



Join the BearPack for a Trip to the Indiana State Fair!



Last year's trip with some seemingly small Bearpack members!

Hello BEARS!

This has been an exciting and fun summer with the Midwest Bearpack and yet it seems we are just getting started! On the next page you will find pictures of some of our most recent activities including pictures from our Spring Mill Anniversary Picnic and pictures from our wet cookout at the 501 Eagle.

We have lots of activities in the works and we hope you all can join in on the fun with us! On Wednesday night, August 13th a group of us will be meeting together at the **Indiana State Fair** and looking for fun, food and fur! (Not necessarily in that order.) If you would like to join us (and yes, you and your friends are all welcome!) meet us at the State Fairgrounds at 6pm. We will all be meeting at the White Gazebo in the center of the State Fair. If you can't find us, just call (317) 331-5097 and we'll find you!

Also coming up is our incredibly fun "**BEAR HELL 2003**" on October 17-18, 2003 here in Indianapolis. And by incredibly fun, I mean we do all kinds of great fun things from visits to haunted houses to a paintball tournament. You can't miss this one if you are looking for fun and excitement because it is loaded with both. You'll find more information on the website at www.bearpack.org! Check it out!

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you soon! WOOF!

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

Wednesday, August 13th - A group of us are going to visit the Indiana State Fair for fun and mayhem! Please come join us and invite your friends along too! Meet us at the white gazebo in the center of the fair at 6pm!

August 22-24 - The **Great Lakes Leather Alliance** is presenting a three-day pansexual convention. See www.greatlakesleather.org for more details!

August 22-24 - **The Music City Bears** has a great picnic weekend in the works! Their website has all the info at www.musiccitybears.com.

Saturday, September 6th - **Midwest Bearpack** membership meeting at the Econolodge in Indianapolis at 12:30pm.

September 19-21 - The **River Bears** are presenting their Furgasm IV: Into the Woods in Cincinnati. Their website is www.riverbears.org.

Friday, September 26th - The **Gay & Lesbian Community**

Center of Greater Cincinnati will be celebrating diversity at **Kings Island**. The gates open at 6pm and the park is open until midnight. Go to www.glbtcincincinnati.com/pride/ for more information.

October 17-18 - **Bear Hell 2003** weekend hosted by the **Midwest Bearpack**. A Halloween ghoullathon. . .with a trip to two haunted houses! Also in the works is a Paintball game! Register online at www.bearpack.org. . .there is no registration fee!

November 13-16 - The **Show Me Bears** are presenting **Hibernation 9: Campus Nonus** in the great city of St. Louis. Check www.showmebears.com for details.

December 12-14 - Our annual bear run **MIDWEST BEAR-FEST 2003**. Always a great time for bears all around! We have a great sweaty dance party planned as well as our infamous Strip Poker Tournament. If it sounds like fun it's because it is! We are looking for volunteers to work a few hours during the weekend. . .contact bearfest@bearpack.org for more details!

Flashback! see what the Midwest Bearpack has been up to lately!

More pictures can be found on the web site at www.bearpack.org in the Photos section!



Our cookout at the 501 Eagle on July 4th! We had a blast! It did get wet, but that didn't stop us from serving the meat!



Patrick and Gregg were a great help during the cookout. As you can see, Patrick knows how to tenderize the meat just right before grilling!



Gregg and Paul congratulate Andy (center) the winner of the Best Butt Contest! This is from our bar night on July 5th at the 501 Eagle in Indianapolis. We had a great time.



Our Spring Mill Anniversary Picnic on August 2nd was a great success without any bad weather! What fun! Here the bears are scurrying over the great food! Thanks to Mel and Stephan for providing the burgers and Kerry and Jim for grilling it all!



Wayne and Mike visited the Pioneer Village during the Anniversary Picnic to catch up on some old-Indiana history. This is in front of the leather shop!



A group found time to take a boat trip into the Twin Caves during the picnic weekend. Some found the boat trip a lot of fun. . .some said it was downright scary!