
another question from a newbie

Posted by Jbelle58 - 2009/06/18 15:01

SOAK will be my very first event. We have a tent, but are not a part of a group and don't have a theme. Can we just set up our tent wherever we want? We'll probably be arriving around 7pm on Friday. Just don't want to invade a space we shouldn't be in.

Appreciate any info. you can share.

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Re:another question from a newbie

Posted by Todd - 2009/06/20 09:24

It's like Burning man, Some places are reserved for theme camps, other places are "open camping" for anyone. I'm sure someone will have a map at the gate to show you where *not* to camp.

But unlike Burning Man, you can't park your car next to your tent. There is a parking area for cars, then walk your tent/gear in...

I wouldn't worry about "...invade a space" If you're still unclear where to pitch your tent, just ask others in the area... I'm sure you'll be fine.

Welcome to SOAK@!!!!

The man burns in 7 days

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Re:another question from a newbie

Posted by TribalMutt - 2009/07/06 22:38

I probably agree with what was most mentioned above. However, if Burning Man, Soakers, or just people in general want to show the love, and they base their reputation(s) off of that- then... some of us (if not all of us) should base interactions on first impressions.

Even though I have been to Burning Man in 2001, when my friend and I arrived and we started to camp in an area that had a orange ribbon around the trees (as we just thought it was a mild decoration) that said "Danger" (Ghetto camp)... we were immediately approached with the words "Get off my land".

There was no... "Hi, welcome to SOAK. In case you're thinking of camping here, this is a registered theme camp area, so you'll have to camp outside the ribboned area."

There is a polite way to approach people and there is a bad way. Obviously- this was the "elitist / bad" way of approaching people who already know how to be a part of a community and those who have helped out to make our scenes better than they were.

Secondly, even the next day (Saturday) my friend and I were not even talking to anyone in the camp, and another girl said something like- "I told you before- don't be on our land". My friend and I just laughed our asses off because we weren't even on "their" land, not in their theme camp, and we weren't even talking to her.

Despite the shallow, burner attitude that we saw from most as well as hearing the terrible House music that was played most of the time, there was at least one area that did play Shpongle and there were also OTHER nice Burners that we did meet and we hope to explore our friendship more with those POSITIVE Burners and those that have good energy. Although we are not judgmental, it appears that anyone's perception would have been just like ours due to the immediate unwelcoming that we received when we arrived. At the end of the weekend, we thought that we should have been paid for attending. Good grief.

Perhaps next year there will be a lot more of open minds, open hearts, open souls, and blessed interactions with those that have the warm aura about them (instead of those who appear that they haven't had a man give them some loving in a long time).

No disrespect, but the truth has now been thrown out and I do not mean to start a "flame war" of any kind. It just hurt our

feelings and we were disrespected in more ways than one.

We also thought about the scenario that "Burners don't like PsyTrancers". I do enjoy PsyTrance but, preferably Goa, but I don't know if that statement is fully true- because one cannot say "all" in the beginning of that.

I strongly suggest booking some of our BEST DJs up here in our scene... Gorilla Dust for sure... perhaps Osiris (a friend and well-known DJ, producer, etc.) from Seattle, or having at least a SET or TWO of PsyTrance and/or Goa at a stage (if not the whole stage).

It's all good though... no worries as we brushed it off because of the shallowness, but it had to be known. An apology is in store, but we're not demanding one from anyone. We are looking on the "good side" of what we left with and are not going to focus on what happened. Perhaps though, the camp leaders should know about this so that they can correct their actions on how they approach visitors that come to their camp by mistake or even when they are just wanting to visit them.

Best of luck with future events.

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Posted by JasonPhilips - 2009/07/07 13:35

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You're telling me what I am doing and not doing? Wow... that's not very smart. I'm obviously agreeing with you, but you're lashing out. If you want to start a flame war- I'm more than welcome to argue with you in person. However, I'm at the age where I don't want or need that anymore. As anyone and everyone can see- my first post was respectful and truthful and wasn't as harsh as you made it out to be.

This is their right to feel that way towards you. There is no obligation to be kind and nice. Your internalization of someones reaction is your issue not theirs.

Perception is everything. NO ONE in the history of customer service should EVER treat their customers or guests badly. Maybe you'll get that someday. But, I have patience with people like you. You'll get it someday.

Then what is your issue? If you don't care why bring it up?

I ONLY care about the organization team to see this kind of crappy behavior. It's the same kind of behavior that you're throwing on this message board by attacking me. So, lay the hell off. I'm not attacking anyone so please... in a nice way- back off!

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Amusement for one. Also, sometimes I have the tendency to shed my love on them and they do the same with me, and they will see their own actions and when it is time for them to change (as we cannot change others), they will on their own... but we can be a good influence on them while supporting them and making a new friend.

"... Ease your mind and make a new friend..." ("From Within" / MBS)

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Exactly... but I have the right to suggest anything and everything if I feel like it. What they do or don't do- is up to them. But, I do have the right to say whatever the hell I want as long as others know that this behavior did exist. If people are so drawn not to say anything, then perhaps they don't have the backbone or want to start any flame wars. It's not my intention to start anything, but I will ALWAYS speak the truth... no matter if it hurts or if someone is offended or not (even though I never mean to offend). I will speak the truth... always!

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Actually- I thought the one camper stage (where they played Shpongole) was interesting. It reminded me of Chicken Head in some ways. I even danced to the other main DJ the Saturday night. There were good and great beats, and then, there were not so great beats (too Housey). I love Progressive Tribal House, but that's about as Housey as I can get.

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I completely understand. I'm actually MORE into the World Music - organic type of instruments such as djembes, didges, flutes, violins, and nothing electronic. However, my friend plays all that, re-records his own music and mixes it in while he plays the tabla... so, about 85% of the music he is mixing is his own. Everyone has their "cup of tea". No worries here.

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We did participate and were part of it and were not spectators... but, I know what you mean- because a lot of people did come. However, we had 18 camps at one point and then they said that there too many. I guess it's just a matter of who gets their camp first, registers, etc. No worries.

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I personally would rather see a limited number of camps based off the size of the land... with different types of them camps and a deadline for registering your camp. It would still be like many other events I've been to. If no one has a camp, they can STILL participate in their own theme of how they dress, act, their passion, their art (perhaps display it somewhere where there's not a camp), or whatever. Be free and live I say.

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I've also had writing classes too and have been a poet since I was 8 and work as an Administrative Assistant with a sales and marketing background (in which I have over 17 years experience), but unfortunately- I'm unemployed now. People interpret emails and writings differently because of how their own brain (their asshole / their opinion, etc.) processes it. I believe in the "Seek to understand" rule and some people follow it, some don't. I'm ok with those that choose either way, but less for those that argue the fact after they haven't tried to understand in the beginning.

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Ok... don't blame the disabled. Long story. But, enough said on that.

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Oh really. I couldn't tell. lol :D That's ok. We all get pissed off once in awhile and some of us (like myself) piss others off also. I don't mean to, I just hope for the best- that's all.

That is life and I will go on. I have contributed in various ways to this event but I am not entitled shit and expect no less.

Well, my friend and I thought the event was good, just not great. We're not asking for our money back or anything like that, because we ARE trying our best to be "optimistic" and see the "good" things that we took from it... and that was new friendships that we did make. So, we enjoyed ourselves to make it a joke (and to us it was, and to others- it may have not been), but in light of the situation- that's all we can do. :)

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I have been involved in a lot of events... even for BM '01. I would love to participate and be involved because I do have a lot to offer and basically- I've worked for free to throw events for people and co-promoted and set up, lifted generators, speakers, built structures, whatever... and to me- it's probably more pleasing and rewarding to be a part of something that I can provide for other people without looking for what is in return.

Good for you, go on giving your advice. I'll take mine elsewhere.

I don't consider it "advice" or even a suggestion- even though I suggested booking Gorilla Dust. :) But, it's like you said- an opinion... even though what happened to us was a fact... I did let it be known. I'm not expecting anyone to be someone they're not or don't want to be. But, if anyone starts anything with anyone- they can surely expect (most of the time) retaliation in some way- whether it's verbally, physically in some cases, or whatever. I'm sure I could go on each thread and post something that I don't agree with. I don't care about that... so, if it's something that I want to follow- or something that will help us, I'm more inclined to post something in which I think is important- like what I posted here.

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And, I stand behind my words as well.

Perhaps if we meet... I could smoke you out and throw you a bottle of wine (or sake)- that is, if you drink. :)

I need a drink now... plus a huge spliffy!

Peace out.

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"I'll take your psy and raise you by twelve beats per minute..." ~Joe Gabber~
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