

## IMPORTANT INFO FOR EMERGENCE 2023 CO-CREATORS

Emergence Ranger Hotline: 843-793-9687

Coordinates to the venue: 32.8899714, -80.1815979.

We recommend using Google Maps. **Do not use the address on your ticket.** It will not get you where you want to go. If your nav app is taking you to Dorchester School District then enter 4263 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29414 and go 1.6 miles further west (coming from Charleston).

1. **Don't be the reason we have to make more rules.**
2. Absolutely **no swimming** – (i) it is part of our contract, so could jeopardize future events (ii) There is at least one 10ft+ Gator in each lake.
3. **No dogs.** While we love them, please do not bring your dog. Certified service dogs are allowed, but must be indicated as such.
4. **Radical Self Reliance.** You're out in the forest camping. Look after yourself, including:
  - a. **Water.** Bring plenty of water to drink. There is no potable water on the Emergence site.
  - b. **Power.** You will need to bring your own power sources – batteries, solar, generator. We won't be able to provide it for you.
  - c. **Buddies.** Find a buddy who will be able to watch out for your wellbeing and be there for you if you need them.
  - d. **Ice.** Will not be available on site. Bring what you need for the whole weekend.
5. **Entry and Exit**
  - a. **Gate hours** are 10am-10pm Thursday and Friday, 10am-6pm on Saturday.
  - b. **Ticket** Bring it with you (digital copy can be scanned if your screen is not cracked) and ID. No tickets sold on site.
  - c. **Out and In.** Don't plan to leave and then come back. This can be organized in emergencies – talk to gate – we don't recommend spoiling your Emergence vibe with a trip back to the Default World.
  - d. Gas powered bicycles, ATVs, mopeds, scooters and motorcycles are not allowed inside the Emergence event during the event. (If it's your means arriving, that's fine just leave it parked).
  - e. All vehicle traffic must be kept to **5 mph on the paths.**
  - f. If you are driving **off the paths**, drive no faster than **walking pace.**
  - g. Please be extra careful of other **camps, uneven ground, and fallen branches.** Even better, find someone to walk beside your vehicle to spot for obstacles.
  - h. Please **unload your vehicle and move to the parking lot**, unless you intend to sleep in it. This will help keep our site beautiful. Enjoy forgetting about your car for a few days.
  - i. Otherwise, please **do not drive on site** (pre-registered art cars excepted).
  - j. If you have **mobility issues**, find a Ranger or an art car who would love to drive you where you want to go.
6. **Dangers & Risks**
  - a. **Falling branches.** These are one of our biggest risks. Check your campsite for thin or rotten branches - don't pitch your tent under them. Be vigilant on behalf of others.
  - b. **Alligators.** There are likely to be several alligators in the two lakes. They will probably be docile, but no swimming is allowed and we recommend you take care when close to the lakeside.

- c. **Fire Ants.** There are highly likely to be nests on the site. Survey your camp area before you set up, and be careful where you sit. If you are stung then we recommend you go to medical. If you need help dealing with a nest come to HQ at Center Camp.
  - d. **Ticks & Lyme Disease.** Ticks will be present on our land. Black ticks are the most common, while “Lone Star” ticks (recognizable by the white dot on their back) do not cause Lyme. To avoid getting bitten, use insect repellents containing DEET and permethrin (the latter is highly recommended), wear long pants and socks, and performing tick checks regularly and promptly removing them.
  - e. **Other bugs.** There will also probably be lots of mosquitos and other bitey insects, especially around dusk, so be prepared to cover up and use repellent.
  - f. **Falling / Tripping.** The ground can be very uneven, and is strewn with branches, so we recommend sturdy footwear and taking care about where you walk. Stick to the paths if you can, bring a flashlight or headlamp when it’s dark.
  - g. **Environment and Weather.** Rain is possible – cover everything with tarps. Tie or stake everything down. The sun and heat can burn and dehydrate. Self care will go a long way.
- 7. Fire**
- a. **Campfires** in fire pits/barrels only.
  - i. **Do not bring wood.** Wood from elsewhere can bring pests. There is a huge amount on site.
  - ii. **Do not leave your fire unattended.**
  - iii. **Do not put Whippets in the fire.** Yes, someone did this in 2022. Bad idea. It exploded. Please don’t do stupid shit that makes us make more rules.
  - b. **Burns.** Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Safety will be managed by FAST. Volunteers for perimeter are needed - bring a different experience to your burn. Once the perimeter is down, the embers will still be hot so be aware of your footing.
  - c. **Fire Flow arts.** Please visit the Enchanted Circus for your safety check before you Flow.
- 8. Placement**
- a. If you have placement you can **find your location via the map**. If you’re the first there, it will be marked with a flag with the name of your camp.
  - b. **Most sites are bigger than requested** as trees &/or uneven ground means that not all of your designated area may be usable.
  - c. You are free to **extend your camping** site in any direction, **provided it does not encroach** on to other designated areas or camps.
  - d. Be **sensitive to neighbors**, especially as regards noise, space, view, vehicles/RVs and generators.
- 9. Your Campsite**
- a. Please **do not dispose of** soap or toothpaste on the ground, or in the lake water.
  - b. **Rebar & tent stakes need to be capped** to avoid trip & impalement hazards.
  - c. **No trampolines** are allowed due to insurance requirements.
  - d. This is an **LNT event**. During the event and before you leave, please check your campsite and surroundings for anything that doesn’t belong (“Matter Out Of Place” or MOOP).

Last but not least, we are thrilled to be co-creating Emergence 2023: *Journey to the Center of the Heart* with you! If you have questions or concerns please email [Info@EmergenceBurn.org](mailto:Info@EmergenceBurn.org) and we will do our best to respond, though please keep in mind we are juggling a lot. :P