

# Midwest BearPack EXPRESS

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## Midwest Bearfest 2000: Cause Santa Only Comes Once A Year.

*Here comes Santa Bear, here comes Santa Bear, right down Santa Bear Lane.*

*If you've been bad, he'll put you on his knee and... <ahem>... sorry.*

Anyway, guess what time of year it is, folks. Yup, you guessed it, that time where that husky jolly fellow breaks into your home, fills your stocking, leaves you some underwear and the goes to the next home. If you are thinking about your last trick, then you need to up your standards.

However, if you were thinking of Christmas time, so were we. And with Christmas time, comes Midwest Bearfest, where bears from all over come to celebrate the holidays with friends, food, and best of all, FUR! It has been said that last years couldn't be topped, but we somehow managed to put together an even better Midwest Bearfest than ever! In fact, in case you aren't convinced, we have the...

### *Top Ten Reasons to Come to Midwest BearFest this year.*

10. Everyone could use a little Christmas Spirit reinforcement. Who better to supply it than a Christmas Bear?
9. (for the married folks) If you can't figure out which family to spend Christmas with, remember, you can always spend part of Christmas with *our* family.
8. The Most Huggable Bear Contest (Part2) will be partly by *audience participation*. And we promise not to use a butterfly ballot.
7. If you ever wanted to know what happens to those who get on the naughty list, there isn't a better place. (Hint: They don't call him Union Suit Santa for nothing)
6. You could write your own Christmas song like "The 12 Tricks of Christmas"
5. Do you really need to see "It's a Wonderful Life" AGAIN?
4. Why should Sugar Plum Fairies be the only ones to dance?
3. Got shopping left? The malls are crowded, there are no parking spaces, and everyone is trying to find the latest Christmas craze. Try our vendor market instead.
2. Bears don't need Mistletoe.
1. After spending a year with an old crow who doesn't put out and a bunch of midgets in pointy hats and shoes, Santa Bear is gonna need some lovin'.

So, there you have it. Unless you are the Grinch, you should be scrambling to register. This year, not only do we have our favorites, like Union Suit Santa, and the Most Huggable Bear contest, but we also have International Mr. Drummer 2000: Dan Clark! WOOF!

So, be sure to register and join the fun as we celebrate the holidays Midwest Bearfest style

Check out our web site for specific information on registration, a schedule of events, and more pics of last year's festivities.

**Check out our website for more info at:  
[www.bearpack.org](http://www.bearpack.org)**

# MIDWEST BEARFEST 2000

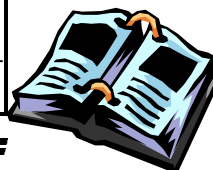


...and the BEAR HUGS are free!

**DECEMBER 15-17, 2000**

## BEAR CALENDAR

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!



*Midwest BearPack is a social club for Bears, Bear Admirers, and their Friends.*

# Lookin' Back

## Bear Hell: One Helluva Good Time

**W**hat would Halloween be without a lot of tricks and treats? This year's Bear Hell had a healthy portion of both as nuns turned into demons in 24 hours and a cuddly teddy bear got spanked on a pool table.

On October 20-21, Midwest BearPack had their annual Bear Hell. It was definitely a weekend of frights and fur! It wouldn't really be Bear Hell without a haunted house or two, which is just what the mad doctor ordered for Friday night. Then it was off to the 501 Eagle where there was a nun, played by Kendra, and an evil priest (complete with horns), played by Scotty, serving Jell-O shots along with a teddy bear named Sudsy drinking and groping everyone. Meanwhile, upstairs there was the torture chamber where there was flogging, candle wax, massage, and a jail waiting for unruly bears. <evil grin> With all of the frightening sights, no one could get any sleep, so they dealt with their insomnia in other ways back at the hotel.

On Saturday, everyone met up at the Old Country Buffet right before a movie (Bedazzled) and then it was off to the bar for a cookout (can't get enough of meat and weenies). As if the previous night wasn't enough, everyone hauled off to another haunted house for second helping of shrieks and scares (or third, or fourth, it is Halloween, you know). Then, once again, it was back to the 501 Eagle. But, what is this!? Our chaste nun has turned into a vampire and the evil priest has shed his robe to show his true evil nature (not gonna go there). The Jell-O shots were jiggling everywhere and the torture chamber was filled to capacity as everyone got into the act with much wailing and gnashing of teeth. It was quite a sight.

If you missed our little Halloween party this year, no need to fear, we have it every year and it just keeps getting better and better. If you can't wait that long, then be sure to check out our web page to see future events so you can mark your calendar. Oh, and the exploits of our friend Sudsy the Bear will be on the site too, so check it out.



Early Friday night, Sudsy had a little too much while Kendra watches and Michael takes advantage.



William measures Sudsy "balls to the floor" for the raffle.



On Saturday, Sudsy is amazed at the transformation Kendra has experienced since the night before.