

**Leave No Trace Accountability Agreement
Burning Seed 2016**

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 earth, 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 doesn't just refer 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. You also need to empower them with the knowhow to minimise their environmental impact and leave a clear site on departure.

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.

At the end of the event, when your camp has finished packing down, get in touch with the MOOP Ambassador at Centre Camp who will radio to the MOOP Tracers who will come to conduct a preliminary (not final) MOOP check. Your MOOP Hawk will point out anything glaring that you might have missed. This ensures that when we do a MOOP Sweep after the event site is empty we know that you have done all you can to Leave No Trace.

During post event MOOP Sweeps we collect data 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 Tracers, who will perform detailed grid sweeps of the wider event area after everyone has left the Burning Seed site.

Any camp areas that contain either too much MOOP or significant site impact (such as a hot fire place or compost pit) 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. Remember, all fires must be sanctioned by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI). 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 be shown as **YELLOW** on the MOOP Map. (YELLOWcamps don't get any cool titles, because you have done merely what is expected!)

If unable (or unwilling) to meet their Leave No Trace commitments, camps with **RED** status may be unable to register as an official Theme Camp in the following year. These camps may also forfeit their camp financial grant retainers. Additionally, they will be shown as **RED** on the MOOP Map, to 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 2016.

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 camp cigarette butt solution
- Identify and derail Leave No Trace challenges before they arise
- Educate your camp members about minimizing their impact and MOOP levels BEFORE they leave home for Burning Seed 2016
- Read the WWW guide
- Plan the assembly and takedown of your structures and decorations, and tape the edges of your carpets and astro turf
- Inventory your camp's vehicle spaces so you can pack everything out efficiently after the event, including bags of MOOP
- 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 burn
- DO NOT bring feathers, glitter, stick on body decorations, 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... a cookie? A group hug? You decide
- Keep your recyclables and general rubbish clearly separated for easy disposal
- Have a delegated MOOP crew for any high traffic activities you host (like themed parties), and encourage your guests to MOOP up after themselves
- 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 TicTac 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 cleanup. 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.

MAJOR MOOP AWARENESS ITEMS

Compost The Matong State Forest is an arid grassland habitat. The local plants and animals are specially evolved to live happily in a lownutrient soil, and any fertilisers will promote the overgrowth of annual weeds which can choke the locals out.

The fact that it's biodegradable does NOT automatically mean you can bury it at Burning Seed! If you pack it in, you pack it out. EVERYTHING.

No seed shells, no orange peels, *definitely* no poos — NOTHING hits the ground!

Grey water

The NSW Forestry Service have advised us that no more than 10 litres of grey water per person per day is allowable for runoff over the local land area.

Keep in mind that you should only use fully biodegradable soaps made from plant materials, and that you should never let grey water drain off near areas of foot traffic.

Once again, Matong is an arid grassland area, and too much water with too much nutrientdense material will promote the growth of invasive weeds.

Cigarette Butts

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.

Other common items to watch for

Several things were all over the shop last year. In no particular order:

- Tent pegs (there were shitloads of these)
- Grommets Fake grass / astro turf
- Tiny bits of carpet Glitter, bindis / rhinestones, beads, sequins, fake feathers
- Bits of tissue and baby wipes
- Batteries including buttonbatteries

Ashes

If you have a burn barrel, or if you are responsible for an art burn, you MUST remove ash from the site. Ash is a fertiliser high in potassium, which plants use to make fruit, seeds, and flowers. That makes it another weedpromotio risk. Weeds *frikken* love ash!!

MOOP AS YOU GO

The easiest and by far the most effective way to prevent MOOP from ever being a problem is...

NOTHING HITS THE GROUND!

By containing anything which could be MOOPy before it becomes MOOP you're on your way to being MOOP Gods.

If stuff does begin to get away on you, have your campmates spend a few minutes every day scanning around your site for MOOP. This way, at the end of it all when you're totally spent and in the afterglow of an incredible burn, you don't have to stoop around in the blazing sunshine (or pounding rain) looking for ciggie butts and sequins!

You might even consider having a Leave No Trace Award for the most awesome MOOPer in your camp.

All sounding good? Awesome! Sign below and treat yourself to a cookie!

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

Theme Camp Representative:

Print Name: