

The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia

Information for New Members



Greetings from The Liberty Bears Of Philadelphia !

We are happy that you have chosen to become affiliated with Philadelphia's favorite group for Bears, Cubs, Ursulas and their admirers and friends. Membership in the Liberty Bears of Philadelphia is open to any person who is 21 years of age or older. This sheet is intended to answer some of the questions you may have regarding the level of membership for which you have applied, which is noted below. If after reading this, you still have questions regarding your membership expectations, do not hesitate to see either of us or contact us via email. Welcome!

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General Membership Information: In order to apply for membership you must complete a membership application which should be submitted to the Membership Coordinator along with applicable deposit or dues. You will receive a receipt from the Club Treasurer for your records. Applications may be submitted to any current officer of the Club if the Membership Coordinator is not available. All membership applications become the property of The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia and all information is confidential. In order to be considered a member in good standing you must renew your membership in September of each year. There is no pro-rated dues schedule for joining at other times during the year. Once accepted as either an associate or pledge, you are encouraged to become familiar with the club By-Laws. You may request a copy from any Executive Committee Member. You are also encouraged to join the Liberty Bears of Philadelphia yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/libertybears> (you must establish an adult profile to register) and be sure to visit our website, <http://libertybears.net>.

Full Membership

You have applied to become a **Full Member of The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia**. Upon acceptance of your completed application form and deposit of no less than \$25 (1/2 of the annual membership dues) you will be known as **Pledge and must serve a pledge period of three full months**. During this time you are expected to attend all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. You are also expected to attend and volunteer to assist at all club activities/events that are scheduled during your pledge period. If you are unable to attend a meeting or an event, you must notify the Membership Coordinator or other Club Officer and provide them with your reason for not being able to attend. A vote for Full Membership will take place at the first meeting of the Club following completion of your three full months of pledging. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of every month except during July and August during which time pledging is suspended, as noted above. Membership votes are held in closed session and only those voting members of the club in good standing may vote to approve or deny membership. Voting members may also vote to extend your pledge period if you have not had sufficient time to meet the obligations required of every pledge during the three month pledging period. After approval for Full Membership, you are expected to pay the balance of the full annual membership dues (an additional \$25). Upon payment of the balance of your dues, you will receive a large Liberty Bears of Philadelphia club patch and two Liberty Bears of Philadelphia pins.

Associate Membership

You have applied to become an **Associate Member of The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia**. Your Associate Membership becomes effective immediately upon acceptance of your completed application and dues (\$25). As an Associate Member you may be affiliated with other clubs and may petition the Club for Full Membership at any time. If you chose to do so, the requirements for pledging the Club as a Full Member must be followed. Associate Members do not have voting rights and cannot hold office. Upon acceptance of your application and dues you will receive a small Liberty Bears of Philadelphia club patch and one pin.