renamed by the public in 2008. AfrikaBurn is part of the Burning Man regional network. This means that all around the world there are initiatives that bring local burners together. It is an amazing place where people can come together and be creative. Through participation we build relationships.

Whether you want to create art, a performance, music, costumes, a theme camp, a mutant vehicle, volunteer services or anything else, this is the place to be. It takes place around the end of April every year but there are also other related initiatives taking place throughout the entire year.

Volunteering at AfrikaBurn is not limited to the event, we need help the entire year-round! As our mission statement says: AfrikaBurn is a participant-created movement, an experiment in inclusive community building, decommodification, creativity, self-reliance, and radical self-expression. It is a chance to invent the world anew.

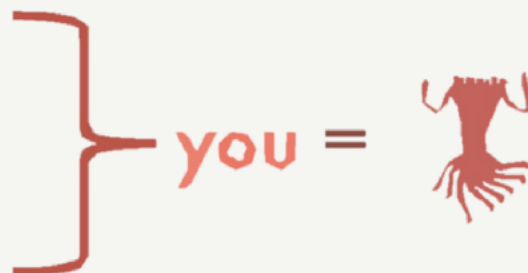
OUR MISSION

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Who is AfrikaBurn?

AfrikaBurn is

- an artist
- a cultural collective
- a non profit organisation
- a creative community
- a movement for change



II GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AfrikaBurn follows 11 guiding principles which are considered guidelines. They are not rules that every participant needs to follow it is just a way to reinvent the world anew as a community.

1. Radical Inclusion

Everyone should be able to be a part of AfrikaBurn. As an intentional community, committed to inventing the world anew, we actively pursue mechanisms to address imbalances and overcome barriers to participation, especially in light of past, current and systemic injustice. We welcome and respect the stranger. Anyone can belong

2. Gifting

We are 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.

3. 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.

4. Radical Self-Reliance

AfrikaBurn encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members who organise 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 national and local laws.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Immediacy

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important 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.

11. Each One Teach One

As a self-reliant community, we believe the responsibility of spreading our culture lies with each and every one of us. All of us are custodians of our culture – when the opportunity presents itself, we pass knowledge on.

MOOP

MOOP stands for Matter Out Of Place. This is used when referring to any matter that should not be where it was found. During the event, it is extremely important to leave the desert behind as we found it which is why the principle Leave No Trace is important.

Top 5 MOOP tips:

1. Bring back everything you brought with you. Aim to bring back more items than you originally brought. Absolutely everything that came with you must leave with you.
2. When you're dancing, going to a Burn event, chilling at a Theme Camp, or taking an Artwalk, remember to pick up your trash as you go. Burners live by the guiding principle of Leave No Trace.
3. Cigarette butts are the most significant form of MOOP, so bring along a portable ashtray for them.
4. Be mindful of the weight and size of what you bring. Pack and re-pack your items, removing any unnecessary packaging, and avoiding items like sequins, glitter, and feathers.
5. Use a bucket with a lid for organic waste when camping. Ideally purchase items without initial packaging. Use eco-friendly toiletries like soap and toothpaste - spit your toothpaste into a bottle.

*Bonus tip: Leave No Trace means leaving the desert as you found it. Ground campfires are not allowed. It's a nature reserve and we would like to ask that you please clean up your ash and coals, as well as put the rocks back where you found them. Bring your fire pit and take it home with you!

WHAT TO BRING AND

WHAT NOT

Certainly! Here's a "What to Bring" and "What Not to Bring" list to help you prepare for AfrikaBurn:

What to Bring:

- **Ticket & ID:** You'll be asked to go home without it
- **Vehicle Pass:** One per vehicle. Motorcycles need one too.
- **Water:** A minimum of 5 liters of water per person per day for hydration.
- **Food & Drinks:** Refer to the Top 5 Moop Tips
- **Shelter:** Tent, camper, or other suitable shelter for your accommodation. Prepare to put rebar in bedrock!
- **Bedding:** Sleeping gear to stay comfortable.
- **Clothing:** Both warm and cool clothing.
- **Trash Bags:** please recycle and take your trash home
- **Fire Extinguisher:** Essential for fire safety.
- **Medical Kit:** Basic first-aid supplies.
- **Prescriptions:** Any necessary medications.
- **Lighting:** Various light sources (headlamp, torch, bike light, fairy lights, EL wire) and spare batteries.
- **Duct Tape & Cable Ties:** Versatile tools for various purposes.
- **Wood & Brazier:** If you're bringing wood, have a brazier or braai for fires. Ground campfires are not allowed.

What NOT to Bring:

- **Flares:** Flares are dangerous and not allowed due to fire hazards.
- **Fireworks:** Fireworks can pose a significant fire risk and are prohibited.
- **Fire Lanterns:** The use of fire lanterns is not permitted for safety reasons.
- **Feathers:** Avoid bringing feathers, as they can be harmful to the environment and wildlife.
- **Glitter:** Even biodegradable glitter is discouraged, as it's challenging to distinguish from regular glitter and creates cleanup issues.
- **Firearms:** Firearms are strictly prohibited at the event.
- **A KAK Vibe:** Don't be kak be lekker *#play responsibly*
- **A Drone:** NO DRONES ALLOWED AT AFRIKABURN

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

RANGERS

At the event

The Tankwa Town Rangers are volunteers at AfrikaBurn who dedicate their time to ensure the safety and well-being of the community. They are known as "The Orange" and serve as non-confrontational mediators, sources of information, and promoters of AfrikaBurn's guiding principles. Rangers patrol Tankwa Town day and night, assisting with various situations such as directing people, finding lost children, managing burn perimeters, and supporting overwhelmed participants. They are distinct from the event's security team, whose primary role is gate security. The Rangers work on the principles of Radical Self Reliance and Participation and Civil Responsibility, encouraging individual responsibility and proactive risk management. To become a Ranger, individuals attend a five-hour training session and commit to at least one event shift, with more experience allowing for greater contributions to the community.

Dust Rangers

Dust Rangers form the core of all Ranger services. These Rangers walk around, talk to people, visit, interact with AfrikaBurn and all its art, advocate for our 11 Guiding Principles, and apply them with compassion where and if needed. These Rangers are the eyes and ears for the whole Ranger crew. They know much about Tankwa Town because they see it all first!

*please note you need to have done Ranger training to be able to volunteer. Other positions are available with experience.

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ARTERIA

At the event

Want to volunteer at Arteria?

Arteria is the front desk of everything ART at Afrikaburn. It's a creative and relaxed space on the OCC where all that is art checks in and out.

This is where all artworks check in for on site registration, burn briefings/perimeter briefings and Leave No Trace Site inspections.

Volunteering at Arteria, usually means pointing people in the right direction - logging tools and flags, and giving people the right information.

If you're an "on the ball know it all" who likes meeting new people, an artist, or someone who wants to help with art at the burn, Arteria would be happy to have you help out.

Sign up here!



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CHILLAZ

At the event

CHILLAZ Situated at the epicentre of the Off Centre exists as a hub and a platform, all artists, performers and creatives looking for a stage in dusty Tankwa Town.

See below for Chillaz's various volunteer positions:

- **Stage manager**

As stage manager, you are the point of contact for the artists. You have to make sure they are present on time and support them where necessary.

- **Technical support**

As technical support, you will support the sound team.

- **Fluffers**

Help to keep the space shipshape and MOOP free.

- **Book & Signup artists**

- **Stage Hands**

Just moving things around.

Please sign up and join in the fun!

Sign up here!



Original image: Sindy Dondolo

“ Being together for a week erases our differences and lets us learn about each other's cultures, forge lasting friendships, and experience love and communication. That's why I return each year. While meeting people worldwide is exciting, I volunteer at Chillaz because I'm passionate about connecting and sharing different African cultures, music, and art from our country
-Allison ”

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GREETERS

At the event

At AfrikaBurn, our greeters are like the welcoming committee, making sure everyone feels at home in our desert community. If you're a greeter, your job is to greet people warmly, point them in the right direction, and share the special spirit of AfrikaBurn with them.

Being a greeter is not just about saying hello. You'll also introduce newbies to our traditions. Help them get used to the dusty environment, and let them ring the bell!

Think of yourself as a friendly guide, helping people feel important and confident as they explore our amazing temporary city. In the midst of all the creativity, you're like a welcoming light, making sure everyone has a great time and finds their way.

So, embrace your role as a greeter, and let's work together to create unforgettable memories for everyone who comes to experience the magic of AfrikaBurn.

Sign up here!

“ This year I did my 3rd and 4th greeter shifts, and I absolutely love it!
-Zsa Perry ”



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SANCTUARY

At the event

Sanctuary is a calm, safe place for those facing challenges at our events, particularly in harsh desert conditions. Extreme factors like wind, dust, noise, temperatures, intense partying, and camping stress can be overwhelming. Practicing radical self-reliance means seeking help from campmates, neighbours, and friends, and proactively preventing issues. Sanctuary, a joint effort by the organizers and the community, provides support in Tankwa Town. It's a safe space at Off Centre Camp, offering peer support, well-being assistance, rest, refreshments, and collaboration with the operations team to prevent future challenges.

Volunteer roles:

CuddleFish

CuddleFish volunteers provide supervision to the on-duty Sanctuary volunteers, and there is a CuddleFish on duty 24/7 through the burn, to help with any team challenges or to be extra hands if things get super busy. This role is filled by dedicated core team members with professional mental health expertise.

Harbourmaster

Shift Leaders who have experience as Tangles (Sitters) and are there to be keeping it all going smoothly in Sanctuary. They manage the shift and allocation of guests to sitters in the space. They are supported by CuddleFish, and are in turn, supporting the sitters, guests and other volunteers in the space. This role is filled by experienced Sanctuary sitters who have been invited and trained up (similar to the ranger Tortoise), specifically. You will receive an additional invitation, when you have been approved for this role.

Tangle

If you sign up to be a sitter who directly provides peer support to guests who are having a challenging experience, then this is you. Your official job title is "Tangle". We have Tangles on each shift and prefer a mix of genders and age to ensure comfortable allocation as guests may require.



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“Sanctuary is a vital safe space in the burn community, and volunteering there satisfies a deep calling to normalize care for festival overwhelm. The best people and fireside chats too.”
-James Loudon

Space-keeper

Provides background help, feng shui magic and general Zen Mastery. The Space Keeper helps with keeping volunteers and Guests supplied with practical support- blankets, refreshments and temperature control and keeping the interior beautiful and calm. A great role for those who are maybe new to Sanctuary, and would like a little more experience of the space before offering to sit (Tangle) guests. This role provides a fabulous service for the whole team through keeping the space organised, tidy and calm.

Door-keeper

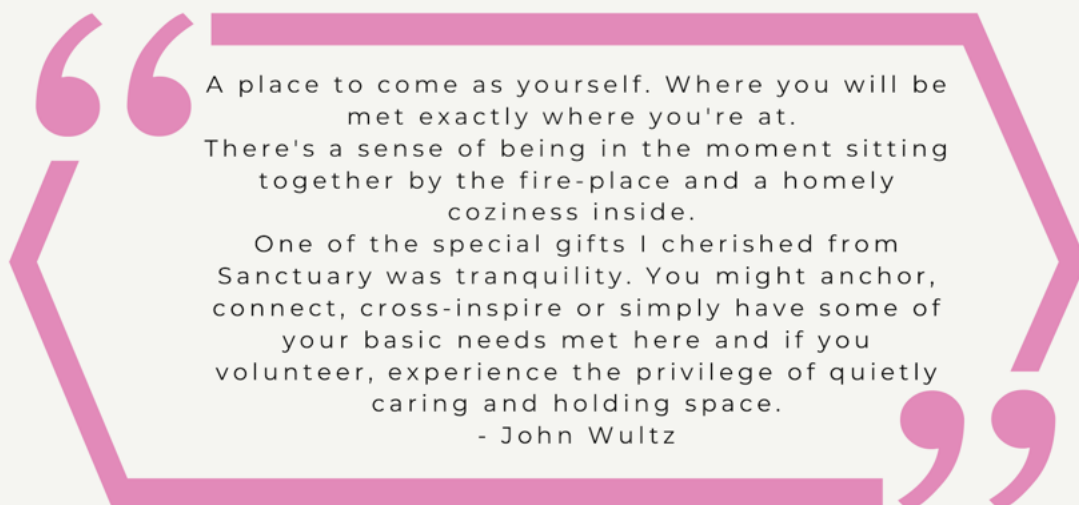
The Door- keepers assist our Harbour Masters with guest arrivals, as well as keeping the boundary of our space intact from noise, visitors or other possible interruptions to the serenity of Sanctuary. This can be a good role for new volunteers or if one-to- one peer support isn't your vibe, but you still want to support Sanctuary. Door- keepers greet and support people who are coming into the space, help the friends and family of guests, and help keep the space Zen-ful and not over-full of people or noise. Often this involves keeping the literal home fire burning at our outdoor chill space and being a first-person smiling face when Tankwa's guests arrive at Sanctuary.

More info? Check [Quaggapedia](#)

**please note you need to have done Sanctuary training to be able to volunteer.*

Are you keen?

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DIE HEK

At the event

After navigating the long stofstreep (dirt road) that is the R355 everyone gets to stop and stretch before they go through the portal from the default world into the real world. This is when they meet Die Hek Force (The AfrikaBurn Gate crew).

As a Hek Force volunteer, you are not a welcome fairy, but rather you are the very first touchpoint for folks arriving at the event. You will conduct the checks that need to happen to ensure a smooth process for burners in the queue (Do you have your ticket? Do you have your ID?). Die Hek is also a checkpoint for any stowaways and future potential MOOP disasters in each vehicle (plants, pets and feathers are all a no).

Die Hek Force is key to engaging with people before they enter Tankwa Town as a way to orientate participants as to what to expect and what the Burn is about. It's also a golden moment to truly embody the Each One Teach One principle, especially for Virgin Burners around the Principles.

Often times you will need to do some traffic control and provide a LOT of guidance ("Do you know how to use the toilets properly?") but best believe, the energy is electric, joyful and SO much fun.

Sign up here!

“ A little bit of everything in the true bliss of nothing.
-Michael ”



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CIA

(COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND ANALYTICS)

The CIA (Communications Infrastructure and Analytics) is an elite team of technologists that manage the data, communications technology and digital security of the organisation and community. We play with cool toys to save lives, and we're also the reason you can register projects, call home, get contracts, apply for grants, apply for shifts, etc. We don't do on-site signups, nor do we have sign-up or shift lists at the event. In fact, we hope we're not working too hard - because all the work gets done year-round. We're looking for people to step up and join us for the journey, not the destination.

Volunteer positions:

YEAR ROUND

Secret Agents

Are you into secret projects with weird results? The CIA is always looking for platform-agnostic, project-based volunteers that take on cool projects and realise them in a multi-disciplinary way. Projects like the AfrikaBurn App, or car counting software for the event gate, or developing a non-lithium power store, or an on-site server cluster. If someone can dream it, we can do it. And by 'we', we mean 'you'.

Dream TeaMI

The CIA has formed a group of highly skilled burner technologists that might just be the strongest brains trust for technologists in the country. If you're a specialist with an Asperger-esque way of digging into knowledge, perhaps you'd enjoy lifting your limitations in this group.

EVENT TIME

Community Tech Support (Special Agents)

During the event, these folks can be found floating around ops island looking lost and unkempt. They're just waiting for something to go wrong - hoping that an artwork won't power up, or that an led strip is going to fail, or that someone at this event will need their intimate knowledge of the structural changes a mechanical keyboard has undergone to reach its current form. They're our event tech support for the community, and they're fiercely anarchic and individual.



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Power Rangers

Sometimes, the CIA has a person who's highly skilled at power and power generation. This person gets up in the evening and spends their nights fixing generators and car engines so that the spectacular shows can continue. Much like a Special Agent, the Power Ranger is also solo sand support.

The Iron Fist

This role is one of the worst roles on the event site - being the protector of the internet. You're the person everyone needs to get through to get an emergency call out of the desert. It's a thankless task, so we've all but closed the position. It only stays open because everyone's scared of the last Iron Fist.

Climbers / Riggers

If you're good at climbing or have very, very long arms and legs, we need people to climb up and down containers, masts, mountains, lampposts, toilets, artworks and much, much more. You get a free hard hat for the duration of the event.

Come chat with us during event time, or pop us an email to get involved. cia@afrikaburn.org.



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“ They named me
the iron fist.
- Jasper ”

“ I'm not so sure
this is my desert
any more.
- Jeremy K ”

“ If we're doing our job
right, the CIA has the best
time at the event because
if nothing breaks, we don't
have any work.
- The Tim ”

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THRONE CREW

At the event

Want to get involved in the belly of the beast? Become a hero of the suburbs, and a legend whispered about in dark bathrooms around the city! These are the peeps that roll around in the morning making sure that the loos are stocked and clean and ready to go! Sign up and rest easy in the knowledge that you have taken care of some shit for the day.

**Throne Crew shifts are arranged via the volunteer booth at the burn.*



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“Voted as the most satisfying crew! -communications report 2023”

DIE YSKAS

At the event

Literally the coolest place at AfrikaBurn! A large shady tent. No, not shady like your neighbour; shady as in out of the sun. And if that is not enough for you, you can spend some time in the refrigerated truck. Die Yskas serves the coolest – and the only – product sold in Tankwa Town - ICE. It's a great way to meet people, and earn the undying admiration of thirsty and hot burners. Ice ice baby.....

Sign up here!



Original image: Jonx Pillemer

“ Die Yskas is easy going
hard working service with
a wholesome family core
and just enough
debauchery to remind you
that it is the coolest space
to 'burn.
-O'Neil Schutte ”

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LEAVE NO TRACE

At the event and post event

At Afrikaburn, we take Leave No Trace (LNT) seriously, and it's all about empowering you and our community to make responsible choices. LNT isn't just a task for a few; it's a core principle for everyone involved.

We have a vision for Afrikaburn to not only be a fantastic event but also a role model for how to minimize our environmental impact and set standards for others in South Africa and across Africa.

Our team works long hours onsite. We start with morning inspections and cleaning to ensure we keep our area clean and beautiful. Our days are filled with various activities, which bring awareness to dealing with litter issues and much more. We even work late into the night, making sure everything is in order.

We also make an effort to meet and greet with various participants, suppliers, and artists during the event. This helps us remind everyone about their responsibility to “leave no trace”.

We're committed to the Leave No Trace principle, and we're here to make sure Afrika Burn sets an example for responsible event management.

Sign up here!

“The responsibility brings a slowness and a stillness to the way you maneuver around the space, because you are open and mindful. Which can be quite a peaceful space to exist in, and one in which you learn a lot about your habits and others too.”



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DMV

(DEPARTMENT OF MUTANT VEHICLES)

At the event

Mobile art? Damn right! At AfrikaBurn a piece of mobile art is called a Mutant Vehicle and they can include motorised ... anything, really. Cars. Bikes. Couches. Bars. Jellyfish. Bees. Mice. Bunnies. Zebra. Pacman.

Love the smell of LRP in the morning?! Why not hitch a ride on the back of a butterfly, a bumblebee or a unicorn? Come meet the builders, artists and creators, get to know them and be inspired to maybe build your own. So get on the highway, point yourself our way, DMV awaits.

If you're considering volunteering, being an early arrival is a must. On the Sunday late afternoon preceding the event, a brief training session takes place. All volunteers are trained to ensure the safety of the vehicles and to check their lighting later in the evening."

Want to prepare for your shift?

Download the DMV Handbook [here](#)

Sign up here!



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BOX OFFICE

At the event

A shift in the Box Office takes you out of the desert elements for 4 hours and puts you into the hot seat at one of the Box Office windows, scanning the many burners arriving in the desert, into Tankwa Town. You'll need to be able to attend a Box Office briefing online before the event. You'll need to have a good understanding of computers and be able to confidently navigate the very simple back end features of the Quicket (our ticketing providers) system. We'll teach you how to use the system at the briefing. Preparing for your shift, you'll need to learn the different ticket types and their unique box office requirements. All this information will be sent to you in the Box Office Manual.

During your shift you'll need to have your wits about you, ensuring that you are putting the correct wrist band on, and linking the correct details to the wrist band and requesting any follow up information as pertains to the ticket they are checking in with. You may be put into the uncomfortable position of needing to deal with someone who's tickets won't get them access to the event, and you'll need to follow Box Office protocol to resolve it. You will always be supported by your shift lead in these scenarios.

Some shifts are extremely busy, and some are very quiet, so be prepared to work both eventualities. It's always fun working a Box Office shift, and we invite you to come be part of the Box Office furniture. You may even get a shirt out of it!

Are you keen?

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LOST & FOUND

At the event

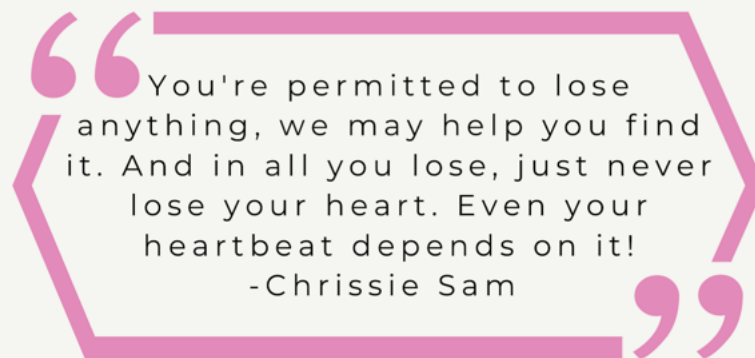
Our Just-In(e) booth is where all the missing things are collected. From lost cameras to lost minds, you can find it all here. Shifts involve manning the booth, receiving lost items and logging them and then reuniting people with found items.

In true AfrikaBurn spirit, any leftover treasures not claimed in the aftermath of the burn are cherished for a few weeks. Eventually, those unclaimed gems find new purpose as we lovingly donate them to a shelter.

Want to prepare for your shift?

Download the Lost & Found Bible [here](#)

[Sign up here!](#)



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DPW

(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Pre event, At the event and post event

DPW are a group of crazy, cool, hardworking cats who build up as well as break down the entire infrastructure of AfrikaBurn. Everything in Tankwa Town – from the toilets to the road signs, street lights, operations centre, signage, gate, booths and crews etc. etc. You name it, they've had their hands on it.

With their (sometimes) trusty crane truck and fleet of quirky cars they cruise around the desert; lifting and moving heavy things, knocking in rebar, building, painting, recycling and just generally being bad-ass.

Like getting your hands dirty? Your skills will be put to good use working with the DPW.

In order to take on the role of being DPW crew volunteer, you'll need up to five weeks free time out in the Tankwa Karoo.

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RECYCLING

At the event

In keeping with our core principle of 'leave no trace,' we are firmly committed to the responsible management of waste. This entails the thorough collection of all waste materials with the ultimate objective of recycling. The orchestration of this recycling process takes place under the able stewardship of the Department of Public Works (DPW), where all incoming waste is systematically gathered and meticulously prepared for the essential sorting process.

The art of waste separation and recycling is a pivotal element of our overarching sustainability mission, and its success is very much dependent on the dedication and collaborative efforts of individuals like yourself. Your participation holds profound significance as it forms an integral part of our vision to transform our event into a more eco-conscious and environmentally responsible occasion. By actively contributing to the recycling process, you play a key role in reducing our environmental impact and setting the stage for a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future. We wholeheartedly extend an invitation for you to join us on this meaningful journey towards a greener and more sustainable event.

[Sign up here!](#)



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AIRSPACE

GVOK (WAAR DIE GEMSBOKKE VLOG OOR KUNS)

At the event

Volunteering at Airspace during Afrikaburn can be either quite dull or incredibly exciting, and it all depends on what's happening on a given day. The weather and the people around can change the vibe. We're stationed near the entrance gate, so we get to witness the interesting vehicles and enthusiastic attendees arriving at the event, with friendly greeters to welcome them.

The weekdays, especially Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, are generally quieter. In contrast, Wednesday and Thursday are busier as more people arrive. Saturday and Sunday get really hectic because many burners are tired and eager to go home, waiting for their flights.

We have a camp at the event site, close to the entrance gate. If you're willing to commit to at least five shifts, you can camp with us. We're open to everyone, including families and solo travelers.

So, whether you're looking for a quiet time or an exciting adventure, you're welcome to be part of Airspace at Afrikaburn!

Airport Roles:

1. **Airspace Lead:** The go-to person for conflict resolution and advice. Look for the orange vest, airband radio, and Coms Radio.
2. **Airport Operations Lead:** Manages the airport, oversees volunteers, and aids passengers.
3. **Apron Marshalls:** Assist passengers at the airport gate, patrol the runway, and ensure safety.
4. **Passenger Marshal:** Directs Burners at the terminal and controls airfield access.
5. **Airport Wrangler:** Helps set up and take down airport infrastructure.

6. **Airspace Camp Marshal:** Assists campers with various tasks and communicates with the airport. Support available from Wednesday to Sunday.

7. **Airport Runner:** Fills gaps, collects passengers, and ensures radio batteries are fresh.


**Requirements: Vary per role, including online meetings, training, and experience.*

Sign up here! Or send an email: tiki@afrikaburn.com



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RADIO FREE TANKWA

At the even

Welcome to the airwaves of Radio Free Tankwa, the sonic heart of AfrikaBurn's vibrant community, broadcasting daily throughout the event. In the sprawling landscape of Tankwa Town, our station is your compass for all things Burn-related. Tune in and dive into the latest Burn schedule, uncover the theme camps throwing unforgettable drink soirées, and navigate the unique rhythm of Tankwa Town's "rush hour" (which is not your typical traffic jam!).

As you pack your bags for AfrikaBurn, don't forget to dust off that vintage radio; it's your key to plugging into the sounds and stories of our colorful desert gathering.

Here's the beauty of it: Anyone can become a Radio Free Tankwa DJ! Just swing by the off-center camp and learn how to jump on board with the quirkiest radio station in all of Tankwa Town. DJ stints typically last an hour, and you can sign up for your slot every morning at 10 am. So, if you've got a tune to share or a story to spin, make Radio Free Also if you've lost and friend or a child let them know.

Year round

Radio Free Tankwa has a small talented crew volunteering year-round to keep all the radio systems running. If you are an audiophile, audio engineer, audio editor or anything remotely mono analogue related and based in Cape Town, we'd love to meet you.

Want to discover the secrets of Radio Free Tankwa? Listen to this podcast, where you'll meet the people who make it all happen.



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VOLUNTEER BOOTH

At the event

Have you ever dreamt of being right at the heart of the action? Well, your moment has arrived! Join us at the volunteer booth, where you'll have the chance to not only encourage others to embark on their volunteer journey but also provide them with essential guidance.

If you're seeking a more substantial role, you can head out and assist our portfolio leads by facilitating registration forms and gathering vital shift data. When your shift comes to a close, the only task left is to input the collected data into our trusty computers.

But here's the twist – we have an exceptional opportunity at the volunteer booth, the coveted position of the Volunteer Guide! Picture yourself as the benevolent fairy, gracefully navigating the event landscape, and personally escorting our volunteers to their designated posts. In addition to this enchanting journey, you'll be a reassuring presence, helping our volunteers take those crucial first steps into their roles. It's a delightful, magical experience that you don't want to miss!

Sign up here!



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VOLUNTEER CAMP

Do you prefer the idea of settling down in a serene corner, surrounded by fellow event-goers who are equally dedicated to their tasks? If that piques your interest, we invite you to become part of our volunteer camp experience. This year, we've raised a large tent that offers the best of both worlds – a sanctuary of quietness and a lively space for relaxed conversations. Since it's a shared environment with a diverse group, it's important to remember that each individual comes with their unique preferences and requirements. So, keep that in mind and respect each other.

Feel free to bring along any personal items you think will contribute to a snug and inviting atmosphere – perhaps some carpets, comfy seating, tables, and the gentle illumination of ambient lighting.

Our ultimate mission is to craft an environment that not only soothes but also fosters connections among participants in a harmonious and comforting manner. Your presence and contributions to this shared space will help us achieve this goal, making it a place where all can recharge and engage in meaningful interactions.

Are you keen?

Please send an email to: clare@afrikaburn.com



VOLUNTEER DAYS

Year round

Step into Our World: AfrikaBurn's Inviting Vibe

Amidst the whirlwind of activities that surge through our event, we find ourselves in need of not only on-site assistance but also the magic that unfolds before and after the burn. That's why we've planned our very own Volunteer Days – where the spirit of adventure dances hand in hand with the bonds of community.

During these remarkable days, we've woven a tapestry of tasks and delights. Picture this: vibrant paintbrushes transforming signs along with a lot of other creative activities. Yet, our Volunteer Days are more than bare work; they serve as the vibrant heartbeat of our ever-expanding community.

Here, your hands aren't just tools for tasks; they are instruments of your wildest creative expressions. It's an opportunity to cross paths with fresh faces, to forge connections that transcend the ordinary, and to be captivated by the soul-stirring essence of AfrikaBurn.

So, if you yearn to immerse yourself in our captivating community, the time is ripe to seize the day. Join us in our forthcoming Volunteer Days, where together, we'll stoke the fires of creativity while building our community.

More information about the upcoming volunteer days can be found on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page or join our [WhatsApp group](#).



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteering for me is just as natural as you are doing your homework or housework. It's something inside me that I need to contribute to the community or organization or event. I feel blessed with volunteer work and people to create something together and achieve the goal as a big Team. I am a Team member and believe in Team spirit and work. It is personal satisfaction as well as growing a big social network and friendship all around you and the world. Something that you give without expectations and so grateful that I am sharing these emotions with beautiful human beings.

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-Gülden Aktugan (Greeters)

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Here is proof that for one week a group of people can live and just be better people, better human beings - They live by principles that is ideal in the default world - and if they can do it in one week - why can't they do it in the world? And that is what I mean by it feeds my soul - I get to see how creative people are - It's an inspirational thing - the feeling of belonging - I offer dependability - in a world where you could be anything - be kind - Afrika Burn became a big part of my life because of the guiding principles - I would probably not be able to afford Afrika Burn without the crew ticket - I volunteer to meet people and be a part of the community.

-Patsy (Die Yskas)

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Afrika Burn is a space for personal growth - learning how we can be better people by listening to each other and amping up the vibe - meeting people - the principles and the values are key - to learn how to show up more - and having healing conversations.

-Grant (Greeters)

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GUIDELINES

1. You're Not Just an Employee Number:

- We're all about that volunteer spirit! When you join the AfrikaBurn crew, you're not clocking in as an employee. So, all those boring labor laws? Not for us.

2. Money Talks, but Not Here:

- Since you're not an employee (see point 1), don't expect a paycheck or fancy benefits. Compensation isn't on the cards. Although, we have lovely ways to say thank you and make friends!

3. Your Hours, Your Way:

- You've got freedom here. Chat with your Portfolio lead and work out your hours. We believe it's not about how many hours, but about getting things done when they need to be done. Although, please do arrive on time and commit to what is communicated!

4. Show Us Your Commitment:

- It's not about the 9-to-5 grind. Don't stress about counting hours; worry about nailing those tasks on time.

5. Embrace the Adventure:

- Volunteering with us might mean burning the midnight oil and having weekend adventures. There might be some physical action in tricky spots, but don't worry, we're all about playing it safe. Be sure to let us know how you're feeling.

6. No Blame Game Here:

- We're all in this together, and we've got your back. No pointing fingers or suing anyone, please. Rather come and talk to us and we will see how we can help you.

7. Healing Hands:

- If you're in a pickle health-wise, we've got you. We'll handle your medical needs in case of injury, but if it's beyond our on-site superstars, you're on the hook for the bills.

8. Borrowed, Not Owned:

- The tools and toys we lend you stay our property. When it's time to say goodbye, be sure to return everything.

9. Keep It Hush-Hush:

- You'll get some inside info while you're here. Keep it confidential and please check in with the person if you are going to share in on another's experience. #consent

10. One Big Happy Family:

- This agreement is our deal, like any organization we uphold to legislation and policy. Please seal the deal and know in the heat of it we are here to help. Communication is key.

THANK YOU!

Huge dusty hugs for delving into our volunteer handbook, fellow burner! If the fire of curiosity still burns within you, don't be shy – ignite your questions to: volunteers@afrikaburn.com.



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