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MIDWEST BEARPACK'S MIDWEST BEARFEST 2002!

This year's Midwest Bearfest promises to be the best one yet. It will be held on December 13-15th in our good ole hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana with all the classic favorites planned as well as a couple of surprises.

Our Meet and Greet will begin the weekend on Friday evening. You know this involves, fun, pizza, music and a roomful of hair and woofiness!

Later that evening we will all head over to Greg's for the Most Huggable Bear Contest. This is where we take our group of Most-Huggable-Wannabes and have our judges give a good eye to them. By the end of the evening, our group will be down to four of the most slurpable bears seen since Grizzly Adams walked the land.

Of course, our evening is not complete without our traditional, and wicked, After-Hours party at the Host Hotel!

On Saturday, after our donut eye-opener, we will all head over to Hollywood Bar and Filmworks for fantastic food, and a great movie! Do we know what the movie will be yet, you ask? Heck no, but we've never disappointed anyone yet, so hang in there! Our Hollywood Bar and Filmworks afternoon has always been a great time and we highly encourage everyone to join in the experience!

After returning to the host hotel we are having something entirely new!!! Here it is: A STRIP POKER Contest! Just when you were thinking that bears and card games don't mix, the Midwest Bearpack is proving you wrong once again! Giving the participants the option to strip down to their natural fur, it is certain to be the most watchable activity since you put ICY HOT in your father's shaving crème.

Then it's off to Greg's for a great cookout and fun. Plenty of food and fun there!

Later that evening we'll be completing our Midwest Bearfest Most Huggable Bear Contest with the audience being the final and last word on who amongst the entire group is the most HUGGABLE! We know you have an opinion, and now is the time you let your voice be heard!

But the evening is not over yet! We have our Saturday night After-Hours party as well!

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How about Sunday? Well, for some of us this is where we learn that Hangover is spoken in slow loud shouts instead of the nice soft whispers it should be. . .but we'll take it easy on you, we have our Farewell Brunch at the Host Hotel to fill our tummies with a good homecooked breakfast! Of course there will be a great crowd of bears to remind us how crazy we were the night before, just in case selective amnesia sets in to our die-hard partiers!

Keeping with the holiday spirit, our Farewell Brunch will include an optional Gift Exchange. If you wish to participate,

BEAR CALENDAR: OTHER GREAT DATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Sunday, November 17th—The Midwest Bearpack takes on Harry Potter! Join us at the Kerasotes Theater at 4325 S. Meridian, Indianapolis for a viewing of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. We **HIGHLY** suggest that you purchase your tickets in advance. The movie begins at 3pm, but with this being the opening weekend we do ask you be at the theater at 2pm so we all get seated together! We will go out for food afterwards so don't eat too much popcorn!



Sunday, November 24th—*You've seen it, but not like this!* Join in the fun when we go to the Indianapolis IMAX for a wide-screen viewing of **Star Wars II: The Attack of the Clones!** We will get our tickets together so be there at 12noon for the 1:00pm showing! Afterwards we will head over to Circle Centre Mall and have some good ole fun at the Gameworks!

December 13-15—The Midwest Bearpack presents their annual **BEAR RUN MIDWEST BEARFEST 2002**. All the thrills that your mother warned you from and all the holiday spirit only an Indiana town can muster!

Sunday, January 19th—**Midwest Bearpack Annual Meeting and Elections**. We will be holding our Annual meeting and Officer elections at a time and location to be announced.



Midwest Bearfest 2002 continued. . .

bring along a gift valued between \$10—\$20. . .it all in fun and a great way to start the holiday gift—bonanza off. . .and I can't think of a better way to do it than with a good group of your bear friends!

So you are going to ask, how much is this going to cost? The run package is just \$59.00 per person if you register now! (That is, if you register before November 25th.) After that it is \$70.00. The host hotel is the Econolodge at 16th and Meridian (same as last year) and the rate there is \$54.00 per night with up to 4 people in a room. The phone number of the Econolodge is **1-800-403-5582**. Be sure to mention Midwest Bearpack to get that group rate.

Also, keep in mind that you can register online. . .just go to www.bearpack.org for details!

Again, we are providing shuttle service to/from Greg's (the host bar), as well as shuttle service to/from Hollywood Bar and Filmworks. . .so if you can get to the hotel, you've got it made for the weekend! This service is no-charge to people who register.



Dallas providing his usual holiday cheer at Midwest Bearfest 2001's Sunday Brunch. . .gawd, what is with that hat?

So that is the weekend in a nutshell and you know we need your registration right away, so don't let us hold you back! This year is looking to be the most enjoyable Midwest Bearfest and we hope to see you soon!