

**Role Title: Dirt Ranger**

**Team: Rangers**

**Role Summary/Purpose:** Rangers are participants who volunteer a portion of their time at Burning Seed in service of the safety and well-being of the Burning Seed Community. Rangers act as non-confrontational community mediators, providers of reliable information, facilitators of public safety, and navigators at the edge of chaos.

Day or night, pairs of Rangers can be found walking about the paddock engaging with the community, enjoying the art, and always ready to help sort things out.

**Working Relationships:** Ranger leadership; Medical; PEERs; Sanctuary; FART; DPI

**Time/Dates Required:**

**Year round:** n/a

**August-September:** n/a

**On site:** from up to 2 days pre-event to up to 2 days post-event, approx 4 hours per shift (2 shifts minimum expected)

**Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Provide outreach and education to help Burners acculturate to Burning Seed
- Act as an information resource to the community
- Respond to emergencies and help get the appropriate resources to the scene
- Reunite lost children with their family
- Help disoriented participants who are having a particularly rough day
- Facilitate problem solving, mediation, and conflict resolution (without telling people what to do)
- Build rapport with fellow Burners as participants and integral members of the community

**Necessary Qualities, Knowledge and Experience:**

18 years of age or older; good standing with Ranger leadership and mentors; attend a Ranger training session; ability to move about the paddock for up to four hours

**Desirable Qualities, Knowledge and Experience:**

- Good judgement
- Excellent communication skills
- A great sense of humour
- Patience, patience, and more patience
- Generosity and empathy
- An easy-going attitude
- Creative problem solving abilities
- An ability to orient yourself within an ever-changing city

**Self quiz:**

Rangering may be a good choice if you answer “yes” to these questions...

- Do you enjoy helping people while strolling around the paddock, checking out art, and interacting with other participants?
- Are you looking for a reason to engage with diverse aspects of our community?
- Are you the person that your camp or your friends turn to when in need?
- Do you want to contribute more to the well-being of the community?
- Would your friends describe you as responsible and reliable?
- Are you at your best when dealing with the unexpected?

Rangering probably isn't for you if you answer “yes” to these questions:

- Do you have to ask where the portaloos or centre camp is?
- Do you like telling people what to do?
- Do you think Burning Seed needs more control?
- Do you believe that respect comes from a uniform or other trappings of authority?
- Do you find it hard to be sober at Burning Seed for more than 8 hours?
- Do you have a put-down, insult, or sarcastic joke ready for any situation?