


AFTERBURN REPORT



InterFuse 2025

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Midwest Burners

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TEAM

Midwest Burners Board



Event Coordinators

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Dates

May 18th, 2023 - May 21st, 2023

Location

Address

26920 Nn-333,
Waynesville, MO 65583 USA
Years at location - 13

Land Contact

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Description

Otherworldly adventures await those brave or foolish enough to take a leap through a faire ring.

You awoke to find your camp surrounded by a spontaneous dusting of mushrooms, the default “normal” world you hailed from fading from your mind like the memory of dream. The name you once bore gone - traded away and replaced with a more fitting and descriptive cognomen in this preternatural gathering. Hardly alone in your adventure you find scores of

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other travelers - creative and stunning with their beautiful art and captivating engagement.

Delightful treats and delicacies are offered - entirely free of course. There is no such thing as currency in this fairy tale world.

Burns have always been magical. In 2023 we want to leave the default world of mortals behind to escape; through the mushroom ring to a world of our own making.

Fairies, magic, elves and pixies dancing in the moon; cottage-core tea parties; fire wrangling dragons, and glib goblin antics. All these and more to be found on the other side.

Attendee Count

18+ - 1194

<18 - 56

Departments List

- Bright IDEA: Intersectionality, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility make our community brighter!
- Department of Mutant Vehicles (DMV): Bringing the weird, wild, and wheeled to life—because your mutant vehicle dreams deserve to hit the road (or at least the dirt).
- Doodle Crew: Making maps, signs, and designs so you know where you're going and get hyped while getting there.
- Department of Public Works (DPW): Building the city before the burn, breaking it down after. Power tools, dust, and glory.
- Earth Guardians: We keep nature happy by making sure your MOOP doesn't become someone else's problem. Leave no trace or face our

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wrath (jk, kind of).

- Effigy: Constructing the big, burnable heart of Interfuse.
- FAST: Keeping the fire in the fire pits, on the effigy, with the dancers, and off your hair—safety first, for real this time.
- Gate: The guardians of entry, ensuring you get in smoothly (or hilariously, depending on our mood).
- Greeters: Your first stop for hugs, high fives, and a crash course in the 10 11 Principles—because radical inclusion starts at the gate!
- iFart (Art Grants): Got big, weird art ideas? We’ve got funds to help make them happen. Apply and get building!
- Information Media & Propaganda (IMP): We keep the community informed (and entertained) by running the socials, website, and infobot. Plus, we make sure our event photographers get the shots with consent.
- Kitchen: Keeping bellies full and burners fueled.
- Medic: When things go sideways, we patch you up and send you back into the dirt.
- Mobilitease: Keeping Interfuse rolling for everyone, because radical inclusion includes mobility!
- Parking: Directing cars into neat little rows because, even out here, there’s a method to the madness.
- Perimeter: Keeping the burn safely separate from the crowd, so you can enjoy the fire without becoming part of it.
- Placement: Organizing the chaos by making sure camps and art go exactly where they should.

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- Preburn: Fire performers that light up the night before the big burn.
- Rangers: Your friendly problem solvers who help keep the event safe and drama-free. Rangers are here to help, not hassle.
- Sanctuary: A quiet, calm space for when you need a break from all the... everything.
- Sound Marshal: Keeping the beats pumping without blowing out your eardrums (or pissing off the neighbors).
- Volunteer Recruiters & HQ: Matching volunteers to their perfect roles, because this burn runs on you.