

Happy 75th Birthday, Smokey Bear!



Color this picture.



Smokey Bear first appeared as a symbol of wildfire prevention in 1944. This year marks the 75th Birthday of this forest hero.

The Bear and the Wildfire

In the spring of 1950, winds were pushing a wildfire through a forest in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico. Firefighters from far and wide rushed to put the fire out.

A little bear cub climbed a tree to escape the flames burning on the ground. He was only five pounds and he was very scared.

Firefighters found the cub still alive, but his paws and hind legs were

badly burned. They couldn't find his mother. The little bear cub was sent to an animal doctor to be treated and bandaged.

A forest service ranger named Ranger Ray cared for the cub. Ray's 4-year-old daughter played with the bear and cheered him up.



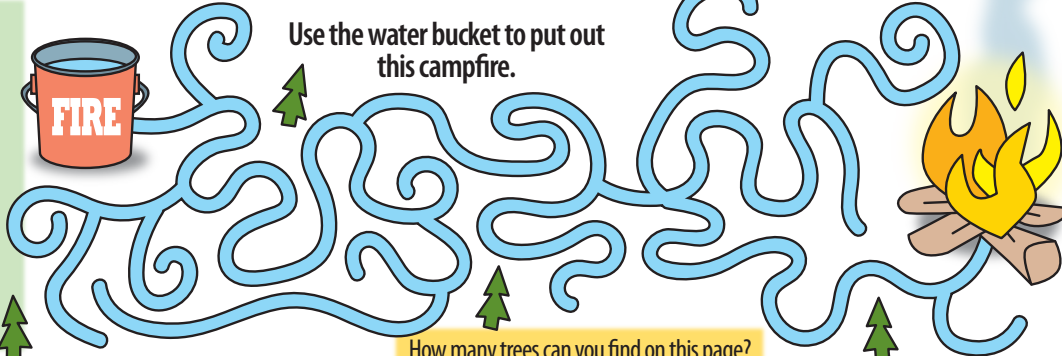
New Home, New Name

The little bear was named Smokey and moved to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. and he became the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

One Popular Bear

The United States Forest Service received so many letters from children for Smokey that he needed to have his own:

(Circle every other letter)
AZBIRPYCVOADNE
Z



How many trees can you find on this page?

Smokey's Fire Prevention Rules

- 1 Only YOU can prevent wildfires.
- 2 Always be careful with fire.
- 3 Never play with matches or lighters.
- 4 Always watch your campfire.
- 5 Make sure your campfire is completely out before leaving it.

Visit Smokey at www.SmokeyBear.com

Remember the Rules

Look through the newspaper for the words to write out Smokey's five rules. Cut out the words and glue them to a blank piece of paper to help you remember. Post the rules where others can see them.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

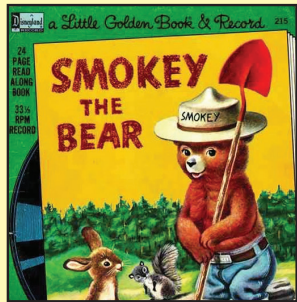
Kid Scoop Puzzler

Is it Smokey Bear or Smokey THE Bear?

Replace the missing words in this article.

ACTUALLY TROUBLE BEAT SONG THINK

In 1952, a _____ was written about Smokey Bear. The songwriters, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins, were having _____ making Smokey Bear fit with the beat of the song. They added the word, 'the' between Smokey and Bear to make the _____ work.



The song was so popular, that even today many people _____ the famous character's name is "Smokey the Bear." But it is _____ just Smokey Bear.

Double Double Word Search

MOUNTAINS
 WILDFIRE
 SMOKEY
 FLAMES
 FOREST
 RANGER
 SCARED
 MOTHER
 BEAR
 PAWS
 FIVE
 LEGS
 FAR
 CUB
 ZIP

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

News Leads

News articles start by telling readers **who** the news is about, **what** the news is, **where** and **when** it happened. Look at the first paragraph of articles on the front page of the newspaper. Can you find the four W's of each article?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



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