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Midwest BearPack NEWS

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MIDWEST BEARFEST 2002

Bearfest has come and gone for another year and if you missed it, **BOY** did you miss it.

Everybody agreed that this was one of the best runs they've ever attended. The food and drink, the **Most Huggable Bear**, and the men were all top notch. But, the event that had everybody buzzing was the **Strip Poker Contest**.



Dan Howland did a great job with the Strip Poker and has a few ideas for next year that will make it even more fun.

We have already formed the Bearfest 2003 organizing committee and are in the process of making 2003 even better. If any of you members want to get involved with this just contact bfc@bearpack.org.

Jim Riggle, who put on a great event last year, is the event chairman again this year. One of his goals is to get as many of our members involved as possible. If you would like to be in on the planning, working the event, or even just coming to Bearfest 2003, please contact us.

The BearPack Web site has info on Bearfest 2003 as well as email addresses for the officers. Feel free to contact any of us with anything.

Thanks, Mike A., VP



A FEW OF THE CONTESTANTS



THE JUDGES

AND THE WINNER IS...

GENE

MOST HUGGABLE BEAR 2003



UPCOMING EVENTS

CAESARS CASINO TRIP

Saturday, March 1st, we will be heading to Caesars Casino in New Albany, IN, outside Louisville, KY. This will be a great road trip which we are opening up to...well...anyone! Invite your friends along if you like! Some of the Midwest BearPack members will be staying overnight to go to Tryangles in Louisville. We have invited the "former Bluegrass Bears" to come out and play with us Saturday at the casino and bar. Meet at 1:30pm at the Buffet area.

BEAR AWAKENING INDIANAPOLIS



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BEAR AWAKENING 2003

Saturday, March 8th, the Midwest Bearpack is bringing Bear Awakening to Indianapolis at Gregs. We are looking for a few good men to play our version of the "Dating Game" gone Gay! Come join us for a night of twisted fun, with dancing afterwards. If you would like to be a contestant, please contact us at president@bearpack.org.

RIVER BEARS POT-LUCK

Saturday, April 12th, the Midwest Bearpack is invited to the River Bears monthly pitch-in. It is at the home of Billy Morin & Mike Hollandbeck in North Vernon. It begins at 2pm with eating around 5:30. This is the same weekend as Thunder over Louisville. For more info or directions contact bp@bearpack.org.

HOOSIER BEARS OUT OF HIBERNATION 9

April 25-27, the Hoosier Bears are having their Out of Hibernation event here in Indianapolis. They are having their Mr. Midwest Bear Contest, which is open to any winner of a regional contest. You can find more information about this event at www.hoosierbears.org/ooH
Let's get out there and support our fellow Bear Clubs.

JULY 4th COOKOUT @ 501 EAGLE

We will be looking for volunteers to cook and sell the food/soft drinks. Also, if any of you bears have any ideas on a "theme" or activity for the bar party, let us know.

BEAR CAMP

The Columbus Ursine Brotherhood of Columbus, OH is having "Bear Camp 2003: Just Add Fur" July 18, 19, and 20. The Midwest Bearpack will be hosting the Saturday Night After-hours Room. Jim Riggle is the contact person for this event. He is looking for volunteers and ideas on a theme and what food to serve. Contact Jim at bp@bearpack.org Attn: Jim Riggle
More info on Bear Camp can be found at <http://www.columbusbears.org>



CAMPING @ SPRING MILL

The Midwest Bearpack will be camping at Spring Mill State Park August 1, 2, and 3. Kendra has booked the Oak Ridge Shelter House for our use and bears are already reserving sites. This is the weekend of the Pioneer Heritage Days at the park. Heritage Days is a Re-enactment Camp complete with food, stores, and activities for us to enjoy. If you would like to "Camp with the Bears" then you can register camp sites online at www.indiana.reserveworld.com and click on New Reservation. Choose Spring Mill State Park and Spring Mill Electric. This will give you info on the available camp sites. Please make your reservations for sites 49-61. Anybody that does not have internet access or a credit card can contact Kendra (treasurer@bearpack.org) or call 317-216-9588. She will make the reservation in your name and work out payment.
Hurry - as sites will fill up fast and you don't want to be left out.