



# AFRIKABURN

27th April - 2nd May 2011

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## What is AfrikaBurn?

Besides being a a fantastically amazing mind-blowing party in the middle of the Karoo... AfrikaBurn is primarily an ART festival, creating a temporary community based on radical self-expression and self-reliance in a non-commercial environment. There is nothing for sale - no vendors, no advertising, not even a barter economy. The gift economy is about giving of oneself without expecting anything in return.

Try it, it is truly fulfilling. You bring everything that you will need to survive, shelter, food and water... and a free spirit.

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**Afrikaburn 2011**  
**Wed 27th April - Mon 2nd May**  
**Tankwa Karoo**

**2011 Art Theme:**  
**STOF – THE PRIMAL MUD**

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## Latest news

**WHAT:** fun raiza skop

**WHEN:** Saturday, 05 February at 19:30

**WHERE:** : Bush Bar, Lekkerwater Rd, off Kommetjie Rd, Deep South

## How do I participate?

AfrikaBurn is all about participation

- Devise your own form of participation...
- Create an art installation...
- Construct a theme camp with your mates...
- Offer a service
- Dress up your body
- Paint your body
- Put on a performance or build a stage...
- Create an art car
- Volunteer your time

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## Dates to have in mind

Be sure that you dont miss these deadlin

**14th Feb**  
Creative Grants Submissions

**28th Feb**  
Low-Income Tickets Applications

## The Theme of 2011

The theme for any AfrikaBurn is intended as a point of possible connection, or inspiration, it's a conversational start point, a proposition for discussion, it's a post to rub up against, it's a platform to dream from....do with it what you like. There are no theme police\*, so if your art or performance is not in line with the theme. Don't fret.

### STOF – THE PRIMAL MUD

STOF Is the Afrikaans word for dust.  
 The Germanic word for matter.  
 matter and energy, is the building material of everything,  
 plofstof are explosives, ignition  
 dust - Tankwa is all about dust,  
 stuff – materials - the stuff we work with  
 stuff- materialism...we have too much stuff, too many belongings  
 kool stoff is carbon, the base of all life  
 the stuff in my head....what to do with it!  
 Stof is fabric, the fiber of our being  
 Stof is felt, its drapery,  
 It is to mold...to shape our own reality  
 Stof is soil, clay, sand, the elemental silt  
 Stof-suier - domestic applications  
 Dust to dust,  
 substance, energy , particles,  
 kick up dust.

For four years running we have headed into the desert with all manner of different intentions. A kind of alchemy happens, creating a moment where we are reminded of our primal state; joy, playfulness, imagination, survival, community, celebration, invention, exhaustion the real stuff. With this theme we invoke the primordial mud, archetypes, the base materials, which make us. Like the stoff/dust that gets into every part of your car. camping gear and the inner most parts of your psyche  
 Larry Harvey, when describing the first effigy (of a man and a dog) that he and Jerry James produced, in reflection said "what turned out to be most important...was that we happened to do it in a public space. It was done impetuously as a pure gesture. That was a part of the culture I had absorbed, the culture of the self-expressive gesture, this bohemian notion that you could manifest your spirit by acting on creative impulse and have the courage to do it in a public way. It was sort of spiritual extravagance"

What is inside? What is the stuff that you put inside this thing we do out there. What does that STOF do to you, where does it take you? Be reminded that you can make AfrikaBurn what you want it to be, make the world what you want it to be. Engage with the substance, what it is that you put inside that thing we call AfrikaBurn. Engage.

## Not essential, but we highly recommend you bring along:

- \* A shade structure other than your tent, that you can share as communal space with your camp mates
- \* Umbrellas
- \* Parasols
- \* A wide brim hat
- \* Sun screen, lip balm
- \* Sun glasses
- \* A bicycle (mountain bikes or just any bikes with fat tyres are best) decorate your bike, make it an installation, light it up for night time cruising.
- \* Tyre repair kit (these also make excellent gifts)
- \* A portable shower
- \* Earplugs, in case you want to sleep and the rest of those at AfrikaBurn don't.
- \* Smokers please bring a portable ashtray, an old tin with a lid is good, anything that means you won't leave your cigarette butts on the ground is good.
- \* Plastic bottles, old tennis balls or old doll heads, anything that is going to make your extruding tent pole friendlier to the wondering foot.
- \* An extra set of car keys, just in case, keys are easy to lose on a camping trip and there are no locksmiths at AfrikaBurn (as far as we know)
- \* Costumes, musical instruments, signs, body paint and anything else that might enrich and make your AfrikaBurn more fun for you and your neighbours.

## Toilets

The toilets at AfrikaBurn are longdrops mostly with lovely views. Here are the rules. If it wasn't made by your body, don't put it in the loo. Use these facilities only for their intended purpose - not for dumping rubbish or your personal toilet bags. Putting anything but human waste and one-ply toilet paper (2-ply is a BIG no-no) into the portable toilets makes decomposition nearly impossible. This includes tampons, rubbish, and wet-wipes. Here it is again: NO TAMPONS, RUBBISH OR WET-WIPES in the toilets. Put the lid down when you're done - it helps keep odours under control. Do not dump grey water or bags from your personal camping toilet in the toilets: doing so will fill them up much faster than normal and result in nasty toilets for all. Clean toilets are a good thing from a public health standpoint.

## Camping

Our village will be set out in a large half circle facing the open area that we are calling the binnekring. Camping at AfrikaBurn will be in demarcated areas, please do not set up camp in the open area meant for art. Open space is important. Other camping tips.

## Cars

Our village is for pedestrians and bicycles only. No cars, motorbikes, scooters or golf carts are allowed to drive at AfrikaBurn after they have arrived and found a camping spot. The only vehicles allowed to drive at AfrikaBurn are art cars and emergency vehicles. **The speed limit is 10km/h.**

## Commerce

AfrikaBurn is a non-commercial event, this means that there will be absolutely no vending at the event. The aim is to create a gift economy. Nothing will be for sale, with the exception of ice. The proceeds of which will go towards paying for infrastructure costs.

## Fire at AfrikaBurn

You may have fires in your campsite at Afrika Burns for cooking. If cooking by fire is what you intend to do, please have a fire extinguisher visible near the fire at all times. Please note that is absolutely your responsibility and duty to keep it under control AND never leave it untended. This is a desert environment so wind picks up ...especially in the evenings....NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNTENDED. Put it out completely before you leave your camp.