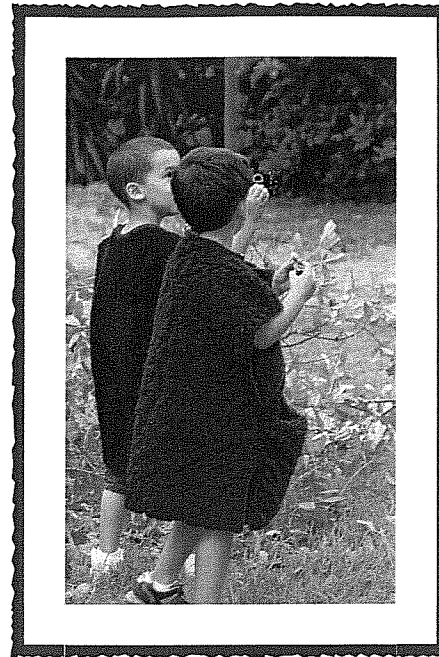


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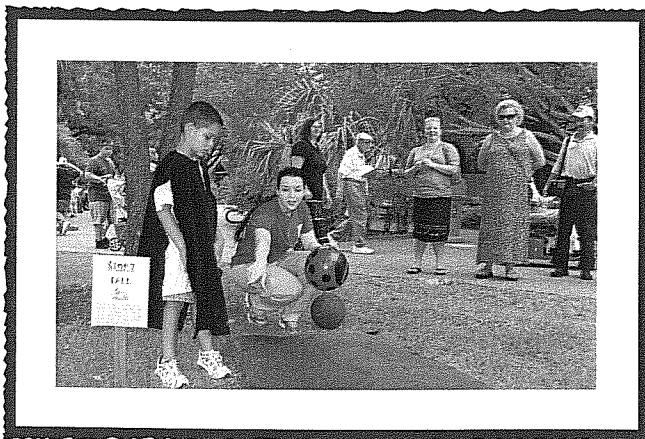
Message: Bears eat a lot of soft mast, or fruits and berries, in the summer.

Activity: Grab a bunch of grapes and put them in your pocket.

Instructions: Hang bunches of grapes or other plastic fruit from suspended string (like a clothesline).



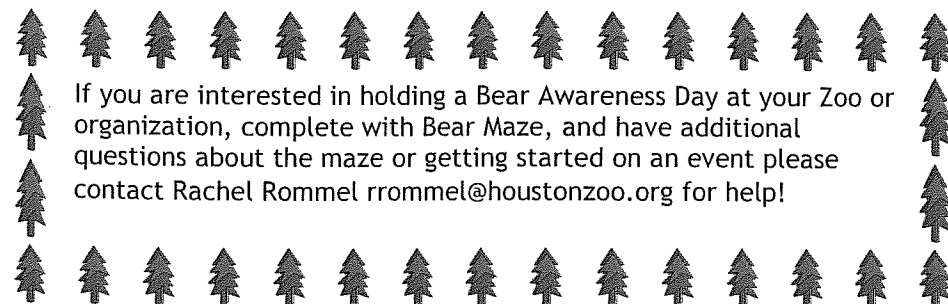
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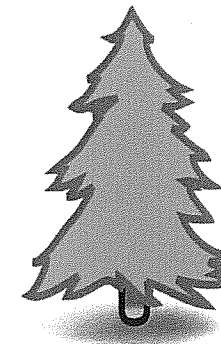
Message: The hardest part of a bear's life is dealing with people. Sometimes bears need to cross roads to get from one forest to another, but this is very dangerous. Can you get across the road without getting hit by a car?

Activity: Have the kids cross the sidewalk to the finish line or booth. Have a volunteer roll the beach ball at them while they are crossing the sidewalk. They must avoid getting hit by the ball.

The children may now empty their bear tummy pockets and receive a prize such as a stamp or sticker!

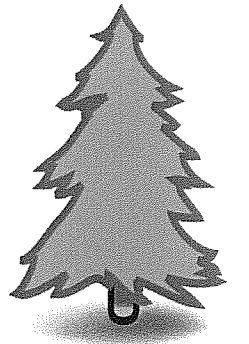


If you are interested in holding a Bear Awareness Day at your Zoo or organization, complete with Bear Maze, and have additional questions about the maze or getting started on an event please contact Rachel Rommel rrommel@houstonzoo.org for help!



BEAR MAZE

Do you have what it takes to be the bear?



Bring the BEAR MAZE to your next Texas wildlife event!

Calling all zoos, nature centers, schools and community organizations! Isn't it about time you bring the famous & spectacular BEAR MAZE to your next Texas wildlife conservation event? This easy and inexpensive children's activity, conceptualized by the Black Bear Conservation Coalition, will entertain the family and teach some valuable lessons about bear biology and conservation in the process.

What you will need:

- Blue tarp
- Large log (or balance beam)
- Plastic frogs, fish, worms, bugs, and lizards
- Large tub for water
- Plastic fish
- Kiddy pool
- Acorns or other nuts
- Leaves, brush, branches, browse
- Tunnel of some sort/large dog house
- Plastic fruit, preferably soft grape bunches (must be able to hang with clothespin)
- Signs (instructions for each stop - laminated sign on stake)
- Stamps or stickers for prizes
- Fuzzy bear vests with pockets
- Beach ball

