Decompression 2024 After Burn Report for the Community

Arizona Decompression 2024 took place on our land outside of Willcox, AZ on October 11-13.

It was warm, but still beautiful weather with daytime temperatures peaking in the low 90s and cooling down to the high 50s at night.

Our set up team was even graced with a display of Aurora on Thursday night!

This year we changed things up and brought on three new event producers to lead AZ Decompression: Mica Harkins (Vixen), Stephanie Munoz (Cords), and Matthew Campana (Useful). They worked together with our amazing team of leads to put on the best event, and are all looking forward to next year.

We sold 167 tickets and had lots of dogs and a few kiddos in attendance — it was a good mix of people and really made this event feel like a burner family campout! We had around 25 returning volunteers sign up for this event, but unfortunately ended up with less than that at the event.

Gate and Greeters worked hard at Decomp this year. We definitely need to have more volunteers for opening day at future Decompression events, but our small team busted their butts and made it work. Thank you to our gate and greeter leads and volunteers for your hard work!

DPW event setup/teardown was fairly smooth and many stepped up to take on a role where needed. DPW and volunteers also worked to clear out brush from the Heart Roads and Headquarters, but the rest of the land was left mostly untouched due to the small scale of the event. (There was a lot of new mesquite growth so make sure you come prepared for Saguaro Man next year!) Special thanks to Chainsaw and Sunny for their hard work, and all of our volunteers!

We had a lovely **Center Camp** at the event thanks to Rod Marten! He brought a large shade structure with reclining chairs and played a Burning Man slideshow on the ceiling of his structure after dark. During the day it was a nice spot to get out of the sun and catch the breeze.

Medical only had one bee sting to care for and thankfully there were no other issues or emergencies for this year's event. Thanks to our medical lead and volunteers for being on call and keeping everyone alive and well.

Rangers rocked it this year! Two of the three Ranger Leads were there, Rat Lady and Lionessa. Several Helio Rangers and Ranger Council Members were also in attendance. Everything worked smoothly, no incidents, our only work was returning a lost credit Card that was found on a path. It was a perfect event!

LNT did a proper sweep of the land on Sunday (Thank you, Volunteers!!) and said that they were having a hard time finding any MOOP from the event — which is always the best news! Thank you to all of our attendees for picking up MOOP and being conscientious during your Decomp adventures.

Finances are solid. Historically, Decompression has operated at a loss. Not this year. Careful attention was paid to keep spending in check as we know there will be major capital expenses in 2025. After all was said and done, we made a $5,000+ profit on this event and the funds will go towards things like upcoming land improvement (required by the county) and Saguaro Man 2025 production.

SUMMARY EXPENSE REPORT

CATEGORY	TOTAL
Capital Expenses	$0
Operational Expenses	$2,984.44
Major expenses: (Portos, Insurance)	
TOTAL DECOMPRESSION EXPENSES	$2,984.44

SUMMARY INCOME REPORT

CATEGORY	TOTAL
Ticket Revenue	$8,305
Donation Revenue	$160.17
TOTAL DECOMPRESSION INCOME***	$8,465.17
*** This is used for costs during the year including events, board expenses, insurance, art grants, and donations to other non-profits.	

Overall, the event was a major success! We had some new-to-our-community burners this year! We want to give a special thank you to Rocker, who set up the very cool Pallet Bar and served the most delicious tacos — if you had one, you know the magic of them! He is a long time burner and plans to bring his Pallet Bar to Saguaro Man, so keep an eye out for him in April.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers and attendees -- our AZ Decompression is a collaborative experience and it took all of us to make the event as beautiful as it was.