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Bear Essentials

The Official Newsletter of the Philadelphia Liberty Bears

Big Bears Event at Loew's Hotel Ballroom

Bearapalooza Part of BoLW VI!

Bearapalooza will be part of The Liberty Bears' Bears on Liberty Weekend VI! This great music/dance event takes place Fri., May 9, 2008, 10pm at Loew's Hotel Ballroom, 12th and Market Sts.

The following are scheduled to perform: Bigg Nugg, Martin Swinger, Ernie Lijoi, Future Villain Band, Josh Zuckerman, Michael West, Max Christopher, and Freddy Freeman.

As part of the BoLW VI package, you'll get

admission to Bearapalooza. PLUS, you'll get admission to Liberty Gay Rodeo's Liberty Stampede on Sat., May 10. (See page two for more details.)

It's Easy to Register for BoLW VI:

- via snail mail (See form on page two.)
- in person at any Liberty Bears function
- on line (libertybears.net/bolw2008/bolw.htm)

Gotta Question? Just Ask The Badger

Dear Badger,

I have a bet with a friend. I say it's possible for female reptiles to reproduce without a male's sperm. Who wins?

Gambler

Dear Gambler,

You win. There are several reptile species whose females have been observed to have reproduced without the sperm of a male. According to the AP:

"WICHITA, Kan. - Two Komodo dragons have hatched at the Sedgwick County Zoo, apparently without the fertilization of a male. The [offspring], both males, are believed to be the first in North America known to have hatched by parthenogenesis, which occurs naturally in some species, including invertebrates and lower plants. It happens more rarely in some vertebrates.



Two other known cases in which Komodo dragons hatched by parthenogenesis were at the London and Chester zoos in England in 2006. The zoo in Wichita is having DNA testing done to document the mother's and the babies' genetic structure because of the remote chance that a male's sperm was stored on the female's body.

The Sedgwick County Zoo has had this female and one other since 1993, when they were less than a year old. They have been laying eggs since 2000.

"We never had a male dragon at the zoo. There were no tramps that came wandering through," said Nate Nelson, the zoo's curator of amphibians, reptiles and fishes.

upcoming events:

SATURDAY, Mar. 1, 2008: Club General Meeting, 4pm-5pm in the PIT at the Bike Stop;

SATURDAY, Mar. 1, 2008: Social, 5pm-8pm at the Bike Stop, main bar; **theme: to be announced;**

SATURDAY, Apr. 5, 2008: Club General Meeting, 5pm-6pm in the PIT at the Bike Stop;

SATURDAY, Apr. 5, 2008: Social, 6pm-10pm at the Bike Stop, main bar; **theme: Mardi Gras;**

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, Apr. 17-19, 2008: Liberty Bears/Bike Stops 3rd Annual LGBT Art Show, evenings at the Top of the Stop.

Bearapalooza
PHILADELPHIA

part of Liberty Bears' Bears On Liberty Weekend and Liberty Gay Rodeo's Liberty Stampede

Friday May 9th - 10pm

Loew's Hotel Ballroom 1200 Market St.
BOOK YOUR PACKAGE NOW
www.libertybears.net

featuring
Bigg Nugg • Martin Swinger • Ernie Lijoi
Future Villain Band • Josh Zuckerman • Michael West
Max Christopher • Freddy Freeman.

www.bearapalooza.com

Liberty Bears Summer Road Trip

The Liberty Bears are planning another road trip to a big bear event. This time, we're headed for Bear Camp 2008 in Columbus OH. The camp takes place July 31 thru Aug. 3, 2008.

We'll be representing the Liberty Bears, but individuals are responsible for registering with the Bear Camp, for their own transportation to Columbus, and for their own hotel arrangements.

You can find info and suggestions on our website: www.libertybears.net

Bears on Liberty Weekend #6

Bears Linked With Gay Rodeo

The Liberty Bears of Phila. are joining forces with the Liberty Gay Rodeo Association. Our main BoLW VI events include our Friday night "Bearapalooza" at the Loews Ballroom and a Saturday trip to the Liberty Stampede rodeo.

Registrants for BOLW will receive admission to the rodeo events including transportation to the rodeo site. In addition BoLW registrants will have our own hospitality tent at the rodeo!

This year, BOLW will have a host hotel. The LOEWS PSFS at 12th and Market (215-627-1200) will be the base of operations for both BoLW and the Liberty Stampede attendees. Get your reservations in NOW! Ask for the Liberty Stampede room rate, \$124/night, up to four to a room.

BoLW VI is loaded with events, some new like the "Bearapalooza" and rodeo, and some tried and true like the pre-registraion / Sexy Bear Contest. the Registration / Beer and Vodka Blast, the Saturday morning "eye-opener", the Sunday Brunch with country dancing and our infamous Bear Crawl and bathhouse Bear-B-Q.

Registrations for **BoLW VI** / "Bears on Stampede" are being accepted now. Go to <https://www.frantix.net> for on-line registration. Or go to libertybears.net for all the information currently available for this year's event. (And there's a snail mail/in person registration form on page two.)

The regular registration period ends April 5, 2008. If you register by then, your BoLW VI t-shirt will be included and if you're a Liberty Bear, Philadelphian, or Reading Railmen, you'll receive a discount.

We look forward to seeing you at BoLW 2008!

Liberty Bears 3rd Annual Charity Art Show!

For the 3rd year in a row the Liberty Bears of Phila. are teaming up with cutting edge gay artists to celebrate life, art and raise money for local charity. This year's show will benefit the Calcutta House: "A special project of national significance and the only organization of [its] kind providing highly supportive housing and care to adult men and women with AIDS who have the least and need the most" which is located right here in center city Philadelphia. .

So enjoy the paintings, drawings and wood sculptures of Jason Kraley, Rob Harmon, Angel Colon and Devon Palmer, and the "art cakes" of Jonathan Blount. At the same time help raise much needed money for the Calcutta House.

You can meet and mingle with the artists while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on opening night, Thurs., April 17, 7pm-10pm at the Bike Stop on the 3rd fl., 206 S. Quince Street. Phila. PA.

- Thursday, April 17, 7pm-10pm. Opening night! Cocktail reception and meet the artists.
- Friday April 18, Gallery hours: 7pm-10pm
- Saturday April 19, Gallery hours: 7pm-10pm
- \$5 admission fee (will be donated to the Calcutta House)

Interested in being associated with the Liberty Bears? Come to our general meeting, Sat., Mar. 1, 4pm in the PIT at the Bike Stop.

Bears on Stampede

BoLW VI Registration Form:

Registration Form

Bears on Liberty Weekend VI
"Bears on Stampede" May 8th-11th, 2008
In association with the LGRA "Liberty Stampede" Rodeo

Mail to: Liberty Bears of Philadelphia
 Bears on Liberty Weekend VI Registration
 P.O. Box 17095
 Philadelphia, PA 19105-7095

Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Registration Fee and Due Dates:

	Early Registration	\$110
	Thru October 7th, INCLUDES T-SHIRT (circle size below)	
	Advanced Registration	\$120
	October 8th thru January 6th, INCLUDES T-SHIRT (circle size below)	
	Regular Registration	\$140
	January 7th thru April 5th, INCLUDES T-SHIRT (circle size below)	
	CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE: M L XL XXL XXXL	
	<i>Liberty Bear Member Discount ?:</i>	<i>-\$20</i>
	<i>Philadelphian MC or Reading Railmen Discount ?:</i>	<i>-\$10</i>
	<i>Circle one choice as appropriate and subtract from Registration fee above. Current members only please. Discount does not apply after April 5th.</i>	
	Late Registration	\$140
	April 6th thru May 7th, DOES NOT INCLUDES T-SHIRT	
	Walk-up Registration	\$160
	After May 7th, DOES NOT INCLUDES T-SHIRT	

	Bathroom Bear-B-Q:	Included w/ Registration
	<i>Locker Reservation (must be made in advance):</i>	Yes or No
	<i>\$20 locker fee due at door to Club Body Center</i>	
	Beer/Vodka Blast & Bear Crawl:	Included w/ Registration
	Transportation & Admission	
	to Rodeo Events	Included w/ Registration
	BOGO "Eye-Opener":	Included w/ Registration
	ChairBear Social:	Included w/ Registration
	BootLickers Live!:	Included w/ Registration
	Sunday Brunch:	Included w/ Registration

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make check or money order payable to The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia or register on-line at www.libertybears.org/boLW2008

I certify that by my signature below I am at least 21 years of age and that I will abide by the rules pertaining to this event. I will not use illegal substances and will hold blameless The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia, its officers, event staff, participating establishments and sponsors for injuries to my person or damage to my personal property.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____