

Bear Bites

News bits for this quarter

This schedule is good for three months. Please save it! Schedules can also be checked through our web site: www.clevelandbears.org



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LOOKING AHEAD — SUMMER 2009:

Sun. July 12th (Rain date: 19th) - 1 to 4ish Annual Edgewater Picnic

August Move Night and/or Dinner

September or October Amish Outing - shopping/dinner or lunch

Hosts Wanted!

We're always looking for people who want to host a potluck or get together. If you're willing and have space, please email bears@clevelandbears.org with a few possible dates.

The Cleveland Bear monthly dinner meeting:

- First Thursday of each month (excluding holidays)
- My Friends Restaurant
11616 Detroit Ave., Cleveland (near W117th & Detroit)
- Arrive about 6:30 p.m., until it ends (generally 2 to 3 hours).
(Read additional details on back panel.)



Clebeears On Café Press!

Three web pages of Cleveland Bears designs, on Café Press! Hats, t-shirts, boxers, buttons, stickers, bears & more (including extra large sizes - a couple to 4x) ... order some club wear for that special someone, or treat yourself! Show pride in our group. (Note: The club does not make a profit on the sale of any of these items. These are made available as a service to members.)



<http://www.cafepress.com/clevelandbears>

About The Club:

The Cleveland Bears is a social group for adult, gay "bears" (furry and/or bearded men) and their male admirers. The group was formed in 1995 to provide opportunities for social interaction among members of the bear community of N.E. Ohio and surrounding areas. Functions include activities such as pot luck dinners, picnics, amusement park outings, movie nights, and more. A very laid back group, come meet new people – make new friends – have fun!

Membership is open to all adult men. Joining is as simple as attending our public functions.

We ask prospective members attend one public meeting or event before inviting them into our private homes for some activities. While trying to be friendly and welcoming, we hope that you understand the necessity for these precautions.

Our event schedule is mailed quarterly; a PDF version of the schedule is usually available to download, from our site, within a few days of the mailing. Need one for a friend? Download a PDF version. (Free Acrobat PDF reader available from adobe.com). Your event suggestions are welcome, and encouraged! Please provide some helpful information along with your ideas.

A monthly dinner meeting is held the first Thursday of each month (excluding holidays). It's an excellent opportunity for new people to meet us in a safe, public setting. Don't be shy; just show up at dinner and introduce yourself! (Location inside.)

There are no dues. The club is supported by its member's donations, which is used for postage, mailing materials, the P.O. Box, plates & plastic ware for picnics, as a few examples. If you have contributed recently thank you! If you have not, please consider dropping a few dollars into the basket at the monthly, dinner meeting. (The club does not have its own account; please make any check payable to: Steve Otlowski.) Thank you.



THE CLEVELAND BEARS

P.O. BOX 14897, CLEVELAND, OH 44114

submissions@clevelandbears.org

www.clevelandbears.org



Event Schedule: MAR. '09 – MAY '09



May Road Trip On This Schedule. Please See Newsletter & Schedule; Plan Now For Hershey, Pa Trip. Detials Inside.



Chinese Anyone?

www.clevelandbears.org

March

**1ST THU., MAR. 5TH — 6:30 P.M. TO 9ISH — \$
MONTHLY DINNER MEETING**

! SPECIAL HERSHEY TRIP MEETING AFTER DINNER

My Friends Restaurant: 11616 Detroit, Cleveland • 216.221.2575

SEE MAY NOTES ... Stay after dinner meeting for discussion if you will go on road trip to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA. (around 8pm).

**SUN., MAR. 8TH — 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00ish (Daylight Savings!)
ANNUAL WINTER PICNIC (HIKE WEATHER PERMITTING)**

North Chagrin Reservation, Strawberry Lane picnic area shelter.* Come and warm yer buns by the fire. Bring a hot dish to share at our annual winter picnic. Plates, bowls, plastic ware and napkins will be provided, as well as hot water, tea, and chocolate mix. **(Do not bring fire wood. The park does not permit transporting wood. The park provides firewood, when available, which we'll request beforehand.)**

Weather and interest level permitting, we'll take a little hike after the picnic. (If not, hikes will be added later.) If you can, please give us a buzz and let us know you'll be there: 216-548-8962. Thanks.

DIRECTIONS — *I-90 From The East Or West: Exit at Rt. 91 (SOM Center Rd.), turn South on Rt. 91 (left). A short distance past the Rt. 6 intersection, on the left, is the Strawberry Lane entrance of the North Chagrin Reservation, in Willoughby Hills (Friends church diagonally across street). The park's road will curve and dead end at a stop sign. Turn left (NOT right). The Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot is on the left, the pavillion down the path from the lot. Maps & directions availalbe online.

http://www.clemetparks.com/visit/index.asp?action=rdetails&reservations_id=1002

SAT., MAR. 14TH — 7:00 P.M.*. 'Til ?

BEARS IN BOXERS, & BRIEFS, & JOCKS, OH MY! — A POTLUCK

Hosted by Dennis and Bill at their home (thank you!):

6218 Siegler Drive, Brook Park, OH 44142.

Observe signs and park along street or where you (legally) can. Bring a dish to share and B.Y.O.B.; *and please, bring a towel to sit on if you'll be wearing a jock or are gonna be a bare bear!* The potluck begins at 7PM. Pop and "special punch" provided, while it lasts. (*Please try to arrive before 7:30. People don't want to get dressed to answer the door.)

April

**1ST THU., APR. 2ND — 6:30 P.M. TO 9ISH — \$
MONTHLY DINNER MEETING**

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! MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR HERSHEY NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT. FIND ROOMIES/FRIENDS TO CARPOOL WITH.

**Rescheduled: SAT., APR. 18TH — 11:00 A.M. SHARP — \$\$
GREAT LAKE SCIENCE CENTER — ROBOTS EXHIBIT (& OMNIMAX?)**

Downtown Cleveland off of E. 9th, by Lake Erie.

Meet before buying tickets, in front of the ticket counter, to help decide which movie we will see at the Omnimax (or if we'll see one)! Then we'll take in the ROBOTS exhibit: "Take a playful look at what machines and humans are learning from each other, and see how biology and engineering are coming together to close the gap between reality and our robot dreams. More than 24 fun exhibits provide hands-on opportunities to see, touch and explore the amazing world of robots. Robots + Us is a light-hearted, hands-on exhibition that will delight families and children of all ages." After 2 or 3 hours at the museum, (depending on if we see a movie or not), we'll get a head count for dinner and take a short run to Lakewood for dinner at...

**SAT., APR. 18TH — FOLLOWING SCI. CENTER — \$\$
EL JALAPENOS**

1313 W. 117th St., Lakewood, OH • (216) 226-9290

After the Sci. Ctr. (movie or not), anyone interested can caravan to W. 117th for Mexican dinner at El Jalapenos. (Please bring smaller bills to make check time easier. Thanks!) This laid back, casual restaurant offers a bar and a wide variety of authentic Mexican cuisine for patrons to choose – from nachos and enchiladas to quesadillas, burritos and fajitas. The portions are generous too."

<http://cleveland.metromix.com/restaurants/mexican/el-jalapenos-edgewater/475104/content>

**SUN., APR. 26TH — 12:00 noon — \$\$ — R*
TAJ INDIAN PALACE**

5156 Wilson Mills Rd, Richmond Hts. • 440-461-3737

Join us for a Luncheon Buffet of great Indian Food. It is in the Hilltop Shopping Plaza. Plenty of Parking. Please call and reserve by Friday, April 24th: 216-548-8962. See you at promptly at noon! (Please bring small bills.)

May

**1ST THU., MAY 7TH — 6:30 P.M. TO 9ISH — \$
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SUN., MAY 31, — 12:30 P.M.

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND NATURE WALK IN ROCKY RIVER

Meet at the Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Parkway in Rocky River Reservation, north of Cedar Point Road in North Olmsted. Pack a little lunch and a drink and meet just outside the center by 12:30 sharp on Sunday. We'll take about 20 minutes to eat our lunches then walk a trail or two. Bring cameras if you'd like. We'll still meet if it's just gray or misty. In the event of rain the event will be rescheduled at a later date. Check the website an hour before for cancellation notice.

Looking Ahead (subject to change)...

JUNE

**1ST THU., JUN. 4TH — 6:30 P.M. TO 9ISH — \$
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**SAT., JUNE 20TH — 11:00 A.M. — \$
PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL**

Meet at 11:00 a.m. for parade step off at noon. Come on out and join friends, show pride, and strut your stuff. It's fun. The parade ends near the festival entrance. (Suggested donation \$10. Express entry tickets available online at clevelandpride.org)

**SUN., JUNE 21ST — 11:00 AM — \$\$\$
CEDAR POINT [UNOFFICIAL GAY DAY]**

Google Cedar Point and find your way into the park's main entrance by 11:00 a.m. Pre-purchased tickets recommended, and less expensive usually. Parking about \$8. Meet by the carousel near the front entrance. We'll wait a few minutes. If we miss you, connect by cell phone. Hope to see you there.

(SEE LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEWSLETTER SECTION ON BACK.)

COST GUIDE (Est.)

\$ = \$1 to \$15

\$\$ = \$16 to \$25

\$\$\$ = \$26 to \$35 (+=over)

Bring small bills to dinners to make payment easier when checks can't be split up. Thanks!!

*RESERVE WHEN ASKED.

Take a second to call in – even if you just think you may attend – so we can call ahead for enough seats. We require your help or we may not get everyone in – including people who called! Call: 216-548-8962 or as indicated, or send a quick email to bears@clevelandbears.org w/full name & number attending.

