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ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

We are presenting a Midwest BearPack Anniversary Pitch-in Picnic at Spring Mill State Park on Saturday, July 25th. Spring Mill State Park is located just within 1-1/2 hours driving distance from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville. In fact, many of our members are coming down for the picnic during the day then leaving for Cincinnati to go to Spurs for their Hurricane Party that night!

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. Keep in mind that 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. The park offers a boat tour of one of the caves and if you are interested be sure to get there early in the morning to make your reservation at the park entrance.

You can certainly camp if you wish. Since this is the park's peak season we suggest you make your camping reservation early. The park only accepts reservations for two or more



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

nights camping-stay. The phone number for Spring Mill State Park is (812) 849-4129.

Come celebrate the second year anniversary of the Midwest BearPack at Spring Mill State Park!

From the Desk of Mike Davis. . .

We have a lot going on this year in every month and I hope I see a lot of you at one or more of the many Prides in June all over the Midwest.

Remember July 25th will be our second year anniversary party at Spring Mill State Park. We have invited our surrounding Bear clubs to join us.

We are working on a float for Columbus Pride. Anyone wanting to help just give me a call at 317-216-0499.

We are looking at all options for our Midwest Bearfest Run this December. If you want to help with ideas or planning please step up and let's have a run unlike any run ever done.

We did a great job promoting the Midwest BearPack in Chicago's Bear Pride and want to give special thanks to Dallas, Michael, Don, Tim and Steven for helping with Club Day.

A note about membership renewals. To be fair to all we will allow members with expired memberships to renew their membership at the special \$10.00 renewal rate for only 30 more days. After that time you cannot renew your membership at the \$10.00 rate (you will be considered a first-time member after that time at the \$20.00 single/\$35.00 couple rate.) As you can see it is to your advantage to renew now than to wait and pay the extra amount!

Let's have a great summer! **WOOF!**

FUR BLAST III AND CLAN OF THE CAVE

This year **FUR BLAST III** will be on August 15th in Dayton Ohio. DJ's Saloon will be the host bar once again. The bar activities begin at 10pm. For hotel accommodations we suggest that you contact Best Western Dayton North at 3636 N Dixie Drive. Their number is (937) 276-6151. During the afternoon a group of us will be enjoying the Darke County Fair in Ohio. This is the second largest county fair in the nation!

Our trip to Cave City Kentucky will be on Saturday, September 19th to join the Bluegrass Bears in **Clan of the Cave Bears**.

Those BEARS out there familiar with this trip will know we stay overnight in CONCRETE TEE-PEES at Wigwam Village then the next day, Sunday September 20th, we all invade Guntown Mountain, an amusement park just a couple of miles away.

There are only a few tee-pees assigned to the Midwest BearPack and will be distributed on a first-come situation to current members first. Your reservation must be paid for when you reserve a Tee-Pee. To make your reservation contact Mike Davis at 317-216-0499. A double bed Tee-Pee is \$35 and a Tee-Pee with two double beds is \$45.00. Check in is 2pm / Checkout is 11am.

Please try to contribute a grill if you can. The BearPack will be providing the meat for our group, so bring a side dish or some chips, etc. Don't forget your plates and eating utensils too! This is a dry county we are visiting so BYOB!

Let's have a great time with the Bluegrass Bears again this year!

Upcoming Activities

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday June 14 - Talbot Street Art Fair in Indianapolis.

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday June 14 - Gay Pride in Indianapolis. The 3rd Annual Indy Pride Family Reunion Picnic (as it is called) is on Sunday Jun 14th at German Park, 8600 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. The hours are 1pm to 7pm. The entrance fee is \$2.00 donation to Indy Pride. Call the Indy PrideLine at 317-740-2858 for more information.

Sunday, June 14 - Gay Pride in Louisville.

Monday, June 15 - Midwest BearPack's monthly meeting at the Diversity Center, 1112 Southeastern Ave, Indianapolis at 8pm.

Sunday, June 27 - Chicago Gay Pride.

Sunday, June 28 - Columbus Ohio Gay Pride. Join us in our float in the Columbus Gay Pride Parade!

July 1-5 - Southern Bears present Bear All '98 in Atlanta, Georgia. The run fee is \$75.00.

Saturday, July 25 - Midwest BearPack's Anniversary Pitch-in Picnic at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell Indiana. Picnic begins at 12:30pm. That night a group of us will be leaving the picnic and going to Spurs Bar in Cincinnati Ohio for their **Hurricane Party!**

August 7-23 - Ohio State Fair in Columbus Ohio.

August 12-23 - Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis Indiana.

Saturday, August 15 - Midwest BearPack's Fur Blast III at DJ's Saloon in Dayton, Ohio. Hotel: Best Western Dayton North at 3636 N Dixie Drive. Their number is (937) 276-6151. That afternoon a group will be going to Darke County Fair in Ohio.

Saturday, September 19 - Midwest BearPack is heading to Cave City, Kentucky to join the Bluegrass Bears for **Clan of the Cave Bears**. The next day we'll invade **Guntown Mountain** for our usual furry misbehavior!

October 15-19 - Bears of Central Florida present **Bear Bust '98** in Orlando, Florida! The Basic Run Package is \$85.00.

November 13-15 - Show Me Bears present **Hi-BEAR-Nation '98** in St. Louis, Missouri! The fee is \$35.00 before 9/19/98.

December 18-20 - Midwest BearPack's holiday Bear Run Midwest Bearfest in Indianapolis! Registration is \$35 before 12/1/98.