

Teacher's Corner:

Black Bears

I come out of hibernation by mid-April. I prefer wild food but will return to bird feeders, garbage & compost - keep these securely away. I might be less active during midday especially on hot days. Be alert on trails, in dense vegetation and wooded areas especially where there are natural noises such as running water. Aspen Valley
Wildlife Sanctuary Help me stay wild. www.aspenvalley.ca

Bear Facts & Resources:

- http://aspenvalley.ca/aspen/animalfacts/bears/
- http://www.hww.ca/en/species/ mammals/black-bear.html
- http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/ Bearwise/index.html
- http://www.pc.gc.ca/docs/vg/oursnoir-blackbear/index.aspx

Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary:

- http://aspenvalley.ca/aspen/
- https://www.facebook.com/AspenValleyWildlifeSanctuary
- https://twitter.com/@aspenvalleywild
- https://www.youtube.com/user/AspenValleyWildlife
- Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, 1116 Crawford Street, Rosseau, ON POC 1J0

Animal Rehabilitation at Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary:

- http://aspenvalley.ca/aspen/what-we-do/
- http://environmentfilms.org/EF/ASPEN_VALLEY.html

Curriculum-based Project Ideas

Fund Raising:

Raise funds to help the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary by:

- organizing a coin drive at your school
- hosting a "donate a loonie, wear a hat in school" day
- having a bake sale

Goods Drive:

Ask your parents and school community to help Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary with the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned bear cubs by donating:

- blankets and towels
- stuffed animals

Animal Sponsorship:



Mama Bear is a permanent resident at Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. She was used to train dogs how to attack bears in a process called "bear baiting." Her previous owners had her front claws and eyeteeth removed so she was unable to

defend herself. She can no longer survive in the wild. For more information about Mama Bear:

http://aspenvalley.ca/aspen/what-we-do/aspen-valley-animals/mama-bear/

To sponsor Mama Bear:

http://aspenvalley.ca/aspen/ways-you-can-help/adopt-an-animal-test-2/

Persuasive Writing:

Write to the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, explaining why it is important to have a program that educates the public about how to avoid problems with bears.

Narrative Writing:

Write a story about a visit to a garbage dump, from the point of view of a bear. Use facts you learned when studying bears and your own ideas.

Media Literacy:

Create a poster explaining how people can prevent problems with bears. Share your poster with someone who lives in bear country, has a cottage or camps.

Number Sense & Numeration:

Figure out how to count the money from the class' fund raising efforts efficiently. Discuss counting strategies with other students.

Patterning & Algebra:

It costs \$50.00 per month to feed a Black Bear cub while it is being prepared for release back into the wild. Last year, Aspen Valley cared for 5 cubs. Calculate how much it would cost to feed these cubs for a year. Write an algebraic expression to show how you got your answer.

Visual Arts:

- Draw a picture of a Black Bear in its natural habitat.
- Make painting of a Black Bear silhouette at sunset:
 http://www.blackdeer.ca/migration/crafts.html#silhouette
- Make a Black Bear sun catcher, like this one: http://www.blackdeer.ca/migration/crafts.html#suncatch

Ontario Science Links: Grade 1 Needs & Characteristics of Living Things Grade 2 Growth & Changes in Animals

<u>Grade 4</u> Habitats & Communities <u>Grade 6</u> Biodiversity