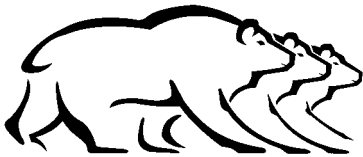


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MIDWEST BEARFEST '98

*WHERE SANTA GOES WHEN HE IS
TIRED OF MILK AND COOKIES!*

Well, fellow bears, it's almost that time of year again. Have you been good this year? All you bears and bearcubs out there must have been because, this December Midwest BearPack is having it's third MIDWEST BEARFEST. That's right, three days of fun, frolic, Santa, and wall-to-wall BEARS!

This year our Bear Run is on December 18-20 1998 and we have lots of activities planned. We have a BEAR/CUB Pie-Eating Contest, our own Boo-Boo Stew Dinner, our holiday Gift Exchange, a trip to the Indianapolis IMAX, a T-Shirt Silent Auction, and our infamous Most Huggable Bear Contest. And don't forget the parties, like an Online Party, our After-hours parties and much more!

Our host hotel will be the Renaissance Tower Historic Inn at 230 E. 9th Street in Downtown Indianapolis. The Inn is now accepting reservations. Call (317) 261-1652 between 9am - 9pm Monday through Friday, or 11am - 7pm Saturday and Sunday.

Interested? You will find a brochure enclosed complete with registration form in this newsletter. If you need more registration forms for your friends, you can pick them up at the 501 Tavern. And for all you cyber-bears out there (you know



who you are!), you can register online! Check it out at <http://members.aol.com/bearfest>. Be sure to get your registration in early because the early indication is that Midwest Bearfest '98 will be the definitive BEAR RUN to finish 1998!



BEAR HELL 1998: a Halloween weekend

On October 23 - 24 weekend we will be presenting **BEAR HELL 1998** at the 501 Tavern in Indianapolis. We promise the night to be a sinister, yet BEARISH look at Halloween. We will be having a BEAR PRISON and also a BEAR CAVE. Many BearPack members will come to the bar in complete Halloween costume! On Saturday afternoon we are also planning a trip to the Indiana Medical History Museum (formerly known as Central State, the historic pathology center.) The address is 3045 W Vermont but anyone going we will meet at the 501 Tavern at 1:00pm.

If you need lodging for the weekend call La Quinta Inn East, 7304 E 21st Street in Indianapolis. Their number is (317) 357-1021 and the rooms are \$49.99 plus tax. Use confirmation number 11654 and mention Midwest BearPack when making your reservations. Have a great Halloween with the Midwest BearPack!

Fur Blast: Dayton's Fallout of FUR!!!

Saturday August 15th, Dayton once again experienced what happens when bears from all over the Midwest get together for a good time. DJ's Saloon erupted in fur and fun at Midwest BearPack's **Fur Blast III**. Bears packed the bar for a party that Dayton will not soon forget. Once again, we had our "Best Bear" contest. After much audience participation and Bill Mack's applause-o-meter, Mike Prince (*right*) was the victor.



Bears Invade Cave City!!!

On September 19th and 20th, the Bluegrass Bears and Midwest Bearpack invaded Central Kentucky for **Clan of the Cave Bears**. It was a night of barbecue, games, and other things that happen in teepees!

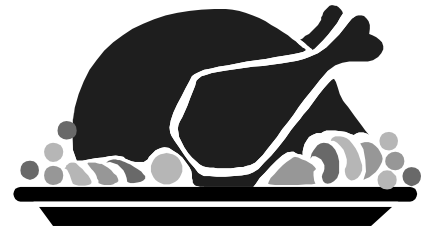
On Saturday the entire group picnicked and partied at Wigwam Village. On Sunday morning, after breakfast, some bears went to the wax museum, a pitch-dark haunted house, and the infamous Guntown Mountain. As you can see from the photo on the left, Cave City never knew what hit them!

As always we had a great time visiting and mingling with the Bluegrass Bears!



Join us for a Bear Thanksgiving!

On Saturday November 21st and Sunday November 22nd, all area-Bears are invited to join the Midwest BearPack for our **Bear Bar night at the 501 Tavern** and our **Bear Thanksgiving at the Diversity Center in Indianapolis**. It is a pitch-in dinner, so please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish. Hotel is set up at the La Quinta Inn East, 7304 E 21st Street (317) 357-1021. The rate is \$49.99 per night plus tax, Confirmation #11655, mention Midwest BearPack. It will be a fun time, so come and join us!



Upcoming Activities

Monday October 19 - Midwest BearPack monthly meeting at the Diversity Center in Indianapolis. 8pm.

October 23-24 - Bear Hell: A Bear Halloween bar night at the 501 Tavern. Host Hotel is La Quinta Inn East, 7304 E 21st Street (317) 357-1021. \$49.99 per night plus tax.

October 31 - The Bluegrass Bears present FURR BALL '98 at Tryangles in Louisville! There'll be a costume contest, a raffle and goodie bags distributed.

November 6-8 - District of Columbia Bear Club presents Bear Invasion '98 in Washington DC! The fee is \$75.00.

November 13-15 - Show Me Bears present Hi-BEAR-Nation

'98 in St. Louis, Missouri! The fee is \$40.00 before 10/17/98, \$45.00 after 10/17/98.

November 21-22 - The Midwest BearPack will host a Bear Bar night at the 501 Tavern on the Saturday night before our Thanksgiving Dinner. **A Bear Thanksgiving** is the next day, November 22nd, at the The Diversity Center located at 1112 Southeastern Avenue in downtown Indianapolis. All area BEAR CLUBS are invited to join the BearPack for dinner! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish.

December 18-20 - Midwest BearPack's holiday Bear Run Midwest Bearfest '98 in Indianapolis! This event features the **Most Huggable Bear Contest** on Saturday night! Registration is \$35 before 12/1/98, \$50.00 after 12/1/98.