

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

## About the Consent Castle

“Choose Your Own Adventure” is an interactive activity that invites passersby to receive a gift while learning about consensual interaction. Volunteers bring their own gifts and skills - drinks, snacks, massage, rope, etc - and by giving their gifts, educate folks on giving and receiving full enthusiastic consent.

The process is Communicate, Negotiate, Participate! See “Consent Educator Orientation” (below) for more information.

## Orientation for Shift Leads

Shift leads are the first contact a participant may have with our interactive space. They are responsible for welcoming participants, explaining what we’re up to, and setting ground rules. After that, the volunteer will take on the primary consent education with their gift.

### *Basic Responsibilities*

- Update the front booth’s chalkboard throughout your shift so participants know what’s being offered. This will help attract passersby as well as inform others that there might be an activity they don’t want to see.
- Sign in volunteers at the start of your shift and orient folks as described in the section below.
- Welcome participants. Introduce 11th Principle, the space, and yourself. Example:  
**“Welcome to Choose Your Own Adventure, a space for consensual interaction! We’re teaching about consent through participation and demonstration. Can I interest you in anything we’re currently offering?”**
- Make sure everyone knows the three steps to consensual interaction: Communication, Negotiation, and Participation! The gifter will be primarily responsible for this, but you can help make sure it’s being touched on.
- Use the log sheet to keep record of how many participants were served as well as what was offered, as well as make notes for the next shift lead. This will be included in our Afterburn report.

### *Procedures for Certain Situations*

What signs do you look for when deciding someone is too intoxicated to consent?

An intoxicated person is a person who is:

- Slurring words
- Having difficulty standing upright
- Having trouble remembering things minute to minute

- Very clearly under the influence of a mind-altering substance
- Tells you they are intoxicated

Encourage these participants to come back when they're sober. You have to be at least mostly clear-headed to consent to pretty much anything!

How do you spot peer pressure/a non-enthusiastic "yes"?

For the purposes of our space, a "maybe" is a No *unless the participant explicitly says they want to try*. At this moment the gifter should use their best judgment to give an introduction to the gift being given (a light spank, a gentle massage).

Trust that our volunteers are like-minded and well-versed in the consent process. Step in only if you feel the volunteer needs help.

Keep in mind that Choose Your Own Adventure is *not*:

- A Bar. At least not a typical one. If a participant wants a drink and doesn't want to go through the steps to a consensual encounter, they don't get their drink.
  - Dealing with problems: The gifter is primarily responsible for refusing service to those who do not wish to participate. A shift lead may step in if the gifter's refusal is met with more resistance. Call for Rangers if someone becomes disruptive.
- An All You Can Eat Buffet. Volunteers who bring snacks are likely bringing limited quantities and are using their gifts to educate folks about consent, not just hand out random snacks to whoever is hungry.
  - Dealing with problems: Again, remind your volunteers that if someone is not willing to participate, they don't get any food. The shift lead may step in and help if things escalate.
- A Substance Dispensary. Illegal substances are not offered here, period.
  - Dealing with problems: Any gifter offering illegal substances will be asked to leave the Consent Tent immediately. This includes simply hanging out and sharing a joint with fellow volunteers; some folks have allergies and sensitivities. Let your Team Lead on Duty know if this comes up. (Radio in for a face-to-face. Do *not* discuss illegal substances on the radios!)
- A Hook-Up Connection. Volunteers are not offering explicitly sexual encounters from our space. If you want to hook up with one of our volunteers, y'all can arrange that on your own time. (Take some swag with you!)
  - Dealing with problems: Gifters are also not to offer any explicitly sexual experience in our space.
    - Sometimes there is a fine line between kink and sex, so we need to be clear about definitions. For our purposes, explicitly sexual is defined by anything that involves direct genital stimulation, with or without intent to bring to orgasm.
    - Examples of explicitly sexual: Hitachi wands on genitals, Sybian

- rides, genital or anal penetration of any kind.
- Not defined as explicitly sexual: breast fondling, nipple play, butt grabbing, spanking/flogging, nudity, and rope work. (This is an 18+ event, after all.)
- A space to process previous sexual assault or abuse. Outlining your boundaries and triggers are a part of the exchange, but we ask that folks leave details about traumatic histories of the conversation so as not to trigger other participants.
  - Dealing with problems: Obviously if someone brings up a past experience, we do not want to simply shut them up. But if someone comes by looking to process a past negative experience, talk with them as much as you can and recommend the participant go up to Sanctuary (also located in Eden). The Team Lead on Duty will have a radio if needed.

## Use of Transformus Infrastructure

As the shift lead, you will need a radio so you can communicate with the lead on call. Please check one out at the Main Stage just prior to your shift. *You will need a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to check out a radio!* It is your responsibility to turn your radio back in at the conclusion of your shift. Do not take your radios into the portos with you!! See "Radio Basics" (attached) for more information and usage guidelines.

As a reminder, never discuss anything on the radios that you wouldn't want local law enforcement to hear. Radio your shift lead for a face-to-face if you need to discuss sensitive topics.

## Consent Educator Orientation

Implemented by you, the shift lead, or the team lead on call at the start of a shift. The lead on call will coordinate with you if they need you to do this (for example, if they're shuttling greeters volunteers or something else at the start of your shift).

## Volunteer Description Overview

Volunteers in the Consent Tent act as consent educators while providing what they have brought to share: gifts, skills, etc. The purpose is not only to give consensual experiences but also to provide experiential education that participants can take with them as they move around the event.

The Steps to Consensual Gifting:

1. Communicate! Introduce what you're offering, disclose details and encourage questions
2. Negotiate! Establishing boundaries and come to a mutual agreement. Check in

with yourself too.

3. Participate! Gift and enjoy.
4. Debrief, may involve after care as necessary.

Checking in and reaffirming boundaries may need to happen during the exchange depending on the gift being given.

### Final Thoughts

Remind gifters about special circumstances that may be associated with their gift.

- Food gifters: Note common allergens! Dairy, gluten, nuts, eggs. Disclose all animal ingredients and remember that some vegans don't eat honey.
- Drink gifters: Certain kinds of alcohol do not agree with some people. Disclose *all* your ingredients.
- Triggers from touch and/or words (ask before any encounter involving touch)

Overview of how we define intoxication:

- Slurring words
- Difficulty standing upright
- Having trouble remembering things minute to minute
- Very clearly under the influence of a mind-altering substance
- They tell you they are intoxicated

Lastly, make sure the volunteer knows the following...

- A shift lead will be present during all hours to help introduce what you're providing. They may pause or halt any encounter at any time if something doesn't seem kosher. This is done at their discretion.
- Watch for under 21 wristbands when providing alcoholic beverages.
- Providing illegal substances is a big **no** in this space.
- Explicitly sexual acts are wonderful when consensual, but they are not permitted in this area. Please arrange those encounters on your own time.
- A shift lead reserves the right to deny experiences to anyone. The volunteer also reserves this right. If you do not want to provide something to a specific person, you are in no way obligated to do so.