



Homeslice

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Homeslice Guide

A Companion to the Burning Man Survival Guide

Hoorah! Hooray! You MADE it! Welcome Home :)
This compiled guide is here to help you navigate this year's return to Black Rock City. Remember, this burn is what you make of it, so adhere to the 10 Principles, keep an open heart & mind, and get ready to have the time of your life! As always...

Banana
Bread

Once upon a time...

Many moons ago, a group of friends ventured to the desert. It was on that fateful trip in 1996 where their vision came to light – to create their own little "Slice of Home". Although they remained nameless for the next 4 years, they operated as an organized camp, supporting large art projects and performances on the Playa. In 2000, 'Homeslice' finally found its name.

Homeslice gives birth to mad passions... friendships, marriages, divorces; break-ups and make-ups... and like any family, love & light prevails. Homeslice is replete with Burning Man participants of all kinds: Greeters, Rangers, Earth Guardians, Fire Core, Art Support, Playa Restoration, and so on.

In 2008, Homeslice became an officially placed Theme Camp, creating experiences such as our iconic Tower, Grilled Cheese Experimental Theater, the Naj Mahal, Wheel of Misfortune, Costume Exchange, and so much more!

In 2017, Homeslice was 1 of 4 camps to be awarded a "Leave No Trace Reward"; a principle that is a focal point & source of pride for Homeslice.

For 2023, we joyfully celebrate th 20th anniversary of the creation and erection of THE TOWER in our camp. THE TOWER exemplifies achievement through community effort in creation, building, and experience. This year we will celebrate with a Post-Erection Party.

Life On The Playa

Important links:

- 10 Principles of Burning Man: <https://burningman.org/culture/philosophical-center/10-principles/>
- Event Survival Guide: <https://survival.burningman.org>
- First Timers' Guide: <https://burningman.org/event/preparation/first-timers-guide/>
- Playa Living Tips: <https://burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/>
- Post Playa Tips: <https://burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/post-playa-tips/>
- Halcyon's Tips & Tricks Before you Go: <https://lustmonkey.wordpress.com>

But, I Don't Know What I Don't Know!

Who does? Fortunately, we have gathered some tips and tricks to make your burn BRIGHT

MOOP: Matter Out Of Place: any thing or impact not native to the immediate environment. Carry a fanny pack to pick up any MOOP you see & DON'T MOOP YOURSELF!

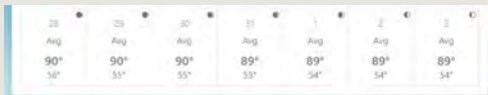
Shoes: The Playa can be well-packed some years or soft and mushy others. Shoes are your friend. Make sure they are broken in and are comfy before you get there. If not, you will pay for it – see below!

Playa Foot: One way to avoid it is a 1 part vinegar to 3 parts water rinse. Another remedy is extra-moisturizing foot lotion with spa socks on overnight. Walking barefoot on the Playa is not recommended, the alkaline can actually give you a chemical burn!

Playa Lung: Dust is everywhere. There is no escaping it. Get used to it. Protect your lungs! You may have already read that you shouldn't go anywhere without a dust mask, but we are telling you – *DON'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT A DUST MASK!*. You never know when a dust storm will kick up and ingesting a throat full of playa dust is never fun or funny. Refer back to *On Playa Tips* for more info.

We've only just begun!

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Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg
90°	90°	90°	89°	89°	89°	89°
56°	55°	55°	55°	54°	54°	54°

The Weather: Conditions vary from year to year. It can be perfectly pleasant, exhaustingly hot or surprisingly cold – especially at night. Temperatures can range from low 30s° to above 100°F. Be prepared for all conditions: a warm coat for the cold and a light-weight breathable cover for extreme heat. **Pro tip:** Dip your bandanna in ice cold water and apply to your forehead or back of your neck, it can be your best friend in extreme heat and can double as a dust mask!

COVID-19: Wear a mask at your own risk. Wash yer damn hands folks. A hand sanitizer station will be available in camp, use it!

Meltdowns: It can happen – you may experience a moment of despair, hopelessness, or isolation. It won't last forever. It will pass. Slicers are there to help you through it. Or leave you alone, if you prefer. But this too shall pass, drinking water with electrolytes helps immensely! Take deep breaths.

Extreme Environment: *Your outer experience is a reflection of your inner reality; the Burning Man Experience is what you make of it.*

I'm got a Golden ticket! . . . Now What?

You lucky duck, you! Now let's make sure you have all your... well...ducks in a row:

- o You have your ticket and vehicle pass (if needed) or it's waiting at will call
- o You paid your Homeslice Excursion Fees
- o You've informed us of your Arrival / Departure dates
- o You've submitted your footprint request (TBD according to population density)
- o You've signed up for at least one Camp Commitment
- o You signed up to bring something to share for Thanksgiving Potluck
- o Everything you need to survive for a week in the desert!

Reduce Tent-sion

Some things you will want to consider camping:

- **Food:** Invest in a good ice cooler (or two!). Minimize your perishables & use them at the start. Remove all food packaging as possible before arrival to reduce your MOOP potential. Leave it at home!
- **More on Food:** How much is too much or not enough? You will most likely eat less than you do in the default world. If you have too much, share. If you don't have enough, make friends - check out the guide for free food events!
- **Water:** Have a drinking water-only cooler to refill water bottles. Camel backs are great for deep playa trips and late nights. Bring electrolytes for adequate hydration.
- **Gray Water:** water produced from washing. You are responsible for packing out your gray water, *DO NOT DUMP ON PLAYA* (or else)
- **Number 1:** a Pee Funnel & empty gallon jug is a good idea. If you don't have one, there's a camp for that. A bucket lined with a noodle and filled with kitty litter can be surprisingly efficient and comfortable. Check out tip #37 on the *Tips and Tricks Before You Go* link.
- **Baby Wipes:** Great for in your tent - strictly forbidden in the Porto's!
- **Plastic bags/bins:** Great protection for storage against the elements.
- **Dust:** It's everywhere. Bring extra bed sheets to protect your sleeping area. Always zip up your tent when you're away. Doors and window sealed shut.
- **Secure Your Tent:** Dust or heat will be the least of your worries if your tent flies away. Use 1/4" lag screws for staking down poles and tents.
- **Shade Structure:** Shade will make or break you. There are many ways to do it, just be sure to properly secure it down. Some ideas: Aluminet, Monkey Huts, EZY-Ups all have their pro and cons; do your research
- **Bring a towel! (and a chair)**

Some Thoughts & Reminders

- Do not leave camp without water, a dust mask, goggles & your cup!
- **Lock your bike up.** Light up your body. Let your creativity flow. You are ART
- Bring more than enough water for drinking & hygiene. The only thing you can buy on Playa is ice @ Artica \$10/bag (16lbs) \$5/block (10lbs). Cash, Apple, & Card
- Recreational drugs: Zero tolerance.
- Leave No Trace! Pack it in, pack it out

Phrases & Terms

MOOP: Leave No Trace is by far one of the utmost tenets you can practice, both in camp and on the greater Playa. Matter Out Of Place is a metric by where all camps are graded following the Burn. We have a great rep. Don't fuck it up!!!

BananaBread: If you ever get separated from other Slicers while in transit or in a crowd, call out "BananaBread" ! & you will be found. If you hear it, call out & find each other. No Slicer Left Behind.

DarkWad: Nobody likes them. If you can't be seen, you can get hurt. Light yourself & your bike up!

LightWad: Even less tolerable, turn off your headlamps when talking to others.

Homeslice Etiquette

- Treat everyone – whether you know them or not - with the same respect you'd like to receive. Yes, the Rule is as Golden as our Shower.
- We like to have fun, and we pride ourselves on being a chill camp.
- Be respectful of your campmates and Just. Be. Cool.
- Ask Before You Snap: One of the great joys of Burning Man is returning with fantastic pictures: of you, your campmates and other Burners you may not know. Rule of thumb, ask permission before taking the photo and/or posting on the Internet.
- Yes, there are scantily clad or downright naked Burners you will encounter. Close your mouth, do not gawk, don't be a weirdo.
- If you are at odds with another Burner, take a breath and walk away. Think about how to work it out. After all, we are family. (electrolytes!)
- Be mindful of your space and our camp. If you find MOOP, pick it up, pack it out, and dispose properly. Homeslice is your home to keep tidy!
- Consent is considered the Unofficial 11th principle: You are responsible for getting verbal consent before engaging. It is neither ethical nor acceptable to proceed without that person's awareness and clear consent. Ask about and respect the boundaries of others. Look out for each other, including anyone you encounter who might be in distress. If you see behavior that concerns you, contact a Black Rock Ranger.
- The only currency in Homeslice is Love ♥

What Is This Excursion Fee ?

For Homeslice to operate on the Playa as a proper camp, we ask participants to pay an excursion fee. The fee covers Truck rental, gas to the Playa, and camp materials to allow us to survive and thrive at Burning Man. To ensure you have a spot in camp, the fee is due **June 31st** & can be paid through Paypal as a friend/family to: **4CAMPHOMESLICE@GMAIL.COM**

For 2022, the excursion fee is **\$225**. You can have your bike transported with the Truck for an extra **\$25** fee. This fee is subject to change in the future because of fluctuating fuel and vendor prices.

If for some reason you cannot go to Burning Man, the excursion fee may be refunded upon request. As a gift, you may choose to forward any amount to the camp to cover year-round storage costs (we really appreciate it!).

We understand that finances are a dynamic variable many deal with. In order to make camping with us accessible to all (we welcome the stranger) and still smoothly operational, one is encouraged to talk with MoneySlice to create a custom arrangement if you are experiencing financial challenges.

<http://www.camphomeslice.org/take-action>

The Journey is Long But So Worth It!

Are We There Yet?

If you're driving from SoCal, some stop in Bishop or Reno for the night and then resupply

Make sure you have enough food and water before the final push

If you want a nice shower and real bed after the Burn, make your reservations at a hotel early.

More Tips & Tricks

- **GO BAG:** Put together a bag that has spare dust masks, goggles, water bottle, drink cup, sunscreen, lip protection, scarf/hat and ID (for alcoholic bevs). You never know where you will end up, at any given moment.
- **Tutu Tuesday:** Don't forget your tutu - On Tuesday! Our Camp started a Arm Tutu workshop, so stick around to help host and make your own!
- **Costume Camps:** If you find yourself in need of some cool clothes for the Playa, you can find more than one camp where you can choose an outfit and do your best prance on the Catwalk – yeah, the Catwalk. You can do your little dance on the Catwalk.
- **Camelbacks:** They are awesome and can double as a backpack.
- **Gifting:** A gift is given freely without expectation of anything in return. Gifts don't have to be pricey - just thoughtful! ex: lifesavers, bracelets, light up jewelry, etc
- **Homework:** Do your research & participate; the experience will be all the richer. Don't come ill-prepared!
- **Tennis balls:** Not just for tennis anymore. They are great for kickstands as well as rebar for your tent.
- **Hindsight:** It may be 20/20, but your vision may not. Bring an extra pair of glasses or contacts.

Take Note

Important Dates

(That all Slicers should be aware of)

(but as it is Burning Man, all dates tentative to change as the Playa decides)

- Homeward Bound Deposit Due 6.31.2023
- Homeward Bound Balance Due 6.31.2023
- BBQ at Otter's (7p) TBD
- Official Storage Prep Day 7.22.2023
- Truck Load 8.19.2023
- Bike Drop-off 8.19.2023

On The Playa:

- Tower Erection 8.28.2023
- Thanksgiving 8.29.2023
- Experimental Grilled Cheese Theatre Party tbd
- Shower Closes 9.2.2023
- Camp Breakdown-Truck Reload 9.3.2023
- Tower Lowered 9.3.2023
- Truck Unload at Storage 9.9.2023 Saturday
- Bike Pick-up 9.9.2023

Stay Tuned for meetings, probably on zoom

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9344929322>

THE 10 PRINCIPLES OF BURNING MAN



RADICAL INCLUSION

Anyone may be a part of Burning Man. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.



GIFTING

Burning Man is devoted to 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.



DECOMMODIFICATION

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.



RADICAL SELF-RELIANCE

Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.



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 creative 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.



CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.



LEAVE NO TRACE

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.



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.

Camp Homeslice



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The Storage Space
17107 S. Figueroa St
Unit #36
Gardena CA, 90248

M-F	8am – 5pm
Sat	8:30am -4pm
Sun	Closed

Check out our Facebook group for more info.



www.facebook.com/groups/95962719306/

Don't beat yourself up if you don't get to everything. We all proclaim we are going to do it all, but once you are on Playa time plans fly out the window.

You've got some pages here to help you plan out your experience, as you see fit. Use it as a construct for the best Burn ever!

The only thing you NEED do is embrace the moments that find you.