

## **Ticket Sales:**

- 259 tickets sold (Compared to 205 in 2014)
- Gross ticket Sales: \$6165.00,  
- \$424.31 (Fees from Brown Paper Tickets)  
\$5740.69 (Net Proceeds from Ticket Sales)

## **Attendance:**

- 2015: 197 attended out of 259 tickets sold – 76% Attendance Ratio
- 2014: 172 attended out of 205 tickets sold – 84% Attendance Ratio

## **Section Reports:**

### GSD Lead (DPW/TLA/Infrastructure)

#### Pros:

- Significant population growth from last year.
- New land was beautiful, with room to double our size.
- Great participation.
- Effigy was beautiful.
- Minimal damage to the site.
- Plenty of volunteers for DPW throughout weekend.
- A strong group of no-quitters rose to fill missing roles.

#### Cons:

- Leads were sick or otherwise unable to attend.
- Co-leads failed to rise to their responsibilities in the absence of their leads.
- Effigy and temple were late due to excessive pressures on effigy lead.
- Neighbor was hostile.
- Sound camps not meeting landowner's expectations may have eliminated any chance of using same property in the future.
- Lack of volunteers for sober night time shifts.

#### Suggestions for the Future:

- Make sure that each lead has a co-lead that is dependable and fit to fill the lead's role.
- Assign someone to enforce not only legal noise ordinances but the desires of landowners.
- Make sure that leads do not assume more responsibility than they can handle.
- Remove unnecessary shifts from sign-up genius (0400-0800 Friday DPW shifts?) and find ways to incentivize key volunteer slots.

### Ranger Lead

#### Things that went well:

- The land was great, good location and great landowners.
- No cars driving around was good too, so the shuttle service worked well.
- Had solid volunteer base, Iowa needs to step it up though. A lot of solids came from other states (Missouri and Michigan)

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- Way more camps, was good to see more lights and interactive art.
- Porta-potties were spread out well, maybe one closer to effigy next time

### Areas for improvement:

- Neighbor was an issue, noise wise we were well within acceptable limits. Is there any way to curtail him being an issue again? He resorted to harassment ultimately and that needs to not happen again.
- Need more carts if we are going to shuttle people and stuff, and a much bigger trailer.
- We need to have shirts or lammies, and a whiteboard for who is on shift and coming on shift.
- Medical tent is end of life, needs replaced.
- Effigy need to be onsite and done before gate ever opens.
- Better radios, the little Unidens are junk. The bigger cobras (res waterproof ones) are much better and have a built in flashlight.

### Medic Lead

I thought medic went fairly smooth this year. It was awesome to show up early and have the medic/ranger station already set up- with heat! I liked having medic and rangers in the same area, and the location was convenient, with an emergency access available for an ambulance. We did have one volunteer not show up for their shift. I didn't find out until an hour into the shift. I need volunteers to find me or the co-lead when they have figured out where their camp will be. Also, the medic going off duty needs to make sure their replacement is there before leaving. I think the medic volunteers were great. I hope they all felt appreciated.

### Gate/Greeter Lead

I felt the proximity to the actual entrance to the land was great. We were able to move people off of the access road in a timely manner. While I didn't have all of the volunteers that I wanted, I had very enthusiastic people welcoming everyone home and ensuring that people signed releases and received the proper wrist bands. I do think that there was great cooperation between parking and gate but the shuttling situation could have been a little smoother as we had people waiting for quite a while especially during the evening when people wanted to go socialize or had other responsibilities.

For next year, I would like to have some lammies or inexpensive kerchiefs to give to volunteers to better identify who they are. Also, I would like to have more input in how the check in list is laid out and how gift or transfer tickets are handled. Things were written in three different places and I had to dig around to make sure that everyone was on the list.

Another point is that the gate needs to always have access to a radio as well as the lead. On the off-chance the lead gets to step away from the gate, it would be nice for people to be able to reach them. We did have a discrepancy between the posted closing time on the site and the ticket. This resulted in several of us having to stay at the gate Friday until midnight. While this might not seem like a big deal, I think it's a simple fix to make sure that we have all of our start and end times/dates consistent. Finally, since carts are at a premium, I think the gate lead needs to be camped closer to the gate when they need to run up there or be able to radio for a ride more easily as depending on where you camp, that can be a bit of a hike after a long day.

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### Parking Lead

After some minor head butting with an EC about how to arrange the vehicles things went smoothly. There were zero accidents brought to my attention, the grounds were left relatively untarnished. The only issues I can remark on were:

- Cranky neighbor trying to mess with our people
- Gate times listed differently on website and tickets
- A Lead is to be given command and control of their respective jobs, ECs should step in only if needed.
- MORE VOLENTEERES FOR SHIFTS!!!!!!!!!!

My Parking Pervs did a wonderful job despite the herding cats that is the Burner way.

### Sound Lead

We had an absolute blast providing music for the 2nd time. It had the open format I was looking for where people can just express themselves through their music and play longer and more obscure sets than they usually get to do in a club setting.

The only complaints we seemed to get were from that one neighbor guy calling the police all weekend. In the past if there is a reoccurring issue with one person near a venue we continue to use, we offer that person a hotel for the weekend and buy them dinner, and they usually are very cool about it and appreciate us letting them know ahead of time. If they are stubborn, they are stubborn. After all, there is no sound ordinance laws that we were technically breaking (DB levels were low at the road where it matters) besides that everything went smoothly. Everyone respected our equipment.

There was an instance Saturday night where an intoxicated person ran into the wood burning stove and knocked it over. Luckily nobody was hurt, and we handled the situation quickly and evacuated the dome area until the smoke cleared, and the tubes were cooled off enough to put it back together. It is for this reason that I will no longer feel safe using the wood stove in the dance area. You just can't trust that someone isn't going to lose their balance after too many drinks at the open bars.

The one last thing that could have been different is placement for us. Sure, we don't mind being wherever you are going to put us, but with the location of neighbors we were forced to aim the speakers right in the line of fire of most of the open tent camping. In the future perhaps you can stick us back in a corner where we can aim the sound off into the direction that makes most sense, and away from campers to be as courteous as we can possibly be to everyone else at the event.

All in all, providing that sort of space at a burn is probably my favorite thing to do in life. I had an amazing weekend and would do it again in a heartbeat. Huge thanks to everyone that made this event memorable, and for everyone's hard work helping with our camp. And all the other work that volunteers did. Much love you guys.

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### Effigy lead.

This was a beautiful year for HOP. I felt we went from our infancy to our toddler stage as a burn. More people know about us now around the Midwest and beyond. Slowly but surely we are making a name for ourselves in the Midwest. Expecting this I thought to myself we need an effigy/s that is befitting to our new growth one that people remember and talk about. So me and my crew to the best of our ability did just that.

My original goal was three effigies but once I returned from Burning Man I was informed I had to move my parents in 3 weeks (wtf thanks universe). I swiftly decided to do two instead as not to overly overwhelm myself. But I still did overwhelm myself, but I did learn some new artistic/physical limits. One thing I wish I could change is my capacity to teach carpentry swiftly to newbs. Often I felt that when I was teaching people stuff I was wasting time as I could just do it rather than show them. Some of the more experienced carpenters I had involved bowed out due to life situations. And people were not always available when I was so it really made working damn near impossible. When adding the requirement of no nails and you got quite a situation. Next time I will have different levels of effigy team. I'll have specific times on specific dates that everyone is aware of. I'll have more people who I feel have the same vision and level or above of artistry. I will also make sure I have the effigy done more than enough ahead of time so I can enjoy the burn. It was nice to learn about the other aspects of effigy like how different woods burn and how that affects the fire team. Assessing the effigy burn made me realize I want something big to happen and this felt sad as I spent far too long getting shit done with effigy and moving my parents out made it hard for me to enjoy the burn the way I know I should. I learned so much on this adventure. I am very eager to hit it again next year. My intentions are to be the dude who sets the bar for effigy construction for our local burn.

### Earth Guardians Lead

One word - Spectacular. The 'Leave No Trace' Principal was highly emphasized this year as our little Burn expanded beyond the spacial limits of our old grounds and found its way to a new property. Respect and Gratitude for the property owners was a main focus this year and our burners did not disappoint! My random MOOP checks throughout the weekend most often produced No Results. When they did it was only a lost lighter, or a forgotten cup, soon remembered and retrieved. The only area where I had heard our Burners speak of picking up MOOP was in our Family Village, and I'd like to note that Parents and Caretakers did a wonderful job! On many occasions throughout the weekend I would see or overhear a Largish Burner explaining to a Smallish Burner What MOOP is, why we don't litter, and why we pick it up when we see it. My last loop around the grounds on Sunday, for goodbye hugs produced only barely half a handful of MOOP (A clear candy wrapper and a paper label torn in two). That's It! Seriously, Great Job Everybody!

It seemed to me that everyone pitched in to pull more than just their own weight. I give a big thanks to Green Dot for collecting the (accidentally mooped) Lost'n'Found items after pack-out ended, as I was unable to stay until everyone was gone. In the future, I'd like to amend that; If I am EG Lead again next year, I think I'll stay until pack-out has ended to do my last check (or delegate the responsibility). It feels right to do so. Overall I am VERY impressed. This year was exemplary, not only in results but in the process. I heard and saw 'Leave No Trace' being taught in various beautiful ways all weekend, by many Burners, not just me. This was our best year yet in terms of Respecting the Earth and I am very happy.

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### F.A.S.T. Lead

Well, the idea of fast was a subject of debate. The idea was to have performers for preburn, safeties, perimeter, and ignition, sign up prior to event and that was a confusing issue. Some folks did at gate when they checked in.

Signing up was for fire goddess n fire Marshall to know who all was going to be available for preburn. To do a quick run thru for safety check with toys and go over safety jargon n etc. To plan what the performance would look like and etc.

Some performers who came brought their safeties, which was pretty groovy. Some didn't understand why they had to sign up and thought it was unnecessary (and unnecessary to even attend the safety training we held). We tried to be quick with the safety training and go through expectations. But for some it was a negative experience because they are professional and do burns and play all the time and we should just respect them and believe them. We are growing from our small group and getting more and more people we may or may not know and signing up to preform and safety is a great idea and a quick run thru is a great idea for training or going over safety for the safeties and perimeter.

We had some new folks who were interested in learning how to safety and do perimeter, which was great. They had a chance to practice putting out fires and toys and learned how to check toys. We went through what perimeter does and it was overall a good training.

### Ignition Lead

- Ignition went ok. Should have presoaked ground hour or so before burn so grass would be easier to maintain.
- Owner also suggested maybe putting sand n rocks to help with tending fire.
- I would like to get more knowledge with ignition training...maybe go to some training that Kaalin has because we do need a new fire Marshall.
- The effigies themselves went very well we had a drift wood stag made out of all wood dowels and drift wood and hemp rope.
- Then we let the effigy burn down and put the Jabber wacky tribute effigy in the same space.
- Then early morning the temple burned. Overall a really great burn.
- We had our medic station there and prepared for any injury, but there were none.
- We had a water truck that filled up our buckets to add water around effigy to put out any potential flare up with the dry grass. We had a beautiful clear no wind burn.
- No instances with the ignition for the cobra bus flame effects. Their set up was impeccable, the owner showed me his rig, the ins and outs, and how it all worked.
- Our perimeter folks and sand baggers did a great job protect and interacting with the crowd.