



AMBIENT CAMPING 50 "Solid Gold" HANDBOOK
Gates open at 6PM November 2, 2018
(Gates are locked at 1AM each night)
Cost at gate is \$30 per person for the whole weekend

Welcome to Ambient Camping! This may be your first campout, or you may be a lifer- either way, we are thrilled that you are about to embark on your Ambient Camping adventure. This Camper Handbook was created to give you as much information about the campout, campsite conditions, and how to have a great time while Ambienting your face off (yes, it happens. Ask Kathy to tell you about it if you don't believe us). Please take time to review this document in full.

THEME

This year's theme is "Solid Gold!" We're celebrating our 50th campout, so glamp in your best disco-inspired threads and camp gear for this golden anniversary event! make your tent a trip to Funkytown, Burn baby burn the campfire, and bring that umbrella in case it rains men!

AMBIENT CAMPING GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ambient Camping operates under the same guiding principles and ideas that steer the Burning Man community. These guiding principles are adopted from the Burning Flipside website:

- **Self Expression**

We foster an environment of creative self-expression, where participants feel supported to honestly express their inner selves, through artistic creation, performance, and in their social interactions.

- **Accountability**

We foster an environment of personal accountability, where we hold ourselves responsible for our own actions, and take personal responsibility for meeting our own needs, for the event itself, and for the event's impact on the world at large.

- **Cooperation**

We foster an environment of cooperation, where participants work together to resolve potential conflicts between one another, to help mediate conflicts between others, and to create art, performance, and social spaces on a larger scale than one person could alone.

LEAVE NO TRACE!

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

So what does this mean for you? It means to come prepared, pick up your mess, and leave the campsite looking better than it did before you got there. It also means to pack it in, and pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and cigarette butts before you leave. **YOU MUST HAUL AWAY YOUR OWN TRASH!**

Tips and suggestions:

- Bring at least one trash bag for every day that you will be camping.
- **Reduce your packaging.** Bringing less in means having less to bring out. Leave unnecessary packaging at home. Food items are a likely target with their many layers of plastic and cardboard, but also consider the toys and camping gear that you're bringing. Unpacking them beforehand will spare you the hassle of bringing back extra packaging and useless shrinkwrap. Choose cans over bottles, and reusable containers over both.
- **Take frequent MOOP sweeps.** As you're packing out your camp, have campmates walk repeatedly around your site picking up anything and everything that's not part of the natural landscape of the campsite. Doing this periodically, throughout the weekend will make it easier when you're ready to head home.
- **Be Aware of Very Small Items.** No Trace really does mean *no trace*. Be conscious of spare nails or smaller trash particles that may be dismissed as too small for trash including: hair, matches, cigarette butts, feathers, plastic tie wraps. Remember that food waste such as peanut shells, orange peels and eggshells are also trash. While you're walking around the campsite, make an effort to pocket all trash, including cigarette butts, and then empty your pockets into a trash bag later. After you pick up your trash to carry home, do a last-minute check of your site for cigarette butts, gum wrappers, etc. because many of those will be hidden under tarps, tents and vehicles.
- **Don't toss trash in the road on the way home. DUH!** Please do not dump your trash along the highways where locals or highway cleanup crews will have to deal with it. Do not leave trash at local businesses or roadside rest stops – they have to pay for trash disposal and shouldn't have to accommodate yours.

WHAT TO BRING

- Positive energy and good vibes
- Friends!

- Trash bags- one for each day you will be camping
- Water! Water! And more water!! You should have about a gallon a day per person.
- Bug repellent, Sun Screen, tiki torches, citronella, OFF!
- Camping gear: SHADE STRUCTURES, Camp Chairs, Tents, EZ-ups, Camp stove or BBQ grill, tarps, zip ties, duct tape, bungee cords, hammer or mallet, etc..
- Sleeping gear: Sleeping bags, air beds, blankets and pillows
- Lanterns, flashlights, Blinky lights, toys, LED goodness (don't forget batteries!)
- Ice chest and ice
- Food- enough for the whole time
- Personal items: toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc.
- First Aid Kit, towel if you plan to use the shower.
- Clothes and shoes (bring a warm clothes in case it gets cold at night!)
- Chargers
- Baby wipes
- Fire poi, fire hoops, fire safety equipment (respective to burn ban restrictions)
- Hula hoops!
- Wet weather gear just in case... (Umbrella, rain jacket, galoshes, etc...)
- The rain fly to your tent!
- Phone chargers
- Firewood if you are bringing an above ground firepit
- Battery powered FM radio if you would like to tune into the broadcast and have the music right at your tent!

WHAT **NOT** TO BRING

- Bad energy
- Drama
- Bullshit
- Weapons
- Illegal Drugs
- Jerk dogs
- Spray paint/ sharpies
- Jerk people
- Feral cats
- Balloons

WEATHER FORECAST

FRI NOV 2		Sunny	75/49°	↓ 10%	WSW 8 mph	58%
SAT NOV 3		Mostly Sunny	77/61°	↓ 10%	SSW 16 mph	65%
SUN NOV 4		AM Thunderstorms	71/57°	↓ 50%	NNE 11 mph	73%

LOCATION INFORMATION



The Event will be at Cauldron's Keep in Dale, Texas. The property is marked with a sign of this logo above.

9703 FM 20, Dale, TX 78616

Car camping and parking by your tent is completely acceptable at no additional charge.

Closest Store is next to:

El Borrego De Oro, 2374 FM 20, Red Rock, TX 78662

When leaving the site, take a right on FM 20 and drive about 5 miles

Fires are allowed in above ground fire pits that you bring, as well as the use of existing fire pits already on site. Firewood will have to be brought with you.

There are two (2) Portopotties, and a makeshift shower, and a hose with running water. if you ask nicely, and we have power to spare, we will let you charge your phone with the on site power.

We will be broadcasting on short-range FM radio so you can tune in with a boombox at your tent if you wish to bring one. We will have some boomboxes provided by Boombox Cartel Austin. They are ON LOAN. Please return them to the DJ area when you leave, so we can use them again for future events!

ANIMAL AND CHILDREN POLICY

Children will be allowed with a guardian, You should know that our "crack o clock" video montage playing early Sunday morning is R rated and NOT kid friendly. Best advice would be to camp a little further away from the main area so that you can get the little ones away from the noise.

We do allow dogs, however, they must be under your control at ALL times and you may be asked to leave if your dog does not play well with others, or is not kept under your supervision. Pick up after your pet!

DIRECTIONS

Austin:

Take I-35S to TX-71E

Exit Burleson Rd
Take Burleson Road to Hwy 183S
Turn left on FM 1854
Turn right on FM 20
Turn right into Cauldron's Keep

San Antonio:

Take I-10E to exit 628 TX-80N
Turn onto FM 86N
Turn left onto FM 158
Turn right onto FM 20
Turn right into Cauldron's Keep

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ambient Camping abides by all relevant local, state and federal laws. Please avoid breaking laws while you're Ambient Camping...it sucks for the rest of us to see you get carted off to jail during the campout because you did something amazingly stupid. If you see a law enforcement officer, be nice to them. We all share an interest in having a smooth event. We reserve the right to deny entry or removal of people that we feel will affect the safety of our guests.

SAFETY TIPS

- **Heat and cold** - It's Texas! Drink lots of fluids. If you have not peed in the last hour, drink until you have to pee. Then drink till you pee clear. Beer is not water. Also, plan a shade structure of some kind, which will double as cover as we are expecting intermittent rain.
- **Critters-** There are lots of critters in Texas, so keep an eye out for the kinds that will ruin your campout. Fireants, mosquitoes and scorpions are common for this area. You may even run into a snake (not just the trouser snake variety), so be careful out there.

VENDORS

We will have LED items and Glow paint on Friday evening for sale, along with cotton candy. This vendor can take cash as well as cards.

We will have a food service vendor on Saturday night. They ONLY take cash. They will start 5pm Saturday until people stop ordering. They will have hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, kale chips, and sodas and water.

All vending will take place in the "mess hall" area of the existing structure.

TIMESLOTS

Check <http://www.ambientcamping.com/> for the most up to date time slots. Time slots are subject to change.