



Coracle

PROTOPIAN FUTURE

NOVEMBER 7TH - 10TH, 2025, SHAKORI HILLS COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER, PITTSBORO, NC

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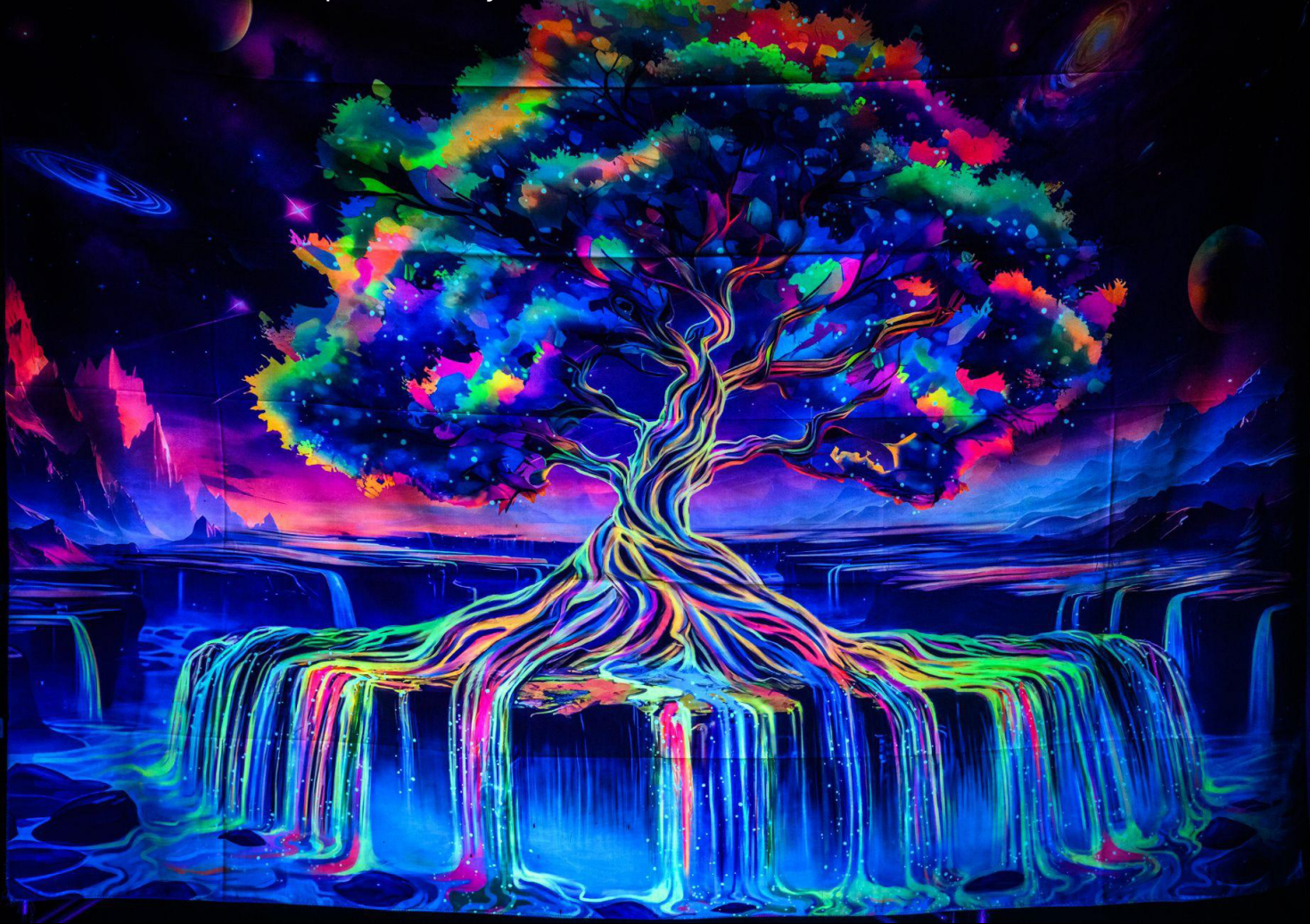
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Wrap-Up Report - 2025

Coracle 2025, our 10th annual gathering and 6th as an official Burning Man Regional, was a vibrant testament to our community's creative and collaborative spirit.

Event Overview & Key Statistics

This report details the key metrics, participation highlights, and operational learnings from the four-day campout event in Chatham County, officially sanctioned by the Burning Man Organization. We begin with a statistical snapshot of this year's success.



2025 Theme: Protopian Future

Somewhere between the extremes of a perfect but impossible utopia, and a terrifying dystopia that nobody wants, is a third possible path for the future: Protopia. Writer and futurist Kevin Kelly coined the term to describe a future based on steady progress, better than today but not perfect, and not without setbacks. Predicated not on avarice or despair but on slowly, gradually working to make the world better for everyone, one step at a time.

"You can't see a difference of 1 percent unless you turn around and look behind you. One percent a year, for 100 years — that's a big difference."

-Kevin Kelly

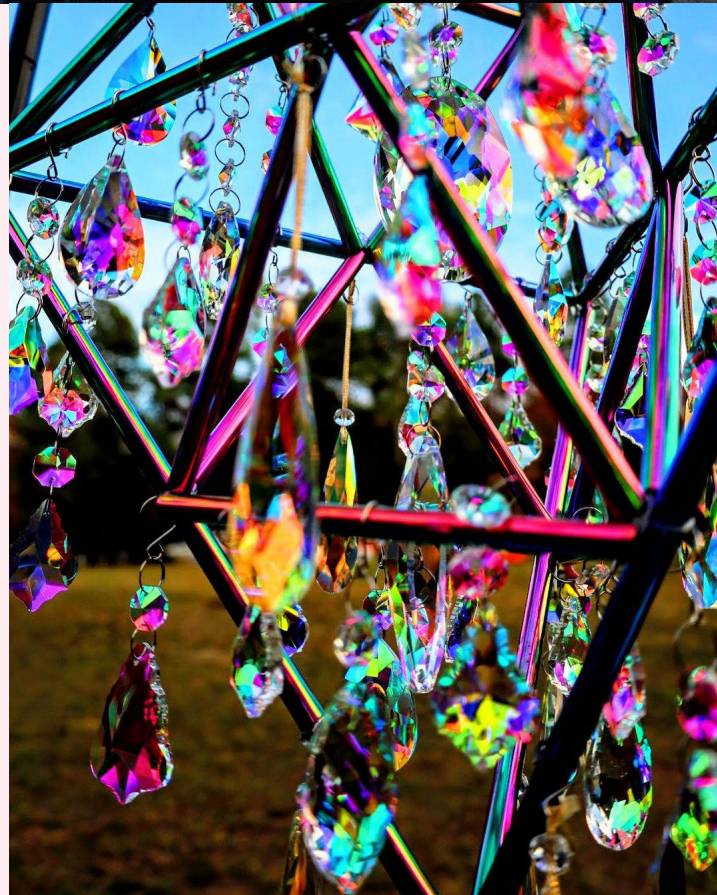


Coracle 2025 at a Glance

Metric	Value
Total Attendees	413
Total Theme Camps	32
Total Art Projects	22
Production Team Leads	25
Production Volunteers	~ 150
Total Scheduled Events	73

These figures represent a thriving gathering built on the foundation of active community participation.

The following sections provide a more detailed look at the engagement that defined this year's event.



Participation & Community Engagement

Participation is the strategic and cultural cornerstone of any "burner" event, transforming attendees from spectators into active creators of the shared experience. The success of Coracle is measured not just by attendance, but by the depth and breadth of community involvement. This section analyzes the core pillars of that involvement: attendance and ticketing, artistic expression through various media, and the critical volunteer effort that powers the event.

Attendance and Ticketing

Ticketing for Coracle 2025 was managed in-house via the Zoho Commerce platform, under the administration of our partner entity, the Geodesic Travelers Cooperative. This approach generated total gross ticket sales of **\$71,008.00**.

A diverse range of ticket tiers was offered to promote accessibility and inclusivity for all community members:

- Full Price Tickets
- Discounted Tickets for Staff & Volunteers
- Scholarship/Low Income/Ticket Aid
- Children's Tickets
- Above Full Price/Donation Tickets

Artistic Expression: Art, Theme Camps, and Performance

Creative participation was vibrant and multifaceted. The event grounds were animated by **22 art projects** and **32 theme camps**, creating an immersive environment for all attendees. The energy of the event was further enriched by an estimated **30 performing artists**. The communal celebration culminated in **1 major burn**, a central element of the event's tradition and shared experience.





Volunteerism: The Engine of Coracle

The event's success was made possible by the dedication of its volunteers. The production was steered by a dedicated team of **25 team leads**, who coordinated the efforts of approximately **150 production volunteers**. Together, this incredible team contributed an estimated **486 hours** of volunteer work, demonstrating a profound commitment to the community and the event's principles. This profound commitment is the foundation upon which the event's safety and success are built, enabling us to fulfill our operational duties and uphold our commitment to civic responsibility.



Civic Responsibility & Local Impact

Adherence to the principle of Civic Responsibility is fundamental to Coracle's ethos and long-term success. This commitment extends beyond the event grounds to encompass our relationship with the local community and authorities. This section details the operational measures and community engagement efforts undertaken to ensure a safe event and a positive local impact.

Our deliberate focus on proactive engagement with local authorities proved highly successful, culminating in a really good relationship with the Chatham County Fire Marshall that ensured the safety and compliance of all event activities.

Similarly, our commitment to being a good neighbor was demonstrated by the community's response. The event venue confirmed that they did not receive any negative feedback from their immediate neighbors, a testament to our participants' respect for the local area and the effectiveness of our sound management strategies.

Coracle also contributed directly to the local community and economy. Participant support for the local economy included patronage of Vimala Curryblossoms Cafe, a beloved local restaurant recognized for its inclusive service and support for justice movements. In addition, the event organized and made **donations to the local foodbank**, providing direct support to residents in need.

These efforts reflect the event's dedication to being a valued and responsible community partner, a principle that also guides our financial operations.

Grants & Financial Transparency

Financial transparency and reinvestment in our community's creative culture are core operational values. Coracle is committed to supporting the artistic endeavors that are the lifeblood of the event. This section outlines the financial support provided directly to artists and clarifies how event proceeds are designated for future community benefit.

In 2025, a total of **\$2,954.00** in grant funding was distributed to support creative work within the community. This funding was awarded across **17 different grants**, enabling a wide array of projects to come to fruition, both at Coracle as well as a permanent civic art after the event.

Beyond direct grants, surplus from the event have been donated to Burning Man Project, and for charitable donations to the food bank of central North Carolina.

This financial model ensures that the event's success directly fuels the creative and civic health of the community we serve, allowing us to tackle new challenges and innovate each year.

Challenges, Innovations, and Learning

Every event presents a unique set of challenges and, in turn, opportunities for learning and innovation. A transparent review of these obstacles is crucial for continuous improvement and building a more resilient organization. This year was a culmination of many years' efforts. We continue to strive to nurture and steward the Coracle community.

The event also continued its commitment to sustainability. Carpooling was actively encouraged by charging an **\$8 per car pass**, and all participants were urged to bring and use reusable cups and plates to minimize waste.

Gratitude and Forward Look

The success of Coracle 2025 is a direct result of the collective passion, creativity, and dedication of its community. The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, providing a powerful source of hope and inspiration that affirms the value of the culture we are co-creating. This positive energy fuels our commitment to making each year better than the last.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to every participant who brought their time, talent, and true selves to create such a beautiful weekend. Thank you to the entire Production Team for working tirelessly to organize and execute the event. We are also grateful to our event venue- Shakori Hills Community Arts Center for providing the canvas for our community. This year has been an evolution and a continuation of a wonderful partnership with the director, the board of directors, and the staff resulting in operational success. Last but not the least, we express deep gratitude to the Burning Man Organization for its continued support and guidance. We look forward to building on this year's success together. #ThanksLarry

