

BEARDIE CAMP 2012 - June 12, 13, 14

Beardie Camp Committees



Chairperson - Rosie Schroeder
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Auction – Anne Weiss & Ellen Moore
Balloon Launch – Clara del Valle & Janet Fiske
Beardie Games - Maryann Szalka & Michele Ritter
Costume Contest - Cheryl Poliak

Dear Campers,

The time is drawing near for Beardie Camp 2012, and we are looking forward to a very fun week! I do want to stress that Beardie Camp is for Beardies who "play well with others". The dogs come into close contact with other dogs at camp and with lots of new people. If your Beardie does not enjoy that sort of interaction, camp is probably not the place for him/her. We ask for the good of all that you do not put him/her in a compromising situation.

Accommodations – The main headquarters for camp, all evening meals, and evening activities will be at Purina Farms, Gray's Summit, MO (near St. Louis). Travelodge Six Flags (previously the Diamond Inn) is the closest motel to Purina Farms (2 miles), but it's not fancy. Some campers have asked for additional choices so here is an expanded list:

Travelodge Six Flags 877-361-2499
(was Diamond Inn)..... Block Rooms are under Beardie Camp and Conf # 62256848
..... \$79.20/night with \$30 pet fee

Drury Inn and Suites Southwest 636-861-8300
Comfort Inn 636-257-4600
Hampton Inn 636-529-9020
Please inquire about dog limits per room when making your reservation.

RV Rental Information:

RV Hookups are available at Purina Farms at no cost. Several of you have asked about RV rental. I am including the information below, but it is more expensive than I originally thought.

You may rent an RV from Byerly RV - 800-878-3325. They will deliver it to Purina and set it up for you. Be sure to tell them you need it only for M - F and request the weekend rate. Also be sure to tell them that you want to be set up in the lot next to the Welcome Center, not by the Events Center. They have a limited supply and it will cost \$700+ !

Another option is to visit www.cruiseamerica.com - 800-671-8042. They will not deliver the RV to Purina, but you can pick one up in many different locations across the country and drive it to Purina or pick one up in the St. Louis area. There are plenty of RV people at camp who will help you set up, etc.

Meals – Breakfast and lunch will be on your own, and we have great meals planned for the evening. There is a concession stand at Purina Farms for lunch or you may drive to a nearby restaurant if you wish. Soft drinks and water will be available throughout the day. Our evening meals will be on the patio at Purina Farms. This will be buffet style –with vegetarian items and dessert included. There will also be a cash bar. The cost is \$17.00 per meal. Due to Purina's contract with their caterer, we are not allowed to bring food in.

Evening Activities – Monday, June 11th – Registration and Welcome Party 5:00 at Purina Farms
Tuesday, June 12th – Dinner at 6:00 followed by Beardie Games
Wednesday, June 13th – Dinner at 6:00 followed by the Beardie Camp Auction
Thursday, June 14th – Dinner at 6:00 followed by the Costume Contest and Balloon Launch

Auction – Please plan to bring an item for our auction. The auction will be held on Wednesday evening. Your items will be collected at camp – no need to mail ahead, but please email Anne Weiss to let her know what you will be bringing. Her email address is: aweiss1@bellsouth.net *Most of the money that we raise for health and rescue comes from the auction, so we really appreciate your unique and fun items as well as your generous bidding!*

Beardie Costume Contest – Not sure this is the Beardies' favorite activity, but the two legged campers adore seeing the wonderful and creative costumes! Please check the box on the registration form if you plan to participate and bring with you to camp a brief written description of your costume or anything that you would like to have announced as you and your Beardie parade down the aisle.

Balloon Launch – I guess it's safe to say that the balloon launch has now become a camp tradition. This is to honor Beardies and others who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. You can purchase a balloon for every dog or person to whom you want to pay tribute. You may write a few words in remembrance and then you or a designated person will read it before releasing the balloon. Each dog or person remembered (or balloon purchased) will cost \$5.00. Dogs can be remembered individually or as a group. (We use environmentally friendly balloons and ribbon.)

Beardie Daycare – Since people will not want to leave their dogs at the motel during the day, there will be a "Beardie Daycare Center" set up under one of Purina's covered areas. There will be fans and swimming pools available if the weather is really hot. In addition, someone will baby sit the dogs at all times. You must bring your own crate!

Classes - Classes will cost \$18.00 per session with an \$8.00 materials charge for Beardie Crafts and Leash Braiding. The morning sessions will be held between 9:00 – 11:30 and the afternoon sessions, 1:00 – 3:30. Length of classes will vary depending upon the content and the number enrolled. You may register for up to 5 classes, and everyone will be assigned 1 work detail which will involve helping with classes, Beardie day-care, etc. In May we will mail you your individual schedule and other information.

Class Offerings - Classes will be offered multiple times depending on demand. Please enter only one dog per class. However, you may enter any class more than once if you have more than one dog. Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Herding is always popular, but in order to be fair to those in the class and the instructors, we have to limit the number of dogs. If your heart is set on herding, get your registration in early!

Most classes will be \$18 this year except that there is an additional \$8.00 fee for materials for the Craft Class and the Leash Braiding Class. And since we are hiring non Beardie instructors for Nosework and Treibball, those classes will be \$25.

1. Agility Advanced - Jeff Ipser - \$18
2. Agility Beginning - Jeff Ipser - \$18
3. Agility Focus Training - Jeff Ipser - \$18
4. Basic Grooming - Pam and Todd Buckland - \$18
5. Beardie Crafts - Julie Patzius (requires a \$8 materials fee) - \$26
6. Canine Good Citizenship Testing - Marilyn Snook/Maryann Szalka - \$18
7. Dancing with your Beardie - Diane Vigeant - \$18
8. Dock Diving - Purina Staff - \$18
9. Herding for Experienced Dogs - \$18
10. Herding Instinct Testing - \$18
11. Make a Braided Leash for your Beardie - Janet Fiske (requires a \$8 materials fee) - \$26

12. Nosework Part I - Large Group Session - Nancy Reyes - \$25
13. Nosework Part II - Individual Sessions in Groups of 8 - Nancy Reyes (Note: You must enter Part I to participate in Part II). - \$25
14. Obedience Training, You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks (and young ones too!) - Carley Bates
15. Rally Obedience - Cheryl Poliak - \$18
16. Reading Your Dog's Body Language - Nancy Reyes - \$18
17. Therapy Testing - Elaine Kahn/Laurie Lo - \$18
18. Tracking - Mary Jo Steger/Jeannie Galluzzo - \$18
19. Treibball Part I - What Is It and Where Do I Start? Large Group Session - Dianna Stearns - \$25
20. Treibball Part II - Individual Sessions in Groups of 8 - Dianna Stearns (Note: You must enter Part I to participate in Part II) - \$25

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CLASSES:

Agility - Jeff Ipser is an AKC Agility judge and has trained and shown the top winning agility Beardie in the country, Zoom, CH MACH13 Wigglesworth Super Sonic

Beginning Agility is for dogs with little or no experience with agility equipment.

Agility Advanced is for dogs who are currently trialing.

Agility Focus Training is for anyone who wants to improve his/her Beardie's attention span. Puppies and young dogs are welcome in this class.

Nosework - Nancy Reyes is a certified nosework instructor at "For Your K9" in Melrose Park, Illinois. Nosework is searching for target odors (birch, anise and clove) hidden in different locations. There are 4 types of searches. Containers with the odor are placed in various locations (inside boxes, under tables, vehicle searches- exterior only, etc) and the dog must show that he/she has located it. Eventually handlers learn to read their dog's signals (dogs can paw, some sit or lay down, etc). You simply instruct your dog to find it (depending on where the "hides" are the dog may be on leash or off leash). When you feel your dog has located the odor, you state "Alert" and will be advised if you were correct or not. In an ORT (Odor Recognition Test) this is the point where you would pass or fail. K9 Nose Work is a specific sport created and sanctioned by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). This sport was inspired by the training methodology of detection K9's and borrows elements of that training for recreation. For more information on nosework visit www.funnosework.com or www.nacsw.net.

Treibball - Dianna Stearns, CPDT-KA, CDBC, CATT is President of the American Treibball Association. Treibball is a new way to play with your dog! It's a competitive sport for dogs of all ages and sizes—it promotes better teamwork and communication between a dog and his handler. It's great fun for any energetic dog who works well off-leash and needs a job, or any dog who likes to herd and doesn't have sheep! If you haven't seen the game in action yet, watch the videos on the [American Treibball YouTube channel!](#)

Treibball began in Germany to give their energetic dogs some much needed mental and physical stimulation. It's a great game – perfect for American dogs and their owners, too! It's fun for any dog that loves to play chase games, to herd or just use their amazing, problem-solving ability. Competing in Agility takes special equipment, the ability to run with your dog and direct him through each obstacle. Treibball promotes the same kind of teamwork and communication, but does not put any physical stress on the handler. It also builds confidence for the shy dog, and helps reactive dogs with impulse control.

For more information visit www.americantreibballassociation.org This seems like something that Beardies would love!!!

Therapy Dog International Testing for Certification - If you have ever thought about or are planning to use your Beardie as a therapy dog, visiting hospitals, schools, etc., you must have this certification. Elaine Kahn is a certified tester for TDI, and you can get your certification at camp. If you would like to know more about TDI and the requirements for becoming certified, visit their website at www.tdi-dog.org/images/TestingBrochure.pdf.

AND

Chet Jezierski, Britannia Bearded Collies, and Kathleen Schaffer from Pup Art will be on hand to photograph your Beardies. You will be able to schedule an appointment with either of them at camp.

We're also hoping that Ava Frick, Veterinary Chiropractor, will be at camp at least one day for private appointments.

Additional Information and Forms:

Beardie Camp Registration form - <http://www.bcca.us/BeardieCamp/2012BCReg.pdf>

Beardie Camp Gear - <http://www.bcca.us/BeardieCamp/2012BCGear.pdf>

Beardie Camp Gear Order Form - <http://www.bcca.us/BeardieCamp/2012BCOrderform.pdf>

