



Midwest BearPack NEWS

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THE FAST APPROACHING SUMMER...

We have just got back from the Hoosier Bear run Out of Hibernation and it was a lot of fun! We helped them out by hosting the Meet and Greet. The bears were very friendly and eager to get to know you. If you missed their run, you missed a great time!

Camping season is fast on us and the Midwest Bearpack has two trips planned this year. At the end of May we are going to **Turkey Run State Park** (May 30 - June 1st). This is just a simple camping trip but we are hoping to do some canoeing on the Wabash River. If you want to join us, email president@bearpack.org and we can give you information on reserving a campsite or how you can share a site with someone else.

With the June Pride month coming up, be sure to watch out for the **Garage Party** on May 25th in Indianapolis as well as the **Indianapolis Pride Celebration** on June 14th. The **Columbus Ohio Gay Pride** is June 28th.

The Midwest Bearpack is doing a cookout during the Indianapolis fireworks on Friday July 4th. We will be at the 501 Eagle Parking lot so come join us around 5pm or so. If you want to help us out with the cooking, send an email to president@bearpack.org. There is plenty of preparations to make, so the more volunteers the better.

On August 1 - 3rd we are doing our **Anniversary Pitch-in pic-**



Marty emceed our Dating Game on March 8th for Bear Awakening 2003. See the other side of this newsletter for details about the event!

nic at Spring Mill State Park. The picnic is on Saturday August 2nd but you can also campout during the whole weekend. Then again, if you want to come down just for the picnic, that is great too! Contact president@bearpack.org for more information about reserving a campsite or if you are interested in sharing a site with someone else.

WOOF!!

CALENDAR... BEAR ACTIVITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Saturday, May 3rd - **Midwest Bearpack monthly meeting** at the Econolodge (16th & Meridian Street, Indianapolis) at 12:30pm. We are hoping to see X-Men 2 afterwards. We will be sending an email out about the movie. . .if you don't have e-mail then call us at (317) 216-9588 for more information.

May 25th - The local GLBT community bars will close in honor of **Garage Party XX - "Platinum"** at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds.

May 30 - June 1st - The **Midwest Bearpack** is going camping to **Turkey Run State Park** (mid-west part of Indiana) for a two night stay. We are hoping to do some serious canoeing too! Contact us for more information if you would like to join us.

Saturday, June 7th - **Midwest Bearpack monthly meeting** at the Econolodge (16th & Meridian Street, Indianapolis) at 12:30pm.

June 14 - **Indianapolis Pride Celebration**. More information can be found at www.indyprideinc.com.

June 28th - **Columbus Ohio Gay Pride**. More information can be found at www.outincolumbus.com/pride/

Friday, July 4th - the **Midwest Bearpack** is doing a cookout in the parking lot of the **501 Eagle** during the downtown fireworks celebration. Come join us!

August 1 - 3 - This is the weekend of our **Spring Mill Pitch-in Picnic and Campout**. If you don't have a camping site, contact us at president@bearpack.org for more information.

October 17 - 18 - **Bear Hell 2003** weekend hosted by the **Midwest Bearpack**. A Halloween/Leather ghoullathon. . .I don't know what that means but it's fun!

December 12 - 14 - Our annual bear run **MIDWEST BEAR-FEST 2003**. Always a great time for bears all around!

Howdy from the President:

We are doing very well this year with setting up Midwest Bearfest. We have a Early Bear Special going on right now. You can sign up for it online and get your confirmation right away. The Midwest BearPack family gives you one of the better Bear Runs at a great price too only \$49.00 compared to \$65.00 afterwards. We feed you the whole 3 day weekend and shuttle you back and forth to all the events. You get to see a Movie and even play cards in our unique Bear Strip Poker tournament. Go to our website at www.bearpack.org for all the details. You can also call us if you have friends without online service for us to mail out the needed Bear Run packages. Also you can save on the Hotel at

\$49.00 for up to 4 people compared to \$54.00 per night after the Early Bear Special. Just call and book the room under the Midwest BearPack special rate. So if you want to save this is the time. All together, you could save a total of \$26.00 off your room and your Bear package!! No other Bear run could match the great deals and great times we offer you guys so spread the word.

WOOF,

Mike Davis
President
Midwest BearPack

Bear Awakening 2003: The Dating Game!



On Saturday, March 8th the Midwest Bearpack hosted the Dating Game at Gregs in Indianapolis. We were very happy with the crowd of bears who showed up to see how Ely and Del would do at the game.

We played two games with Marty in a tux as our emcee. Marty did a wonderful job working the crowd and the contestants both. We want to thank all the guys in the Dating Game also. We had Ely picking his date between Wayne, John and David with Wayne winning a dinner for the two at the Great Divide. The second game had Del (current Mr Hoosier Bear) picking his date between Mike, David and Greg with Mike being chosen. The Bears hung out and socialized till about 2am just having fun with all the Hot Bears that came out.

We also want to thank Tim and Luis for taking pictures of the event and also thank Kendra and Ralph for working the club table. The next time you go into the Great Divide you might want to thank them for donating the dinners which was very nice prizes.

