



Lakes of Fire AfterBurn Report 2016

Great Lakes Experimental Arts LLC, held its 8th Lakes of Fire Event with the theme Mythical Creatures. And, burned as an effigy Gardon; a mythical dragon. For the sixth year, our Event was held on the Lucky Lakes Campground and Outdoor Center property in Montague, Michigan. Set-up began on June 10. Gate opened to General Ticketed Participants on June 15. Effigy was burned on June 18. Last boots on ground vacated the venue on June 21.

Pre Event. Infrastructure Teams and Effigy Build Crew began to arrive on site June 10, 2016. Infrastructure Construction and Effigy Build occurred with few interruptions from Michigan Weather, though thunderstorms presented themselves in some evenings.

Morning Lead meetings began on June 13. Early arrivals for qualifying Leads, Volunteers, Theme/Sound and Art Installs began on June 13, 2016. Population remains under 300 during our pre-event work.

Most departments were set up and staffed when Gate opened to the General Ticketed Participants on June 15, 2016. Our effigy was complete and open for participant interaction. Our Board Communications were established with Event Departments, Landowner and local authorities.

Event. 1984 tickets were sold. 1684 participation waivers were signed by adults 18 years of age and older. Children 17 and under were assigned wristbands and the parent or guardian completed a 'child registration form' that included basic information: parent name, child name, camping location. Approximate number of attending children was 71. 39 Art Grant and Honoraria recipients were among a huge variety of displays brought by over 75 Themed Camps and several large Sound Camps. 9 Mutant Vehicles registered with the DMV. We ran 19 Organizational Departments with over 812 participants volunteer under those departments.

Challenges. This year included several thefts reported to Ranger's. A tent was cut into and theft of items occurred. Theft from a car and theft from a campsite. Ranger's, Board, Leads and Participants shared information and encouraged everyone to be vigilant, to keep thefts from occurring by being observant. See something?-Say something.

Burn night was marked by an individual who breached the Fire Safety Perimeter at effigy. The individual was halted and detained by the Sand Man Team and the Fire and Safety Team. This person was removed from the area by Fire/Safety Team and ESD Team, escorted to ESD/CIT Department.

Sadly, our most troubling challenge began when a camp reported to Ranger's on the exodus morning of June 19, 2016 that they had a campmate unaccounted for. Local Law Enforcement was notified, Ranger's, Board, DPW, an untold number of Leads and volunteer participants form an operational plan to; print photos of missing person and show to every person still onsite as well as inquire with every departing vehicle. Teams were formed to grid search all property and surrounding areas, by foot, bicycle and golf cart. Local Law joins in search. No conclusion to the individuals whereabouts was determined. Monday morning, June 20, 2016, a LNT volunteer discovered a non-responsive person along the lakes shoreline. BODOC and ESD were immediately at the site and communication began with Local Law Enforcement and was later identified as the missing individual.

Post Event. Event personnel were onsite until June 21, 2016 for completion of infrastructure tear down, storage and full site restoration.

Finances. Closed the books with a surplus of \$21,558 after paying expenses of \$169,220. Total revenue was \$190,778.