

# Leave No Trace Accountability Agreement

## Burning Seed 2014

*Camp Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **WE LOVE RED EARTH CITY!**

We know you love the Burning Seed site in the Matong State Forest as much as we do. That's why we want you to steward and care for the land, its plant and animal residents, and to live the Burning Man Principle of LEAVE NO TRACE (LNT).

All Theme Camps are responsible for educating members on LNT expectations and practices. This agreement must be signed by a Theme Camp representative on the understanding that you will educate your camp mates on how to reduce MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). This refers not just to rubbish, but also things that just shouldn't be where they are – such as fuel canisters in the sun or food hanging in trees.

The person who signs this agreement will be the first person contacted if there is an issue with MOOP at your Theme Camp.

### **YOUR AIM**

Your aim is to leave your Theme Camp site in the same (if not better) condition as when you arrived to set up.

You must also educate your campmates on how to minimise your camp's environmental impact, and how to leave a clear site once you have departed.

**REMEMBER**– There are no rubbish bins provided anywhere at Burning Seed. What you pack in, you must pack out!

At the end of the event, when your camp has finished packing down, get in touch with a MOOP Trouper (ie a member of the LNT crew) who will look over your site with you and ensure that you are Leaving No Trace. This ensures that when we do a MOOP Sweep after the event site is empty, we can check your site for the MOOP Map.

### **THE MOOP MAP?**

Yes, the MOOP Map. The MOOP Map will be published to the community in the months following the event. It will be made by the MOOP Trouters, who will perform detailed grid sweeps of the wider event area after everyone has left the event site.

Any camp areas that contain either too much MOOP or significant site impact will be given **YELLOW** or **RED** status.

If your site contains more than a tea cup's worth of MOOP but less than an ice cream container's worth, you will be given **YELLOW** status.

If there is more than an ice cream container's worth left behind, you will be given **RED** status, plus the title of **MOOP POOS**.

You will also get **RED** status if there are any fire hot spots (eek! Are you insane??), or glaring piles of cigarette butts (which are poisonous to the local flora and fauna) *even if* the entire rest of your site is utterly spotless.

Cigarette butts are the NUMBER ONE MOOP problem on the Paddock and we need you to keep them under control! No matter what status you get we will count up every individual butt we find on your site, and publish the number in the MOOP Map.

Provided the site contains no more than a tea cup's worth of MOOP, your camp will be given **GREEN** status. **GREEN** camps will be bestowed with the title of **MOOP ANGELS**.

Camps where we recover *absolutely no MOOP whatsoever* will gain the coveted title of **MOOP GODS**, paragons of exemplary Leave No Trace History!

## WHAT HAPPENS IF WE GET **YELLOW** OR **RED** STATUS?

Camps with **YELLOW** status will be penalised the following year with reduced priority in choosing a Theme Camp site within the event area. You will also be shown as **YELLOW** on the MOOP Map. (**YELLOW** camps don't get any cool titles, because you have done merely what is expected!)

Camps with **RED** status will be unable to register as an official Theme Camp in the following year and will therefore be ineligible for official placement on the event site. Additionally, you will be shown as **RED** on the MOOP Map, which will be published to the community in the months following the event.

## HOW YOU CAN LEAVE NO TRACE AND ACHIEVE **GREEN** STATUS

The following is a list of recommendations for how you can Leave No Trace at Burning Seed 2014.

Ultimately it is up to you to decide as a camp how you will achieve the ultimate prize in Leave No Trace ethics: **GREEN STATUS** on the MOOP Map, and recognition across the community as being **MOOP GODS!**

### **Before the event**

- Plan Ahead!
- Practice the Five R's: Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Restore
- Create a strategy or plan to Leave No Trace and submit it along with your Theme Camp Application, then share it with your entire camp
- Do whatever you can think of to protect and restore Red Earth City
- Devise a cigarette butt solution
- Identify and intercept Leave No Trace challenges before they arise
- Educate your camp members about minimizing their impact and MOOP levels BEFORE they leave for Burning Seed 2014
- Read the WWW guide
- Plan the assembly and takedown of your structures and decorations, and tape the edges of your carpets
- Inventory your vehicle space so you can pack everything out efficiently after the event
- Take the packaging off as much newly purchased stuff as you can, and stock up on reusable products and containers BEFORE you come on to the site
- DO NOT bring feathers, glitter, or any other hard-to-MOOP costumes or props

### **During the event**

- Check your camp every day (during morning coffee is a good time, and can be a good reason to visit your camp mates the morning after the night before!)
- Make it easy for yourselves and MOOP as you go, knowing that rubbish or MOOP can blow away at any moment
- If MOOP does blow away, chase it! First person to catch the MOOP and bring it back gets... hmmm, I dunno... a cookie?
- Keep your recyclables and rubbish clearly separated for easy disposal
- Have a delegated MOOP crew for any high traffic activities you host, and take care of any MOOP left by guests
- Do not dig large holes or trenches
- Do not dig latrine pits
- If you have a sanctioned burn barrel, do not leave hot spots – delegate someone to actively look after the barrels and douse any fire left unattended.
- Keep everything tied or weighted down, and leave paper items at home
- Encourage all members of your camp to carry with them a personal MOOP containment mechanism (eg plastic bag) and a cigarette butt receptacle (an Altoid tin or a Tic-Tac container are good options) when they are outside camp
- Encourage your camp members to pick up MOOP even when they are outside of your camp zone. The more we all pitch in, the less of a trace we will leave behind

**After the event**

- Put aside time and have designated volunteers for the final clean-up. We recommend forming a line, then walking the length of your site carrying MOOP collection containers. Cover your site in a grid pattern and sweep the whole area.
- Take all rubbish in sealed containers to a landfill, and recyclables to a recycling centre on the way home.
- Leave extra space in every vehicle on the way out, knowing that repacking will inevitably take up more space, and ensuring that no items can fall off during the ride home.

On behalf of all the little critters, the green things, the soil and the waterways, we thank you for your efforts to Leave No Trace!

**I AGREE TO BE PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR LEAVE NO TRACE IN OUR THEME CAMP.**

*Theme Camp Representative:*