

FESTIVAL OF THE BONFIRES, INC. AND  
THE PONTCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT  
2021 BONFIRE SEASON GUIDELINES

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**St. James Parish Bonfire Permits will be issued from the St. James Parish Welcome Center, starting Sunday, November 21, 2021. (THE FESTIVAL OF THE BONFIRES, INC. ISSUES ALL BONFIRE PERMITS.) Permission must be obtained from all landowners on whose property bonfires are to be constructed.**

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