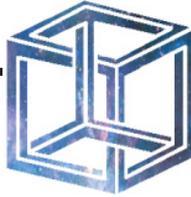

OUR PRINCIPLES



1 *Civic Responsibility*

Service and care for the world around us

6 *Leave-No-Trace*

Leaving it better than when you first arrived

2 *Communal Effort*

Building it together

7 *Participation*

The key to our survival

3 *Decommodification*

We are not the sum of our belongings

8 *Radical Inclusion*

Willful and purposeful inclusion

4 *Gifting*

Giving with no expectation

9 *Radical Self-Expression*

Allowing the you to be you
without fear or hesitation

5 *Immediacy*

Do it now or the opportunity will pass

10 *Radical Self-Reliance*

You are your best chance

11 **Arts & Creativity**

Paradox Burn is a place where *everyone* can feel comfortable sharing creativity with one another. Our community highly encourages **ALL** forms of creative expression from costuming to interactive installations, visual art, movement art, flash mobs and performance art. Paradox Burn is itself a work of art. The leadership of Paradox works hard to provide a fertile environment, free from the fear of being judged, where each participant feels comfortable sharing their full and passionate creativity. Creativity is the real commerce of Paradox Burn. What we share with others, through creativity, gifts, time and service, is where our sense of value arises.

12 **Exploration & Philosophy**

We are dedicated to the exploration of the unknown and to the expansion of knowledge. We cling to the understanding that every person holds a unique piece and understanding of the universe and knowledge of a truth that may be vital and beneficial to all people.

We are committed to giving respect to the ideas of others, even when those ideas are contradictory to our own personal knowledge or belief. True and earnest exploration must not be hampered by scientism or by religion, but must be open to the examination of all questions and ideas without fear of reprisal.

We passionately support the exploration of all possibilities, ideas and concepts (as well as the subsequent questioning, embracing, rejecting, debating, and challenging of such). To this end, we encourage all participants to share their passions and ideas, about their unique understanding of the world in which they live, through the gifting of readings, lectures, discussions, debates, courses and classes. No philosophy, discussion or topic is taboo at Paradox Burn.

13 **Fun**

Laughter does good as a medicine. Our community believes in having fun, pure unadulterated fun. It's the kind of fun that leaves you crying with tears of joy and laughter, where your belly rolls and snot flies. It's sheer silliness to the on-looker, but for us, it's the essence of life. We highly encourage every participant to find joy in all they do and experience while with us. There's nothing a good time won't help to mend.

14 **Personal Accountability**

We are each responsible for our own experience. Our community values the integrity of committed words and actions. We are willing to answer for the outcomes of our choices, activities and behaviors. We do not assign blame or make excuses for our own missteps, shortcomings or failings.