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Bear Essentials

The Official Newsletter of the Liberty Bears of Philadelphia

We're back on Sunday just for May:

Liberty Bears' May Social to be held ***Sunday***, May 4

The Liberty Bears' May Social will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008, 6pm-10pm, at the Bike Stop's Main bar. Our theme will be Kinko de Mayo, so come decked out in your denim or leather or whatever gets you through the night. We'll be featuring a beer special, jello shots, a special raffle, and of course, a bar full of bears. See you there!

LIBERTY BEARS HOSTING BIG EVENTS IN APRIL AND MAY

April 17-19: 3rd Annual 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 St., 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)

May 8-11: Bears on Liberty Wknd VI

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-registration / 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!

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)

upcoming events:

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

SUNDAY, May. 4, 2008: Club General Meeting, 5pm-6pm in the PIT at the Bike Stop;

SUNDAY, May. 3, 2008: Social, 6pm-10pm at the Bike Stop, main bar; **theme: Kinko de Mayo;**

Thurs. May 8-Sun. May 11, 2008: Bears on Liberty Weekend VI. (See articles above and page two.)

SAT., May. 4, 2008: Club General Meeting, 5pm-6pm in the PIT at the Bike Stop;

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Jul. 31-Aug.3, 2008: Liberty Bears' Road Trip to Bear Camp 2008 in Columbus OH. For more info go to: www.libertybears.net

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

**The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia
Bears on Liberty Weekend VI
"Bears on Stampede"**



Cowboy Up!



In cooperation with the
Liberty Gay Rodeo Association



May 8th - 11th · www.libertybears.net

The Badger's on vacation, but he'll be back with his "Just Ask the Badger" column in our next issue of Bear Essentials

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



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Kinko de Mayo Social
Sunday, May 4, 2008, 6pm-10pm
at the Bike Stop's Main Bar

**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>Philadelphia 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: _____