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MIDWEST BEARFEST '98

December 18-20, 1998

If you aren't registered for Midwest Bearfest by now, then you're sure to miss out on all the fun! We have plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained with a trip to the INDIANAPOLIS IMAX, an ONLINE PARTY (for you cyber-bears out there!), and a pie-eating contest done BEAR STYLE!

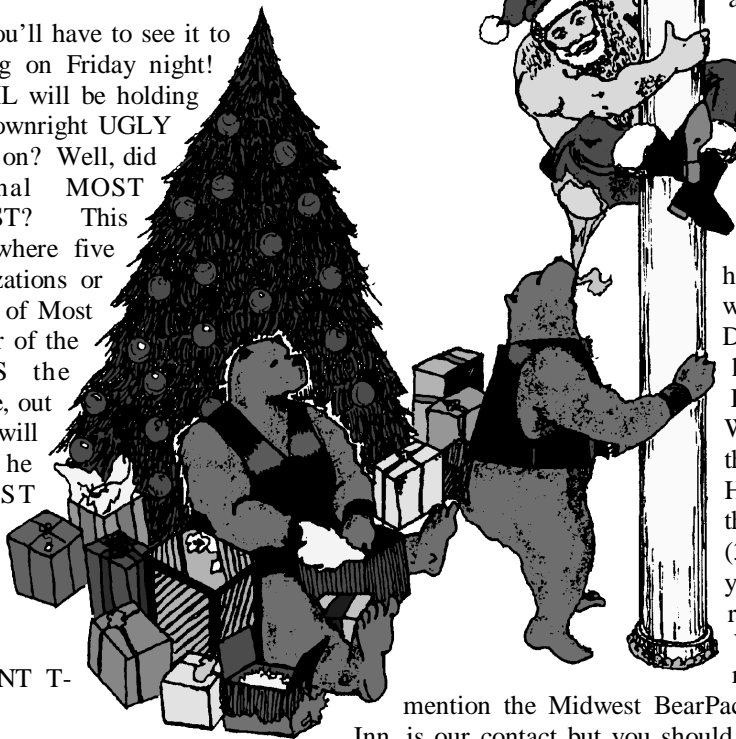
What? A pie-eating contest? You'll have to see it to believe it; and that is happening on Friday night! After that contest the BEAR JAIL will be holding the GOOD, the BAD, and the downright UGLY of our bunch. What else is going on? Well, did we mention our traditional MOST HUGGABLE BEAR CONTEST? This activity is on Saturday night, where five judges from area BEAR organizations or clubs will wittle down our mass of Most Huggable wannabes down to four of the hunkiest friendliest BEARS the Midwest has to offer. From there, out of the Final Four, the winner will have to earn his title...by proving he is, of course, the MOST HUGGABLE BEAR! Audience participation will prove who rightly deserves this honor, so you won't want to miss that!

And also there will be a SILENT T-SHIRT AUCTION upstairs!

On Sunday morning we will have our Christmas-style Brunch/Send-off with a gift exchange. So bring a gift, or buy one at Indianapolis' famous Circle Centre Mall (try to keep within a \$10-\$20 range), and the Midwest BearPack will certainly get you in the holiday spirit!

If you haven't registered yet (and you know you want to by now!) there is still time! Our Midwest Bearfest Web Site allows ONLINE REGISTRATION at <http://members.aol.com/bearfest>. There are plenty of registration forms at the

501 Tavern as well. The registration fee is just \$50.00 per person and that gets you the trip to the IMAX, discounts on meals, limited transportation to and from the bar events and the HOST HOTEL, and entry into the bar without cover and each AFTER HOURS PARTY without charge. We have also ordered a stock of Midwest Bearfest '98 T-Shirts which will be given out free to those who had registered before December 1st. But if there are enough left over, they will be given away free to late registrants as well...but this is ONLY if there are any available.



So, you have decided you want to come to Midwest Bearfest '98? We have booked up the Host Hotel (the Renaissance Tower Historic Inn) but we have made arrangements with the Days Inn in Downtown Indianapolis to hold the overflow. The Days Inn is at 401 E Washington Street, less than 5 blocks from the Host bar! You can contact the Days Inn directly at (317) 637-6464 to make your reservation. The room rate is \$56/night. When making your reservation you should

mention the Midwest BearPack. Monica, at the Days Inn, is our contact but you should be able to secure a room with any person at the reservation desk.

As this newsletter is going out, our group is making final arrangements to ensure that your Indianapolis experience during this holiday season will be fun and safe. Come to Indianapolis on December 18-20 and we'll prove to you that the Midwest has the most handsome, as well as the most fun BEARS this country has to offer!



BEAR HELL 1998

RIP: October 23-24 1998



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 18-20 - Midwest BearPack's holiday Bear Run Midwest Bearfest '98 in Indianapolis! Registration is \$50.00 after 12/1/98.

December 21 - Midwest BearPack's monthly meeting at the Diversity Center at 7:00pm. The Diversity Center is located at 1112 Southeastern Avenue.

January 16 - The Columbus Ursine Brotherhood has a bar night at The Eagle in Exile in Columbus Ohio.

January 18 - Midwest BearPack's monthly meeting at the Diversity Center at 7:00pm.

February 12-15 - The Bears of San Francisco proudly present **International Bear Rendezvous 1999!** Register early because registrations after January 25th will not be accepted!

February 15 - Midwest BearPack's monthly meeting at the Diversity Center at 7:00pm.

March 13 - The Midwest BearPack presents **BEAR AWAKENING** again at DJ's Saloon in Downtown Dayton Ohio!

March 19-21 - The Conductor's Run in Nashville Tennessee.

March 25-28 - The Dallas Bears prove that "some good things just keep gettin' better" at **Texas Bear Round-up 4** in Dallas, Texas.

April 9-11 - The Columbus Ursine Brotherhood are looking for a few good bears (and cubs too!) at **BEAR CAMP '99** in Columbus Ohio! The Host Hotel is The Crowne Plaza (800) 338-4462 under the codename Bear Camp 99. Registration is \$40.00 before 3/15/99.

April 15-18 - The Music City Bears promise this years **BEAR JAM '99** to be "the biggest and best yet!" in Nashville Tennessee.

April 23-25 - The Hoosier Bears invite you to come out this spring for their 5th Annual **Out of Hibernation!** This event is in Indianapolis with **Our Place** as their Host Bar!

May 27-31 - The Great Lakes Bears-Chicago present their Memorial Day Weekend Event **BEAR PRIDE** in Chicago!

