

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR LAZY BEAR

## HOT DAYS/COOL NIGHTS

The daytime temperature in Guerneville can range from 85°–95°F (29°–35°C). That's why we have so many pool parties! This year, we'll have a party at Johnson's Beach on Saturday afternoon (our own section of the beach cordoned off for just the Lazy Bears).

Bring sunscreen, sexy swimwear, sandals, hats, lightweight t-shirts & bug spray. Consider bringing a water float/tube/lounge for relaxing on the Russian River.

The night time temperature in Guerneville can range from 50°–60°F (10°–15°C). That's why we invite you to warm up at the bonfire or cozy up to your new friends and old acquaintances at the River Theater or local bars.

Bring jeans, sweatshirts, and, yes, maybe a knit cap. There'll also be Lazy Bear branded tshirts, sweatshirts and hats on sale.

## YOU'RE VACATIONING IN THE WOODS

Guerneville does not have great cell phone reception/connectivity. And the town seems to want to keep it that way. Hopefully, your hotel/motel/home/campsite will have good WiFi for you.

For those who arrive earlier in the week, enjoy the connection speed. Later in the week, as more Lazy Bears arrive, know they'll be slower.

What to do?

- Plan accordingly: since you now know this, make arrangements for that work call to be at a better time of day when you'll have a good connection.
- Head to one of the local businesses with free Wifi (with purchase). Go in the early morning when other bears are snoring — connections may be better.

One more thing...

...because of the slow connectivity, the Lazy Bear bars (at the West Sonoma Inn Pool Parties and Bonfires, Johnson's Beach and Veteran's Memorial Hall) are CASH ONLY. We'd love to take your credit cards, but the service would take too long.

There are numerous 24-hour ATMs in Guerneville including: Wells Fargo at Safeway, Bank of America on River Road, West America Bank on River Road, Community First Credit Union on Armstrong Woods Road. There's also an ATM inside the R3 Hotel and maybe inside the local liquor stores and other businesses.

So, this tip piggy-backs on the advice to relax. Unplug if you can and bring some cash with you to the pool parties, dances and bonfires. Hopefully knowing this in advance will make your experience in the woods lots more fun.

## PACE YOURSELF

Put the *lazy* back in Lazy Bear Week! There's a lot to do during the event. Slow down, enjoy yourself, take a nap or sleep in, plan your itinerary and don't burn out too soon.

Consider some morning coffee at the Coffee Bazaar (free cup of coffee for tag holders, daily from 9 – 10 a.m.). Take a morning walk through town for a look through some of the shops.

In the afternoon, check out our pool parties. Or one of our wine/brew/cheese tours on Thursday and Friday or a hike on Friday or Saturday. Take a nap and snuggle with the cute cub you met by the pool.

In the early evening, enjoy a tasty meal at Timberline our the food truck court; it just might be the base you need for the evening shenanigans, which include dance parties, drag queens, cigar smoking and bonfires.

## SHARE THE SPACE

This is a broad message to all with a nudge toward those who head out early and put their towels down on lounge chairs and then disappear for hours. We're all there to have fun, so we hope that you're willing to slide on over and let someone share your space with you. Yes, some may have to put their towels down on the pavement/deck and there's plenty of space for that.

There are multiple daily options for pool parties from Lazy, to Mild to Wild. There's a daytime location that you'll find your comfort zone. Whether it's in the thick of the action on 4th Street or Brookside Lane or up the hill or down at the river.

It's a weekend of camaraderie and fun. Say hello to the solo traveler - we've all been there before. Invite someone you've just met to share your dinner table, or more.

## PREPARE FOR FUN

Exhale. Relax. Be comfortable in your own skin. Say hello to strangers. Take photos and tag #LazyBearWeek and #LBW so we can amass a great group of photos so future generations might see our revelry.

Pack your singlet, pack your harness, show off your newest and sexiest undies. Strip down to your skivvies for FURRPLAY:UNDIES on Friday night at the Veteran's Hall then Gear Up for FURRPLAY:GEAR at the same venue on Saturday night.

Advice for all vacationers (all the time): try not to let small hiccups bother you. Know in advance that there may be lines/waits for entry to restaurants, events and bars.

We promise to do our best to ensure that the events under our control will run smoothly. 