

# ALMA BURBY

LET'S ALL GO TO THE CIRCUS!





La palabra "Alma" no solo refiere a lo espiritual del humano, sino también a la parte material. Más que el Humano tenga un "espíritu", el Humano es un alma. En su significado más básico, la palabra "Alma" significa "Vida."

The Spanish word "Alma" or "Soul" in English not only refers to the spiritual in Human, but also the material part. More than a Human has a spirit, the Human is a soul. Put simply "Alma" means "Life."

Thursday, April 5th - Monday, April 9th  
**Mountain Breeze Campground**  
 ALMABURN IS LOCATED ON THE GUADALUPE RIVER IN CENTRAL TEXAS. THERE ARE MANY POTENTIAL RISKS, AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE AND BEING FULLY PREPARED FOR THE EVENT AND ANY HAZRDS IT MAY HAVE.

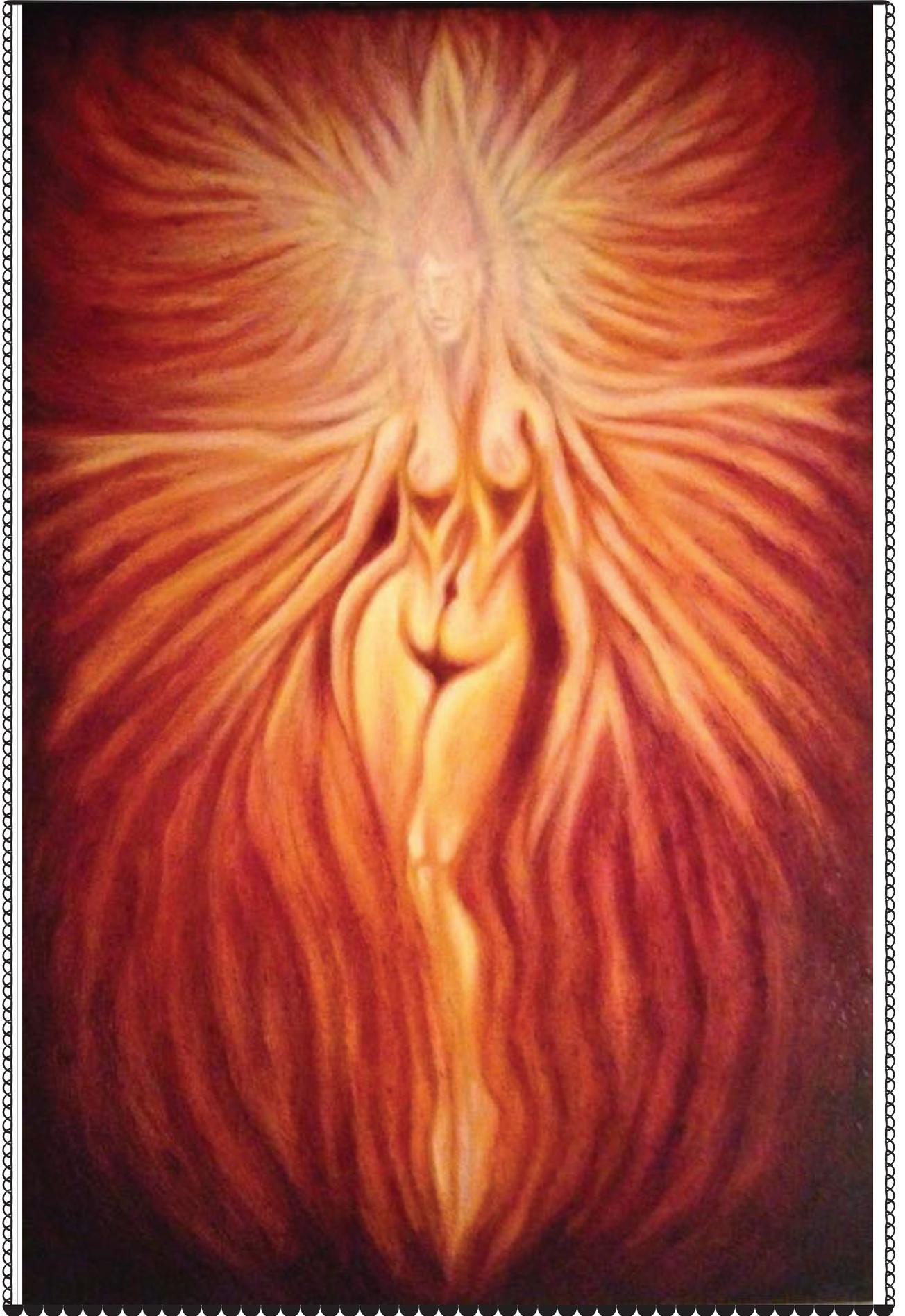
A participant driven experience, AlmaBurn is a Community Art Experiment. We in San Antonio are fortunate to have a rich cultural history fueled by our city's unique features and traditions. The Burn culture comes from the Burning Man Experience. For the last 20 years the regional burn event culture originating in Texas has grown worldwide. AlmaBurn represents a beautiful melding of burner principles and San Antonio's vibrant art, music, and cultural influences. We of the Yanaguana Community Arts Collective LLC. identify with and embrace both the SA and Burn cultures and choose to reach out to the local non-burner community through art, education, and community service and experiment with this new experience formed through the social alchemy of community building.

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¡Read this Thrival Guide all the way through!

**UNDERSTAND**  
 that you **VOLUNTARILY** assume the risk of **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH** by attending AlmaBurn.

~~~~~ SERIOUSLY, READ THIS! THERE WILL BE A QUIZ AT THE GATE. ~~~~~



"SHAKTI" BY S.A. ARTIST, CHRISTIAN WITHERS



# Ten Principles of AlmaBurn

## “WHY THIS EVENT IS A BURN”

The core principles as written by Burning Man founder Larry Harvey, helped to form the cornerstone of the “Burn” culture. As Burning Man is not inherently a sustainable experience, we as a community, envision how those principles could be carried into all aspects of our lives and how we foster a collective community where we are. We begin the discussion with how we see the ten principles and practice them while at AlmaBurn:



### Radical Inclusion

We all share this experience.

We welcome and respect the stranger, then lose or gain respect as our story together progresses.

### Gifting



We cherish acts of gift giving.

The value of a gift is unconditional.

Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.



### Radical Self-Reliance

We encourage the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources. A self-empowered individual empowers the collective.

### Radical Self-Expression



Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one, other than the individual or a collaborating group, can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.



### Communal Effort

Our community values

cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote, and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction, on a practical level. This facilitates interaction beyond this temporary experience.

### Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members should remain aware of their responsibilities to public welfare and endeavor to communicate those responsibilities to other participants. Individuals must assume personal responsibility for behaving in accordance with community standards, as well as local, state, and federal laws to maintain the integrity of the collective community.



# Ten Principals of AlmaBurn



## Leave It Better than you found it.

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them,



in goodwill.

## Decommodification

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorship, transactions or advertising. Therefore, we stand ready to protect our experience from such exploitation. We hold spaces in which exchange comes through the hands of individuals or collectives within the community and resist consumption as a substitute for participatory experience.



## Participation

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic.

We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation.

We achieve being through doing.

Everyone is invited to work.

Everyone is invited to play.

We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

## Immediacy



Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

# Three Values of AlmaBurn

While principles are steadfast clear tenants of a burn, our values are the relative behaviors we treasure within the community. There are a wealth of ways to demonstrate these and AlmaBurn is the place to explore and celebrate them.

## Enthusiastic Consent

Consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in an activity. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the activity. Silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate consent. Consent itself is a status that may be freely revoked at any moment by any participant as a matter of free will.

## Expressed Gratitude

Gratitude is a natural feeling that rises up within us when we experience something pleasing that appears in our world. It is the internal "WoW!" that escapes our lips and spills into the world as an expression of wonder. It is warm and from the heart.

It is a natural expression of our true nature when we look beyond the confines of our thinking about the world. When we truly see the world as it is: we cannot help but express gratitude.

## Earned Respect

Respect is an essential aspect of relating with others and can be earned or lost.

It is way of feeling and acting towards an individual, entity, or yourself, when you perceive admirable qualities from them on a personal level.

It acts almost as a social currency and exemplifies why you relate to people the way you do.

When expressed on a collective level, it acts as a means of communicating how people view one another. General respect for another individual comes from a recognition of shared Human Experience as reflected in the golden rule of "treat others as you wish to be treated."

# What happens at AlmaBurn

So, you are wondering what is going to happen at this event. Well, you will experience what everyone has to share. By bringing an experience, activity, or something to share you set off a chain reaction of inspiration. If every participant brings one thing to share, then the adventure becomes the fun of sharing and creating new experiences with others.

This is a self-reliant experience in which you must be prepared for the weekend ahead. Bring all the food, water, and the camp gear you wish to have to accommodate you and your friends. Connect with others on the Facebook event page for rides, ideas, and people to camp with.

# What to Bring

Exercise **Self - Reliance**.  
Take what you need to care  
for yourself!

## Food

Bring enough Barbacoa and Big Red to last for your entire stay! Or whatever you choose to eat.

## Water

Bring about 2 gallons of water per person per day. Bring a container for your drink. Alcohol is not a substitute for fresh drinking water.

## Shelter

Bring shelter and protection from the sun, insects, rain, and other elements. RVs and large infrastructure must have prior approval by the YCAC. There are limited passes for RVs.

## First Aid & Toiletries

Bring anything you would need and enough for a four night stay. Extra TP, medications, lube, inhalers, contacts, first aid kit, etc. Do not expect medical to hand out band-aids and sunscreen.



## Garbage Bags & Ash Trays

Pack it in and Pack it out. No trash cans will be provided; use a portable ashtray (like an Altoids tin). There will be recycling containers for aluminum cans.

(Please do not overfill!)

## Swim Stuff

Bring appropriate swimwear and what you would want to use to float the river. Bring rope to tie off and keep things from floating away. There is No Nudity on the river.

## Plus

- ◇ A government-issued ID (required)
- ◇ Cup, a bowl, and eating utensils
- ◇ Appropriate footwear
- ◇ Personal Lighting (Headlamp, EL wire, Lights)
- ◇ Any power you desire. (Super ones too!)
- ◇ Gifts and fun stuff to share
- ◇ Blinkies, Glowies, Toys, and Flow
- ◇ Common Sense, an open mind and positive attitude.

## What Not to Bring

NO Firearms: This includes BB guns, airsoft guns, or paintball guns  
No Large Knives  
NO Commerce  
No Drones  
NO Pets  
NO Fireworks  
NO Styrofoam coolers  
NO Glass Containers  
Do not bring items that make MOOP (Matter Out Of Place)  
Anything with loose glitter, sequins or feathers that may fly away  
If something seems questionable, leave it at home.

## Risks

By attending AlmaBurn you agree to take care of your own self.

Be aware of these possible risks

- ◇ Fauna (Ants, stinkbugs, snakes, spiders)
- ◇ Flora (Poison Ivy, thorns)
- ◇ Injury and or death
- ◇ Meeting new people
- ◇ Having fun
- ◇ Meeting people you don't like
- ◇ Life happening

If you do find yourself having an issue that goes beyond what you can handle, reach out to a Caballero, SanAnctuary or a YCAC director on a golf cart

## Media Policy

### CAMERAS AND RECORDING DEVICES

By protecting our privacy, we create a safe place to express ourselves. We also understand that photography IS a form of expression. To reconcile this, everyone signs a Media Agreement at the Gate:

You solemnly swear that before recording on any media, you will 1) inform your subjects about how and where your art will be displayed, and 2) gain explicit permission from EVERY person depicted, even those in the background.

If you are asked to stop, you must stop immediately. Remember, an individual may revoke consent at any time, including after the event. Don't be a dingus, ask before posting on Facebook.

A breach of our Media Agreement means you WILL be asked to leave.

Offenders may be banned from future events. If you are a media professional Contact AlmaBurn@Gmail.com.

All commercial use of media must be approved by the YCAC.

# Getting In

This year, our temporary city Pyrodise is located is at

## Mountain Breeze Campground

201 Mt Breeze Camp, New Braunfels, TX 78132

Tune into the AlmaBurn Community Facebook Group and Twitter posts for advice in directions or more information.

### Gate Hours

Gate is open only during these hours.

Thursday: 10am - 10pm

Friday: 10am - 10pm

Saturday: 10am - 5pm

There will be a \$5 re-entry fee  
You must leave your name when you  
leave and return with wristband.

Ticket transfers close Tuesday April 2nd at 11:59 p.m. CST  
Transfers after that date must be in person with both parties and valid IDs

#### Ticket prices are as follows:

Adults (18+) - \$70

Kids (13-17) - \$35

Children (<13) - \$5

Art Donation Ticket (18+) \$140

only 350 tickets were available for purchase

You must bring you ticket and valid ID for entry into AlmaBurn.  
Valid ID includes driver's license, photo ID, Passport, or military ID.

If you bring a minor, anyone under 18, you must provide proof you are their Parent or Legal Guardian. Accepted documentation includes original birth certificate, passport, adoption order or other legal document showing guardianship. You must bring the original document, as well as a copy for our records. If you do not wish to bring your originals, you may bring a NOTARIZED Minor Affidavit. (Found on website) We will try to accommodate any ticket transfers. However, resale is discouraged and anything above face value is FORBIDDEN. If we find out a ticket has been sold or purchased for more than face value, that ticket will be cancelled and you will not be able to enter AlmaBurn.

BE OUT BY 2PM ON MONDAY. NO ONE ON SITE AFTER THAT TIME!

# Staying There



When you first enter you will go through the gate show your **printed ticket with ID**, sign a waiver and proceed to greeters to be greeted and quizzed on this guide. You will then be directed to the appropriate parking area.

As part of AlmaBurn you will be able to participate in the river float parade (weather permitting) approximately 1.5 hours long on Sunday.

## WATCH YOUR CHILDREN

Take responsibility for your children. As their parent or guardian, you are liable for caring for them **THE ENTIRE BURN**. Unattended children are grounds for eviction.

There will be plenty of activities to enjoy and spaces to explore. Remember active participation is always sexier than spectating.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S BOUNDARIES.  
KNOW AND EXPRESS YOUR BOUNDARIES.  
ASK FIRST BEFORE TOUCHING.

THE YANAGUANA COMMUNITY ARTS COLLECTIVE LLC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EVICT ANY PARTICIPANT AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON.

# Intentioned Spaces

We in San Antonio identify with and embrace our own unique cultures as part of who we are. AlmaBurn is an opportunity to infuse the burn culture with our own SA style, becoming a unique experience for those who attend. With this in mind, we want to get better at it. Let AlmaBurn be a show and tell of our community. Let each individual create or share an experience to enrich all, in the way they wish to express. To assist in this endeavor we have implemented what we call "Intentioned Spaces" to facilitate active participation the moment you enter the space, with clear intentions.

## What are Intentioned Spaces?

Intentioned spaces are clearly marked spaces. When you see someone in this space, you know that they are there to participate in the intention of the space. As you enter the space, you are free to interact with that space with the set intention, in mind. We encourage everyone to use these areas. If a space has a lead, let them know how you want to contribute or sign up for a time

### Center Camp

This space is a hub for the experience of the community as a whole and as a space to facilitate community engagement as an individual or collective.

Come meet your people!

### Peanut Gallery

The Peanut Gallery is the community's art space. If you have something to display, you are welcome to do it there! If you have a project to work on, feel free to bring it! There will be a variety of activities throughout the weekend.

### Sacred Space

This is a co-created space in which individuals experience and/or add to the feeling of sacred. Bring trinkets, arts, your ritual, ceremony, practice, or meditation to this serene and safe spot. This space and a temple burn will be facilitated by community member and art grant winner Serenity.

### SanAnctuary

Sanctuary is a safe, comfortable, and private space for Alma Burners that need a caring listener and low-stimulus environment. Sanctuary volunteers hold space and offer open-minded listening, validation, and comfort to help participants. If your good time has turned into a bad time, then we are here to be with you during your challenging time to help you get back to having fun. It is located by HQ and is led by Dr. Cyn

### The Cultural Curation Station

This is the space to share your content, media, wisdom, knowledge or expression to a receptive audience. With a stage, professional sound lights and projections you can share your corndog juggling DJ act.

Hosted by Motropolis, Reserve a timeslot and be experienced.

## Important notes

Ice will be sold by Mountain Breeze  
Friday and Saturday 10am to 6pm @ \$3 a bag.

Car camping is only in designated areas. No Vehicles at theme camps unless previously approved. Vehicles are moop too!

Aside from placed camps, space is first come first serve.  
please inform the Caballeros or YCAC if any issues arise

A hired off-Duty police officer/LEO liason will be at the front gate after hours.  
They will be our primary responder to emergencies after 9-1-1.

## Sound Policy

Sound is one of the most important aspects of this event. Some like it quiet, some like it loud. In order to respect each others boundaries follow these guidelines. Caballeros will be enforcing our policies. Three strikes and our professional audio engineer will pull the plug.

### "The 3D's of our Sound Policy"

Decibels- The intensity of sound per square foot.

For Personal Sound: Turn it down at 2AM and make it intimate at 3AM

For Sound Camps: 10 AM - 2AM: 80 dB(A) @ 100 ft.

2AM - 10 AM: 70 dB(A) @ 50 ft & Bass Freq. down or subwoofers off

Direction- Consider where your speakers are pointed.

Point away from other camps and the river. Remember sound bounces.

Diffusion- Sound can be dampened with material. Neighbors think you are too loud? Try hanging up moving blankets to dampen the sound.

## Art

Feel called to bringing more beauty into the world?

Bring art to AlmaBurn! This includes installations, performances, personal expressions, and visual experiences.

While there will be no Art Cars allowed. We alloted 5 art carts and are encouraging Art Bikes and Art floats. Art bikes are a fun way to get around Pyrodise, though make sure they are wll lit at night. Art floats are the way to be in the river in style. Make certain that any art you take into the water comes back out of the water in its entirety. We don't want any loose pieces floating off. If you plan to leave art in the water make certain you bring rope to tie it off to land, otherwise the current may claim it.

# Safety

As AlmaBurn is a self-reliant event, you will be expected to take care of yourselves. We have a crack medical and fire lead but really folks Self-Reliance does not mean call a medic for a cough medicine. If you experience a severe injury or are in danger, call 9-1-1 and let HQ know that you did.

# Caballeros

What are Caballeros? First and foremost, the Caballeros act as the eyes and ears of AlmaBurn. The Caballeros operate within certain guidelines to help ensure the peace and safety of our participants and property. To inspire cultural cohesion in the community, the Caballeros strive to embody our Principals and Values, while identifying them in the actions of our participants.

What does that mean? Our Caballeros fill the role usually filed by Rangers. Their goal is to be proactive (rather than reactive) problem solvers and mediators for the community. Additionally, they act as cultural ambassadors, positively reinforcing those who are living the principles, as well as guiding those who are still learning the principles. They are there to help, to listen, to guide, and overall be a positive force in our community. Want to be a Caballero? Training will be held, Thursday, Friday, Saturday @ 3pm in HQ

# Medical

Our medical team includes veteran paramedic burners, not your mother. The medic station is located near HQ. If you need a medic, find a Caballero or any volunteer with a radio.

# Fire

Fire is only permitted in designated or elevated fire pits. All fires must be attended! If you're stepping away, ask someone to keep an eye on it.

If a fire is left unattended it will be extinguished. This includes tiki torches. If it's fire, and no one has eyes on it, put it out! If you have any questions, you can email us [AlmaBurn@gmail.com](mailto:AlmaBurn@gmail.com)

## *HQ/Dispatch*

Dispatch is where you can reach any volunteer department in Pyrodise. Did you sign up to volunteer but not sure where to go? Stop here. Did you find yourself with some free time and want to help with our communal effort? Stop in and sign up for a shift. Dispatch is centrally located across from the Greeters.

## *Effigy and Temple Burn*

The Effigy Burn is planned for Saturday after sunset and is burned with upon agreement of favorable conditions by our Fire lead and the YCAC directors. The Temple is planned to burn Sunday before sunset.

## *Thank you for Reading!*

See you  
in Pyrodise!!

*With Love*

**-THE AMBASSADOR, DEBE C,**

**KITTY, NINJA,**

**P-RAD AND ST. TIKI**

***The Yanaguana Community Arts Collective LLC***