

LAKES OF FIRE Afterburn Report 2015

Great Lakes Experimental Arts held its event with the theme FABULOUS CONTRAPTION and burned as an effigy the 'S.S. Pandemonium', a galactic traveling dirigible styled spacecraft.

1900 tickets were sold. Infrastructure teams and effigy crew began to arrive at Lucky Lake Campground on June 12. Early arrivals for qualifying Volunteers and Theme Camps began June 16. Gates opened to general participants on June 17. Our effigy burn occurred on June 20. General participants left the site on June 21. Our LNT, DPW, Board reps and qualifying Theme Camps spent two more days to complete any site restoration and total take down before all was wrapped up on June 23.

Thank you, to Lucky Lake Campground (near Muskegon, Michigan), for hosting our seventh event and our fifth at that venue.

PRE EVENT

Michigan weather challenged us again with rain during set-up operations, making it difficult for DPW to work setting up infrastructure and slowing effigy construction slightly. Several storage containers, belonging to assorted Departments, had water damage to contents when structures could not be erected prior to heavy rain.

Communication was established by Board of Directors with local authorities and land owner, sharing and confirming contact information for use during event if needed.

Leads meetings began Monday, June 15. Population remains well under 300 people during pre-event work.

Gates open to general ticketed participants on June Wednesday June 17.

EVENT

1741 waivers were signed by adults 18 and over, as tickets were processed and wrist bands were implemented. 34 wristbands were assigned to minors ages 13-17. Children under the age of 13 were assigned wristbands that were printed with basic parent and camp location information (unknown number of 12 years of age and under participants).

There were 17 Art Grant recipients among the countless displays brought by 77 Theme Camps and/or Sound Camps. 8 Art Honoraria recipients. 16 Mutant Vehicles.

Over 700 volunteers to staff key event operations. From staffing Gate to Leave No Trace Teams.

Fully staffed ESD volunteers to attend any medical situations occurring onsite and needing assessment.

Rangers worked around the clock. Only one assault incident resulting in a complaint to Rangers and BOD, occurring Saturday June, 20th after effigy burn, that resulted in the indefinite banning of an individual from near future events.

POST EVENT

Most participants vacated the site by 3pm June 21. Late Exodus passes were used to allow qualifying Camps extra time to disassemble, breakdown and move off site by Monday June 22nd 5pm.

Event personnel were on site until Tuesday June 23rd for completing to Property Owner's satisfaction any restoration.

FINANCES

Financially, the organization closed the books with a surplus of \$13,190 after paying out expenses of almost \$144,000. Our financial statement includes \$99,656 in event production expenses for 2015. Total revenue was \$156,965, leaving a surplus which allowed us to increase some of our program budgets. The new amounts are \$25,000 for Art Grants, \$6,000 for Art Honorarium, and a Community Donation of \$5,000 (all to be distributed in 2016).