

Smokey Bear's



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Surname

BLACK BEAR

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SMOKEY BEAR

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Sex

Place of birth

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Here's a song to sing around the campfire.



SMOKEY THE BEAR

By STEVE NELSON and JACK ROLLINS

1. With a Ranger's hat and shovel and a pair of dungar-ees you will
2. You can take a tip from Smokey that there's nothin' like a tree, cause they're
3. You can camp upon his doorstep and he'll make you feel at home, you can
4. If you've ever seen the forest when a fire is running wild, and you

find him in the forest always sniffin' at the breeze. People
good for kids to climb in and they're beaut-i-ful to see, you just
run and hunt and ramble any - where you care to roam. He will
love the things within it like a moth-er loves her child, then you

stop and pay at-tention when he tells 'em to be-ware, 'cause
have to look a-round you and you'll find it's not a joke, to
let you take his hon-ey and pre-tend he's not so smart, but
know why Smok-ey tells you when he sees you pass-ing through, "Re-

ev'-ry - bo-dy knows that he's the Fire Pre-ventin' Bear.
see what you'd be mis-sin' if they all went up in smoke.
don't you harm his trees for he's a Ran-ger in his heart.
member... please be care-ful... its the least that you can do."

Smokey - the Bear, Smokey - the Bear. Prowlin' and a growlin' and a
sniffin' - the air. He can find a fire - before it starts to flame. That's
why they call him Smokey, that was how he got his name.

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Smokey's official name is actually, "Smokey Bear," not "Smokey THE Bear." The article 'the' arrived after the song was written and an extra syllable was needed to make the song sound better!



THE TRUE STORY OF SMOKEY BEAR

(From the USDA Comic Book)



It all started in one of our great western forests, right here in the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. It was hot that May!

There was a little brown-colored bear cub that would leave his mother while she was dozing. He liked to play in the green meadow. As the month of May wore on, the green grass turned brown in the dry heat. Sticks and pine needles were so dry, they snapped like popcorn under his feet. The forest was ripe for disaster!

Then it happened; some careless person flipped a lighted match, or left his campfire burning, or forgot to crush out his cigarette. One careless person, plus one little spark, started the whole thing. Suddenly, the little spark became a flame! Then with the help of the wind, a patch of grass began to blaze! Quickly it spread, until the flame became a roaring forest fire!

The man in the lookout tower spotted the rising smoke, and he quickly pinpointed the blaze. Then he called the ranger station. Firefighters and heavy equipment rushed to the scene, but the going was pretty rough. A lot of hard work had to be done before the firefighters could

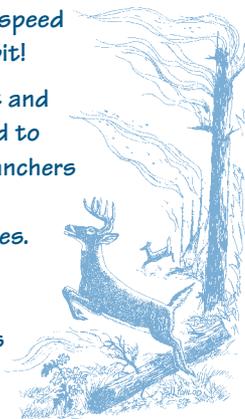
get to the blaze. When they arrived, the bulldozers plowed wide firelines, trying their best to stop the on rushing red fury! But the wind blew burning brush across the fireline, and the fire crossed the line!

Birds and animals panicked as the flames roared along. In the heat and smoke, some were confused, so confused they ran straight into the fire! Animals ran as fast as they could from the fire; even then some did not make it, for a forest fire can sometimes outspeed a deer or a rabbit!

More equipment and men were needed to stop the fire. Ranchers and woodsmen joined the firelines. Soldiers were brought in from Fort Bliss, Texas to fight the great blaze.

They were all there fighting to end the work of just one careless person.

When finally the blaze was controlled and the fire put out, the soldiers looked around and the only other living thing they saw was a badly burned bear cub. He was clinging terrified to a charred tree limb.



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Gently, they helped him down. The men carried the little cub through the burned out forest that once was his home.



This had been a big forest fire, and a great loss to our country. Five days were

required to get it under control. Five days in which over 17,000 acres of timber were burned, countless animals killed, grass scorched and the water producing and storage capacity of the land badly hurt.

So they took the small cub from his ruined home. Forest rangers, veterinarians and wardens from the New Mexico Game and Fish Department treated his wounds and burns. His feet were carefully bandaged. He was fed baby food to stem his hunger. Day by day the kind treatment paid off, he was getting better. Soon they were to take off his bandages; his hair grew back over his burned spots. He became well.

Then the little bear cub got a name . . . Smokey! He became pretty well known. Since his home was destroyed, Smokey was put on a plane and flown across the country to the capitol in Washington, DC. When he landed at the airport, he was met by press photographers and reporters. People crowded around to see Smokey, Smokey Bear. Someone put a forest ranger hat on him, just like in the posters.

Smokey posed for more posters. The posters were everywhere. He even became a star on radio and television. Soon he will get a new home in the Washington Zoo and he will never be lonely again.

As Smokey grew up, he had something to tell folks, and he still tells them the same thing. Smokey tells them how he hates forest fires; how they destroy his animal friends; how they burn up timber that could have been used to make homes; how they waste wood that could have gone into furniture, or even making paper to print comic books. And Smokey tells how fire destroys good clean water that we need to make things live and grow; how it scorches the grass many animals need for food.

Smokey wants to make sure everybody is careful in the forest with matches, holding them until cold; that every camper puts out his fire, dead out; that no cigarette is tossed on the ground, but is crushed out!

That's a lot of work for one bear! By telling Smokey's story, now you know why Smokey is out to end all forest fires. If we listen to Smokey, no other cubs will suffer the way he did, orphaned, burned and made homeless by fire. Let's all remember what Smokey says . . .



Only **YOU** can prevent wildfires.

Smokey's friends **never** play with fireworks. Remember, only **you** can prevent wildfires!

From,  **Smokey**



WILDFIRE WORD FIND

Help Smokey circle the words to prevent a wildfire. Some are spelled forwards or backwards, and even vertical, horizontal or diagonal.

J K L N O I U Y F B F I R E W O R K S D G Y H J
 D I B L P M A N I M A L S G T S X V N L I M Y N
 O R U C S S P A R K S J M R E C A L P E R I F K
 O U C T F H L K E O G F R W Q A F L A M E S G F
 W E K C F O B Y F U C I M N H Y T R F V P D S H
 J I E O P M H N I B G K T R E T A W S A R Z X R
 M A T C H E S K G L O I E H T P L K R M E N H E
 G T F C D E R F H O S E U T O H J K L I V H N G
 G E R D C H U N T N F I R E S P L M J U E B G N
 V F K C D E S W E Z W S L G Y E U Y I M N K L A
 K M H A G V C F R D T G B E R J I E H P T M J R
 F I R E R I N G H N J U K S A N H K F E I S A T
 S R E H S I U G N I T X E P M Y N O G V O D C S
 T Y U I B U R N I N G F V B N M E M C F N G T E
 N E I G H B O R H O O D A Q Z A Q S M O K E V R
 T P L S R E T T U G Y V F T R C D E X S W B H O
 N J I K O L S H O V E L G V B G F H J U J K M F

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| Fire | Burning | Flames | Firefighter |
| Matches | Smoke | Forest | Ranger |
| Fireworks | Rockets | Sparklers | Prevention |
| Wood | Fire Ring | Sparks | Water |
| Leaves | Gutters | Rake | Hose |
| Animals | Smokey | Shovel | Bucket |
| Neighborhood | Home | Fireplace | Extinguisher |



Firefighters work hard to protect people, homes, and forests from wildfires. Thanks for keeping us safe!



START
HERE

FOREST MAZE

Please, help the tractor plow find the wildfire!



End



Wildfires can harm more than just trees. Unfortunately, they can destroy homes too!
Yours truly,



FIND THE FIRE HAZARDS

Circle the 8 hazards in this picture!



One of my favorite things to do is roast marshmallows over warm campfire. Wish you were here!



Draw a picture of these things in the correct place to help make sure this campfire is safe.

- Tent
- Water
- Rocks or campfire ring
- People
- Shovel
- Matches
- Garbage
- Leaves & pine needles



People who burn leaves and garbage cause most wildfires.
Try composting or recycling instead!

Thanks,



FIRE IS A TOOL, NOT A TOY

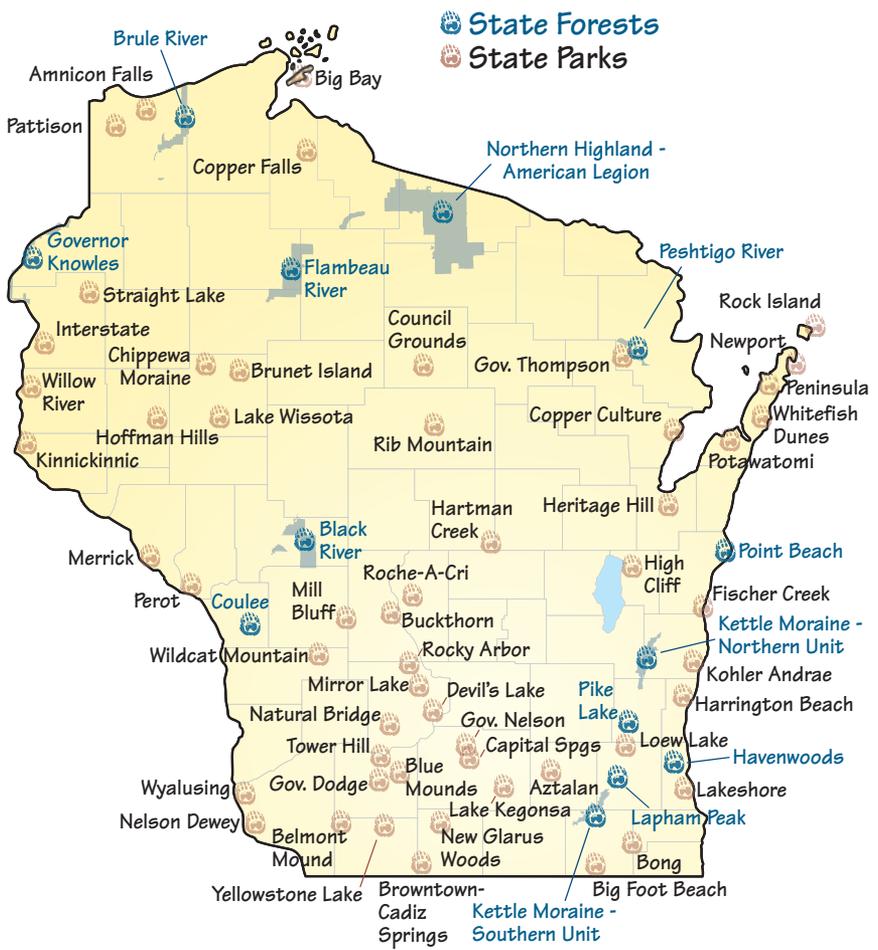
Circle 5 things that represent a BAD fire.



When the weather is windy and dry, even sparks from vehicles can cause a wildfire.
Be safe.



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As you visit a State Park, State Forest, or favorite campground write down where you visited!



The form consists of a 4x3 grid of 12 identical stamp-like boxes. Each box has a scalloped yellow border and contains the following text and lines:

- Date:** followed by a single horizontal line for writing.
- Location:** followed by three horizontal lines for writing.

Blue arrows indicate a path starting from the top-left box, moving right across the first row, then down to the second row, then left across the second row, then down to the third row, then right across the third row, then down to the fourth row, and finally left across the fourth row.

NOTES



Grantsburg, WI 806
PM
7 Feb.
2009

Brule, WI 806
PM
11 Nov.
2009

Eagle, WI 806
PM
1 July
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Campbellsport, WI 806
PM
7 Jan.
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Black River
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Boulder Junction, WI 806
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Winter, WI 806
PM
25 Dec.

Woodruff, WI
PM
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