

EVERYBODY GETS LUCKY

Happy almost St. Patrick's Day, gentlemen. We're hoping that each and every one of you finds a particularly enticing pot of gold at the end of your rainbows this lucky season. Of course, fortune favors the bold, so make sure that you increase your odds of getting lucky by coming down to a few of our upcoming events. May the roads (and several other things) rise up to meet all of you this year.



As always, 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 <u>this link</u> to join the BNC group.

Here's another reminder that the City of Chicago is starting a program to make doxy-PReP available to residents. Doxy-PReP is a method for preventing the spread of bacterial STIs like chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. You can find more about that program here.

Finally, If you need to find a Covid testing/vaccination location near you, <u>click here</u>. Mpox is still with us as well. See page 5 for full resources on where to get tested/vaccinated for that.

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UPCOMING BNC EVENTS

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	MAR 3	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	MAR 8	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks
RI	EGULAR ADMI	<u>SSION – LOOK OUT FOR B</u>	NC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED :	SEPERATELY
DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT	MAR 16		Saturday Night Party	
\$15	Members, \$20		well liquor or domestic beer drink	
DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT			BEARS, THE BATHS & BEYOND	
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DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
WED			Wednesday Evening Party	
\$15	Members, \$20	Guests, includes 2 wine,	well liquor or domestic beer drink	tickets + pizza
DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	APR 7	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	APR 12	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks
RI	EGULAR ADMI	SSION – LOOK OUT FOR B	NC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED	SEPERATELY
DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT	APR 20	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
WED	APR 24	7:30 – 8:30PM	Wednesday Evening 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	APR 27	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS & BEYOND	

Businesses may hold their own requirements for admission, including requiring proof of vaccination or mask wearing. Always check ahead before arriving to make sure you can get in.

REGULAR ADMISSION - LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY

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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 Friday 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 <u>www.bearnaked.club</u> 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 JYNNEOS[™] 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.
- 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 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. <u>Go here to schedule</u> <u>an appointment</u>.

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

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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