

## Tent Site

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Tent	4 Season is "best" because they protect against dust better (tight seal for winter weather). But a good 3-season tent will do fine, just seal up the zippers well!
Tent Stakes	DO NOT use regular tent stakes in case of strong wind (which almost always happens!) 2 foot pieces or Rebar is one option. Another is military tent stakes, like these: <a href="http://shop.sportsmansguide.com/net/cb/cb.aspx?p=F2K&amp;i=130490">http://shop.sportsmansguide.com/net/cb/cb.aspx?p=F2K&amp;i=130490</a>
Tennis Balls	If you use Rebar, these are CRITICAL to protect the ends of the rebar from hurting people! You poke a hole in the tennis ball to cover the exposed end of the rebar.
Shade Structure (Tarps / Poles / Stakes)	If your POD does not have a Shade Structure plan, you NEED ONE! Work <u>together</u> ! Your tent quickly becomes unbearable in the sun without good shade coverage.
Short Bungee Ties	These are GREAT for securing shade structures that are flexible when the wind comes. Easier to work with than rope ties, too. <a href="http://www.creativeshelters.com/canopy-accessories/Canopy-Accessories.aspx?ProductGroup=Ties">http://www.creativeshelters.com/canopy-accessories/Canopy-Accessories.aspx?ProductGroup=Ties</a>
Hammer	For your Stakes. Not everyone needs one - COORDINATE with your Pod Mates!!!
Pocket Knife	Just a good idea to have one
Light(s)	Remember that we have generators that are up 24 hours a day. So any reasonable 110v light will do. You don't need BRIGHT...
Fan?	If you can bring a fan for your tent area you will be much more comfortable in the day!
Zip Ties	You can never have enough zip ties! They help with lots of stuff on playa. Bring varying sizes a big assortment bag is a good idea.
Duct Tape	Another thing that comes in very handy on Playa if you were to have a tarp tear, stuff like that.
Radio	There are a couple of Radio Stations on Playa! BMIR (Burning Man Informational Radio) is there for up to date information. Bring a little radio if you can!
Extension Cord / Power Tap	There will be electrical connections to each POD, but YOU are responsible for having extension cord and a power tap to go to your tent! A 25-50 foot cord and a power strip will be needed to ensure you have power at your site.

## Bedding / Linen / Bathing

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Sleeping Bag & Blankets	Remember, you are in the desert. It gets COLD late at night. Be prepared for the possibility of temperatures in the 30's overnight. 40's are COMMON/NORMAL
Pillow	
Camp Pad	These are AWESOME if you need one, REI has similar also: <a href="https://www.bigagnes.com/Products/Detail/Pad/Hinman">https://www.bigagnes.com/Products/Detail/Pad/Hinman</a> You can use an air mattress, etc. Just prepared for air mattress to not work as well because of temperature fluctuations (flatten overnight due
Bath Towel / Wash Cloths	The camp builds a shower structure. You must have enough water to use for showers, too. Coordinate with your POD Mates have have a couple of Solar Showers. Not EVERYONE needs one!
Solar Shower	Here's one example: <a href="http://www.walmart.com/ip/Mountain-Trails-Solar-Shower-5-gallon-50270/13228655">http://www.walmart.com/ip/Mountain-Trails-Solar-Shower-5-gallon-50270/13228655</a> . NOTE: You'll need a couple of gallons of water EACH TIME you shower, so be sure you plan that into your water needs. You won't shower as often as you think
Shower Gel	We use an Evaporation Pond to hold the water from showers. Please use Organic Body Wash to minimize sudzing and make the evap pond work best.
White Vinegar	The Playa is very alkali. As your feet are exposed if can wreak havoc with your skin. Bathing your feet in white vinegar helps prevent this. COORDINATE WITH YOUR POD MATES - 1 or 2 people can bring a gallon for your whole pod to share.

## Daily Life in the Desert

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Sunscreen	IMPORTANT: There is sun about 14 hours a day in the desert. You need sunscreen! Don't even consider anything less than 30 - even if you have dark skin. Bring extra!
Dust Masks (I liked valved ones)	Dust storms come without warning! ALWAYS have a dust mask with you when you leave your pod. Something like this works fine. Have 4-6 of these! <a href="http://www.homedepot.com/h_d1/N-5yc1v/R-202080145/h_d2/ProductDisplay?catalogId=10053&amp;langId=-1&amp;keyword=dust">http://www.homedepot.com/h_d1/N-5yc1v/R-202080145/h_d2/ProductDisplay?catalogId=10053&amp;langId=-1&amp;keyword=dust</a>
Goggles	Again, dust storms are common and you need full goggles available to protect your eyes. No, REALLY...you NEED THEM: <a href="http://www.rei.com/product/824990/smith-scope-pro-snow-goggles-mens">http://www.rei.com/product/824990/smith-scope-pro-snow-goggles-mens</a>
Water Carrier / Camelback	You need to drink LOTS of water in the desert. To be sure you're doing that it should be "right there with you at all times". Camelbacks are AWESOME: <a href="http://www.camelbak.com/Sports-Recreation/Packs.aspx">http://www.camelbak.com/Sports-Recreation/Packs.aspx</a>
HAT / Sun Protection	A wide brimmed hat is a great idea to help shield your face and shoulders from the sun.
Bicycle	The Playa space is about 9 square miles. A bike makes getting around much easier. I recommend offroad dirt tires if you can - essential if playa dust is bad. You can also rent bikes if you don't want to transport yours: <a href="http://blackrockbicycles.com/">http://blackrockbicycles.com/</a>
Bike Lock	We'd love to believe everyone is honest, but to keep your bike from even innocently being borrowed to never be found, get a simple bike lock. And put your NAME and Camp Name on your Bike, along with your Off-Playa address and phone!
Camera	The Playa is HARSH on electronics. Bring a camera that's tough! There are shockproof cameras by Olympus and Nikon that are great. Just don't bring a \$\$\$ camera that you would die if it were damaged...
HEADLAMP	We recommend Headlamps over flashlights. You can spend anywhere from \$15 up...WAY UP. You don't need to be crazy, but don't get the cheapest thing you can, try to find one that's durable. A spare is a great idea, too!
PLATE / CUP / Silverware	There are camp-sponsored meals, but YOU have to bring your plate/bowl/silverware/cup. Also, KEEP A CUP WITH YOU ON PLAYA! Bars will serve you drinks but YOU have to have the cup they serve you in!

Dish Detergent	Yeah, it's YOUR plate, YOU have to clean it! Please buy Organic Dish liquid so the evap pond doesn't become a nasty mess - THANKS!
TRASH BAGS	PACK IT OUT! Everything you bring IN you have to take home, ESPECIALLY YOUR TRASH!!! TIP: Remove any outer packaging you possibly can before you get to Playa...it's that much less crap to deal with when you leave!

## Food/Water

WATER	You should plan at least 1.5 - 2 gallons per day for drinking and cleaning
Food	If this is your first time, you won't eat as much as you think on Playa. Remember that the camp will sponsor some of the dinners. You really only need one other meal per day, and can be simple foods. Minimal snack foods. There's a ton of information on what people suggest. Read up! But remember, YOU are responsible to be sure you have enough food for your time on playa!
Salty Foods (e.g. Pickles)	Your body will CRAVE salt on Playa to balance electrolytes. Pickles are GREAT for this!
Gatorade / Zip Fizz	Drinks like Gatorade help you keep electrolytes in balance. Personally we love Zip Fizz because it just mixes with water and is super easy! <a href="http://www.amazon.com/s/?ie=UTF8&amp;keywords=zipfizz+energy+drink&amp;tag=googhydr-20&amp;index=aps&amp;hvadid=3587871915&amp;hvpos=">http://www.amazon.com/s/?ie=UTF8&amp;keywords=zipfizz+energy+drink&amp;tag=googhydr-20&amp;index=aps&amp;hvadid=3587871915&amp;hvpos=</a>

## Other Personal Hygiene

Contact Lenses/Glasses	If you wear contacts, be sure to bring extras! And plenty of solution!
Vitamins / Prescriptions	There ain't no Walgreens out there! Bring all your daily meds with you!
Advil/Tylenol	Again, there ain't no CVS or Duane Reade out there, either!
Cough Drops	
EAR PLUGS	IMPORTANT: BURNING MAN RUNS NEARLY 24 HOURS A DAY. YOU WILL NEED THESE TO ALLOW YOU TO SLEEP WHEN YOU WANT TO
Sleep Aid	A good idea if you're a light sleeper. Even Benedryl helps!
Baby Wipes	Great for a quick clean up - unscented are best
Moisturizing Lotion	
anti diarrheal	You hope you won't need it, but best to have it if you need it!
Hand Sanitizer	I'm normally not a fan of this stuff, but at Burning Man it's damn handy!
SINGLE PLY Toilet Paper	You can use ONLY single ply toilet paper in the porta-potties. The porta potties are stocked daily, but DO run out. Be sure to have a few rolls of TP on hand!
Birth Control / STD Prevention	Bring it with you, along with lubes, etc that you use.
First Aid Kit	COORDINATE WITH YOUR POD MATES!!! Not every person needs a huge kit, but band-aids, burn cream, disinfecting wipes, basic first aid should be handy!
SUNSCREEN	Yeah, I know it's on the list above, too. DON'T FORGET IT!
Lip Balm	The desert dryness will chap your lips. Lip balm with sun screen is best.

## Clothing / Costumes

This one is entirely up to you!	REMEMBER: The desert gets COLD at night!!! You need Warm clothing. Fleece, fun fur, whatever you like! Just be sure you have warm clothing you'd feel good wearing for hours when it's 40 degrees out, because it does in fact get that cold at night!
	Bring FUN Stuff! Be silly! Also, remember the desert gets HOT in the day...but coverage from the sun can still be comfortable, so light clothing is a good option.
SOCKS	Bring extra socks! Fresh socks help prevent Playa-foot.

## **Other Miscellaneous Stuff**

BURNING MAN TICKET!	YEAH, BE DAMN SURE YOU HAVE THAT PACKED!
Money	It's a gift economy, but you WILL need money for ICE! and there is a Coffee Shop at Center Camp where you can buy coffee/tea drinks.
Identification/Emergency Contact information	You can be "Captain Underpants" if you want while you're on Playa! Just be sure to have all the emergency contact information for the outside world just in case your underpants get into trouble and the Medical team needs information about you!
Phone Charger	Why would you WANT your phone on Playa??? But you'll want to be able to charge it when you leave!
Camera Charger	You'll take tons of pictures - be sure you can charge your camera!
Memory Card for Camera	You should consider bringing extra memory cards for your camera
Sewing Kit	for emergency costume repairs
Safety Pins	ditto
Matches/Lighters	
Batteries!!!	Bring an assortment for all your stuff, especially for your headlamps and flashlights.
el-wire / fun lighting	Remember the Playa is dark at night. Bring fun lights for your bike, or fun lights for YOU!