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2019 Saguaro Man AfterBurn Report

Saguaro Man 2019 was held at Firebase Chaote, hosted by the McKinney's in Cochise, Arizona on May 1st - 5th. The event sold out. There were x dogs along with x participants, x of which were children 12 and under, through the Gate.

Theme: Space Time - From our limited human perspective we are pinned to a specific space and time. But what if we could cut free of that limitation and move freely along the axes of dimensionality and time? What possible and impossible perspectives and experiences can we create as artists?

After a year off from burning, we burned this year! For the very first time, Saguaro Man was held in Southern Arizona. All the stars and planets aligned to give us a perfect event with perfect weather. Now that we have had a chance to decompress from Saguaro Man, we can take a look at what worked and what challenged us, and how we can do even better next time.

Ticket sales: \$71,640

Ticket Cost:

Volunteers: \$85

Participant: \$95

Leads/Rangers/Direct
ed(10)/Artist(25) \$5

Dogs - 88

Kids - 55

Event Expenses:

Art Grants \$12,182

Ticketing Fees \$4,063

Insurance \$2,532

Land Readiness \$8,000

Work Weekend \$2,219

Portos \$6,855

Event Permit \$30

Event Supplies \$11,991

Fire Suppression \$845

Fuel/Transportation \$2,207

Total: \$50,924

Other Events/Operating Expenses:

Other Events \$4,814
Overhead Expenses \$1,863
Printing/SWAG \$2,647
AZBWB \$801
Charitable Contributions \$2,400
Working Balance \$8,191
Total \$20,716

What Worked:

The Land worked! Firebase Chaote (The McKinney family) was a beautiful location, with great access. Saguaro Man was the first ever event in Cochise county to go through the official permitting process. Cochise county officials were excited to put their process into action. There was communication with several county agencies in the approval process. Once approved, the Chief of the local Fire District and the Cochise County Emergency Manager came out to the site to aid us in having a successful event. We got off on the right footing and laid the groundwork for a successful relationship with Cochise County.

- Having Gate close at midnight was a huge success.
- The newly established D Lot only needed to be used by a few late night arrivals.
- The Portal at Greeters was a great educational tool for the 10 Principles.
- Center Camp was a huge success, becoming the Town Square for meetings, LED talks, training, classes, and meeting up with folks for some coffee.
- Artists did very well with setting up on time for everyone to thoroughly enjoy their efforts.
- There was a significant improvement in Art Leave No Trace (LNT) efforts.
- Placement made great strides to place over 800 participants on land that had not previously held such a large event.
- Placing sound camps on one end and family and quieter camping at the other end.
- There were six placed amplified sound theme camps, and all of the camps were respectful of the sound guidelines, and quiet hours.
- There were new radios, new protocols, and Leads that went through FEMA National Preparedness training.
- Training brought us inline to be able to communicate with emergency personnel, and better understand the National Incident Management System (NIMS) methods.
- Fire did onsite volunteer training, to bring new participants into their team.
- FAST was able to get volunteers to step up at the event, to enable us to have two full burn perimeters.

- Both burns had a very respectful and cooperative crowd of spectators, sitting in the front rows. Some of the earliest burn night arrivals brought blankets and had an impromptu picnic, while securing prime real estate for the Burn.
- Being able to reposition the sound system (Ian - Big Willy) was an unexpected and substantial benefit.
- A shout out to Ooey Gooley Camp for picking up the slack and taking out five bags of Matter out of Place (MOOP) that was not theirs.
- Witches Brew volunteers stepped up and found less than half a garbage bag of MOOP left on the entire site.

Several years ago Uncle Bob brought Temple Guardianship to Saguaro Man. That originating act of love continues to resonate with AZ burners and grow throughout our community. This year more than two dozen heartfelt Temple Guardians Held Space at the Temple almost continuously for two and a half days, in keeping with Uncle Bob's original vision. In addition, Guardians now create Space for our community to congregate, celebrate, and reflect on Burn Night. All of this came to be because of Uncle Bob's amazing and ongoing commitment to our community.

Meredith and Oaks created the Temple of Icarus, and coordinated 60 volunteers and artists, to make this a truly community based Temple. There was a wedding, a remembrance for Piano Pete, along with many more private moments. Camp Crisis was able to offer vital and appreciated support. Having them a radio call away helped with important situations. Knowing that such skilled help was at the ready, made it easier for Temple Guardians to be open, neutral, and at times even vulnerable.

Challenges:

- Gate structure and staff need to be in place Tuesday morning, so participants with Work Access passes are able to check in.
- Artists need to be made aware of the ticketing and entry process.
- After Gate opened, some people came to Gate with no ticket or an incomplete ticket transfer.
- There is a need for better knowledge about Lost and Found procedures.
- There is a need for more radio training.
- New procedures and more ice are needed.
- The FAST team needs vests and flashlights.
- Fire conclave needs better structure and procedures to be successful.
- Attending the pre-burn Conclave meeting is mandatory.
- The amount of new radios was insufficient.
- Better radio numbers are needed from each department.
- There was one unattended dog and one unaccompanied child situation. Both were resolved quickly.

Going Forward:

The Communication team is creating an Arizona Specific Survival Guide. It will be packed full of helpful information. It will be updated yearly, to help participants be aware of changes. It will have hours listed for our new ice system. Each participant will be issued an ice pog. Ice pogs can be redeemed during specific hours, during the event. It will also contain clear language about ticketing requirements and Gate procedures, including Lost and Found information. Moving the transfer cutoff back to the original earlier date, to give ample time to have an accurate will call list.

Volunteer positions will each have a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) document that will be available for download. They will include duties, responsibilities, and any equipment needed to fulfill the roll. Additional copies of the SOPs will be held at Gate, for volunteers who sign up on site.

Art is casting a wider net. Art has initiated a grant proposal process that will include civic art grants for both burner and non-burner community events like IgNIGHT, Bombay Beach, All Souls, and a new event that is in the planning stages for Tucson featuring recycled art and art made of recycled materials.

Fire Conclave will issue wristbands at the mandatory meeting. Artists and fire personnel in the burn area will also have wristbands. FAST will have the perimeter setup, and only people with wristbands will be allowed into the burn area. Fire spinning will be held in one clear congregation point for veteran spinners, new spinners, and those interested in spinning fire. Such a focused space will foster growth and coordination of the community. It will allow for interacting with trained and briefed spinners, safety equipment such as blankets that can be deployed reliably, and more focused fuel management. A rope light loop will be a physical indicator of the burn perimeter. The first three rows of participants will not have any chairs, in case the perimeter needs to be moved back. Blankets and chairs are encouraged.

Our Code of Conduct reporting system was utilized and the cases have been dealt with. To increase awareness and accessibility, we are implementing secure Code of Conduct reporting boxes at events. If you or anyone you know encounters a problem with unwanted/uncomfortable physical or sexual behavior, support is available. Please contact anyone with a radio, Rangers, or medical staff to get support. Your privacy is our priority.”

Improving the written Safety plan, the IAP with contingencies, and the After Action reports will continue to be a priority. Building our relationship with the county and our host community is a responsibility that we all share. As we grow, it will be with intention and careful consideration of our participants and our community.

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