

Colorado Burnal Equinox (CBE) 2024 | Loaded Spring Diversion: Doin It Wornger After Burn Report

Attendance: 54 • Tickets Purchased: 75 • Ticket Revenue \$6,710.00 • Art Support Grant \$2,500 • Gross Revenue: \$9,210.00 • Total Expenses: \$9,363.98 • Art Grants: \$2925 • Profit: -154 • Planning Team: 20 • Total Volunteers: 38

Overview

Colorado Burnal Equinox (CBE) has existed in Colorado since 2016, and as an overnight event rather than a 12 hour event in the city since 2018. We transitioned to our new format for budget and planning in 2018. The intent behind this event is to produce as little everything that is safe and legal and encourage the participants to facilitate all the entertainment, activities and content. We believe that this year, we hit that mark.

Financing Organization

The event continued thanks to the financial backing of the Denver Regional Fund in 2024. The role the 501c3 took was to pay for the upfront costs and then collect the revenues after the event. The event made a small loss of \$154, after three years in a row it made a profit after a 2020 cancellation due to the pandemic and road maintenance costs due to weather in 2019. This event is intended to be a break even event so that we are not unnecessarily holding community money.

Weather

(Light Snow on Thurs, Friday night some snow, sublimated at 3:30p on Sat.) Dry conditions and clear skies from that time on. This event was held in April due to the high variability of weather in the CO Mtns. in March. There was also hope that more people could

attend with fewer barriers to entry (Gear, Clothes etc...) The calendar had cleared since the pandemic, it was no longer an issue of CBE conflicting with other events. Good weather was not in the cards, though. It snowed three inches on Friday night and got down into the teens every night of the event. While this turned out to be a barrier to entry on Friday night/Saturday morning, most of the snow had melted by Sunday, and the roads were dry.

Event Management

It has been encouraged since the inception of CBE that the production team would be responsible only for those items that were required by law, the permit or the insurance. CBE works because no rules are created by the production team. Event Lead continued asking everyone to come with an open mind and new ideas in the initial planning meetings. It was encouraged to present ideas outside the box. CBE would be a blank slate for a new burn with as few rules as possible. We emphasize the principle of radical self reliance, while still making sure we had the ingredients for a safe event. We followed the 10+1 principles and created space for art and community.

Event Name

The event theme was **Loaded Spring Diversion: Doin It Wornger (A nod to it's original theme.)**

The 11th Principle

CBE adopted Consent as an official 11th principle, as part of a community effort to bring increased awareness and vigilance to consent, so that our participants feel safe to radically participate. The CBE Consent Lead had several additional volunteers who served as consent leads, raising insightful conversations about consent around the event. These ranged from basic conversations about the nature of consent to deeper conversations

around implicit consent and whether "enthusiastic consent" is a reasonable expression.

Volunteers

CBE tried 2 unique tactics to incentivize volunteering. First, all volunteers were given an extra day for the event by allowing them to arrive the day before the event officially began, which would still be below our permitted allotments on site for setup. Second, volunteer options extended beyond shifts in the database, and included different forms of significant contributions that people made for the event, such as setting up a theme camp or bringing art installations. The number of shift volunteers were 19, just about half of the participants, and many volunteers took more than one shift.

Leads

Colorado Burnal Equinox had 20 community members step up into the role of Lead. They each took on key responsibilities and many managed other volunteers. Events like this are a testing ground for people that may have never "led" anything in their life. Leads are accepted by the Event Lead knowing that if they fall short on their duties, the ultimate responsibility lies on the Event Lead to carry out those important tasks. There was one lead who, in the end, was unable to attend the event. He was in charge of radios and had already fulfilled his duties before the event started.

Safety Third Supplies

CBE has worked in conjunction with other local 10 principle events to maintain a solid supply of basic

medical inventory. CBE encourages participants to bring their own first aid kit and not rely on the event for basics.

Porta Potties

Portos were ordered generously. The cost of this necessity is important to maintain comfort at the event.

Roads

Road clearance is always a concern with this event. Since some of the road is north facing and uphill it is important that the roughly 1 mile of driveway is cleared 1-2 weeks before the event so that it is dry when the gates open. Road maintenance continues to be the largest line item in the budget.

Ticketing Breakdown:

of Tickets Presale (\$75) = 15
of Tickets General Sale (\$85) = 32
of Tickets General Sale February (\$95) = 13
of Tickets General Sale March (\$105) = 8
of Tickets General Sale April (\$115) = 0
of Tickets at Door (\$135) = 5
(Participants were required to use the application as no cash is handled at the door)
Scholarship (\$45) = 2

Expenses Breakdown:

**these are rounded for reporting
\$1654 Porto rental
\$481 Insurance
\$75 Stickers
\$457 Wrap party
\$2925 Art Grants
\$2000 Land Lease
\$150 Permit for Park County
\$288 Propane for fire and heating

\$1250 Snow Plow for Main Road
\$82.64 DPW setup costs
\$0 Radios
\$0 Medical
\$0 Wristbands
\$0 Office supplies
\$0 Placement costs
\$0 Infrastructure transportation
\$0 Generator

Link to expense spreadsheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fqkkUt5S5Y_VoYN0SvPWlMaztWaBSU2-RkKOLl15u9k/edit?usp=sharing