

# Camping at Patsy's

There are no 'rules' at Burning Man, but there are principles that serve as a reflection of the community's ethos and culture. Patsy's Hangout embraces these principles and expects everyone camping at Patsy's to follow the principles while camping at Patsy's (and in the default world to the extent practicable).

Burning Man is held in a harsh environment. Camping on Playa for many days can be challenging and stressful. Not everyone can embrace the playa with its dust, wind, heat and constant noise (thumping all night long). Through the years, we have learned that some newer campmates may not be a good fit for Patsy's. This document is intended to outline what it means to camp at Patsy's. Every camper, especially those new to Patsy's, must be fully aware of what it takes to camp at Patsy's. It is expected that all Campers will know all of the expectations outlined in this document and not have to be told or reminded.

Patsy's is a theme camp. It is not just a place to camp on playa. As a theme camp, Patsy's receives certain provisions, such as prime location, availability of tickets through the Stewards ticket sales, early arrival Work Access Passes (WAPs) and listing of events in the What Where When guide. In exchange, there are certain requirements and expectations Patsy's must meet as a theme camp. Each year the number of theme camp applications continue to grow and it becomes increasingly difficult to be classified as a theme camp. Burning Man Placement is always raising the requirements to be a theme camp. Whether a theme camp is invited back and where it is located, is based on how well the camp embraces the Burning Man principles, the interactivity of the camp as well as the following Burning Man Placement expectations:

- Did the camp show up?
- Did the camp do what it said it was going to do? (interactivity & frontage)
- Did the camp honor the Decommodification principle?
- Was the camp a strain on Burning Man's organizational resources?
- How was the camp's MOOP score?
- Did the camp abide by the terms of the Work Access Passes?
- Did the camp uphold the community's principles and cultural norms? (Including neighborliness)

The following are expectations for those camping at Patsy's to ensure we are invited back as a theme camp and to ensure a healthy camp. Patsy's is a low-maintenance, drama free zone.

## **The 12 Principles**

Patsy's supports all 10 + 2 principles of the Burning Man community. Each camper is to understand and embrace these principles. Of particular importance to Patsy are the principles of: Radical Inclusion; Gifting; Radical Self Reliance, Leave No Trace, and Participation. All the principles are listed on the Patsy's Hangout web page at:

<https://www.patsyshangout.org/principles>

## **Civic Responsibility**

Another key principle is Civic Responsibility, and Patsy's encourages all campers to contribute in some way to the community, other than just hosting a theme camp. Volunteering can be extremely rewarding, especially at Burning Man. Many of the campers at Patsy's volunteer in Black Rock City, including Center Camp Décor and the Black Rock Rangers. Patsy's often hosts special gatherings for both the Center Camp Décor team and the Rangers. In particular, Patsy's hosts the Black Rock Rangers Mentors annual on-playa Not-A-Meeting on Friday pre-event. This is when the Ranger Mentors gather in person for a final team meeting to go over the latest mentoring processes and procedures before mentoring begins the following day. Also, because Patsy's is recognized as a safe space, Ranger Mentors often bring their "Alphas" (potential new

volunteers) to Patsy's during their long alpha-mentoring shift, to relax in the shade while exchanging mentors. In addition, being home to several Black Rock Rangers, Patsy's quickly becomes known in the neighborhood as a place to come too when participants are in need of assistance. Don't be surprised if you see many Burning Man volunteers hanging out in the lounge – especially Rangers as they stop for a bit of shade during their shifts - or after...

### **Cultural Direction, and Radical Inclusion, Diversity and Equity**

There is an important distinction between diversity and inclusion. While diversity is being asked to the party, inclusion is being asked to dance. Patsy's has a long history of inclusion, and was created to provide a comfortable, relaxing and welcoming space for all, after several campmates searched the playa for a bar/lounge where one could go and just hangout, and be welcomed rather than ignored because the public space was either "closed" or someone did not fit the preferred clientele. Patsy's is an inclusive space welcoming to all, available all day and night, and where everyone, no matter who they are, is immediately greeted and welcomed. Everyone camping at Patsy's must share this vision and contribute to the vibe that makes Patsy's a welcoming, inclusive and a safe space for all.

### **Sustainability**

Patsy's supports Burning Man's efforts for a more sustainable event. Patsy's will continuously explore ways the camp, especially the public lounge and common shade areas, can be less impactful on the environment. Some of the efforts include: A solar system with panels and batteries sufficient to power 100% of the public and common areas, including the sound system, lighting and charging of mobile devices; robust recycling for all trash originating in the lounge; reusing materials for Patsy's infrastructure, furnishings and themed art to the extent possible; reducing the use of single-use items; and sharing resources among campmates and neighboring camps. All campmates are encouraged to examine how they can become more sustainable in their personal camp.

### **Health & Safety**

The health and safety of Patsy's campers and visitors is paramount and a top priority. All Campmates are to take every precaution to maintain sanitary conditions and minimize the spread of illnesses. Every camper at Patsy's must be fully vaccinated with at least one booster shot within the prior 12 months against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID) in order to camp at Patsy's - even if they have had COVID. This is to reduce the risk of spreading COVID.

### **Not a Plug and Play**

Patsy's is not a plug and play camp. Patsy's does not provide resources such as water, meals or showers. Campers must be self-reliant and bring everything they need for their time on playa (or coordinate with other campers to share resources). Radical self-reliance is one principle very much embraced at Patsy's. Campers can pool together and share resources, such as cooking meals together or sharing a shower setup. Shared use of resources should be coordinated well before one reaches the playa. There are a few things shared by the camp. These include: the public lounge and its furnishings; the common shade area; a grill for cooking located in the common shade area; and Ice (paid by camp dues). Otherwise, campers are responsible for their own well-being.

Putting on a theme camp requires a lot of time, planning, coordination and resources. In exchange for camping at Patsy's, all campmates contribute to the success of the camp. All campmates are to contribute dues, bring their share of alcohol and mixers for the bar, help out setting up and tearing down the lounge and common area, and help maintain the bar and lounge during the event and participate in special events and engage in camp activities. The greatest need is for teardown post-event. If campers are unable to be on playa for teardown, then they are to contribute extra time in helping plan and build things during the months prior and/or put in a lot of extra time on-playa during the event (such as extra days overseeing the lounge, preparing and protecting the lounge structure for weather events, watching the lounge

structure during a heavy wind, daily mooping, extra participation and/or organization of daily events, and getting camp ice).

Everyone is expected to be engaged with camp events and hang out with fellow campmates when back in camp, and contribute to the build, upkeep and teardown of the public and common area. Priority for bartending shifts, theme camp steward tickets, vehicle passes and early arrival passes go to those coming in very early (Wednesday or earlier pre-event) to help with setup and/or leaving later (after 4:00 PM Monday Labor Day) to help with teardown. Patsy's is not a plug-and-play camp.

### **New Campers**

We are always excited to welcome new campmates to Patsy's. However, through the years we've learned that some new campers are unprepared for camping for an extended time in the harsh desert environment and do not fully understand what it takes to be part of a theme camp. The first year is an introductory year. Being invited back the following year depends on how well a new campmate fits in, contributes to Patsy's 'vibe' and embraces the Burning Man principles and culture. After the event, and before planning for the next event, either the mayor(s) of Patsy's, or the majority of campmates, or the sponsor may determine the new camper is not a good fit to continue camping at Patsy's. If found not to be a good fit, the new campmate(s) will be removed from Patsy's member-only lists and not invited back. The new camper's sponsor will inform them whether they were a good fit and whether they will be invited back or not.

If the new camper is a good fit, they will be added to the member lists and invited back. However, if the new camper does not return to camp at Patsy's within three years, they will be considered no longer interested and removed from Patsy's active current member lists, and will need to be re-sponsored if they want to return.

Below is a list of items of interest for new campers.

- New campers must have an existing campmate camping at Patsy's as a sponsor.
- New campers that have never been to Burning Man before (Birgins) are not expected to work bar shifts, however, they are expected to help out elsewhere as needed and engage with fellow Patsy's campers while back in camp.
- New campers need to bring everything they need while on playa. Only a camp common shade area and public lounge/bar are available for campers to access and use. Everything else is on the new camper or their sponsor to bring or arrange.
- New campers are to contribute dues and items for the bar like everyone else (the sponsor may contribute on their behalf).
- New campers are to participate at Patsy's. This means engaging with fellow campers, participating in Patsy's themed events while in camp, welcoming visitors to the lounge, hanging out with fellow campers while in camp (rather than being secluded in personal camp areas) and getting to know everyone. Patsy's is a place to build on existing friendships and start new ones. Non-engagement and non-participation are great ways not to be invited back (afterall, 'Participation' is one of the key Burning Man principles embraced at Patsy's). If being on your own or only with your immediate RV/tent-mates is how you'd rather spend your time at camp, then Patsy's is not the place for you.
- New campers should not be going through personal issues. Burning Man is a harsh environment and can only make the situation worse, especially for birgins that are unfamiliar with the harshness of the playa. Wait until you are in a good space, both mentally and physically, before coming to Burning Man for the first time.
- New Campers should join the [Patsy's Hangout Public FaceBook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1364267443604634) to get a feel for the camp and stay connected. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1364267443604634>
- New Campers should also visit [Patsy's Hangout](#) website.
- New Campers should add [patsyshangout@gmail.com](mailto:patsyshangout@gmail.com) to their contact list so as not to have emails go into spam.

## **Sponsors**

New Campers must have a sponsor camping at Patsy's. Sponsors have the following responsibilities:

- The sponsor ensures the campmate is aware of/receives Patsy's communications and applicable due dates and camp meeting announcements pre-playa.
- The sponsor ensures the Burner Profile and email address of the new campmate is sent to [patsyshangout@gmail.com](mailto:patsyshangout@gmail.com) so that the information can be added to Patsy's camp list.
- The sponsor ensures the campmate is aware of Burning Man event information, such as the principles and survival guide and Jack Rabbit Speaks and ensures they have a Burner Profile.
- The sponsor makes sure the new campmate knows what is expected to camp at Patsy's on playa.
- The sponsor ensures the new camper has read and agrees to the expectations in the "Camping at Patsy's" Document.
- The sponsor ensures the new campmate is in a good headspace, is not going through a difficult time, and can handle the harsh conditions of the playa.
- Someone camping at Patsy's other than the sponsor, must meet the new camper for a second opinion on whether the new camper would be a potential good fit for Patsy's.
- The sponsor is responsible for addressing any issues, should the new camper not meet expectations once on playa. A high-maintenance new camper causing drama is the responsibility of the sponsor to address.
- The sponsor must be camping at Patsy's. If the sponsor cancels and is no longer camping at Patsy's, then the new camper will not be able to camp at Patsy's unless another campmate sponsors them.
- The sponsor ensures the new camper brings the gear they need to camp on playa.
- It is the sponsor's responsibility to inform a new camper whether they were a good fit or not and whether they will be invited back.

## **Drama-Free Zone**

Patsy's is an inclusive camp welcoming to all and respectful of everyone on their own personal journey in life. Following the culture of Burning Man, we are all equal and non-judging of others. At the same time, Patsy's is a drama-free zone, and living together in close proximity in a harsh environment for an extended period of time can be stressful on individuals and their relationships. Patsy's wants to minimize conflicts and situations that can create drama for the camp.

Many that camp at Patsy's are in a relationship with someone else at Patsy's, such as spouses, boyfriends, relatives, friends, or an acquaintance being introduced to Burning Man for the first time. In the spirit of inclusivity, all are welcome to camp at Patsy's as long as they have a sponsor camping at Patsy's. However, sometimes things just don't always go right. A couple may split up or the person someone sponsored turns out not to be a good fit, or there ends up being unreconcilable differences between campmates, or a campmate may cause property damage, mental, physical or financial harm to another, or a campmate may simply not share the same values or positive spirit as other campmates. To keep Patsy's a drama-free zone, healthy relationships are a must in order to continue camping at Patsy's.

If a couple or friends camping together at Patsy's split up or have a falling out, or campers simply cannot get along, either one may request that the other no longer camps at Patsy's. The mayor(s) will consider the request with priority consideration of who continues camping at Patsy's based on: who sponsored whom; who has contributed the most to the spirit of the camp over the years; who is most active with Patsy's members throughout the year, and quite frankly who is the best fit and gets along with others. The mayor(s) will reach out to other campers for input before making a final decision. It is the responsibility of the camper that remains to inform the other that they are no longer camping at Patsy's. The camper no longer camping at Patsy's will be removed from the Patsy's membership list. It is expected that such situations will be rare occurrences, and not intended simply because a campmate does not like another.

## **Active Campers**

Active campers in good standing may return to Patsy's in the following or future years. To be considered active, a camper must have camped at Patsy's at least once in the previous three years (and determined a good fit after their first year) or remain engaged with various Patsy's campers and activities throughout the year after camping at Patsy's at least three times. If a new camper does not return to camp at Patsy's within three years of their first-year camping at Patsy's, they will be considered no longer interested and removed from Patsy's member lists, and will need to be re-sponsored if they want to return. Due to space limitations, priority for space will be given to active campers before opening up to new or returning inactive campers.

## **General Camp information**

Patsy's does not provide facilities or services for campmates. All campmates are on their own for everything they need for their time on playa. Campmates may however want to join with others for meal preparation and other shared facilities and resources. Below is a partial list of expectations for basic camp resource needs.

- Trash: Pack it in, Pack it out. Everyone is responsible for their own trash. If you brought it to playa, you take it back with you. The only exception is the bar. Trash generated from the bar and lounge goes into the camp recycling and taken out by fellow campers. Do not put personal trash in the camp trash unless you are taking the camp trash home with you.
- Recycling - Patsy's recycles. Make sure bar/lounge trash is placed in the appropriate container: aluminum/metal; glass; plastic; compost; landfill. This is a critical issue and is strictly enforced at Patsy's. If you can't take the time to learn what trash goes where, then don't use the trash bins.
- Patsy's does not provide meals. Everyone provides their own housing, food, drink and water. Usually someone brings a 2-burner camp stove that everyone can use. (NOTE: campmates tend to go in together for joint meal planning. We also tend to share extra food, and have occasional group potlucks. Sharing of left-over food is always encouraged.)
- Patsy's does not handle disposal of grey or black water. Everyone is on their own for appropriate disposal for grey/black water. (NOTE: some campmates go in together to receive RV pump-outs and replenishment of water. Look for announcements pre-playa.)
- Patsy's does not provide showers. Everyone accommodates their own bathing needs. (NOTE: campmates tend to go in together for showering. Make sure that whatever shower facility you use, the grey water is appropriately addressed on a daily basis.)
- Campers must provide their own power supplies. Although there is a solar storage battery and back-up generator, these are for the sound system and lighting for the lounge and common camp area rather than continued personal use. There is however a central place for charging mobile devices. Just remember to bring your own cables and power adaptors.
- The bar/lounge area (or 'front of house') is a public space and open to all Burning Man participants. Although published events only occur for 8 hours a day (a 2-hour morning chill + 6-hour open bar) the bar is open later at the discretion of campmates. The lounge area itself is open 24/7 for anyone to just chill and hang out in - from when the gate opens at Midnight Saturday until Noon Sunday of Temple Burn. Because the front of house is a public space, no camp personal items are to be kept in the lounge area.
- The camp common area (or 'back of house') is available for all campmates, and is used for the storing of bar/lounge supplies, coolers for bar ice, placement of the bar/lounge recycling waste containers, electrical and stereo equipment, and some common cooking facilities such as a grill and prep table. Burning Man participants should not be in the common area unless known by a campmate (friends of the camp are always welcome).
- Camp infrastructure, including the lounge, bar and common area, and furnishings, sound equipment, solar system and lighting, are personal items provided by campmates. Patsy's as a camp does not provide any infrastructure other than single-use temporary themed art for special events. Campmates and their guests are to be considerate of the

infrastructure and furnishings. Campers are responsible for any damage they or their guests cause to another camper's personal property, and are expected to pay for repair or replacement costs. The sponsor is responsible for payment if a new first-year camper damages personal property and does not reimburse the owner in a timely manner. Failure to respect personal property or reimburse a camper for damages to personal property is means for permanent expulsion from Patsy's.

**Important Note:** Don't ever assume that just because you shared resources with campmates one year, that the resources are available to you the following year. The resources may not be available for numerous reasons. Arrange with your campmates well before arriving on playa (like several months before) if you want to share resources.

### **Camp Dues, Contributions, Commitments and Engagement**

Patsy's is a theme camp and as with all theme camps, Burning Man Placement expects us to shine. Whether we are invited back and whether we receive a prime location (hint: the 7:30 Sector is the most requested sector, and therefore the hardest to be placed in) depends on how well we meet the theme camp criteria mentioned above. Burning Man is a gifting economy, so there is no exchange of money on playa. There are expenses in running a bar and lounge, and therefore everyone camping at Patsy's must contribute. Camping at Patsy's is conditioned upon everyone contributing to make it happen.

### **Camp Dues**

- All campmates must contribute funds. The amount is determined by the camp during one of the early camp meetings each calendar year. To maintain a spot at Patsy's the dues must be paid by July 1. After July 1 the space will be given to someone on the wait-list. Dues will be returned if the camper ends up not camping at Patsy's. Funds go to a variety of things including:
  - Consumables (such as trash bags, zip ties, fuel for generator and camp stove).
  - Storage container storage and delivery fees.
  - Ice for the bar and campmates. To make things easier, the camp buys ice not only for the bar but for all campmates. Please use only what you absolutely need. If we are running low on ice, the bar has priority. But no worries, there are daily ice runs.

### **Bar Contributions**

- In addition to camp dues, each campmate must also contribute to the bar.

Each campmate must bring all of the following three items listed below for the bar:

- Alcohol (plastic bottles only - no glass please). Quantity determined in July.
- Enough mixers to go with the alcohol
- One case of either beer, water or soda (pick one, or mash up)

Patsy's signature drinks are listed below. Campmates are encouraged to bring alcohol and mixers for the making of one (your choice) of these fabulous cocktails:

- Patsy Bolli: Vodka, soda, and a splash of cranberry or other juice.
- Patsy Spritzer: A very light whiskey such as 'Canadian Gold' and ginger ale.
- Patsy Cosmo: Vodka, lemon-lime Gatorade and a splash of cranberry.

The exact amount of alcohol and mixers to bring is determined in early July when Burning Man placement announces our location and footprint, and is based on the number of campers and whether we are placed at a busy location.

### **Bar Shifts**

- Patsy's is a lounge/bar, which takes a lot of effort to run. Burning Man Placement requires theme camps to be interactive at least 8-12 hours each day. Camps that do not provide the expected interactivity are placed in a less desirable location the following

year, or worse, not invited back as a theme camp. To maintain our prime location in the 7:30 Sector, we need to be awesome. To meet our commitment as a theme camp, all returning burners\* must work at least one 6-hour shift (12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM) behind the bar as bartender and/or runner/barback. Campers are required to be in playa wear while on bar shifts, and consistent with the Patsy's theme – so costume up! The more colorful and outrageous, the better. No default-world street clothes when bartending behind the bar.

(\*Campmates who have never been to Burning Man before (birgins) are not expected to work any bar shifts. They should explore and experience the event as much as possible without having to worry about filling a work shift. However, they should still be engaging with other campmates while back in camp.)

### Lounge Upkeep

- In addition to working at least one 6-hour shift, returning campmates must also contribute to maintaining the bar, lounge and common area. Other activities that campmates are to contribute when back in camp include the following areas:
  - Frequently moop the lounge and camp;
  - Hang out for Classical Chill (2 hours every morning from 10:00 to 12:00 Noon when we play chill music) and help clean the lounge and re-stock the bar;
  - Ice runs - each morning between 10:00 and 11:00 AM;
  - Sorting recycle bins and replacing recycle garbage bags when full;
  - Securing the lounge structure if needed in anticipation of or during high winds;
  - General housekeeping in front and back of house;
  - Be engaging with participants and fellow campmates;
  - Participate in Patsy's special theme events.

### Participation

- All campers, even those new to the Playa, are to actively participate at Patsy's. This means engaging with fellow campers and participants, participating in Patsy's events while in camp, welcoming visitors to the lounge, hanging out with fellow campers while back in camp (rather than being secluded in personal camp areas) and getting to know everyone. Patsy's is a place to build on existing friendships and start new ones. Non-engagement and non-participation are great ways not to be invited back. If being on your own or only with your immediate RV/Tent-mates is how you'd rather spend your time at camp, then Patsy's is not the place for you.
- It takes a lot of hard work to plan, create, build, maintain and pack up Patsy's. Burning Man Placement places high expectations on theme camps and is constantly raising the bar on criteria to meet. Everyone must commit to doing their part to make Patsy's happen. Otherwise, it would be just another camp in the back of the city.
- Patsy's campers are to contribute to making Patsy's happen. As mentioned before, Patsy's is not a plug and play. Every camper is to contribute to making Patsy's happen. Below are some of the ways to participate.
  - **Off-Playa**
    - **Administration** - including working with Burning Man Placement, developing camp roster and assigning camp provisions (handled by camp mayor).
    - **Planning** - including meetings to discuss ideas for Patsy's layout, potential new campmates and schedules for work parties, and taking on responsibility for themed events.
    - **Logistics** - including maintaining inventory, constructing, repairing, replacing and cleaning lounge and bar items, storage and transport of infrastructure to/from playa.
    - **Decor** - including creating and constructing single-use themed art for the lounge and special events.

- **Pre/Post-Event**
  - **Setup** - including arriving super early (five days before gate-opening) to help set up the lounge, common area, and bar. Campers that are on playa very early for other purposes are expected to help set up Patsy's when not working on other projects.
  - **Teardown** - including staying through Labor Day to help teardown Patsy's.
- **During-Event**
  - **Lounge** - including cleaning and mopping the Lounge during the daily Patsy's morning chill (10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon), keeping an eye on the lounge during the day to ensure things are going smoothly; frequently mopping the lounge throughout the day; securing the lounge structure if needed in anticipation of or during weather events such as high winds or rain; and general housekeeping in front of house.
  - **Bar** - including Bar Shifts (12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM) for bartending and bar-backing (at least one bar shift is required for each non-birgin camping at Patsy's); bar-stocking during the morning after-chill (10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon), helping barback during peak periods.
  - **Common Area** - including frequently mopping the camp common area; sorting recycle bins; replacing recycle garbage bags when full; general housekeeping in back of house.
  - **Special Events** - including sponsoring a special event, helping set up themed events, participating in Patsy's themed special events; and engaging participants in the event.
  - **Ice Run** - daily morning (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM) ice runs to Arctica for camp and bar ice.

### **Themed Events**

As a Theme Camp, Patsy's must provide interactivity most of the day. For Patsy's this includes the morning classical chill, open bar all day, full participant accessibility of the lounge at night and special daily themed events. It is expected that campers participate to the extent possible in Patsy's themed events, with the understanding that several campers have Burning Man volunteer shifts during the event that keep them from attending many of the themed events. It is also expected that campers that have camped at Patsy's multiple times step up and take on responsibility for sponsoring the planning and execution of themed events.

### **Sound System/Music**

Patsy's has a sound system with microphones (for meetings and entertainment). There is no internet access at Patsy's so campers are encouraged to download their favorite playlists to their mobile devices. Chill music is played during the morning chill, and the sponsor of the themed event for the day chooses the music during the event. Otherwise, it is bartender's choice for the music. However, the Mayor(s) may override the music selection if the music does not fit the current vibe for the lounge.

### **Provisions**

As a theme camp, Patsy's receives certain provisions from Burning Man Placement. However, there are a lot of requirements and expectations placed on theme camps that must be met. Below are several of the provisions provided to Patsy's campers. The more a camper contributes to making Patsy's a success and the more responsibility a camper takes on (such as being fully responsible for one of the many themed events, or staying late for teardown, or engaged in year-round Patsy's coordination and activities) the higher priority the camper will receive in the distribution of provisions.

- **Priorities for Provisions.** Unfortunately, there is a limited number of provisions available for campers at Patsy's. These items are distributed by the Camp Mayor based on the following priorities: Off-Playa contributions made to the success of Patsy's;

staying late on-playa until Labor Day to help with teardown; taking on responsibilities for the success of camp activities and duties; On-playa contributions to the camp; arriving very early (at least five days prior to gate opening) to help with setup; overall contribution to the camp over the years, and the number of years camped at Patsy's. Campers exhibiting "plug and play" attitudes (arriving on playa early but not taking responsibilities for setup activities, leaving before Labor Day when teardown is complete and not making a significant contribution during the event) will be low priority for items, assignments, and even the ability to camp at Patsy's when space is limited. The more years a camper has camped at Patsy's the higher the expectation to take on responsibilities and contributing to making Patsy's a success. Not taking on more responsibilities; not contributing to themed art; enjoying Patsy's infrastructure and furnishings but not contributing/ bringing/ storing their own to share in the public lounge; arriving pre-event but after Patsy's is set up and leaving early before Patsy's is torn-down, or not knowing the expectations outlined in this document, is a sure way for a long-time camper to lose priority for provisions. Campers should not help out just to receive a provision, but rather because they are passionate and self-motivated to creating a welcoming space on-playa.

- **Access To Tickets and Vehicle Passes.** As a theme camp, Patsy's is provided access to purchase a limited number of tickets and vehicle passes through the Steward ticket sales. Tickets and Vehicle Passes are distributed by the Camp Mayor based on the priorities listed above.
- **Work Access Passes** As a theme camp, Patsy's is provided a limited number of Work Access Passes (WAPs), which allow campers to arrive on playa as early as Tuesday prior to gate opening, to set up the theme camp. This is a significant provision as it allows campers to avoid the long lines at the gate during the first few days of the event. WAPs are distributed by the Camp Mayor based on the priorities listed above. Theme Camp WAPs may only be used by those camping at Patsy's. WAPs are never to be given to non-campers. Placement will remove Patsy's theme camp status if WAPs are used by non-campers. Miss-use of WAPs is means for permanent expulsion from Patsy's.
- **Personal Camp Location.** Patsy's is a small camp with very limited space (100' x 100') with the lounge, common camp area and storage container taking up a significant portion (30' x 50'). This leaves little space for personal camping areas. Personal camp locations will be assigned by the camp mayor based on the priorities listed above, with consideration of when campers arrive and depart, proximity to the street for RV pump-out, amount of personal space needed, and how many campers are sharing the same space/footprint.
- **Bartending Shifts.** As a theme camp, Placement requires us to be interactive for 8-12 hours each day. Every non-birgin camping at Patsy's must work at least one 6-hour bar shift, either bartending or bar-backing. Some shifts are more coveted than others. Shifts will be open to campers by the camp mayor based on the priorities listed above.

### **Recreational Activities**

Although Burning Man is free-spirited and non-judgmental, the event takes place in the Black Rock Desert which is on federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Even though the Black Rock desert is in Nevada, federal laws still apply. For example, marijuana is legal in Nevada but illegal on federal lands, and therefore illegal in Black Rock City. Campers must take care in understanding federal vs. state laws and requirements. Because both federal and state laws apply, campers are asked to comply with both federal and state laws while camping at Patsy's. Especially within the open camp area, common area and public lounge area. This means no illegal activities (including sexual activities viewable from the street where minors might see). Patsy's does not monitor what campers do within the privacy of their own personal RV, trailer or tent, but campers are not to perform activities unacceptable to BLM, State of Nevada, or County Sheriff departments within camp common areas or the public lounge (or anywhere for that matter).

## **Dos and Don'ts**

After several years of being a theme camp, Patsy's has learned there are certain dos and don'ts that help a camp be successful and is a good time for all. Below are a few lessons learned.

### **Do:**

- Do accept the harsh conditions of the playa. It is hot, dusty, windy and noisy.
- Do realize Burning Man can be stressful. If you find yourself having anxiety or conflict, take a break and cool off - it could be due to an elevated body temperature.
- Do realize that others may be feeling a bit off - usually due to the heat and toward the late afternoon (around 3:00 - 5:00).
- Do bring more food than you need and share with others during meals. Campmates often have extras during meal time. It is also good to arrange potlucks on occasion
- Do prepare food at any time and share with fellow campmates and participants at the bar. Food items such as bacon, quesadillas, grilled cheese sandwiches, are always favorites
- Do participate and engage with fellow campmates and participants at the bar/lounge

### **Don't:**

- Don't be high maintenance or cause drama.
- Don't rely on others to solve your problems or make you feel better. The desert is harsh for everyone. Remember, Radical Self Reliance is not only a Burning Man principle, but a necessity out in the desert.
- Don't come to Burning Man if you are having personal issues. Wait until you are in a good space.

## Final Thoughts

**It's only a week in the desert**

*We are a nomadic people  
We seek no territory  
A small but growing transient group  
we are a study in temporary society*

*Our home is inhospitable  
caustic dust and killing sun  
We disperse to other climes  
for our mere survival*

*We live under other people's laws  
on other people's economies*

*We gather but once each year  
to celebrate our unity  
to perpetuate our culture  
to treat ourselves well  
to show the new ones  
that there is another way*

*It's only a week in the desert  
a week without wars  
or rumors of wars  
a week of soulful introspection  
a week of joyous abandon  
a week of live and let live*

*On the edge of chaos  
a week to escape the mundane  
a week when creativity is loosed  
that brings forth amazement in the night  
sights and sounds found nowhere else  
sultry nights provide a "Natural High"*

*A week of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness  
A week when the rules are simple,  
Treat others as you'd have them treat you,  
Leave No Trace*

*When we have gone  
there is nothing for  
archeologists to discover  
No scene of our crime to visit*

*Like a mushroom or Brigadoon  
we appear as if from nowhere  
and vanish without a trace  
such is our way*

*It cannot be explained  
It must be experienced  
It could change your life  
It's only a week in the desert*