

ORFUNNER 2011 SURVIVAL GUIDE

Orfunner is a low-key, regional camping event inspired by Burning Man and Burning Flipside. It is organized entirely by volunteers. Held on a grassy playa in the Texas Hill Country, Orfunner is a place for radical self-expression and an experiment in temporary community building. It is also a place of acceptance, inclusivity and respect. All art, music, and entertainment at Orfunner is created solely by the participants.

This is not a consumer event. There are no spectators. There are no concession stands. Cash transactions (except ice sales) are prohibited. Bartering is discouraged. This is a sincere experiment in creating a gift economy. If you need something, ask for it. If you have it, gitft it!

You must bring enough food, water, shelter and first aid to survive a long weekend in rural Texas. Proper footwear and personal lighting are essential. You may encounter venomous snakes and insects, wild animals, thorns and poison ivy. Extreme heat and flash flood conditions are possible.

There are no garbage cans. Participants pack out their garbage as this is a Leave No Trace event.

By entering the event, all participants agree to abide by all rules in this Survival Guide. You voluntarily assume any risk of serious injury or death by attending. BE AWARE.

GATE HOURS & POLICY

Gate hours during the event will be:

- **Friday (Sept. 2):** Noon – Midnight (showing up before noon means: you will not be admitted early, just waiting in line early)
- **Saturday (Sept. 3):** 9am – Midnight
- **Sunday (Sept. 4):** 9am – 6pm (no one will be admitted after 6pm on Sunday)
- **Monday, (Sept. 5):** – All OrFuns must leave the property by 5pm.

No one will be allowed into the event without paying the property owner at her gate, signing a waiver of liability, and showing valid ID. You cannot gain admittance by volunteering.

Event organizers and the property owner reserve the right to deny entry to the event or to revoke event access at any time for any reason.

Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.

Return Entry Policy

In & Outs at the gate are discouraged. If you leave and want to get back in, you'll need:

- some form of identification
- to return only during gate hours
- \$10.00 Re-Entry fee payable to Property Owner at gate

Trespassing

Don't cross fences, boundary tape, and other posted boundaries. The properties lines may be in unexpected places. **DO NOT CROSS THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EVENT.** If you see a sign, respect it. Trespassing on private property is illegal and can be dangerous. Disregarding boundary signs will get you evicted from the event.

Vandalism/defacement of the land, structures, any part of the property or any of the Participants property or artwork is cause for immediate ejection from Orfunner, and possibly criminal or civil charges as well.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Vendors, Vending macines, firearms, tasers, fireworks, rockets and all other explosives prohibited.

Photography & Video

Orfunner is a private event. Redistribution or public display of images, including internet-based media and astral projection, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties.

- **ASK FIRST** before you shoot! Many people are sensitive to photos taken of them at the event.
- Images and/or video may only be taken for personal use and may not be used professionally or for any commercial purpose.

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PRINCIPLES

Self Expression

Our event fosters an environment of creative self-expression, where participants feel supported to honestly express their inner selves, through artistic creation, performance, and in their social interactions.

Accountability

Our event fosters an environment of personal accountability, where we hold ourselves responsible for our own actions, and take personal responsibility for meeting our own needs, for the event itself, and for the event's impact on the world at large.

PERSONAL BOUNDARIES

Self Expression and Cooperation require a social contract to make our event a safe place to play.

1. Respect the personal boundaries of others.

- Respect the moment. Comfort levels vary at different times and with different people.
- Before you assume someone wants your physical attentions, ASK. Being direct is not a buzz-kill obligation; it is expected protocol.
- NO means NO.
- After someone has said NO, cajoling, pleading, or any form of emotional blackmail is UNACCEPTABLE.

THE THINGS WE DO (so we can do them again)

Law Enforcement

We create a temporary city with its own rules. This city co-exists within an area of real laws. Try to make that coexistence a peaceful one. Abide by all relevant local, state and federal laws. If you see law enforcement officers, be nice to them. They share an interest in having a smooth event without any major incidents.

Note that there are residences near our event that attract people for Labor Day weekend. **Local police may patrol the area to ensure that our event is not disruptive to the neighborhood (excessive sound, trespassing, etc.).** The event organizers will cooperate fully with the landowner, and the authorities.

Children

For the protection of minor children and in accordance with Texas law, any minor child attending this event must be accompanied by someone with legal authority to make decisions for the child.

If you are bringing a minor to the event:

- Agree to take responsibility for the care, supervision, and well-being of the child AT ALL TIMES.

There may be activities not suitable for children or behavior that you may not wish your children to see. This is a clothing-optional event. Do not expect anyone to censor their behavior because children are present.

Cooperation

Our event fosters an environment of cooperation, where participants work together to resolve potential conflicts respectfully, to help mediate conflicts between others, and to create art, performance, and social space on a larger scale than one person could alone.

Additionally, participants seek to keep events sustainable by volunteering, cleaning up after themselves, and assuming personal responsibility for conducting themselves in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

2. Take responsibility for your own boundaries.

- You must be able to say NO. Be sober enough to be in control or make arrangements with a friend to have a designated driver.
- How you feel is not magically telegraphed to others. YOU are in charge of your boundaries.
- You are responsible for yourself but you can ask for help. Talk to those around you (or a Ranger) if someone is making you uncomfortable.

- Bring everything your children will need to have a safe and enjoyable event.

- Do not expect anyone in the community to watch your kids unless a specific agreement is made prior to the event.

Pets

Pets are allowed at Orfunner, primarily dogs or cats. There is a \$10.00 fee per pet.

- Owners are 100% responsible and liable for the actions of their pet, all state and local laws apply. Owners are expected to immediately deal with their pet's droppings.
- Pets are not allowed in the pool area, showers, or restrooms.
- Pets must be on a leash or confined at ALL times for the duration of the event, no exceptions. And yes, the other end of the leash must be attached to a human/faerie (a visible one).

Sound

- Orfunner falls roughly into areas by sound--'Loud' 'Really Loud' and 'Slightly Less Loud', there is no guaranteed quiet zone. Plan ahead with earplugs, white noise machines, etc.
- You can always ask nicely for someone to turn it down. But really, it's one weekend and earplugs are super cheap. Get extra for your friends.

- We intend to fully comply with Rec Plant's Sound Policy. In order to ensure this happens, our Sound Marshalls will monitor all sound systems and camps to ensure they comply with the landowner's decibel level and sound gear positioning requirements.

Note: Rec Plant has NEW neighbors who are not sympathetic to our collective need to make it go all night.

Fires

If there is a burn ban, no fires will be allowed at all, not even in burn pits. If there is not a burn ban, be respectful of the land when using fire:

- Use burn barrels or pre-made fire pits. Do not damage the land.
- Propane or other gas camp stoves are allowed even in a burn ban
- DO NOT LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.
- If using ANY fire or flammable materials, bring a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.
- If you are a fire performer, have a "safety" at all times.

- If there is a burn ban, all fire performances must be in designated areas, check with Greeters or Rangers when you arrive.

Effigy

We reserve the right to burn an effigy at any time or not at all depending on weather conditions. The effigy burn is usually planned for Sunday evening.

Pay attention on-site for schedule changes — event organizers and safety personnel will make the call early in the evening in order to prepare everything and everyone necessary.

Safety Markers

Any intentional removal, destruction, or alteration of the safety lighting, event signs, or caution tape is grounds for removal from the event.

Ice

Ice will be sold at Orfunner. Check with the Greeters or a Ranger to find out where and when ice is being sold. Details will be announced during the event.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Orfunner is a "Leave No Trace" event:

- If you bring it in, you are responsible for bringing it out. There are no trashcans at Orfunner. Participants are responsible for disposing of their own trash and recycling materials.
- Have separate containers for recycling. Bring drinks in aluminum cans instead of glass.
- Think ahead about how you will deal with wet and dry trash.
- Start with less trash: buy in bulk or remove excess packaging before you go.
- If you are in a theme camp, make a camp plan and make sure that everyone knows it.
- For your personal camp area, make sure you take time to pick up MOOP*.

- Bring extra trash bags, more than you will need for your camp's trash and recycling.
- Never let it hit the ground. Be an Earth Guardian for your camp and make sure things are kept tidy.
- Plan to spend some time before leaving combing through communal areas for litter.

Anything that does not occur naturally in the Texas Hill Country (including cigarette butts, banana peels, paper waste, glow sticks, peanut shells, glitter monkeys, apple cores, etc.) should not be left behind.

***MOOP - Matter Out Of Place.** This is the common term for crap on the ground that doesn't belong there. We don't have garbage cans or maids. Pick it up!

RANGERS & GREETERS

Rangers

Radical self-reliance and respect means you are responsible for your own actions. Make sure your actions don't interfere with the enjoyment of the event for others. This includes being respectful of your neighbors, controlling the volume of your camp, and working out disagreements respectfully.

Rangers patrol the event and you can reach out to them if you need urgent help or assistance in resolving a conflict. They are not police; they are not The Man. Rangers are volunteers who have received training to ensure that our event is as safe and smooth as can be.

Greeters

The Greeter Station is the place to step out of default reality and enter the one we create together. The Greeter Station will be set up on the road before you get to the bathhouse.

How to be Greeted:

1. Arrive at a Greeter station ready for some love!! The Greeters will be super excited to see you! By the way, Greeters love gifts, especially water, booze, and snacks!
2. You'll get out of your car and meet the Greeters. Greeters will go over the highlights of the Survival Guide with you to confirm that you're setting good expectations and that you have all the necessities for a safe weekend (water, sunscreen, trash bags, food, etc.).

PRESENCE OF MIND (Safety!)

Hydration

Dehydration is a very serious risk at Orfunner due to the Texas summer heat. DRINK WATER, lots of it. Beer dehydrates you; it is not water. Water is not available at the event (except in the form of ice), so bring all the water you will need (~ 2 gallons/person/day).

Signs of dehydration:

- Feeling uncharacteristically cranky
- Rapid or sudden weight loss
- Increasing thirst
- Dry mouth
- Weakness or lightheadedness (particularly if worsening on standing)
- Darkening of the urine or a decrease in urination (drink enough water to 'piss clear')

Fauna

There are plenty of nasty critters all over Texas. This is not a definitive guide. Keep an eye out and try to avoid these creatures.

Ants

Pound for pound, the fire ant is the meanest animal to ever walk the face of this great planet. Carpenter ants, on the other hand, are pretty tame and endangered. Just to confuse you, both types are red. To be safe either way, put signage around ant beds so people know to avoid them. Ants don't like cinnamon, so pack some to put around your tent to keep these pests out of your stuff...also, wearing your underwear on your head and doing the chicken-dance is very off-putting to ants, you should do it at least twice a day, srsly.

Mosquitos

Mosquitoes are somewhat omnipresent in Texas during the summer. Use bug spray to prevent bites. Treat mosquito bites by cleaning the bite area and rubbing on Benadryl lotion or some other anti-itch lotion. Do not scratch the bite until it bleeds because it attracts zombies.

Scorpions

Scorpion stings can be painful, but they can be avoided.

- Kick a rock before picking it up.
- Shake shoes before putting them on.
- If you are stung by a scorpion, wash the area with soap and water. Use ice to dull the pain.
- A sting can be dangerous or deadly to someone with a sensitivity. If you experience unusual symptoms, contact a Ranger or the Medical lead immediately.

Snakes

- While many snakes are not harmful, go with the plan of mutual avoidance for safety.
- If you hear a rattle, stop and move slowly away from the sound.
- The water features may contain water moccasins.

Ticks

- Ticks can carry diseases you do not want.
- The best ways to avoid ticks is to use insect repellent.
- When setting up, wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Improper tick removal can cause infection. If you don't know how to remove a tick, ask a Ranger for assistance.

Flora

Poison Ivy and Poison Oak have unique characteristics:

1. There are always an odd numbers of leaves per stem. 3 is most common, but can be 5, 7, etc.
2. While leaves are usually a lush green, the stems are red or mahogany.
3. Leaves are not uniform in shape. They may be approximately alike, but always at least subtly asymmetric.

If you think you have been exposed to Poison Ivy:

- Cleanse exposed areas with rubbing alcohol
- Wash the exposed areas with water only (no soap yet, since soap can move the urushiol, the oil from the poison ivy that triggers the rash, around your body and actually make the reaction worse)
- Now wash the area with soap and warm water
- Put gloves on and wipe everything you had with you, including shoes, tools, and your clothes, with rubbing alcohol and water.
- Keep a supply of products specifically for treating Poison Ivy

Trees

The trees at the Rec Plant are beautiful. They are also sacred and fragile.

Do not paint, mark, cut, trim, drill or spike a tree for any reason. Doing so will be considered vandalism of private property. We want to be invited back, so this falls under being respectful.

Thorns

Cactus is everywhere in Texas, be careful of thorns. Wear shoes or use your wings or the force.

The Water

The land has a waterway, and a swimming pool to cool off in. Before you hit the water, know:

- Swim at your own risk
- There are NO lifeguards on duty
- DO NOT SWIM ALONE

PREPARATION (What To Bring)

Orfunner is an exercise in radical self-reliance. You must bring food, water and shelter. Gifts are a wonderful expression of community, but you must take responsibility for your own survival and well-being.

Do not show up expecting the community to take care of you. Participants arriving with inadequate supplies will not be allowed to enter the event.

Some recommendations on what to bring:

NECESSITIES:

- Two gallons of water per person per day (for drinking, dish and body washing, food preparation, etc.). Keep a bottle of water with you at all times
- Enough food and beverages for your entire party
- First aid kit
- Bedding and shelter of some type (a good camp tent is recommended along w/sleeping bags)
- Toilet paper
- Garbage bags (more than enough for all of your garbage-- it's good to bring extra for MOOP that accumulates during the event)
- Portable ashtrays if you are a smoker (decorated zombie skulls work great)
- All required prescriptions, contact lens supplies, duct tape, toiletries, etc.
- Flashlights (headlamps are very useful)
- Extra batteries for everything
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Sturdy footwear

- Check first for signage before entering the water.
- Shower always before entering the swimming pool.
- Be alert to weather conditions. If there is rain in the area, water can rise rapidly.
- In case of storms, get out of the water.

- A cup for beverages (several camps may have drinks to share, but you are expected to supply the container)
- Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Shade structures, umbrellas, duct tape, parasols; things to break the cruel mid-day sun
- Ice chest(s) to store your perishable foods and beverages
- A cooking stove
- Cash for ice sales
- Towels, soap etc. for showers
- Earplugs (not everyone will sleep when you do)
- Insect bite treatment/medication
- Watertight protective bags (e.g. heavy Ziplocs) for cameras, electronic gear, etc.
- Blinky lights, toys, magical fabulousness and swell stuff to share; anything you think would make things more fun for you & your fellow Orfunners!
- Handi-wipes
- Spray bottle (for misting)
- Rope, string, duct tape, zip ties
- Fuel for stoves, generators, mutant vehicles, etc.
- Abundant amounts of whatever makes your life better: beer, bacon, chocolate, coffee, powdered donuts, spam spam spam baked beans and spam.
- Third eye
- Duct tape

Sound Policy

There is an official sound policy in place for 2011. Rec Plant has neighbors and they are sensitive to the sound of our event. A sound policy will be available at the Greeter Station.

If you have a sound camp or are bringing a large sound system, you will be visited by a Sound Marshal. Please cooperate with the sound marshalls. We have been asked

to be reasonably respectful of the neighboring properties. We would like to minimize the need for dealing with the authorities for sound complaints.

RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS.

DIRECTIONS

Recreation Plantation Campground

3550 Pursley Road,
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
(512) 894-0567

DIRECTIONS From Austin :

Heading west on 290 towards Dripping Springs, TX.

Go past the first light about .3 miles into town, passing the Sonic, the Exxon and the Texaco. Turn left after the bridge on Creek Road. Note, this is not a real bridge, only a small ditch... don't miss it.

Set your trip to Zero as soon as you make the turn.

- 0.0 Turn onto Creek Road (CR-190)
- 0.6 See bright yellow hut
- 1.0 Turn Left on Rogers (this is a new turn)
- 1.3 Road curves and passes a water spillway (stay on CR-190) cross 2nd spillway
- 1.5 Cross Bridge over spillway (you're on CR-190, right?)
- 2.2 Road Forks, Stay to the Left onto County Road 220
- 3.5 Vista view with antenna
- 5.5 See Sheep and Goats – Mt Gainor
- 5.6 Gatlin creek road (stay straight)
- 5.8 Cross Bridge
- 7.1 Cross Bridge
- 8.1 Pursley Road, see "Brangus" sign and turn Right (CR-198)(looks like driveway)
- 8.6 Turn Left after house at the 3650 mail box. (small dirtroad next to house)
- 9.4 Gate to pay fee and sign waiver (this is not the greeters)

Close the gate behind you if there is not a person immediately there.

- 9.5ish Greeters!!!
- 10.0 You are on the field, unpack and go park your car.

DIRECTIONS From Houston:

Take Hwy. I-10 West of Houston past Columbus. After you've passed Columbus, exit onto Hwy. 71 to Austin (about 1-1/2 to 2 hours). You will pass La Grange, Smithville & Bastrop before you get to Austin. In Austin, stay on Hwy 71/Hwy. 290 until you get to Oakhill. In Oakhill at the (H-E-B / Albertsons / DoubleDave's Pizza) intersection of Hwy. 71 and Hwy. 290, go stright ahead on Hwy. 290 west to Dripping Springs (about 30 minutes). At the Light at Hwy 290 & Ranch Road 12, continue west on 290 4 more streets and turn left onto Creek Road. About 1 mile go left at stop sign. Go about 1 mile and veere left. (The road will be Co. Rd. 220/Mt.Gainor Rd.) Stay on Mt. Gainor Rd. 6 miles to Co.Rd. 198/Pursley Road. Turn right onto Pursley Rd. Continue for 1/2 mile to mailbox #3550. (Nice 2-story blue house on left with rock entry.) Turn left at the mailbox onto dirt road and continue 7/10 mile. Road will dead end into campground. Enter double gates straight ahead.

In the event of flooding:

ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS to RecPlant from Austin:

Take US-290 West & turn left onto FM12 (also known as Ranch Road 12), Turn right onto E Mt. Gainor Rd. take to end & turn, Take E Mt Gainor rd until it intersects Mt Gainor Rd (also known as CR 220, Mt Gatlin Creek Rd) Turn RIGHT. Turn LEFT to Prochnow Rd Stay on it until it ends into Pursley Rd (also known as CR-198). At Pursley Rd., Turn Right. Continue till you reach the mail box #3550 & turn right. (FYI- If you go past a 2 story Blue house on the right you have missed the dirt road to Rec. Plant.)Turn Right at the mailbox onto dirt road and continue 7/10 mile. Road will dead-end into campground. Enter double gates straight ahead. Close the gate behind you if there is not a person immediately there.

Texas Courtesy 101: You close gates whenever you open them to keep cattle INSIDE the gates.

The Orfunner 2011 Survival Guide was edited, organized, created, and printed by volunteers at their own time and expense.

Please read through this guide and share it with your friends – especially those who are new to the event and the community.

To learn more about Orfunner 2011 and how you can get involved, visit www.Orfunner.com.