

FLATTERY CAMP FAQ

What is Flattery Camp? When done well, it is improvised interactive performance art. It is life-affirming, sincere, and laced with wit, grace and charm. The bottom line is that our playa brothers and sisters after passing by or visiting with Flattery Camp should come away feeling great about themselves.

Can I join Flattery Camp? Not without first being vetted. We receive *many* requests, but we'd like to get to know you before committing to live with you.. crazy huh? Burners who are contemplating joining Flattery Camp need to ask themselves whether they have the positive energy and the eye to call attention to the beauty that resides within everyone. Guest flatterers are always welcome and encouraged to come by to audition, receive prizes and be considered for camp inclusion.

The rest of this FAQ is relevant only to confirmed camp members

What if I suck at Flattery? Like momma said, "If you can't say something nice..." **or** develop the ability to parlay with style and grace **or** find some other *significant* way to support the camp's efforts. Ex Cooking, MOOP patrol, ice runs, consumables, booze!, etc

Absolutely no sarcasm or back handed compliments *to the public*. (ex "It's great how you don't give a shit about your appearance.") Be forewarned that **The Flatterator** is a flattery quality control device that resembles the giant ass stinging paddle that it is. Someone feeling less than flattered may make use of this impressive corrective device to heighten the future motivation of the individual spouting poor flattery. Campmates may use the flatterator in other situations so please read the fine print.

Are there camp dues like the other big theme camps? Nope! Each to their own conscience. We attempt to distribute camp duties such as building, cooking, cleaning, ice runs and tear down. The pre-planning is not written in stone but provides a guideline for expectations and assessing what needs to be addressed. Appreciate that others are expending resources to enhance your experience, try to enhance theirs in return. Volunteer for a duty you can handle, avoid knocking the efforts of others, clean up after yourself, integrate don't dominate.

How can I contribute specifically? Campmates arriving by Tuesday supply the various dogs, buns, condiments and beverages for Hot Dog Tuesday. Money other camps charge for dues should be spent on host beverages and goodies for the camp party. Also consider joining with other campmates to select one meal to prepare for the camp. This has worked well in the past and frees individuals from cooking all the time. If you're arriving after the build and leaving before the teardown and clean-up, try to be gracious and generous with those that have created your temporary home.

Gifting trinkets, handmade crafts, stickers, posters, edibles, etc to people visiting the camp **is encouraged** but not mandatory. Feel free to use the Flattery Camp name (or not) on camp gifts.

Still don't know what to bring? Try bringing cheap beer for camp guests, microbrews for campmates, and anything moderately illicit for you know who.

What is Hot Dog Tuesday (HDT)? Er, um, it's where we serve hot dogs on Tuesday. This is our big event of the week and is our collective gift to the playa and ALWAYS a great time. We grill all kinds of dogs (yes veggie dogs too), don our playa finery and host a BRC party dog style!

Why do I have to provide the names, shelter types and number of vehicles for my group? So that we can effectively use the limited space being allocated. A site plan is developed and submitted for all registered theme camps which requires that we estimate the space needed to accommodate us. You can help by forwarding what you know, when you know it. Names, arrival and departure day, shelter number and type, vehicle number and type, what provisions can be contributed and pertinent dietary considerations if any. This info is for planning purposes and although we realize that no plan ever fully survives contact with the playa, it still helps to have one ;-).

Who receives the theme camp early arrival passes? Passes are expressly intended for those constructing the common camp area. Proven builders from previous years take precedence over newer campmates wanting to assist in this year's build. Flattery Camp has been issued less than ten passes in the past so speak up early to seek any vacancies on the build team.

What if I want to arrive early and camp with Flattery but there are no vacancies on the build team? You still can! Early arrival passes can also be secured by assisting with a Burningman approved art project, volunteering to be a Greeter, Black Rock Ranger, DWP worker, medic, etc.

What does the camp provide? Reserved space in a prime location, multiple shade structures, camp kitchen, showers with evaporative pond, discreet alternate chill space (Kratom Korner). Positive energy and creative industriousness. Musicians, drummers and likeminded mellow burners with decades of collective experience on the playa. Oh and did I already mention the Flatterator?

Can I bump my music? Yep! Especially on Hot Dog Tuesday. At other times within playa reason please. Please consider though and consult with your campmates in an effort to create the best communal experience.

Any other considerations? Be prepared to meet all of your own needs (water, bike, food, night lights, etc). Don't assume you can borrow from others unless you have prearranged it. Know your limits, don't overindulge so that somebody else's precious evening is all used up tending to your messed up self. Flattery Camp has been the site of numerous medical emergencies, most resulting from overindulgence. Participate! Communicate your intentions. Keep commitments. Think we're sexy? It's ok to say so but respect no for an answer. Be discreet, don't attract heat. People on the playa, including members of Flattery Camp, have had costly interactions with the Man when they were caught slipping.

How will I ever wash my nasty playa butt? Chewster is graciously providing a shower and here are his requests for using the shower and evaporative pond. "Leave the stall in better condition than you find it. (Don't leave empty shampoo bottles/soap, etc. in stall) Bring your own water (we figure you can shower with about 1.5 gal per person). Showering with a "friend" is always encouraged, but remember other flatterers will be using the shower after you. Respect people's privacy. The shower enclosure provides some privacy, but not 100%. We have a battery operated pump for all to use (if it stops working we have extra batteries but would appreciate any contribution of new ones - I think it

runs on 4 D Cells). Make SURE pump is off when you finish shower as the motor will burn out if it is left running. Helping with the clean up and break down of the shower and evap pond is ALWAYS appreciated. We came up with a good system last year. I have an old shop vac in which we used to suck water out of the evap pond. Out of all the showers in the camp we came out with only about 5 gals of gray water. We sucked it up and hauled it away and dumped it at the RV dump when we dumped our trailer.”