

If the burn pan is used at Portland Parks & Recreation site, their security team must be informed. See below for a sample email that includes pertinent information.

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Cc: [Van Keuren, Jeremy](#)
Subject: This evening: Portable burn pan to be used in Woodstock Park
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 8:37:55 AM

Hi folks.

Please be aware that the Woodstock NET team will use PBEM's portable burn pan in Woodstock Park this evening, and inform the BOEC Supervisor, Ranger Supervisors, and Dispatchers who will be on duty.

Location: Woodstock Park, near SE Harold & SE 47th Ave [[map with pin](#)]

Date & Time: Monday, 2024.12.02, 1730-2000

What: PBEM's [portable propane burn pan](#) that uses contained live fire for trained volunteers to practice using pressurized water (not dry chem) fire extinguishers. The burn pan is akin to a large, portable gas cookstove.

Proctors: Mark Ginsberg (cell [503.756.5756](#)) and Herb Weiner (cell [503.771.1400](#)). Both are longtime NET instructors who have demonstrated proficiency with the prop, and qualified under Jeremy's instruction. Both have successfully operated it previously.

All the NET volunteers attending will strictly adhere to safety parameters I discussed with Tony Zanetti for using the pan on PP&R property. All the common sense stuff:

- A burn ban is not in effect. (Today probably will be a [Yellow Day](#), but the prop does not burn wood.)
- Prop will not be set up under the tree canopy
- Prop will be set up only on rock/concrete with no scorching (Leave no trace principles)
- Dry chemical extinguishers on hand in case of emergency
- Shovel on hand for emergency smothering
- A safety perimeter will be cordoned off. Curious members of the public will NOT be allowed to use the fire extinguishers or approach the prop. Only trained, Active NETs will participate in this exercise.
- All best safety practices under which NETs have already been trained. All NETs must wear their high-viz orange vest, helmet, eye protection, and gloves.
- At least one dedicated Safety Officer will be designated, in addition to the proctors.
- Of course, if Rangers or others wish to come by and check it out, the volunteers will be happy to meet them. :-)
- I might or might not be there, but at least will be available on my work cell, of course: [503.312.0591](#)
- I expect the exercise will not run to full time. Typically ~15 people can get through it before the compressed water extinguishers are emptied and the prop is shut down.

Thanks! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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