

# Ranger Strobe's Senior Ranger Infographic

Hatpins: These are the proof you were there. Remember those concert t-shirts you bought when you were 18 years old? Yeah, these are like those for Burning Man. More is better, keep your eye on eBay to get ones you don't have yet.

ProTip - Larry Harvey actually passed away a number of years ago in a tragic auto-erotic asphyxiation incident. They hire the same actor every year to play the role so the event goes on without interruption. As you rise in the ranger ranks you will eventually find out about this. If you meet him, just play along. He is SAG-AFTRA and a pretty cool guy.

Patches - Senior Rangers can be spotted by their collection of rare patches, but not too many of them. The best way to get cool patches is to make your own and hand them out to people that you are pretty sure you will not have to deny being associated with while under oath in Federal Court.

ProTip: Senior rangers "never" identify themselves as senior rangers. If you do this, then you are just a pretentious douchebag.

ProTip: Years of rangership does not make you a senior ranger. Like many long term employees, it just means there wasn't a good enough reason to fire you.

Headset and Earpiece - A core ability of the senior ranger is to listen to multiple radios, and carry on a normal conversation at the same time. Of course, this is impossible, which is why we actually keep the other radios turned off. If it is important, someone will call you on control-1.

Extra Antenna - Senior Rangers can also be identified by the "extra" antenna that does not connect to a visible communications device. When you are a senior ranger you will know why you need this and what it is used for.

Jacket - All senior rangers have a ranger jacket. Ideally it is a little frayed, demonstrating years of service. So what you do is buy new jacket, find a ranger who has a well used one and offer to trade your new one for their well worn one. They will be happy, and you will instantly look experienced.

Ranger Condoms - Like the Rangers themselves, these vary widely in quality. As long as you are pretty sure that rash is from the playa, and not herpes, then sure, go ahead. But really there are better options. Mainly we hand them out to participants and wish them luck.

ProTip: Echelon pokes holes in these when

Artificial Floating Ranger Logo Turds - These are the primary way a senior ranger interacts with participants. By occasionally leaving these in the various 3' x 3' blue superfund sites that pass as bathrooms, participants are assured that not just rangers, but senior rangers, use the same fucking porta potties they do. This way the participants feel more connected to us, and respect that we deal with the same hellholes they do. This, of course, is a total fucking lie, we use the staff bathrooms. No, we are not telling you where they are.

ProTip: You can totally catch Chlamydia from a toilet seat. Warts too.

Chest Logo - By now you have noticed Burning Man participants will never be accused of being overly smart. The extra big logo is kinda like a participant cheat code. It gives the participants an extra opportunity to figure out you might be a ranger.

Official Senior Ranger Logoed Strap-On - When you are ready, OdWally will give you your very own personal Senior Ranger Logoed Strap-On. Um, there is some other stuff that happens too. Better to let him explain it in person.



Off-Duty Gear - Rangers are participants too, so it is vital during your off-duty hours that you never represent the Rangers poorly, or in a manner that could damage the reputation of the Rangers. This is why you need "off-duty" gear. Nothing goes better with a stolen golf cart and a bottle of jack than a DPW hoodie or ESD Jacket.

ProTip - If pressed you can always cut a hole in a sheet and claim to be a Lamp Lighter.

Glow sticks - Senior Rangers carry these to hand out to darktards. This is primarily as a courtesy to Joseph Pred. He has enough bs to deal with already, one less participant run over by a car saves him a lot of paperwork.

Laminates - Senior rangers can go either way on this, either no visible laminate or a metric shit ton of them. It turns out no one actually looks at the front of the damn things, ever. For all the rules about "getting an identifiable picture" it turns out the most important thing about your laminate is the back of it, where it might have the magic code to get into the commissary. No, I am not going to tell you the code. Suck it.

Ranger Logo Belt Buckle - Ideally this is covered up by your crotch logo, but it instills confidence in your senior rangerness.

Multiple Radios - Nothing screams senior ranger like multiple radios. Since Echelon is getting picky about handing out more than three of them these days, and the participants are not real bright anyway, I recommend you just make several "Ronin Radios". They look great, and are lighter than the real thing. Just try not to shake them too much around non-rangers.

ProTip - Certain senior rangers leave their radios on all the time. They do this to remind themselves what happens if they stop taking their meds. The voices in their heads will start telling them to do, well, things. Very very bad things.

ProTip - If you notice a senior ranger is actually listening to multiple radios: Always be polite to them and never, ever, bring up the goddamn Manson family in a conversation with them.

Ranger Shirt - This should look like it is several years old, and has been used to change oil, paint a house, and generally like it was stolen from a homeless person. Crow has this down to an art. There one senior ranger that can wear a new ranger shirt and look like ZZ Top's Sharp Dressed Man, and that is Tulsa. If you are reading this, you are not Tulsa. So don't do it, you just look like a dweeb.

Thigh and Crotch Logos - Most the participants are complete fucking deviants. Most of the staff too for that matter. So if they are checking out your legs, or your junk, then make sure they damn well know it is Ranger junk they are checking out.

Ranger Logoed Logo - This is a distinguishing mark of a Senior Ranger. Any fucktard ranger wannabee can put a ranger logo on some random item they stole from Goodwill and parade around like a goddamn Mississippi drag queen that finally hitchhiked his way to an SF pride march. Good for you, and your fucking Ranger logoed tennis racket. Senior Rangers, they logo their logos. Betcha didn't think of that, did you? \*That\* is why you are reading this.

Read. Learn. Understand.

Flashlight - Senior rangers prefer mag lights with a lot of D cell batteries. This is because we might be at a scene all night and need as much battery life as we can get. It is not because we might end up in a situation where we have to smack some dipshit upside the head with it.

ProTip - Cops like Senior Rangers. You see that naked crying guy who has pissed and puked all over himself, and appears to be tripping balls? They don't have touch this guy, or put his dumb ass in their squad car and drive two hours to Lovelock while he screams about fucking Scotland. Nope, this is a ranger problem. Senior Rangers like Sanctuary and Green Dots for exactly the same reason the cops like us.

ProTip - If an attractive woman needs help with a vehicle, and she seems sane and like she probably has a job in the real world, then you call Junkyard. This is his gig, he earned it. Do not fuck with this. If she is clearly a psychotic twaker screaming about how her car will not start due to the infestation of giant playa spiders? Yep, you guessed it, your problem.

ProTip - If a participant asks about the nearest porta potty, just point vaguely towards the man and confidently say "That way, you can't miss them." The only reason they asked was they were going to pee on the playa, saw you and didn't want to get trouble. As long as you are confident about your directions, they will blame themselves if they can't find them. Most likely they will pee on the playa anyway.

Boot Logos - If a participant has fallen down, and can't get up, your boot logos let them know that the boots in front of them are ranger boots, not cop boots. This is so they don't wet themselves.

## Ranger organization - The way it really is.

Khaki - Do you know why you wear Khaki? Well, can you imagine how hard it would be to find a body on the open playa that was dressed in all Khaki? Why, it is practically invisible from the air, and unless you drive over it, you will not see it from a car. This is why you wear Khaki. This is why we talk about our Ranger "Family". If you haven't already, maybe this year you bring \$300 and an extra bag of ice for Tool, and maybe a nice gift for his wife. Just a suggestion. Oh, you didn't know it was "like that"? You thought it was gift ticket? You thought being a ranger was cool? You liked all your a-tor-i-tay? Surprise Motherfucker, time to pay the piper. No, you can't go work for Gate now.

Harley - Should you encounter Harley, there are only two things that should ever come out your mouth: "Thank You", and "I am sorry, I will take care of that immediately." Anything else you thought you had to say, just STFU. You should probably bring her \$300 and a nice gift too. Just a suggestion.

Ranger Council - This is what we do with Senior Rangers that finally, and inevitably, completely lose their shit. We appreciate their past service, but they aren't horses so we can't make em into glue. Like Kurtz broadcasting from his jungle hideout, they spend the year issuing incoherent policy drafts, and bold plans, for something. The reason you can't make sense of these plans is not because you are an idiot, but because they are in fact completely detached from reality and even the most powerful anti-psychotics can only do so much.

OOD - These Rangers are not so far gone as to merit a transfer to council, but they can't be trusted with anything vaguely important either. So instead, they are kept busy with staff meetings and constant requests for face-to-face meetings on the other side of the playa. If there is a 007 that we know will tie them up for good 8 or 9 hours, we send them on those. Senior Rangers spend a good deal of time ensuring the OOD is kept busy and unable to monumentally screw anything up that Senior Rangers will then have to deal with.

Intercept - This is the vital Ranger transport service that connects Berlin and Tokyo with the commissary and HQ. Intercept also runs nightly art tours of the city, and facilitates an activity described by Longshot as "Let's get drunk and cruise for chicks". They frequently provide much needed rides for participants and volunteers, at least the ones who are young, healthy, and bi-curious.

Echelon - Do you know why the door to HQ is locked? Ever see the movie Calligula? Yes, it is kinda like that in there, except with more fisting. The reason the windows are so high up is so you can't see they are not wearing any pants. If you get a radio that isn't sticky, just be grateful. Senior Rangers get "event" radios early in the event for good reason. Eventually the shift radios become so sticky with a nasty mix of lube, semen, feces, and playa dust that even the Echelon staff will not touch them, they just claim they are out of radios.

"Sanctuary" - Yeah, I put that in quotes. Did you think the rangers that deal with the most fucked up dipshits the playa has to offer are god damn saints? Of course not. Green refers to the cash paid by practitioners of Santeria and other esoteric religions for delivery of people to use in unspeakable rituals. Everytime you see that golf cart heading out to take someone "home"? They just made 15 grand, Harley gets 5. Don't screw with them unless you want to wake up chained to an altar next to a goat.