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# BEARTOWN 16

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## Welcome to BearTown 16

If you live in Portland, you know three things about the city. The men are hot, masculine, lumberjack type bears who know how to have a good time. Everyone seems to be laid back, patient, and friendly. There seem to be bridges everywhere! Portland is known locally as Bridgetown because of its many historic bridges. It has more bridges than Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles combined. There are more bridges here than in San Francisco, New Orleans, or our neighbor Seattle. Each bridge is a welcome portal for bears, cubs, otters, and all other forms of wildlife from around the world to the 16th year of Beartown weekend. Let loose and join us for a weekend party you'll never forget. There are many activities this year, from the tamest to some of the more adventurous, there are activities for everyone. A highlight will be the Mr. Oregon Bear and Mr. Oregon Cub Contest. And that's just a start.



What is  
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BearTown is an annual weekend bear run organized and held by Oregon Bears, Inc. This event began in 1996 as "Beards and Roses" when the very first Mr. Oregon Bear contest was held. In 2002, to avoid confusion with the annual Portland Rose Festival and to be more inclusive, the event's name, "Beards and Roses," was officially changed to "BearTown." A new theme is introduced every year giving each year's BearTown event a unique character.

### President's MESSAGE

Brent Marr, Oregon Bears, Inc.

Hello and welcome to BearTown 16 - Bears in Bridgetown! I can't believe it's here already! It's been an eventful year since we Released the Beast at last year's Growl and now it's time once again for Portland and the Oregon Bears to shine. I can't tell you how proud I am to be the new President of the largest and the best Bear Club in the country. We're all about fun during BearTown but this event is all about giving too. So take the time to learn a little bit about this year's beneficiary SMYRC and dig deep, it feels good. I'd like to thank the dynamic, amazing, and tireless team of Mr. Oregon Bear 2010 Don James and Mr. Oregon Cub 2010 Corey Fortuna. All I can say is the incoming titleholders have very big shoes to fill. Thank you for coming to our event, I'm sure you'll have a great time; the BearTown Committee worked very hard to make it happen.

### Our HISTORY oregonbears.org

The Oregon Bears is a fraternal, social and service organization committed to organizing events and activities that provide for the social enjoyment and camaraderie of its members, as well as providing resources (financial and otherwise) to selected charitable organizations. Though the Bear Movement is primarily based on an easy going and natural definition of gay masculinity, The Oregon Bears has always been inclusive and welcomes individuals from all walks of life. Founded in November 1995 with just 13 members, it has now grown to over 500 members and is one of the largest Bear clubs in the nation.



This year the Beartown committee chose The Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center as beneficiary of the funds raised from our Beartown events. SMYRC provides a safe, supervised, harassment-free, and alcohol- and drug-free space for sexual minority youth 23 and younger. Youth gather to participate in positive activities like art, music, community organizing, youth development, education, peer support, support groups, case management, counseling, and job readiness preparation.

Watch for opportunities throughout the weekend to help us raise funds for this fine organization: Sunday Bingo with the Sisters, raffle ticket sales, direct donations, silent auction, a massage therapist, the Bear Market, and many more events contribute directly to SMYRC and its work.



### Our HOST HOTEL

The Jupiter Hotel is proud to be the BearTown host hotel for the third year in a row. This mid-century, renovated motor-inn-turned-boutique-hotel located in the midst of shops and restaurants (check out the famous Doug Fir), is just minutes away from Downtown Portland, and will serve as the home base and main venue for this year's event.

### The COMMITTEE

Buckley Jeppson - Co-Chair  
Danny Dickson - Co-Chair

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| Andy Mangels    | George Rogers        |
| Andy Tygart     | Johnney Cub          |
| Andrew McIlrath | Mike Bailey          |
| Bennie Tan      | Mike Kreszak         |
| Brent Marr      | Jd Liggins           |
| Corey Fortuna   | Jerry J Payton Brown |
| Don James       | Steven Worth         |

### BEAR MARKET VENDORS

Brentmarrart.com - Portland, Or  
Daddy's Dog House Leathers - Seattle, Wa  
Geoandros.com - Portland, Or  
Killer Bob Graphics - San Francisco, Ca  
Kub Cakes - Atlanta, GA  
Mighty Big Man Underwear - Seattle, Wa

