

Welcome to the Playa Academy Maker's Campout Course Catalog 2026 Edition!

The catalog is a resource for all Playa Academy attendees to introduce the classes, talks, and creative sessions that folks are offering during the event.

Theme camps, art, and other activities are also featured.

Enjoy!

Theme Camp Leadership: Best Practices With Sachi Ivy

Theme camp leads, let's gather together and share our tips and tricks, organizational processes, and words to the wise. It's a big job and we can support each other by sharing knowledge. Everyone from seasoned vets to starry-eyed newbs welcome!

Kids and Drop-Ins Welcome

Sachi is a Theme Camp Organizer with over 10 years of experience - you might be familiar with the Unicorner - and she's one of the organizers of Playa Academy!



Pour Painting Playa Gifts **With Shelly, aka Vupu, and Kat**

We will be creating 3 small pour paintings that can be gifted or kept as memorabilia from this weekend. Demonstrating multiple techniques and providing supplies to try any of the techniques themselves.
Kids Welcome!

No Drop-Ins

Gotalotgoion has been gifting paintings on Playa for 4 years now. It's a unique gift that can be a memento for years.

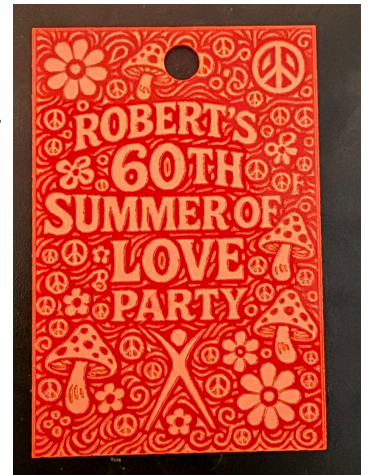


Intro to Laser Engraving **With Allison, aka AlyCat**

This class will provide a basic overview of different types of lasers and walk through the process from image creation to laser production. Participants will learn the image program with the XTool laser and see how to create a project from start to finish.

Not Kid-Friendly
Drop-Ins Welcome!

I'm Alycat, and I have been involved in the burner community since 2016. I love burner jewelry and using my laser to create different gifts.



Playa Tie Dye
Sonia & Tim (aka Allegra & Cilantro)



Let's get dyeing! Hands-on tie-dye session. Brief demo, then straight to folding and dyeing your own piece. Learn reliable basics for bold color, with optional chat on the chemistry and techniques like ice dyeing.

Shirts provided, or bring pre-washed 100% natural fabric (cotton, rayon, linen).

Kid-Friendly!

No Drop-Ins

Longtime burner and tie-dyer since the early '90s, teaching hands-on techniques for bold, lasting color and creative expression.

Find Your Flow
With Matthew, aka Magic

Learn the basics or improve your flow skills. Beginners to advanced flow artists welcome. Poi, fans, hoop, staff, or any other flow tool. Get tips for smoother transitions, linking moves, or getting that trick you have always wanted to learn.

Kid-Friendly and Drop-Ins Welcome!

Matthew's journey started with poi in 2008 and has continued to grow, teaching all over California, and a founding member of Up In Smoke.



Intro to Drone Operation With Abraham



Welcome to an introduction to piloting drones. Also known as UAVs, these unmanned aircraft are subject to a LOT of rules and have many uses.

Learn the basic fundamentals of how they work (fly), what you can (and can't) do with them, and how (and why) to get licensed.

Also, get a chance to fly one at the event!

Not Kid-Friendly
Drop-Ins Welcome!

I am part 107 licensed & enthusiastic about the practical and creative uses of drones. There are also risks that I want to educate on.

Do a Little Good - What's Up with Burners Without Borders?

With Angela, aka Queen Fussypants,
and Jon, aka Comet



What is Burners Without Borders (BWB), and how is our local Sacramento Region Chapter making a difference? We'll cover a little history, have a group values brainstorm, and end with deco-ing your very own MOOP bucket! Let's see how we can Do A Little Good with our awesome burner vibes in 2026!

Angela Gentry is a longtime burner, proud SVS member, and co-lead of the BWB Sacramento Region Chapter, which covers the metro area.

Rock Painting **With Jacque, aka Purple**



Paint a rock! Learn about the materials and methods I use to create mini masterpieces. Create your own to take home. Come to class with an idea in mind, or be inspired by one of the rocks I have on display. Rocks and paint provided.

Kids and Drop-Ins Welcome!

One of five current Sacramento Regional Contacts, crafting keeps me centered. Creating art makes me happy.

Black Rock Brunch **With Carissa, aka CooksaLot**

End or start your day in style. Breakfast options that are easy to prepare and still feel like a decadent treat. Cooksalot will demonstrate four breakfast options for participants to try; samples of a special Mimosa will be offered to anyone over 21. Recipes will be provided.

Kid-Friendly. No Drop-Ins.

I was a high school culinary instructor for 17 years. I previously taught playa cooking classes at Playa Academy.



Survival Garden
With Tony, aka Slut Ranger

Survival Garden, Grow what your body needs to keep moving. Like a victory garden, this one is more about what your body functions on. Potatoes for the starch, beets for your heart, carrots for your eyes, and cover how to grow in containers and composting in small areas like patios.

Kids and Drop-Ins Welcome!

I've been doing the Grow Your Own for years now, and doing it for my local neighbors now. I have a specific time now at EGP, 11 am Sat.

Add Lights to Your Costume
With Erin, aka Fire Pixie



Learn the basics of putting LEDs in your costume. We'll learn about the different types of lights available, and you'll get to take home a programmable light strand you can use in your costume or wearable.

Kid-Friendly!
No Drop-Ins

Erin is a light Artist & electronics educator helping beginners add sparkle with LEDs, batteries, and wearable tech.

Sand Casting Aluminum
With Rodger

Learn to use sand casting to create pendants, trinkets, and other art!

Pendant Making Class
With Tod, aka TBone

TBone is back this year with some returning and COOL new pendant designs around a Burning Man theme. Playa Artifacts Museum collections will also be on display. Two pendant-making sessions on Saturday will require registration. Feel free to stop in any time to see the artifact collection.

Kid Friendly!
No Drop-Ins



So You Want to Make SWAG to Gift?
With Tod, aka TBone

Learn the many facets of designing gifts. Patches, Pins, Pendants, stickers, unique items. What they are, types, where to get made, costs, materials, timelines, with Q & A. Kids and Drop-Ins Welcome!

"TBone" Tod Johnson will lead a discussion and share information on the art of making your own swag, whether professionally or personally.

TBone is a computer laser artist who likes to offer ideas to Burners for making their own small, unique Burner art.



“Burnt Out” to “Burnin’ Baby!”
With Yard Sale

Burn out your burnt out clothes! This class will show you some fun, creative ways to upcycle clothing headed for charity or the trash (big non-no!) and give them an out-loud second life using fabric paint, found mixed media, and some outside-the-box use of easily found, super inexpensive things.



Kids and Drop-Ins Welcome!

YardSale! is a Burner who knows nothing, which provides him the comfort of freedom to fail. Because of this, he apparently succeeds.



Cooking with Sourdough Starters
With Darni

Come learn the versatility of what you can make with a sourdough starter, such as cinnamon rolls and sourdough bread. During class, tortilla chips will be made and shared. Each class participant will go home with their own sourdough starter, care instructions, and a few recipes.

I run a home-based business making baked goods and canned items for sale at fairs and farmers' markets.

Burning Man 101 - What to Know Before You Go
With Ed, aka Major Sexy Pants



Thinking about Burning Man but not sure what to expect? This session offers a practical introduction for first-timers. Learn how Black Rock City works, the Ten Principles, how camps function, and how to prepare for the desert so you can arrive ready to participate, contribute & enjoy the experience.

Kids and Drop-Ins Welcome!

Major Sexy Pants is a longtime theme camp lead and an unpaid local volunteer for The Burning Man Project

Playa Hair, Don't Care!

With Renee and Nadya

Create playa hair from yarn & hair ties. It's simple & you will look absolutely fabulous!! Bring fun yarn for yourself & to share (I will have some to share too). Think about color combos to match your best festival looks.

Kid-Friendly!
No Drop-Ins

Renee is a healer, teacher, professional speaker, and



creative who loves helping people up-level their lives in freedom and joy!

Make-Up Play Session

With Sachi

Bring Your Own Make-Up!

Have some fun with color on your face! We'll concentrate on eye make-up, tips and tricks, layering colors, working outside the box - and have some fun with it! We'll discuss methods and products.

Not Kid-Friendly

Drop-Ins Welcome!

Intro to Bellydance

With Shelly VuPu

Belly dance is a low-impact, expressive art form that focuses on muscle isolation, core strength, and fluid movements. It is accessible to anyone regardless of age or fitness level. I have been a professional bellydancer for over 20 years, performing and teaching around the world with UNMATA.

Please join me for some movement, smiles, and fun.

Build Your Own Street Lights Demonstration

With Russell

A lit camp is a safe camp! Learn how to create simple light posts with t-stakes and little work so you can run lights above and along your camp or installation.



Drop-Ins Welcome

Russell is the Head of Erection for The Unicorner.

A Kid's Guide to Burning Man **With Orion**

Kids and families are a big part of the Burning Man community. Share tips, tricks, and stories with a veteran teenage Burner.



Ten-year-old Orion Woods, of Dixon, who has been to the Burning Man festival five times with his family, plays with a lightsaber while staying close to his mother, Sachi Woods, and the “Unicorner” camp’s display at the Summer Spark drive-thru festival on Friday, July 24, 2020, on Mine Shaft Lane in Rancho Cordova. “Since I haven’t left the house in months, this was an excuse to dress up,” said Sachi Woods. “So I can represent my camp and all my unicorn-y friends.” The two-night event concluded Saturday and featured a number of art elements from the 2019 Burning Man festival. Xavier Mascareñas XMASCARENAS@SACBEE.COM

Make-Up Play **With Sachi**

I’m no expert, but I love fun make-up, and I’ve learned a thing or two about layering and working with bright colors. Sharing make-up is unhygienic, so

please bring your own if you want to practice, or just hang out and get ideas while we talk about our favorite products and methods.



Create Weird Accessories **With Sachi**

Express your Burner creativity by making weird accessories from found objects and odd bits. Weird materials and adhesives, plus some clips, barrettes, pinbacks, etc., are provided. Feel free to BYO glasses, hats, etc. to decorate!

Drop-Ins Welcome

Morning Yoga **With Sandra**

I have been teaching Yoga for over 20 years. My style is gentle Hatha Yoga and Yoga flow. I specialize in beginners as well. I currently teach classes at my home and the local YMCA.

Feel free to check out my website: www.happylifeyoga.com

Winemaking **With Dr. Dave**

We will cover everything from harvest to bottling, providing a basic overview and some theory and techniques. I'll cover how the pros do it and also how the home winemaker can do it.

Dr.Dave (not a real doctor) worked in the wine industry as a winemaker, researcher, and teacher.

Unicorner Costume Swap & FREE Boutique

Ongoing - No Sign Up Needed



Unicorner is hosting a COSTUME SWAP at Playa Academy!! Look for the white tent - open all weekend!

Donate, Swap, and Shop! Bring your GOOD, CLEAN, FUN garments and accessories that are ready for new homes and take some great new stuff! FREE BOUTIQUE - you don't have to donate to shop! Of course, the more donations we get, the more fun the shop - so start a bag of donations now!

Camp Gotalotgoingon

We will have a crafting area for beading, some games (dick toss, hula-hoop twister), and a chill hang zone to come relax in.



Mare'Lot
By Aaron Roseli



Mare'lot - a life-size horse sculpture made from reclaimed wine barrels.



Courtney's Patch Tapestry

By Courtney and Contributors

I want Burners to be inspired by the diverse creativity of the patches!

\$yMoney Blackjack

After Hours Entertainment with \$yMoney

Play a hand of Blackjack. If you win, pick a prize!

Bet a higher value item to win a higher value item!

Bet anything except money! Bring cool stuff!

Bet experiences (ex. lessons, wine tour, massages)!

