

OppiKoppi Unknown Brother

Municipality, province and republic of OppiKoppi: Rules of disengagement.

1. OppiKoppi is not easy: Don't make it harder for yourself. Or other unknown brothers and sisters. Don't irritate your neighbours or girl/boy/friend-friend.
2. Water: our single most precious commodity. Please use with care (And most certainly not as mix). It's also not a bad idea to chug along a few 5l bottles from your hometown.
3. Lots of tunes + little time + Tuesday is a holiday to recover (remember to ignore Monday): We therefore don't recommend sleep or rest. Life is short and so is the festival. (Also: maybe write on your wrist beforehand which band you want to see and when. People are then able to assist if required.)
4. Fires: this is what keeps us awake at night. In the off season extra roads and camping areas were cleared, grass removed/grazed upon and general safety improved. We are trying to make things safer. SPECIAL NOTE: No fire is allowed to be above knee height and we reserve the right to douse any fire and throw out any camp and its members not obeying the fire marshals. This is not a joke. Or an exercise.
5. Kaapse roede, miles and kilometres to OppiKoppi: the most dangerous part of OppiKoppi is getting there and back. Please drive safely and appoint a responsible driver: the roads in certain areas are actually bordering on disintegration. So relax and take your time (Stop and take photos, be friendly to the locals): the festival is not going anywhere. Also please see the map on our facebook home tab, it shows our recommended route with the least amount of potholes.
6. Chaos = Good
7. "As jy nie dans nie is jy fokkol", a tshirt at OppiKoppi 2010 succinctly summed it up.
8. Toilets: these are kept clean and functional throughout the festival by a fantastic team. You are welcome to tip the team. We think it is a lifeline.
9. Showers: they do exist and are actually warm (At times). But you don't have to shower to watch the tunes, the security gendarmerie just checks for bracelets. Personal hygiene is considered a private wrestling match. Almost like Noot vir Noot.
10. Unknown brothers=friendly. Use them wisely.
11. District 9 = Mordor = Campsite on day 3: over the years we found that security was improved by not collecting garbage from the site during the festival. This leaves it looking wild for a few days. Try and work with the program by keeping your camp neat(ish) and garbage in bags.
12. Bracelet: don't remove and don't pass along. Without it, moving around becomes trickier than you would think. This previous sentence sounds friendlier than it is.
13. Guns: never a good idea. And certainly not at a friendly chaotic music braaihaha such as OppiKoppi. Stick 'em in the ground, in Secunda. Or somewhere like that.
14. Gum guards: we can't really think of a reason to bring them, but it does sound fantastic as part of any packing list. So please do add them to your check list.
15. Snakes/wild animals: you are camping amongst them. Don't chase, tease, braai or tempt them. Do not socialise or initiate amorous engagements.
16. Park and glide: the best thing about OppiKoppi is that you have three days of complete automobile freedom. Go with it.

17. Don't be a doos: no sexist, racist, new federal, old federal or general bigotry is part of our family. If you don't like certain people/animals, stay at home. Or go to Secunda.
18. ATM/Cash / bank card: we are busy with a 3 year plan to make life easier for all of us. With some luck you will be able to have all your cash on an OppiKoppi card this year already. So we do have ATM's but we are hoping that you may not even need them. (See bushveld banking on the home tab of our facebook page.).
19. Wood sales: easy and in abundance. So: You are camping in the middle of majestic camel thorns, monkey thorns and other very nice trees which respond to personal names given by the family. Don't hurt our friends.
20. Ouma's: not very well kept secret number 1 for multiple year survivors of the festival. Recipe for 6am OppiKoppi bushveld bliss: equal (and liberal) measures of coffee, rusks and jontibiotika (J&B) of your choice. Add music and invite unknown brothers to taste.)
21. East Rand Wrestling Club: see snakes and wild animals.
22. Volume: see chaos.
23. Dust: industrial amounts.
24. Thorns: pre-industrial amounts.
25. Wet wipes: by some accounts the grease upon which OppiKoppi gears grinds. A very good call and the closest thing to civilization most people see in 3 or 4 days.
26. Climate: Warm in the day, cold in the night, but not really of importance.
27. "Graceful" and "fall" are not used together often in the English language for very specific reasons: please tread carefully on the way up and down the Koppie. Especially the rocky bits.
28. First aid: we employ these helpful (and patient (sic)) people as a service during the festival: don't see it as a challenge. Or one of the borders to test during the weekend. It wastes time (theirs).
29. Foreheads are not braai tools.
30. Don't play with our wrestlers.
31. Fauntleroy and any other braai size pets are best left at home and away from the hungry masses. (If you are new to OppiKoppi you may think this is idle festival chatter- ignore at Fauntleroy's peril. (Authors note: Required reading: The Road/ Cormack McCarthy)). OppiKoppi is more than uphill for pets.
32. Lost is lost (things): OppiKoppi is 17 years old in 2011 and it is somehow encouraging how some things remain constant in a world of change. If you don't want to lose anything leave it at home or tie/stick it to yourself. Or Fanie. (Somewhere).
33. Lost (people): Look after yourself. And if you see someone in need of attention please alert First Aid or Security.
34. Program: the full festival program will be on sale at the entrance gates and around for R10. You can also get a printable one in the last week pre-fest from our Facebook pages. Just have a look.
35. A car dashboard is not a secure safe. Or the back seat.
36. Living is easy. Or certainly easier since the Germans figured out four stroke engines.
37. Food sales: lots and lots. Also including the Syd Kitchen Vetkoek stand for the very first year. You can also braai in your camp site, but do so safely please. (Do not braai Fauntleroy or Fauntleroys or Fanie. It leaves tears and tears make mud.).
38. AA – and not the one you are thinking of: the Automobile Association: flat tyres, flat batteries, keys moered away etc: we are working on the AA to bring a stand to the festival. It

will probably be for free, but you will have to be or become a member to get them to nudge you back to civilization.

39. FB/twitter phones: if you can bring an extra battery for your phone. We will have lots of gimmicks and more importantly festival information streaming through constantly.
40. Road blocks: there for the taking.
41. Tickets: are on sale as directed from our Facebook home tab. If they are finished they are finished. Unfortunately the camping/water on the farm is limited.
42. No unaccompanied under 18's: we think it is safer like this. For us and them.
43. Hotel Kreef: not so hidden secret number 2. For the semi-civilized way to confront OppiKoppi head on. Go to their website for details, whilst there is still space available in this venerable institution.
44. Plastic only into entertainment area: you can bring drinks and food onto the farm. But you can only take it into the entertainment area in a non-threatening plastic vessel.
45. Cars in roads: cars parked in camp site roads can and will be towed to a better place. Almost like Secunda.
46. No bikes/quads: They cause more chaos/injuries and we have enough.