



# Cleveland Bears

## Events Schedule

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- **Event date** (detail below and at [www.clevelandbears.org](http://www.clevelandbears.org) – click schedule link)
- **Please check [www.clevelandbears.org](http://www.clevelandbears.org) for updates/changes and information.**
- **Monthly dinner meeting is the first Thursday of each month** excluding holidays, 6:30 pm at **My Friends Restaurant**, 11616 Detroit Ave., Cleveland.†
- **Cost Estimate Guide:** \$ = under \$15; \$\$ = \$16 to \$25; \$\$\$ = \$26 to \$35 (+ = over \$35)  
*Bring small bills to restaurants for when checks cannot be split. Thanks!*
- **R = Reserve:** Reservation is required – so that we can. (Instructions/# in description.)
- **Thanks to Tom Hammond for contributing event ideas and information for this schedule.**

- DEC 1, THU | Monthly dinner meeting
- DEC 11, SUN | Wintershow & dinner
- DEC 31, SAT | Dan & Brandon's New Year bash
- JAN 5, THU | Monthly dinner meeting
- JAN 14, SAT | Christmas Story House & dinner
- JAN 29, SUN | Sleigh/carriage rides & dinner
- FEB 2, THU | Monthly dinner meeting
- FEB 12, SUN | Happy Dog / Sweet Moses
- MAR 1, THU | Monthly dinner meeting
- MAR 4, SUN | Annual winter picnic

### WINTER – DEC '11-FEB '12 Event Detail & Dates Below

**DEC 1, THU | 6:30 pm | \$**  
**My Friends dinner meeting†**



**DEC 11, SUN | 1:30 pm | \$\$**  
**Cleveland Botanical Garden's "WinterShow" followed by dinner**

11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, 44106  
Park, get tickets, meet in main lobby outside gift shop at 1:30.

Candy cane lamp posts, graham cracker shingles, gumdrop keystones... enjoy elaborate gingerbread houses, Christmas tree and plant displays. We'll chose a place to go grab a bite afterwards, 4-5ish.

(Underground parking avail., approx. \$5 with ticket validation. Check site for special event pricing.)

<http://www.cbgs.org/WinterShow2011.html>

**DEC. 31, SAT | 8:00 pm |**  
**Dan & Brandon's "Bringin' in the New Year with a Bang" Bash**

1285 W. 89th St., Cleveland, 44102  
Dan: 216-281-0544

Observe signs and park along street. Show up about 8:00 p.m. Bring an entrée or dessert to share, and B.Y.O.B. (Please don't drink & drive.)

**JAN 5, THU | 6:30 pm | \$**  
**My Friends dinner meeting†**



**JAN 14, SAT | 2:30 pm | \$**  
**R\* by 12th for the dinner (\$\$)**  
**Christmas Story House Tour, followed by Chinese dinner**

3159 W. 11th St., Cleveland, 44109

Arrive, find parking, purchase your ticket (\$10) at the gift shop located diagonally across the street from the house at 2:30. (We'll try to be on the 3:15 tour; tours run every 30 min.)

The restored house from the film, A

Christmas Story, features original props, etc., and museum with behind-the-scene photos, costumes, and film memorabilia.

<http://www.achristmasstoryhouse.com>

**FOLLOWING - BY RESERVATION:**  
**Chinese Dinner at BAC, the official Chinese restaurant of A Christmas Story House Reserve for dinner by Thur., Jan. 12**  
Corner of W. 14th & Auburn

Please RSVP by the 12th to 216-548-8962 so that we can reserve a table. Please bring small bills in case checks can't be split.

Located just a few blocks from the house, come enjoy Chinese dinner just like Ralphie and his family in the film. BAC features authentic pan-Asian/fusion cuisine, and a bar. Dinner approx. 5 pm

<http://www.bactremont.com/>

**JAN 29, SUN | 2:30 pm | \$\$\$**  
**Ma & Pa's Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides, followed by dinner (\$\$\$)**



15161 Main Market Rd. (S.R. 422),  
Burton (Troy Township) 44021

Cancelled if road or storm advisories but on if just snow. Check website 1:45 HR beforehand.

Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh... then warm up with fresh maple coffee and cookies. Shop in an 1820's cabin offering bear themed wares – carvings, lights, clothing, towels, rugs, signs, furniture, favored coffees, syrups, candies... a winter adventure you won't forget. Bring your camera.

\$20.00 each (given group size of three or more) and includes banana nut bread, chocolate chip cookies, their famous maple coffee or hot chocolate. (In the case of no-snow, a horse-drawn carriage/surrey is available instead.) Then, let's eat...

[www.maandpas.com](http://www.maandpas.com)

**FOLLOWING: Dinner at Welshfield Inn**  
14001 Main Market Rd., Burton 44021, two miles from Ma & Pa's sleigh rides (above)

Voted a "Top 10" Cleveland Restaurant, W.I. features gracious country dining and spirits. Please bring small bills in case check cannot be split.

<http://www.welshfielddining.com/menu.html>

**FEB 2, THU | 6:30 pm | \$**  
**My Friends dinner meeting†**

**FEB 12, SUN | 3:30 pm | \$**  
**Late Lunch at Happy Dog**

5801 Detroit Ave., Cleveland

Meet there but don't be late to try to get tables together. Check out the Happy Dog web site for details. Sweet Moses for dessert.

<http://www.happydogcleveland.com/food.php>

**NEW SCHEDULES OUT FIRST OF MARCH.**

**MAR 1, THU | 6:30 pm | \$**  
**My Friends dinner meeting†**

**MAR 4, SUN | 1:30 pm |**  
**Annual Winter Picnic Potluck**

Strawberry Lane pavilion, North Chagrin Reservation Metropark, Willoughby Hills  
Save the date! Eat at 1:30, arrive a few min. earlier with food to share. We'll be in a shelter with a fireplace, but dress for the weather. Details next schedule.

<http://clevelandbears.org/StrawberryLaneMap.jpg>

#### Special notes:

N.C. Men's Chorus, Dec 3rd & 4th, Hanna.

Congrats to photo contest winners, Tom Hammond, Mike Sabol & Tom Falcone, and Steve Otowski (three entries, three winners).

#### Some ARKTOS event dates:

Dec. 3, Sat. @ Daddys-Cleve.: Toy drive

Dec. 17, Sat. @ Party Ctr.-Stow: Christmas Party

Please check Arktos' site for details, updates, or changes: <http://sites.google.com/site/arktoscamping2009/club-calendar>

### Group Information

Our group formed in 1995 to offer social interaction among the local "bear" community outside of bars. We offer a broad variety of activities (often centering around food but not always – really!). Membership is as easy as showing up at events. There are no dues; your donations help to cover expenses such as mailings and the P.O. Box. Schedules are sent quarterly and also available, along with additional group information, at: [www.clevelandbears.org](http://www.clevelandbears.org).

†Our monthly dinner meeting is a chance to get together each month, and a great place for new folk to meet us in a safe environment. *Usually running from 6:30 to approx. 8:45ish*, some folks may show earlier, some later, but most around 6:30. Not to be rude but, in order to make life easier on the kitchen and wait staff, *we will not all wait to order together*. Don't be shy. Come in, introduce yourself, relax and have fun. Bon appétit! (**My Friends, 11616 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH.**)

If you're interested and able to host a potluck or event please let us know.

#### Contribute your ideas:

Tell us your event suggestions well in advance at a meeting, or via e-mail with event suggestion in the subject line; please include your name and number in case we have a question. Send to: [submissions@clevelandbears.org](mailto:submissions@clevelandbears.org)