



# Bear Necessities

## Black Bear Educator Trunks

*A teaching tool for your Zoo,  
Nature Center or School!*



These kits serve as an excellent supplemental interpretive teaching tool to the *Educators Guide to East Texas Black Bears*. This trunk may be used in your zoo or nature centers' educational programming or events, as well as in the classroom. Children will have both visual and tactile stimulation from being able to see and feel black bear bio-fact items.

### What you will need:

- A medium plastic tote from Wal-Mart or Target \$7.99
- Black bear replica skull [www.skullsunlimited.com](http://www.skullsunlimited.com) \$135
- Black bear claw [www.skullsunlimited.com](http://www.skullsunlimited.com) \$9.00
- Black bear tooth [www.skullsunlimited.com](http://www.skullsunlimited.com) \$14.00
- Black bear vest (to be used with bear maze activity) fabric \$5.00 (Take ½ yard of fuzzy black fabric and fold it in half. Cut a small neck hole out of the top. You can also take the material from the neck hole and glue that on to the front to make a bear tummy pouch.)
- Black bear foot print [www.acornnaturalist.com](http://www.acornnaturalist.com) \$19.95
- Black bear scat [www.acornnaturalists.com](http://www.acornnaturalists.com) \$17.95
- Discovering Black Bears Book, Discovering Nature Library Dog-eared publications ISBN # 0-941042-37-5 \$8.95
- Plush Black Bear puppet or stuffed animal \$8.00-\$15.00
- Laminated Black bear pictures or poster \$0.00 - \$10.00
- Copy of the *Educators Guide to East Texas Black Bears*, Houston Zoo. Email [conservation@houstonzoo.org](mailto:conservation@houstonzoo.org) for a free copy.



**Total Estimated Cost of Kit: \$235**

### ***Bear Necessities Trunk Loan Program***

Depending on your location, you may be able to take advantage of our loan program through a Houston Zoo partnership with Stephen F Austin University and the East Texas Black Bear Task Force. For more information please contact Rachel Rommel at the Houston Zoo, [rrommel@houstonzoo.org](mailto:rrommel@houstonzoo.org) or Dr. Pat Stephens Williams at the College of Forestry and Ag at Stephen F. Austin, [stephensp@sfasu.edu](mailto:stephensp@sfasu.edu).