

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities



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Gay Pride Picnic At Como Zoo Sunday

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - This Sunday, June 20, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities will host the annual Pride Picnic@Como Zoo. The Picnic will be held in Saint Paul's beautiful Como Park, near the intersection of Lexington Parkway and Horton Avenue in the East Picnic Pavilions. The event will run from 10am to 2pm and will be free.

In addition to free admission, all food and beverages are also free, thanks in part to our partner organizations that are helping to produce this wonderful event. Pride is pleased to be working with Rainbow Families, Soul Essence Twin Cities, Northern Lights Softball League and the Twin Cities Goodtime Softball League to produce this year's event.

Old-fashioned games like tug-of-war, three-legged races and sack races will keep activity hopping and, for folks who want to socialize, table games featuring cards, checkers and face painting. Several softball games will be played as well.

Pride President Jim Kelley said, "The picnic is such a nice, relaxing event. It's a time when people can mingle, laugh and play. I can't wait to see the action in the tug-o-war or try my hand at a little Simon Says. I'm also looking forward to something good off the grill, courtesy of our Picnic Coordinator, Ron 'the Weinermeister' Lischeid, and his car-sized grill."

Celebrating its 32nd year in 2004, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Pride Celebration, began in 1972 with a small group of activists meeting for a picnic in Minneapolis' Loring Park and a short march down Nicollet Mall. Over the intervening years, the Twin Cities Pride Celebration has grown to be the largest GLBT Pride in the region and 3rd largest in the United States, with an estimated combined attendance in excess of 400,000 people at seven events. GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization.

It is the mission of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities to commemorate and celebrate our diverse heritage, to inspire the achievement of equality and challenge discrimination.

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