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Inferno 50: Keeping Safe and Well

From the Inferno Coordinator Greetings.

I don't know about you, but I am very excited about this upcoming Inferno. Given the events of this past year everyone can let off some steam. I know with the new variant going on it is even more important that you be diligent in your travels and masking up. Here are some suggestions prior to Inferno.

FOR THE TWO WEEKS LEADING UP TO CAMP OR WHEN YOU TRAVEL

Return to pre-vaccination mitigation as much as you can as individuals. This would mean masks whenever out in public, no eating indoors, no going out for drinks or to bars where you can't wear masks. If you gather indoors do so only in small groups of other fully vaccinated individuals; I'd even refrain from gathering. Then when traveling do as much as possible to follow similar levels of mitigation. Labor Day weekend events, reconnections, etc. you will have to take into consideration the best way to keep everyone safe from exposure, whether that means only allowing vaccinated men to attend the cookout, no Sidetrack drinks on Sunday, eating outdoors if gathering with brothers.



David K



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More from the Inferno Coordinator

Yes this will be a sacrifice for everyone, but it is a sacrifice to be made for our brothers, leather family, and each of us. In my opinion, if we all want to have this gathering of our clan --as strongly as I want to--it won't be a sacrifice.

Once the run has begun, anyone who leaves the site carries with them the safety of everyone of our brothers back at the site, so mask up and social distance. This is not the year to leave the site to dine indoors (instead of eating cold cut sandwiches on Thurs and Sun night).

If we commit to making these small sacrifices for **our tribe as a whole**, I don't think there will be many who will find it a hardship to make the sacrifice. It means we'll be able to gather, play, and share space.

Our tribe's best defense is to keep the Delta variant out of our sacred space.

CHARITY

In case you missed it in the last newsletter, this year the designated charity for Inferno 50 will be the McAdory Fund. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the silent auction for this year, please contact Gene M at McAdory@hellfire13.net.

VOLUNTEERING FOR SET-UP, TEAR-DOWN AND MORE

Remember, this is an all-volunteer event; we need everyone to help make Inferno 50 a success and there is much to do. We still need able-bodied men to volunteer for set-up and tear-down.

- Saturday August 21, Clubhouse Teardown at 10:00am
- Saturday September 4th, Pre-Inferno BBQ
- Monday, September 6th at 10am – We load up the truck and head to the Inferno Run site
- Tuesday, September 7 at 8am – We start Set-Up
- Wednesday, September 15 – We start Tear-Down early in the morning
- Thursday, September 16 – Tear-Down finishes on site by 3pm and we unload the truck at the clubhouse around 4:30pm



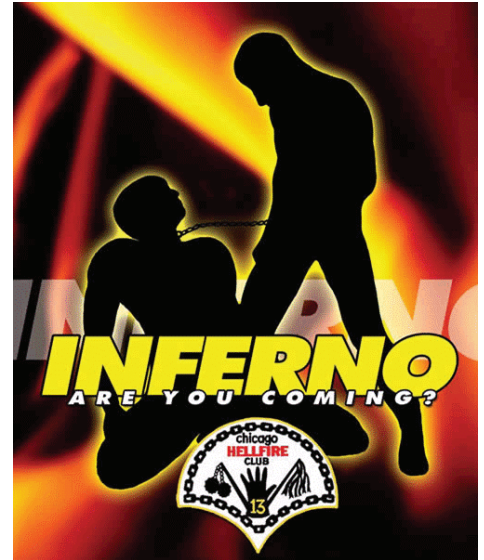


More from the Inferno Coordinator

The club will house and feed you during on-site Set-Up and Tear-Down. If you can work either of these shifts, please send me a note inferno@hellfire13.net. However, please do not make your travel arrangements until you have heard specifically from the Set-Up, Tear-Down or Electrical chairs that you will be needed.

SPONSORSHIPS AND ADVERTISING

I know many of you commented how much you enjoyed the upgraded beer last year. If you would like to see that again for Inferno 50 or would like to sponsor something, please contact Bob G. at bob@hellobob.com. He can answer any questions you may have.



I look forward to seeing you all at camp in September!

In Brotherhood,
David K Inferno Coordinator
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Slowly Coming Back

From the President

**Greetings Club Brothers,
Friends of the Club, and Guests,**

It is with much relief and happiness that I get to finally say, we are slowly but surely, getting back to our old tricks. We had two play parties in May over what is ordinarily IML weekend. We had another in June, and still another in July. I was not able to make the two in May or the one in June, but damn, that July party was fun and hot! It was so good to see so many men fill and enjoy the clubhouse. The demo that was presented before the party, by Full member Oriel M was well attended and well received. The party was run smoothly and what appeared effortlessly, thanks to Terry L and his committee and the volunteers. For me, it was more than seeing the clubhouse full and being used for play, and seeing many of my club brothers, and the new guests they invited - it was also about seeing the gratitude and joy of people reconnecting after so long. This was about more than kink and more than play - this was about reconnecting, rekindling, reestablishing, and rebuilding these relationships we hold so dear. And for any of you who only get to see one another but once a year at Inferno, you know what I mean. I cannot thank Terry L and his committee enough for the work they continue to do for this club.

I have also been spending a lot of time and energy participating on the Inferno Committee. It has been a very different experience this past year, considering what we have been through. We continue to put together our amazing, one-of-a-kind event for September, while still in the midst of a lingering pandemic. It was a record breaking year for the number of registrants for this Inferno, (I don't know how that registration guy does it) and there will be several noticeable changes at Inferno this year. That has definitely kept me on my toes as your President. As I have always done, I lent myself to always making decisions that I believe are in the best interest of Inferno, and the best interest of the club. I would be lying if I said that the Inferno Coordinator and I



David R





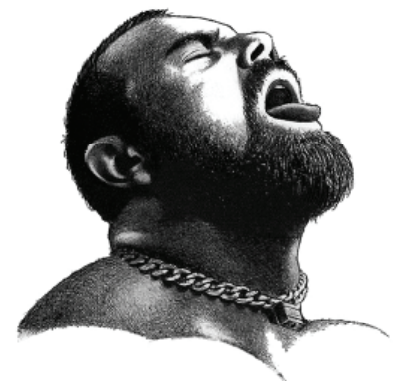
More from the President

have seen eye-to-eye on everything. We have not. What we always do agree upon though, is that we want to make sure Inferno 50 happens in the safest possible way, for as many men as possible. And to that end, we continue to strive. (See the Inferno Coordinator's article on Page 1.)

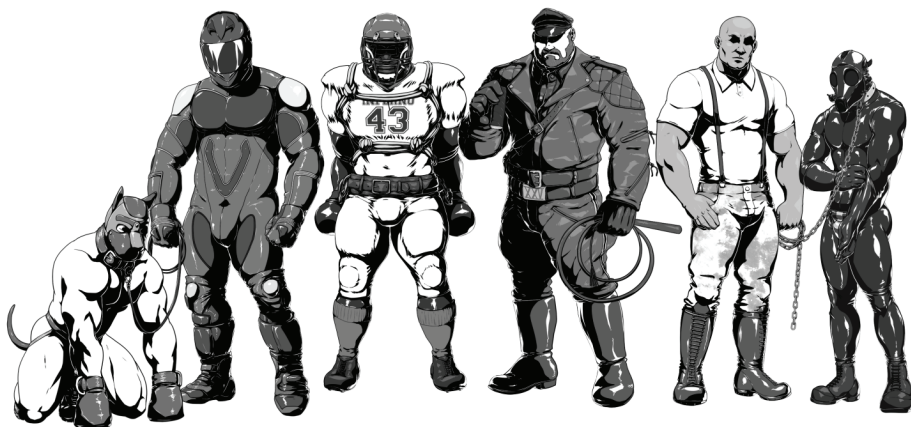
I am so looking forward to Inferno 50. It has been too long since I have seen my boy. It has been too long since I have been able to have biscuits and gravy for breakfast every morning of set-up. It has been too long since I have gotten goose-bumps as I see the equipment coming out of storage and being staged. It has been too long since I have seen the creative and twisted mind and skills of Ted H at work, but more than anything, it has been too long since I have seen too many of your faces, (ok, and other body parts). That will all change very, very soon! I can't wait until that happens.

And for those that won't be at Inferno this year, I truly, truly hope we will get to see you in Chicago in the near future. (Hint Hint, AA Weekend in November). Remember, you are part of the Chicago Hellfire Club, whether you are in Chicago or not.

With Much Gratitude and Appreciation,
David M Rosen President
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INFERNO! Are you coming?





Associate/ Applicant Weekend And More

From the VP

We are back! It has been a long and difficult 15 months but Chicago Hellfire Club has returned to our normal schedule. Parties, bar nights, in-person meetings and Inferno are happening. I look forward to reconnecting with my club brothers. There is a lot going on so please take the time to look through everything listed below.

APPLICANTS WEEKEND

Please note: our AA weekend celebration has been moved back to our traditional weekend, the 2nd weekend in November.

This year we will celebrate November 12-14.

When you make new friends at Inferno, AA Weekend is a great opportunity to rekindle those friendships. It is also a great time to meet new friends and attend parties at the clubhouse. There are 3 play parties (Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon), a banquet Saturday night and a brunch on Sunday. We have a new location for our banquet which looks very exciting. Mark your calendar now so you don't forget.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

With COVID on the way out...we hope you are on the way into the clubhouse. Remember that Associate and Retired members can rent a key after one year of membership. For more information contact Rick A. at smokeyproductions3100@yahoo.com)

Please remember that any time you invite a guest to the clubhouse (organized party or private play) you must ensure that they meet the club requirements: (1) Male (2) At least 21 years of age (3) Not on the DNI (DO NOT INVITE) list. Up until recently it was difficult to check the DNI list. It is



Scott Z





More from the VP

now available on our website in the members' only section. Please remember that this information is confidential. It is not meant to be shared.

I look forward to seeing you at Inferno 50. This will be my 22nd consecutive Inferno. Each one has been amazing, and I am anxiously looking forward to Inferno 50. As always, if you have any club-related issues or concerns, please contact me at any time. My email is VP@hellfire13.net.

See you at camp!

In Brotherhood

Scott Z Vice President 2021

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Bondage Contest Dungeon Party

From the Program Committee

Greetings

Club events continue to be open only to fully vaccinated members and their fully vaccinated registered guests. All members must register so we can comply with our Covid-19 vaccination requirements. These Covid policies are in effect through at least October 2021.

Our summer of the "great return to club play" continues! Join us for our regular monthly party including a pre-party bondage contest. Show us your skills, check out the creativity, or just look at the men. A good time is guaranteed.

Please note club events are currently open only to fully vaccinated men. This event, its capacity, and our requirements are subject to change as the club works to ensure a safe play space and compliance with local regulations.

AUGUST PARTY SCHEDULE

- 7:45 pm Doors open
- 8:00 pm Workshop/contest begins
- 9:00 pm Dungeon opens for play
- 11:00 pm Doors close
- 2:00 am Party ends

SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS AND CREATIVITY

Our workshop this month is a bondage contest. Show us your rope skills, volunteer to be a bondage demo sub, or just watch the show and vote for your favorite.

We really want to show off our play space, so pull out all your creativity, dig deep in the toy chest for your rope, leather, chains, metal, wraps, or tape and let's see what you got! Extra points for creativity, artistry, and inspiration, think beyond this list of supplies!

Thinking of participating? Let us know at Program@hellfire13.net and we'll save you a spot.





More from the Program Committee

VOLUNTEER - WAIVED DONATIONS

If you claim a volunteer slot BEFORE you register for the party, we'll waive the suggested donation for the party.

Volunteer sign up means you have to complete two web pages:

- Visit our volunteer sign up service [here](#).
- Note the code word on the sign up page which you'll need in the next step if you want the waived suggested donation. Select a volunteer slot and sign up.
- Register for the actual party [here](#).
- Use the code word to unlock the "free" ticket type.



RESTRICTIONS

Limited to fully vaccinated men.

All party participants must be registered - including our local members and clubhouse key-holders.

Each participant must register himself.

You must upload (if you haven't) proof of vaccination to your CHC online profile before the event. See instructions in confirmation email.

The suggested donation must be resolved at the time of registering (no cash at the door).

To opt out of the suggested donation register, don't provide a card, and email program@hellfire13.net; we'll resolve and confirm you.





More from the Program Committee

REGISTERING A NEW GUEST

Existing guests are men who have either been to Inferno, been to a clubhouse event and signed the release paperwork, or have been invited to Inferno 50. These existing guests have a profile on our website and MUST register themselves.

New guests are men not in the above category, so they have no profile and must be added.

Complete your own registration, then see the "New Guest Submission" on the Events page. Follow the instructions on that page to add your guests.

You must provide his email address and full legal name to register a new guest. (The name and the name on his ID must match.) We will then email him with instructions to upload proof of his Covid-19 vaccination. Please have this conversation with your guest BEFORE you add him.

OCTOBER BAR NIGHT AT CELL BLOCK

Oct. 2 is a CHC Bar Night at Cell Block. It begins at 10pm. It's Code night.

In Brotherhood,

Terry L Program Director

Submitted by Theo E

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50th Anniversary Artworks

From the 50th Committee

I was thrilled and a little daunted at the opportunity of producing a large painting to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our club. As the final image was left up to me, it took some time to come up with a concept that I was happy with. There were several sketches and some research done before I focused in on the final image.

I finally came up with the idea of having 13 figures to represent



the original 13 members looking out over a growing crowd of figures representing the future membership over the next 50 years. The 13 would have their backs to us, looking forward into the future. There would be no recognisable faces in the paintings, reflecting the club's core values of discretion and privacy.

I knew I wanted to include the iconic Chicago skyline, so I took a few liberties with that. The view which I chose can only be seen from the lake, but for the purposes of the painting I



More from the 50th Committee

put the skyline against a featureless plain.

When the time came to paint the founding 13 men, I spoke to a few Brothers who were around at the time to get some sense of what leathermen/kinksters would have been wearing at the time. I also carried out some online research, and decided on the figures as seen. These do not represent



individuals, but simply 13 kinky men of the period.

The next step was to add some figures representing more recent styles of leather/kink wear and tribes, so I elected to have a cigar Sir with his boy in bondage, a leather cowboy with a whip, a leather pup, a rubberman in black and yellow, a couple of Daddy types, a "Langlitz leather guy," some uniforms, a whip man, a clone, a bear, and another cigar guy....I like cigars!

The crowd was added after that. I tried to get the idea of them becoming more numerous and less distinct to represent not only the last 50 years but the future too.

I had initially planned to have the flags of representation come out of the crowd but quickly realised the scale would have been all wrong.



More from the 50th Committee

Then I added the banners, which also helped establish perspective. My idea was to have them represent events or movements that have occurred during the 50 years of CHC.



THERE ARE:

- Two with the years on the banners
- A leather pride flag
- The Chicago flag
- A red ribbon
- An orange flag with a blue mask for the current pandemic
- The trans flag
- The progress pride flag
- A black fist for the BLM movement
- Two towers to represent 9/11
- Wedding rings to represent the legalisation of marriage
- And the "classic" rainbow flag

These were all things which happened or were created during the 50 years of CHC. The last things to be added were the banners just for 50 years of CHC, and of course, 50 years of Inferno.



More from the 50th Committee



It has been a pleasurable torture to produce this painting, which seems totally in keeping with the ethos of the Club!!

Paul T. Associate Member
Summer 2021





Club Calendar | Aug. 2021 to Dec. 2021

Inferno 50-related dates are shown in red. AAW Weekend events are in blue.

See related article from the Inferno Coordinator beginning on Page 1.

Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday August 14, 2021	Monthly play party and Bondage Contest	Clubhouse	8pm
Saturday, August 21, 2021	Clubhouse Break Down for Inferno 50	Clubhouse	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021	Pre-Inferno BBQ TBA	TBA	5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 Labor Day	Truck Loading Drive to Run Site	Clubhouse	10:00 am to noon
Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021	Start Set-Up	Run Site	8am
Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021	Inferno 50 Begins	Run Site	3:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021	Inferno 50 Ends Begin Tear-Down (early)	Run Site	11:30 am to noon
Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021	Finish Tear Down Unload truck at clubhouse	Run Site Clubhouse	3:00 pm 4:00 pm approx
Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021	Clubhouse reset	Clubhouse	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021	CODE night Bar Night	Cell Block	10pm
Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021	Monthly play party	Clubhouse	8pm
Friday, Nov. 12, 2021	AA Weekend Friday play party	Clubhouse	8pm
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021	AA Weekend Banquet	TBA	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021	AA Weekend Saturday play party	Clubhouse	9pm
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021	AA Weekend Sunday brunch and play party	Clubhouse	11am - 3pm
Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021	Monthly play party	Clubhouse	TBA





House Rules Update

From the House Committee

Greetings

In response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of the Chicago Hellfire Club has instituted the following rules for use of the CHC Clubhouse.

NEW RULES

- Equipment should be disinfected before and after play
- Exhaust and ceiling fans must be run during play
- Bathrooms and showers must be cleaned after each use
- All trash must be removed from the Clubhouse when you leave

The standing rules for use of the Clubhouse continue to apply. During this time, there is no guarantee the House committee can perform regular active cleaning.

It is up to our members to ensure the Clubhouse remains clean and usable for each other. If you see a problem, please report it immediately to House@hellfire13.net.

Stay Healthy.

Have Fun.

Cleanup.

In Brotherhood,
Steve K House Committee
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