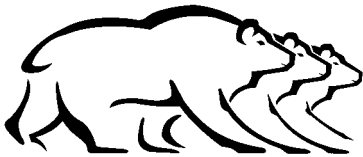


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## THE LAST BEAR RUN OF THE MILLENNIUM!

### **The most frequently asked questions**

#### **When is Midwest Bearfest?**

Midwest Bearfest is the weekend before Christmas. This year it is December 17-19, 1999.

#### **The weekend before Christmas? Why?**

We find that a lot of people take that weekend off for vacation. We can't think of a better way to start of the Christmas holiday than with a festive BEAR RUN! WOOF!

#### **My girlfriend won't "put out" anymore. What should I do?**

Dump the bitch and come to Midwest Bearfest. Next!

#### **Bear Runs are expensive! Can I afford this one?**

There's no reason why Bear Runs have to be expensive! So we took out all the unnecessary expenses and came up with a Bear Run that is going to be a blast without blasting a hole in your pocket. YES, you CAN afford this one!

#### **But it seems I never get my money's worth at a Bear Run. . .**

You will on this one! For the \$35.00 registration fee we'll take care of your Saturday lunch and throw in a movie as well. It's at the Hollywood Bar and Filmworks, and you won't be disappointed. Also we'll take care of your Sunday morning brunch. It's at the Island Café. Plus we'll give you free entrance into the after-hours parties! And we'll also give you a special Midwest Bearfest holiday gift (it is the holiday season you know!)

#### **What about the cover charges to get into the bar?**

If you register, your badge will give you free entrance into the bar that weekend! It's all covered as part of your low registration fee. (Not bad for \$35.00, huh?)

#### **Can I still get into the host hotel?**

The Renaissance Tower Historic Inn (the host hotel) is already full but they get cancellations sometimes. You can call them direct at (317) 261-1652. Otherwise we have made arrangements with the Days Inn at 401 E. Washington to handle the overflow. Their room rate is only \$55.00 per night. Their phone number is (317) 637-6464.



There won't be another like this one for another 1,000 years!

#### **Can I enter into the Most Huggable Bear Contest?**

Yes! When you register be sure to check the box that says "I would like to enter in the Most Huggable Bear Contest!" The contest begins on Friday night.

#### **When should I register?**

You should register today! The \$35.00 registration fee is only good until December 1st. Just fill out a registration form and mail it by then.

#### **Can I register online?**

Yes! Go to our website at <http://members.aol.com/bearfest>. You can make arrangements there through our online registration. Just be sure to send your check in before December 1st.

## Upcoming Activities

**December 17-19**—The Midwest BearPack proudly presents **MIDWEST BEARFEST '99**. You can now register online! Go to our web site at <http://members.aol.com/mwbearpack> and follow the links to our Midwest Bearfest page. Register right now to get in on this highly affordable Bear Run! This year the event will be the last BEAR RUN of the Millennium! You simply can't miss this one!

**January 29th**—Arktos invites you to their bar night at The 540 Eagle, Canton, OH, 10p.m.

**February 18-21, 2000**—**International Bear Rendezvous 2000**. Join Bears of San Francisco for the sixth annual International Bear Rendezvous, one of the largest gatherings of bears and bear-lovers in the country. International Bear Competition, Celebrate San Francisco party, vendors, fun, fur, and friendship!

**March 30-April 2, 2000**—**Texas Bear Round-Up 5** The Dallas Bears invite you to attend our fifth annual Texas Bear RoundUp, to be held March 30 - April 2, 2000. Join hundreds of other hirsute men and their admirers for a weekend of bear pride and celebration in Texas' most visited city.

**April 14-16, 2000**—**Boot Camp 2000** The Columbus Ursine Brotherhood event features the 4th annual Mr. All-Ohio Bear Contest. Enlist in basic training with fellow bear and cub recruits while you enjoy some Midwest hospitality.

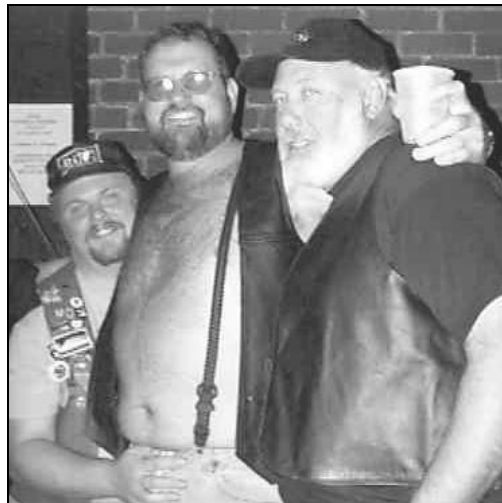
**April 28-30, 2000**—**Out of Hibernation** The Hoosier Bears invite you to "Cirque Du Millennium." Ever dreamed of running away with the circus? The Hoosier Bears invite all Bears and Cubs to do just that!

## PICTURES FROM

# BEAR HELL



*The BEAR JAIL with BEAR Prisoners.*



*We had a great crowd at BEAR HELL. . . and we all had a LOT of fun!*



*Madame Kendra: "I see a young maiden in your future. . . a Goldilocks per chance. . ."  
Sudzy: "It can't be true! I'm a gay bear!"*

**B**ear Hell 1999 was held at the 501 Tavern on October 22-23rd. We put a lot of effort into the event, doing as much as we could to give everyone a "Bear Run" feel without the "Bear Run" frills. What we ended up with was a lot of fright, a lot of thrills and a lot of BEARS!

We made a few trips to visit a few area haunted houses and a trip to see the recently released "BATS!"

The bar nights showed the most activity with a Bear Torture area upstairs. It included a Bear Jail, a Bear Cave and Madame Kendra as a Palm Reader!

Sudzy the Bear (no we are not kidding) made a surprise visit again this year showing us that there is more to life than beer. Well, you wouldn't know that by following him around, but it sounded right.

In fact Sudzy was up to his usual misbehavior at the after-hours as well, making sure everyone came and left with a smile on their face.

We are certain to have BEAR HELL again next year considering how much fun was had by all. Even Sudzy was yelling that morning "All right guys. . . Let's do it again!!!"



*Sudzy: "Do me. . . do me good!"*