

GOLDEN STATE BEARS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in the Golden State Bears costs **\$25** per year. Members receive **discounts** at various Golden State Bears-sponsored events, a **free** club pin (with initial membership) and the **exclusive** right to purchase the club patch.

To become a member, fill out this form, sign and date it and mail it with your check to Golden State Bears. For immediate benefits, you can sign up at one of our beverage busts or pool parties.

*Please **print** or **type** legibly!*

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Month & Day (MM/DD): _____

E-mail: _____

PRIVACY SURVEY

1. The Golden State Bears publish a Membership Directory, which is given only to club members. This directory is used by members to contact other members and is to be held in confidence. The above personal information will be added to the Directory, unless you indicate otherwise.

Please publish my information in the Membership Directory (mark one): YES NO

Release of liability to GSB – please read!

I understand and agree by my signature below that I will not now or at any time during my membership in Golden State Bears (GSB) hold GSB, its directors, members or any other entity associated with GSB liable for any type of injury, physical or otherwise, which I may sustain as a result of my involvement with the organization. I assume total responsibility for my personal actions. My signature below confirms my age as being 18 years old or older.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership term is January 1 through December 31, unless otherwise stated. Membership fees are non-refundable



WELCOME!

**...AND WE MEAN IT,
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The Golden State Bears came to be in September 1994 with the idea of meeting the kind of guys you want to be around. Regular guys, who like to be around other regular guys. The group originated for the purpose of getting together with other Bears, Cubs and Friends without having to leave the San Joaquin Valley.

The Golden State Bears is a great alternative for those of us who live in the Central Valley region. The club provides a means of social support without having to make a constant pilgrimage to other cities to meet bear-minded folk.

The Golden State Bears is a growing club. We need your support, input and encouragement.

Visit us on the web at:
<http://www.GoldenStateBears.net>



IT'S A HAIRY TOPIC

What is a bear? Yes, a lot of us are hairy, but a lot of us are not. Visually, we are the furry or bearded, often husky guys in the crowd. We range in age from young cubs to gray ol' grizzly bears. We are comfortable with our own sense of masculinity. We are not necessarily perennially youthful or have a full head of hair. Whether you are hairy or not, being a bear is an attitude. Also, Golden State Bears doesn't limit itself only to big men. We have members of many sizes. Our club is inclusive, and we have never told anybody they weren't big enough, hairy enough or pretty enough to join.

WHY A BEAR CLUB?

The foremost reason to form a bear club is to assemble the kinds of guys that you'd like to get your paws on. Short and sweet: **A Golden State Bear is a member of a fun social group!**

MEMBERSHIPS

If you are interested in joining the Golden State Bears, please come to our meetings. Memberships are **\$25** per year. All membership information is confidential and will be respected as such by the club and its members. You will not be called or put on a mailing list unless you authorize such.

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COME OUT AND JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR ACTIVITIES
WHETHER IT BE A POT LUCK, POOL PARTY OR A BEER BUST HERE
IN FRESNO, OR AT THE LONE STAR SALOON IN SAN FRANCISCO,
YOU'RE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

AREN'T THESE BEAR CLUBS JUST SEX CLUBS?

There are *some* bear clubs, which are exclusively sexual in nature. The Golden State Bears is a social group for gay men. Most of our events are social in nature; but as we are gay men, there may be a sexually oriented event. If we do have a sexually oriented event, it would always be identified as such and *no one will be pressured to attend.*

MORE ABOUT THE GOLDEN STATE BEARS

Thank you for your interest in the club. We have decided to put together a bear club in the Fresno area as a means to meet Bears, Cubs and their Friends in a secure and friendly environment. The club also has the goal of fund-raising activities for non-profit organizations.

Our mailing address:

Golden State Bears
PO Box 5561
Fresno, CA 93755-5561

Visit our home bar on the web at:
<http://www.DenFresno.com>



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Having a financial base allows the club to engage in social and recreational activities. For activities and events outside the Fresno area we need to be able to rent a bus, for example. To participate in area fairs and pride events we need to cover entrance and booth fees. For public and private parties and events your money goes toward food and drink. The club has ongoing printing costs for flyers, posters and pamphlets such as this. Also, we are in constant correspondence with other nationwide bear and social clubs that involve mailing costs. The club also produces Golden State Bears merchandise, such as shirts and pins.

Membership in the Golden State Bears will admit you to our events free or at reduced fees.



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