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# Midwest BearPack NEWS

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## Bears & Leather Unite!

**O**n June 21st, 2003 we will celebrate our first Trident Hall to the great city of Indianapolis. To start the celebration, the Bear community of Indianapolis (Hoosier Bears of Indiana, Inc and The Midwest BearPack) are working together to plan an event like no other! Members from Bear clubs and Leather organizations a like, are being invited from all over the Midwest to celebrate with us.

On behalf of the Hoosier Bears of Indiana, Inc and the Midwest BearPack, we would like to invite you to help us welcome Trident's newest Leather Hall to Indianapolis. We are currently planning many activities for fun and games for your group's entertainment. This will also be a great opportunity to catch up with other clubs across the Midwest area.

The event will be held at Gregs Indianapolis, starting around 9pm on June 21st. The Hoosier Bears are also hosting a cook-out at Gregs before the bar night beginning at 6pm.

Come out and help us welcome the new club to Indianapolis with our usual Bearpack style of fun and fur! Be sure to wear your Bearpack shirts!

WOOF!



### CALENDAR . . . BEAR ACTIVITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

June 14 - **Indianapolis Pride Celebration**. More information can be found at [www.indyprideinc.com](http://www.indyprideinc.com). The Midwest Bearpack will be having a booth. . .drop by and volunteer!

June 21 - Help us welcome the first Trident Hall to Indianapolis at Greg at 9pm. Check out <http://www.geocities.com/tridentindy/20030621.html> for more information!

June 28th - **Columbus Ohio Gay Pride**. The Village Inn at 920 S High St has rooms available at only \$59.00 per night. The hotel phone number is 1-614-443-6506. More information about the weekend can be found at [www.outincolumbus.com/pride/](http://www.outincolumbus.com/pride/)

Friday, July 4th - the **Midwest Bearpack** is doing a cookout in the parking lot of the **501 Eagle** during the downtown fireworks celebration. Come join us!

Saturday, July 5th - Midwest Bearpack membership meeting at the Econolodge in downtown Indianapolis at 12:30pm

Saturday, July 5th - the **Midwest Bearpack** is doing a bar night at the **501 Eagle**.

August 1 - 3 - This is the weekend of our **Spring Mill Pitch-in Picnic and Campout**. If you don't have a camping site, contact us at [president@bearpack.org](mailto:president@bearpack.org) for more information.

October 17 - 18 - **Bear Hell 2003** weekend hosted by the **Midwest Bearpack**. A Halloween ghoullathon. . .with a trip to see Rocky Horror Picture Show on Friday night! Register online a [www.bearpack.org](http://www.bearpack.org). . .there is no registration fee!

December 12 - 14 - Our annual bear run **MIDWEST BEAR-FEST 2003**. Always a great time for bears all around! We have an Early Bear Special going on which means if you register before August 1st your registration fee is \$49.00 (other August 1st it is \$65.00.) We feed you all three days and will provide shuttle service as well. Go to our website at [www.bearpack.org](http://www.bearpack.org) for all the great details!

# Turkey Run Campout



(Left to Right) Wayne, Mel, Mike D, Stephan, Dan, Jim, Mike A, and David.



Mike D tests the Suspension Bridge for structural integrity on Friday night.



Jim gives us a show.

During the last weekend in May, a group of us went out to Turkey Run State Park in Indiana for some needed get-away time. What a relaxing weekend it was! The Friday night camper group was Mel, Stephan, Mike D, Tim S, Jim, Dan, David, Tim T, and Mike A.

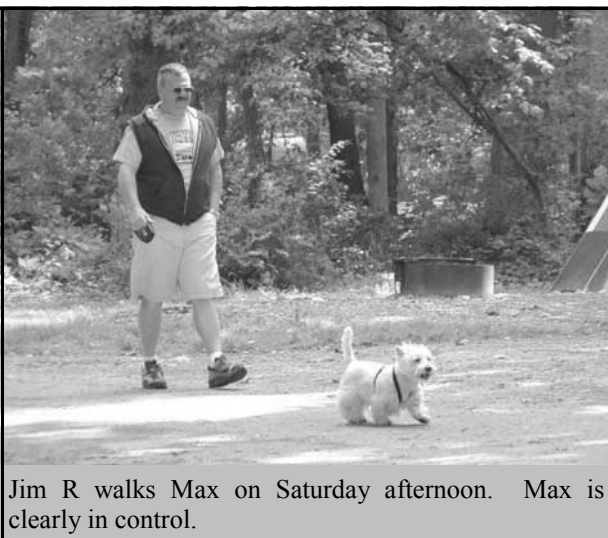
We covered four campsites pitching our tents and campers in true outdoorsman style. Some of us ventured to the Suspension Bridge on Friday night before the thunderstorm onslaught later that evening.

The next day the sun came out at noon and it wasn't long before we were joined by other Bearpack members Phil, Anthony, Wayne, Kerry, Jim and Max.

We didn't get to do a canoe trip (brrrr, too cool for some) but the weekend was a much needed rest for many of us. We can't wait to do it again at Spring Mill State Park on August 1-3. See our website for details on how to join us!



Tim flashes a big smile.



Jim R walks Max on Saturday afternoon. Max is clearly in control.



David and Mike make Ribs on Saturday night. . . YUM!