



# Sound Policy

We respect sound as an interactive art form; however, unlike other forms of interactive art, if amplified in excess, sound has the ability to infringe upon other participants' right to not engage in this particular art form. Element 11 wants to honor our participants' radical self-expression, but also wants to ensure that we respect our neighbors and encourage healthy communication and celebration amongst community members in the small space we are limited to.

The overall guiding principle of our sound policy is "Don't be a Dick!" – meaning, please be respectful of your neighbors when playing music or creating sound and discuss problems with anyone whom you feel is being offensive with sound. A quick, friendly, respectful discussion with someone often goes a long way – we are empowering you to respectfully resolve sound disputes around you.

We do have some basic rules:

- **No Renegade Sound**

If you plan to bring a sound system with high decibel amplified sound, please talk to the Element 11 BOD if you haven't already registered as a sound camp. You can email the Theme Camp Director at [themecamps@element11.org](mailto:themecamps@element11.org). We will work with you on placement so that we are in compliance with the requests from the landowners.

- **Decoupling of Subwoofers**

All subwoofers must be elevated off the ground to prevent bass from traveling a distance that could disturb other campers in the area. Bass is not directional, thus pointing the subs away from campers does no good in diffusing your whomp! We require a minimum lift of 6-12" with some sort of padding under the sub-woofer or something similar to reduce your noise pollution.



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- **Requests by Officials**

You must turn your sound down or off if asked by Rangers, Element 11 BOD, or Law Enforcement. We reserve the right to monitor and adjust volume levels at any time of day for any reason we feel necessary. Please remember how small our city is and that sound bleeds easily across our Utah playa, thus we ask you keep your volume level at a modest and considerate level for your neighbors. Speakers will be required to face a specific way in order to keep sound directional.

- **And we have a suggestion:**

Wear ear plugs! Whether you appreciate loud music or not, someone at the event surely will be playing it. Remember music is art and to respect others' time and effort to create and project it. Also respect your ears by wearing protection for them around all loud sound equipment.