



Hello studs! We hope you all had a great Pride Month and took some time to enjoy the festivities, including our special Pride Month party in June. We're moving solidly into the hot, sticky days of summer and so we encourage you all to take off whatever you need to stay cool and keep joining us at our events through June and July at Touché and Steamworks.

A reminder, if you haven't joined us yet on Discord, you can connect with other members and get updates on group events there. To join, either download the Discord app or go to discord.com to create a profile. From there, you'll need to use this link to join the BNC group.

Finally, updated Mpox (formerly Monkeypox) resources are on page 5 for those who need them. Get vaxxed, get tested, etc. etc. There's been a minor Mpox surge in Chicago starting late this spring, mostly attributed to folk who haven't yet gotten fully vaccinated. Keep yourself (and everyone else) safe and get your shots! Steamworks is hosting a free vaccination clinic for walk-ins and by appointment on July 5 from 2:30 to 6:00pm. Free COVID boosters will also be available. You can schedule an appointment through Steamworks' Facebook page. See you soon!

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UPCOMING BNC EVENTS

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION	
SUN	JULY 2	3:00-4:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Play	Touché	
\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza					

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION	
FRI	JULY 14	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks	
REGULAR ADMISSION — LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY					

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION	
SAT	JULY 15	6:00 - 7:00	Saturday Night Party	Touché	
\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza					

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION	
SAT	JULY 22	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS & BEYOND	Steamworks	
REGULAR ADMISSION — LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY					

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SUN	AUG 6	3:00-4:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Play	Touché	
\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza					

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
FRI	AUG 11	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks
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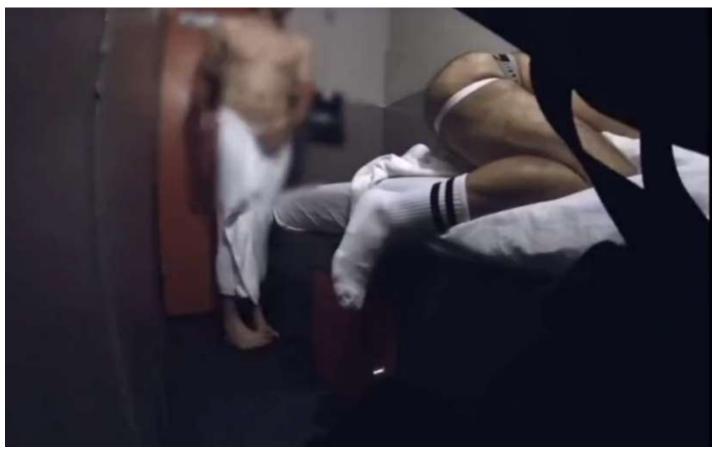
DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION	
SAT	AUG 19	6:00 - 7:00	Saturday Night Party	Touché	
\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza					

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION	
SAT	AUG 26	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS & BEYOND	Steamworks	
REGULAR ADMISSION — LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY					

As of this writing, mask mandates have been suspended, however businesses may still hold their own requirements, including requiring proof of vaccination. Always check ahead before arriving to make sure you can get in.

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GET SWEATY WITH US AT STEAMWORKS



Steamworks is a private membership gym/sauna/bathhouse exclusively for men 18 years and older. Located at 3246 N. Halsted Street in Boystown, between Belmont and Aldine, Steamworks offers BNC members **discount coupons** to attend their "Bears, the Baths, and Beyond" events on the fourth Saturday of each month, along with "Bear Hump" on the second Wednesday of each month. Steamworks is open every day with all areas open, including the hot tub and steam room. **Read Steamworks' full list of rules for entry here**.

CAN WE SEE YOUR PICS?

Quit holding out on us! We want to see what you're working with. If you feel up to sharing with the rest of the group, <u>reach out to us here</u> and we'll get in touch. You can remain as anonymous as you like or you can bear it all. We want to see it either way.

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SERVICE US – AND EARN BEAR BUCKS!

We currently are in need of the following:

- Someone willing to learn our procedures and serve as a backup for executing them
- Someone competent/knowledgeable with Word Press

VOLUNTEER WITH BNC EVENTS – AND EARN BEAR BUCKS!

BNC is always seeking volunteers for our events. Volunteers get free entry to the event worked and they can also earn "Bear Bucks" that can be redeemed to pay annual membership dues or event entry fees. Want to help out? Use the contact form at www.bearnaked.club and let us know how and when you would be able to volunteer

ABOUT BNC EVENTS

All **MEN** (age 21 and up) are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled events. Sponsorship is NOT required for guests to attend any BNC event, so don't be shy ... come on out! BNC parties are held at **Touché** (6412 N. Clark Street) next to Leather 64Ten in the Rogers Park neighborhood, just northwest of the Clark/Devon intersection. The bar is located on CTA bus routes 22, 36, 151, and 155, all of which stop at this intersection. Admission to BNC parties includes pizza and two drink tickets (cash bar after the two tickets are redeemed) in addition to all the fun you can handle!

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ALL THINGS MPOX

Chicago clinics are using the JYNNEOSTM vaccine, which is licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent smallpox and monkeypox in adults who are at risk for infection of Mpox, formerly known as Monkeypox. **Any sexually active bisexual, gay, and other same-gender loving men or sexually active transgender individual is now eligible to get the vaccine in Illinois**. It is a two-dose vaccine given under the skin 28 days apart.

VACCINATION LOCATIONS

MPV VACCINE ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

THE MPV JYNNEOS VACCINE IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE LIVING IN ILLINOIS WHO:

- Had skin-to-skin or intimate contact (e.g., household members with close physical contact or intimate partners) with someone diagnosed with MPV.
- Exchanges goods or services for sex.
- Lives with HIV, especially persons not in HIV care or not regularly taking their HIV medications.
- Is eligible for or is currently taking PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) to help prevent infection with HIV.

 Is a sexually active bisexual, gay and other same gender-loving men, or sexually active transgender individuals.

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 Sexual partners of those included above or individuals who anticipate meeting criteria above in the future.

Especially consider getting vaccinated if you:

- * Met recent partners online, or at clubs, raves, sex parties, saunas.
- Were diagnosed with sexually transmitted infection(s) in past 6 months.

FOR MORE INFO, AND HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF
AFTER VACCINATION, VISIT CHICAGO.GOV/MPV

The **Center on Halstead** is hosting vaccine clinics at various times and days through May at two clinic locations for those who want services:

Southside Chicago/Woodlawn Community Center on Cottage Grove ● 6323 S. Cottage Grove

Northside Chicago Center on Halsted • 3656 N. Halsted

<u>Check here</u> to see their up-to-date list and schedule an appointment.

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is offering vaccinations at their Lakeview, Austin, and Roseland clinics. Go here to schedule an appointment.

You can **schedule an appointment** for a Mpox vaccine at Howard Brown by calling 872-269-3600. <u>Go here for more information about appointments and treatment through Howard Brown</u>.

Want to get a copy of your Mpox vaccination record? You can do it online. Here's how:

- 1. Go to https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/
- 2. Create an account
- 3. View your vaccination records. Mpox shots will show up here as well as any other vaccinations you've gotten recently that are reported to the state.

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