

# Bear Essentials

Rangers in the Classroom—Post-visit Lesson Plan



**Grade Level:** 4th

**Setting:** Classroom

**Duration:** 45 min - 1 hour

## **Standards Addressed:**

- ° Science—Life Sciences:  
2.a, b
- ° Reading—Word Fluency:  
1.1,
- ° Reading Comprehension:  
2.2
- ° Writing Applications:  
2.1
- ° Writing Strategies:  
1.1, 1.2

## **Introduction:**

Thank you for joining us on an exciting adventure into the world of black bears with our Bear Essentials program. We created this post-visit activity to review, reinforce and enrich your students' understanding of these unique creatures. Please refer to the program outline we provided during our visit to your class for additional sources of information. We hope you enjoyed the ranger visit and invite us back soon. Have fun!

## **Materials:**

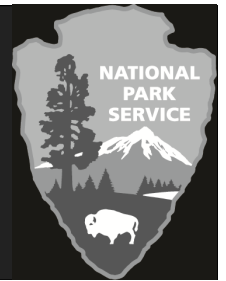
- ° “Create a Black Bear Menu” worksheet
- ° Construction paper or blank paper
- ° Pencil
- ° Coloring utensils

## **Instructions:**

1. Review black bears diet with the students.
2. Conduct a class discussion about what a black bear may eat: acorns, berries, grasses, roots, carrion, etc.
3. List ideas on the board.
4. Pass out “Black Bear Menu” worksheet and review directions for the activity
5. Have students create a menu for a black bear.
6. Students can work individually or in pairs.
7. Optional: Print off or bring in a real menu from a local restaurant so students can get ideas and see the format and wording of a real menu.

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## “Black Bear Menu”

### Directions:

Create a restaurant menu just for black bears.



### Brainstorm:

Remember, black bears are omnivores. They eat both animals and plants. Think about the daily and seasonal diet of a black bear. What kinds of food can be found in the spring, summer, fall, and winter? What combinations of foods might make an interesting and tasty meal?

### The restaurant menu:

1. Create a clever name for a restaurant just for black bears.
2. Can you come up with a creative slogan for your restaurant?
3. Include at least six menu items. Make sure you think about what a black bear eats and what time of year the food is available.
4. Write a short description of each menu item. Think about what words make food sound yummy.
5. Draw a picture of each of your menu items.
6. Use markers, colored pencils or crayons to make your menu more appealing.

