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MIDWEST BEARPACK'S ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

We are presenting a Midwest BearPack Anniversary Pitch-in Picnic at Spring Mill State Park on Saturday, August 12th. Spring Mill State Park is located just within 1-1/2 hours driving distance from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville.

First of all, the picnic will be held in the Oak Ridge Shelter House. (You will be able to pick up a map when you enter the park, so don't worry about not knowing where we'll be!) It will roughly begin around 12:30pm. This is a PITCH-IN picnic, so be sure to bring your favorite picnic contribution.

During the day you will find more trails than you can shake your paw at. There is an excellent historical Pioneer Village down in the valley (believe me, you won't want to miss this!) There is a swimming pool, boating, horseback riding and some nifty caves you can explore.

This picnic is open to members and non-members alike, so bring your friends!



Spring Mill State Park is located in Southern Indiana. Just five miles east of SR37 on SR60 it offers a variety of activities.

BEAR CALENDAR

August 11-12—The **Midwest Bearpack** camps out at **Spring Mill State Park** in Mitchell, Indiana. On Saturday the 12th we have our Anniversary Pitch-in Picnic at the Oak Ridge Shelter House in the park. Everyone is invited to attend (bring your friends!) If you want to camp out with us, contact us at bp@bearpack.org.

August 26—**THIS JUST IN!** The **Midwest Bearpack** joins the **Hoosier Bears** for a gambling trip to **Caesar's River boat Casino** on the Ohio River! The Hoosier Bears are spearheading this as a fundraiser for Parkview Manor. We are working on filling a busload so we need as many people as we can get. . .for costs and details contact us at bp@bearpack.org.

September 16-17—Our annual overnighiter with the Bluegrass Bears which we know as "**Clan of the Cave Bears.**" Otherwise known as our trip to Wigwam Village and Guntown Mountain!!!

September 22-24—**River Bears' RUN ONE** in Cincinnati Ohio which includes an optional trip to Kings Island's Gay Day on Friday the 22nd!

October 7th—The **Bluegrass Bears** have the **Chili Cook-off** in Louisville Kentucky. It's fun and the chili is sooooo good!

October 20-21—The **Midwest Bearpack** presents **BEAR HELL** at the 501 Eagle in downtown Indianapolis. It may be spooky, but it's a riot!

November 10-12—The **Show Me Bears** present their **HIBEARNATION** in St. Louis, Missouri.

December 15-17—The Midwest Bearpack presents their annual **BEAR RUN MIDWEST BEARFEST 2000**. All the thrills that your mother warned you from and all the holiday spirit only an Indiana town can muster! You can get information, and even register online at www.bearpack.org.

MIDWEST BEARFEST 2000



...and the BEAR HUGS are free!

DECEMBER 15-17, 2000

FUR BLAST 2000

Well, another Fur Blast has come and gone and if you weren't there, you sure missed a great party. As some of you may know, Fur Blast was also Dallas' Birthday (he turned 29.) The evening started out with Devon and the gang, (you know who you are), handing meat and everyone got a taste. Oh yeah, there was a cookout too, with hamburgers and hot dogs. <grin> Anyway, once everyone was fed, the party mood got underway as the birthday boy Dallas arrived (fashionably late of course). Soon, everyone was mingling and eating.

Later that evening, everyone gathered at the bar for the Best Bear Contest with William as the emcee. This contest was all about fun and humiliation on Dallas' part. We had 5 contestants (Michael, Ken, Larry, Rick, and Eric) each of which were asked a couple of questions before the contest. Needless to say, William had a lot of fun with the answers. After William wore them down, and then stripped them down, (by doing a hamster dance for everyone), each contestant had an opportunity to "Be Dallas' Hands", a little game you may have seen on the show "Who's Line Is It Anyway". If you still don't know what I'm talking about, then check out our web page for pictures.

By audience participation, we narrowed it down to two finalists, Ken and Eric. We then asked our contestants to simulate. . .well. . .their special bear climax. . .on stage. After a lot of grunting, huffing and puffing, Eric, a member of C.U.B. "came" out on top. (sorry, it had to be done.) Congratulations, Eric!



Then it was back to the Hotel, god help us, for well whatever <Evil Grin>. Most everyone managed to get on the move by Noon Sunday, many of us got together at Café J's. Where we swapped stories of the night before, and found out that at least one couple decided to 'do it' in the parking lot. For those of you that know who the 'Lot Lizards' are, make sure they know you know, for the rest of you, well if the blackmail payment isn't received soon, there may be photo ID provided on the website.

For those who may have missed the fun, be sure to check out our web site at www.bearpack.org for pictures of the event and for a list of upcoming activities. See ya there!

