

SNRG 2021 After-Burn report

This year's Southern Nevada Regional Gathering, aka SNRG, was another great success. 2021 was our 4th year at this new location. We are very excited about the response from the Beatty community and they have accepted us with open arms. Besides SNRG, the LV burners are also participating in the Beatty Days celebration in late October. Several burner groups entered different events and created floats. We look forward to participating in the 2022 Beatty Days festival as well. The businesses are very happy about the increased business during SNRG. The community presence and spending this year will be important to local businesses as the Beatty Community is not getting their normal Death Valley tourism dollars due to lots of Death Valley being closed. Eric Rebollo is working with Dave Spicer to create a permanent Sculpture park at Spicer ranch. The first installation is FishBug By Rebecca Anders and Jess Hobbs. The goal is to create a permanent sculpture park so people come to Spicer Ranch year round to interact with art and nature. We are still working with the chamber of commerce to install some permanent art in downtown Beatty.

Gate And Greeters

Gate and Greeters have their own stations. People were met at the gate by volunteer staff during normal gate hours, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and overnight security, 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. Attendees checked in through the gomobileevents.com app or by presenting their ID. Attendees received a SNRG sticker, SNRG wristband, Individual hand sanitizer, Mask, and a waiver to sign upon arrival at the gate. At Gate all participants had their temperature taken per SNRG Covid protocol. Attendees were then directed to greeters where they were officially welcomed into the event and given instructions on how to get to their camps. This is also where staging was located for theme camp placement. Both Greeters and Gate ran very smoothly with few issues. In the past we checked people in during overnight hours. We will continue to let people in up to 10 p.m. with their cars and an escort. After 10 p.m., participants will be able to check in but will need to leave their car at the gate. We are doing this for safety to prevent overnight accidents.

Insurance

In 2021 we had to find a new insurance broker as our original broker dropped the ball. Cost for our event insurance was reasonable for our type of event and I am very happy with our insurance provider. We had a clean event and expect zero claims. Although we switched brokers, the insurance underwriter remained the same and we look forward to using them again. We have added volunteer insurance pre and post-event as well.

Fireworks and Burn

We take fireworks and burns extremely seriously at the Southern Nevada Regional Gathering. We have been doing professionally licensed pyrotechnic displays and burns at our regionals since 2006.

We did a 10-minute pyrotechnic and special f/x display followed by a simultaneous burn of our effigy and temple. Everything was fired and lit remotely for safety.

Our perimeter was anchored by 300 feet of trash fence and a large contingent of volunteers, rangers and event staff. The show, burn, and clean up all went perfectly with no issues. We have a good relationship with the local fire department and Police and had zero issues this year.

Ice Sales

Ice Sales We use a local ice vendor in Pahrump to provide our ice. The ice vendor was late on Friday so we had a lot of people leave the site to go get ice. The result of that was more work from the gate and a decrease in ice sales.

Budget for Art Grants

Art Grants We had 22 applications for art grants totaling \$25,000. We funded 15 projects totaling \$17,500. The community was very receptive to this year's art especially Merope from the Flaming Lotus Girls. More than \$14,000 was spent on the pyrotechnics and burn we went big as our theme was FIRE. We were also able to spend \$8,500k for transportation and fuel for Merope from the Flaming Lotus Girls. We look forward to bringing more art and permanent installations in the future, especially fire arts. We are very excited about the permanent installation of Fishbug at Spicer Ranch and look forward to many more. There was a lot of non-funded art brought to the event as well as lots of interactive and tactile art made for an immersive art experience at the event.

Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace We did a very good job of LNT at the event. Several camps hosted different mooping events throughout the week. We did more work on the burn pit area. Campers did an excellent job of taking their trash with them. SNRG and the land owner were very happy with the final walk-through of the property. We left zero trace.

Theme Camps

Theme Camps We had 16 theme camps offering various experiences. We are happy with the theme camps overall. They did a wonderful job of creating interactive experiences. All the

camps did a great job on leaving zero moop. We are pleased with the diversity of our theme camps. The theme camps did a great job of cleaning-up throughout the event and after. In 2021 ranger LeClaire took over the sanctuary and upgraded the space and professionalism in the sanctuary. Sanctuary is more closely related to the Zendo of the big burn and has trained personnel that can handle the times that participants get overwhelmed. The Community received and appreciated the upgrade and ranger LeClaire's guidance.