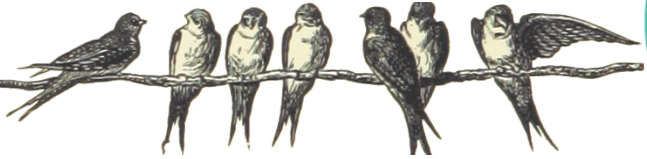


Camp Fire
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HIBERNATION

GRADES: K-5



FUN FACT: WHEN ANIMALS ARE HIBERNATING, THEY AREN'T SLEEPING!

HIBERNATING BEARS IN MINNESOTA

Have you ever seen a bear in the winter? If you answered no, that's because they are hibernating in dens! Bears need to hibernate in Minnesota in order to survive our long and cold winters. Here, we only have one species of bear: the black bear.

Hibernation is a period of inactivity and significant slow in bodily functions such as body temperature, heart rate, and breathing patterns. During this time, most animals won't eat or drink (other than an occasional bite of snow). Animals go into hibernation in the winter because resources are scarce and it's much harder to survive.

Black bears can lose up to 60 pounds of fat during this time of fasting in just a short few months. When they emerge again in spring, they've built up quite the appetite and are ready to munch again.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Pencil
- Coloring materials



ACTIVITY 1: WHICH OF THESE ANIMALS HIBERNATE?



ANSWER: bear and frog

ACTIVITY 2: CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS OF ANIMALS THAT HIBERNATE?

RBEA _____

RLUISREQ _____

GOFR _____

EANKS _____

EUOSM _____



ANSWER: BEAR, SQUIREL, FROG, SNAKE, MOUSE

ACTIVITY 3: DRAW YOUR OWN HIBERNATING ANIMAL

Now, it's time for you to draw your own hibernating animal! Don't forget to draw their home so they can stay safe for the winter.

