

# WELCOMING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY KIT

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Our Welcoming Committee (who have been known to act like animals!) invites you to enjoy this fun Children's Activity Kit that shows you the Fossils to Falls Road Trip through Madera County and Yosemite.

**TIP:** Use of heavier paper will provide more durable results, particularly for the animal cutouts and animal masks.

- **3 ANIMAL CUTOUTS & TRADING CARDS**Cut out the animals and their accessories for some home-time fun. Use the Trading Cards to learn more about the animals.
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  Use the Welcoming Committee Coloring Pages to play with the Welcoming Committee in their natural habitat!
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  (ut out and use 'brads' to make moveable animals
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  How much have you learned from the Storybook?
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- 22 ANIMAL FACE MASKS

  Cut out the masks, put them on popsicle sticks or add string and have fun!

  TIP: You can be a different animal every time you video chat with friends and family.







## LATIN NAME: Haliaeetus leucocephalus

It was in 1998 that the first Bald Eagle was spotted at Bass Lake. Currently two nesting pairs, one on each side of the lake, call Bass Lake their home.

#### **BASS LAKE:**

Bass Lake is known for fishing, water-sports, hiking, mountain biking, shop-ping, and excellent lakeside dining. Lodging options include camping, cabins, vacation rentals, and full service resorts and marinas.



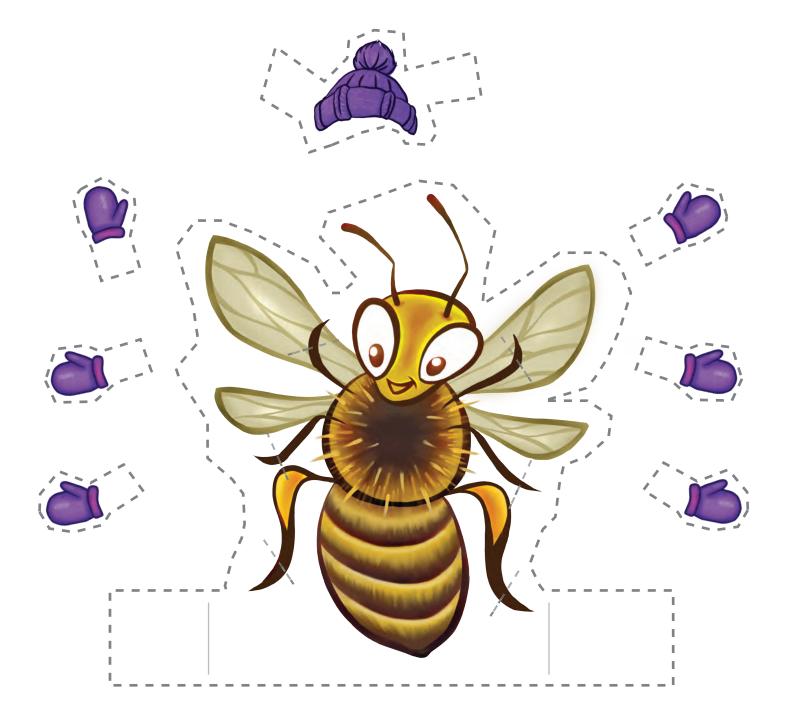


#### LATIN NAME: Bubo virginianus

The Great Horned Owl, also known as the hoot owl, is an excellent hunter and is thought to be the spiritual guardian of the Mariposa Grove.

## MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS:

Mariposa Grove is the largest grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature Giant Sequoias. Take the free shuttle from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza into the Mariposa Grove where there are a variety of trails from easy to strenuous within the grove.





#### LATIN NAME: Apis melifera

Honey bees are social, smart, and very hard working.
Besides producing delicious honey, they are largely responsible for the pollination of many of the key crops in Madera County.

#### MADERA WINE TRAIL:

Madera County is 11th in the world for agriculture production by volume, with Almonds being the top seller. Madera County is also known for being one of the oldest grape growing regions in America. Visit the family-owned wineries along the Madera Wine Trail.





#### LATIN NAME: Smilodon

This saber-toothed cat roamed Madera County and the Central Valley along with Mammoths, Sloths, Dire Wolves, Camels and Horses during the Middle-Pleistocene era (780,000 years ago).

## FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER:

Enjoy a unique and exciting experience! With over 15,000 fossils found in the Fairmead Landfill, this is one of the largest collections from the Middle-Pleistocene era. Junior Paleontologists can even experience their own mock dig.





#### LATIN NAME: Procyon lotor

The Raccoon is a medium-sized mammal that can be found throughout the United States and is known for its intelligence, craftiness and surprising cleanliness. They can usually be found around trash cans.

## YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD:

Travel back in time aboard an historic steam train on a 4-mile railroad excur-sion which is fun for the whole family. The historic railroad offers train rides, gold panning, Thornberry Museum, Railroad Café, and a fun gifts & collectibles store. Open April through October.





### LATIN NAME: Sciurus griseus

One of the most common critters in the lower elevations of the Sierra Nevada is the Squirrel. They can be seen gathering nuts, chattering, and leaping from tree to tree.

#### **TUNNEL VIEW:**

Tunnel View is one of the most photographed vistas in the world and is a must stop for all visitors to Yosemite National Park. From this incredible viewpoint you can see iconic spots such as El Capitan, Half Dome, and Bridalveil Fall among many other of Yosemite's treasures.





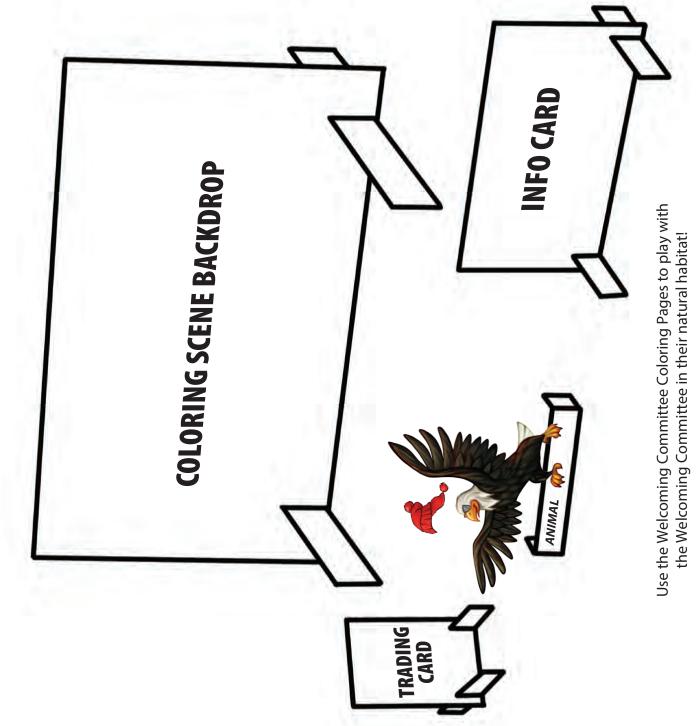
#### LATIN NAME: Ursus americanus

Black bears can call much of the Sierra Nevada their home. They are omnivores (they eat just about anything) and come in a variety of colors, from black, to cinnamon and even blonde!

#### **OAKHURST:**

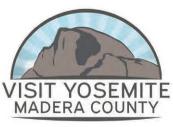
Oakhurst, being the largest gateway community to Yosemite, has a wide array of lodging and dining options. Oakhurst is home to the World Famous Talking Bear as well as museums & art galleries, thrift & gift shops, brewery, winery, distillery, outdoor adventures and more.

# CREATE YOUR OWN SCENE



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Attach arms with paper fasteners (brads)









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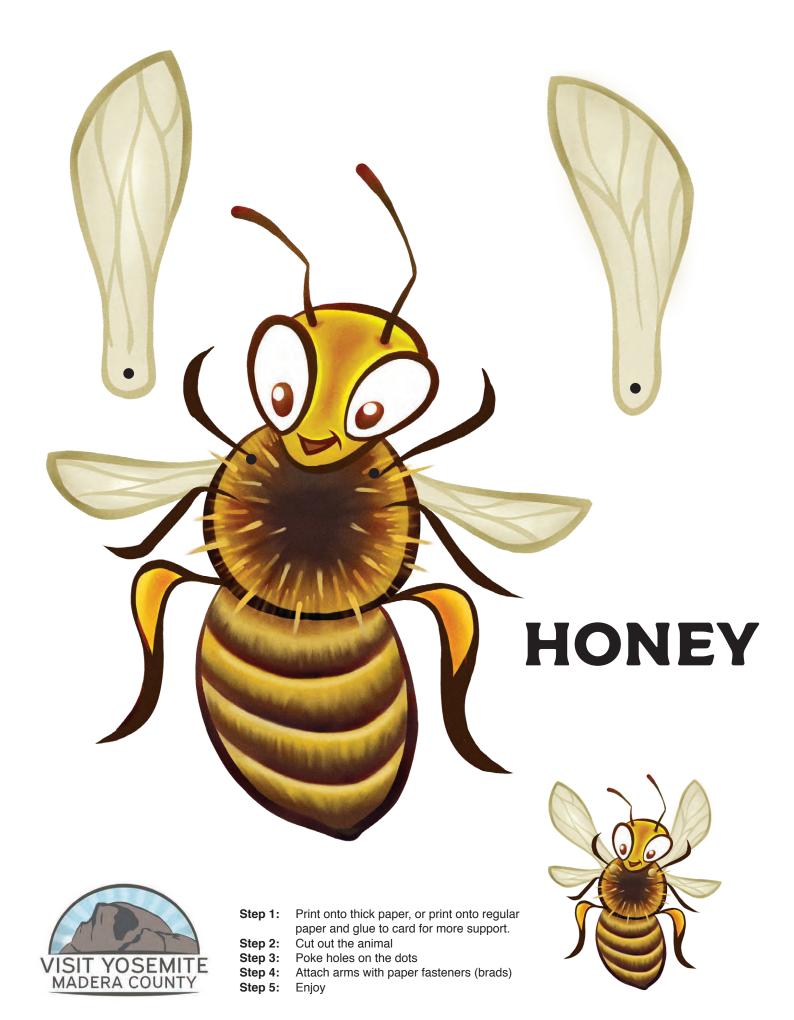




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WELCOMING COMMITTEE QUIZ
- WHERE DO WE LIVE? -

1 - Who lives at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad?

BLAKE

( MR. MEAD )

(RICKY)

2 - What kind of animal is BLake that can be seen fishing at Bass Lake?

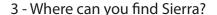
BLACK BEAR

BALD EAGLE

SQUIRREL



**BLAKE** 



OAKURST VISITOR CENTER BASS LAKE

FOSSIL DISCOVERY
CENTER

4 - Galen lives here:

BASS LAKE

MADERA WINE TRAIL

MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS

5 - Who can you find along the Madera Wine Trail?

BLAKE )

(HONEY)

(SANDY)

6 - Who is the oldest animal in the Welcoming Committee?

( GALEN )

(MR. MEAD)

(HONEY)



MADERA WINE TRAIL (TUNNEL VIEW)

YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD



MR. MEAD

SANDY



**SIERRA** 

ANSWERS: 1: RICKY, 2: BALD EAGLE 3: OAKHURST VISITOR CENTER, 4: MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS, 5: HONEY, 6: MR. MEAD, 7: TUNNEL VIEW

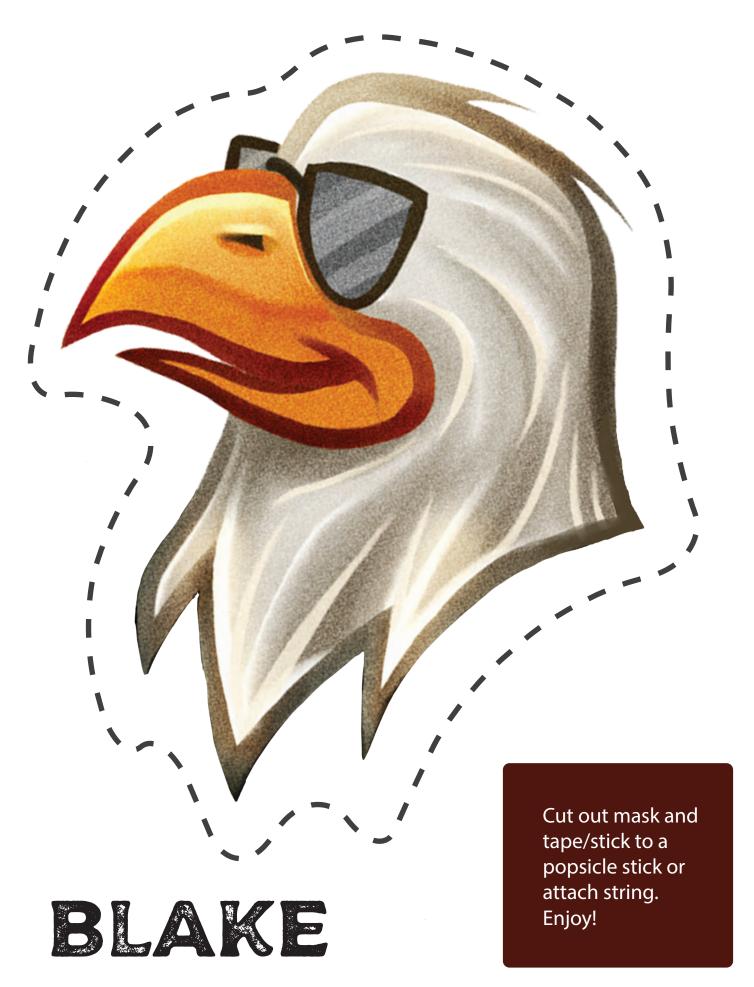
## WELCOMING COMMITTEE WORD SEARCH

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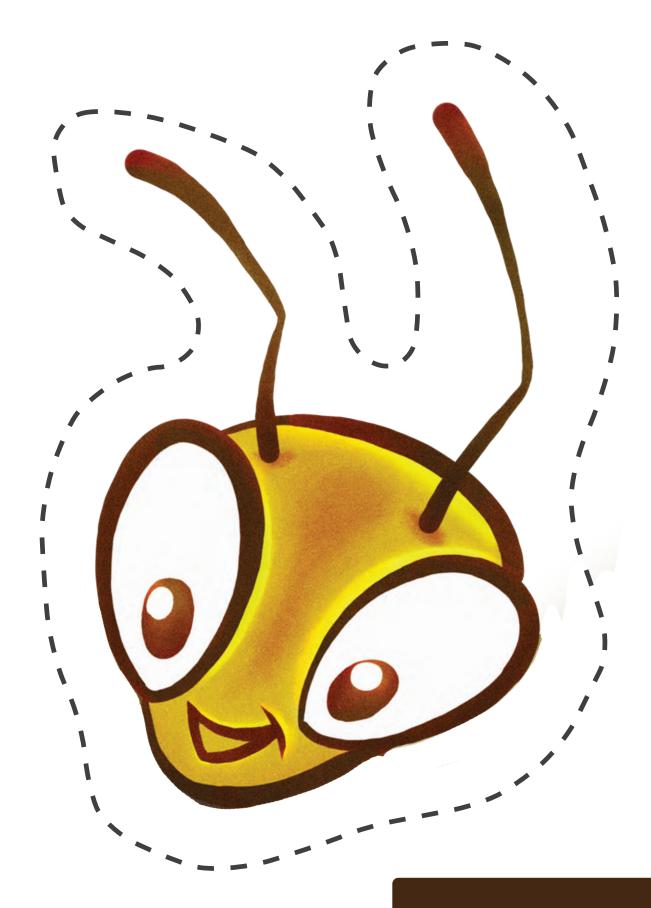
#### **WORD LIST:**

**Bald Eagle** Bass Lake Black Bear Blake Chowchilla Fossils Galen **Great Horned Owl** Honey Honeybee Lake Madera County Mr Mead **National Park** Oakhurst Raccoon Ricky Sandy Sierra Sierra Nevada Smilodon Sauirrel Steam Train Wine Trail Yosemite





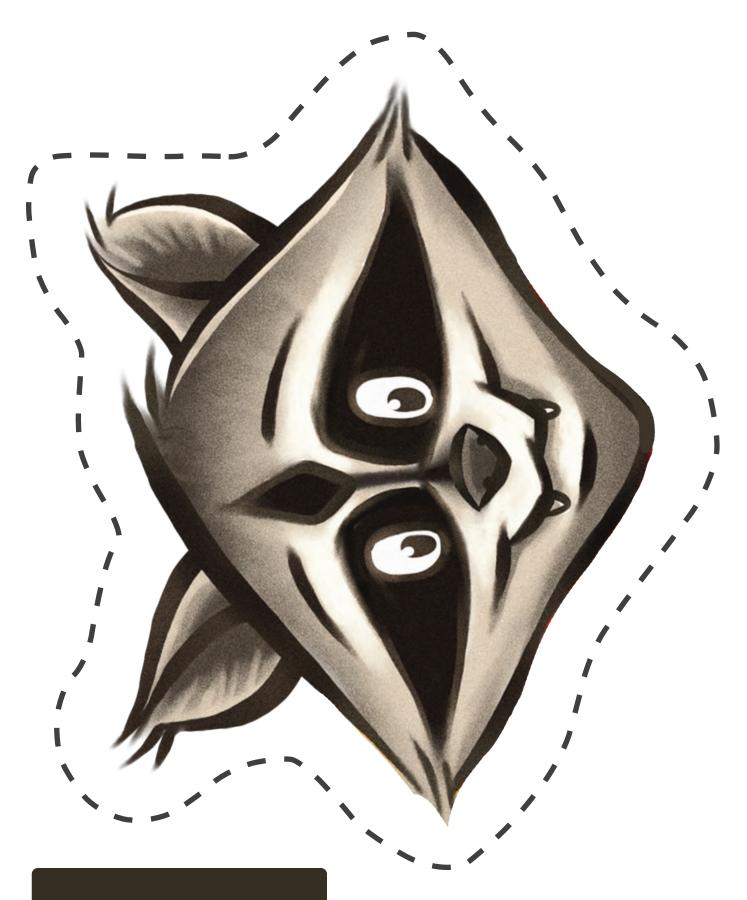




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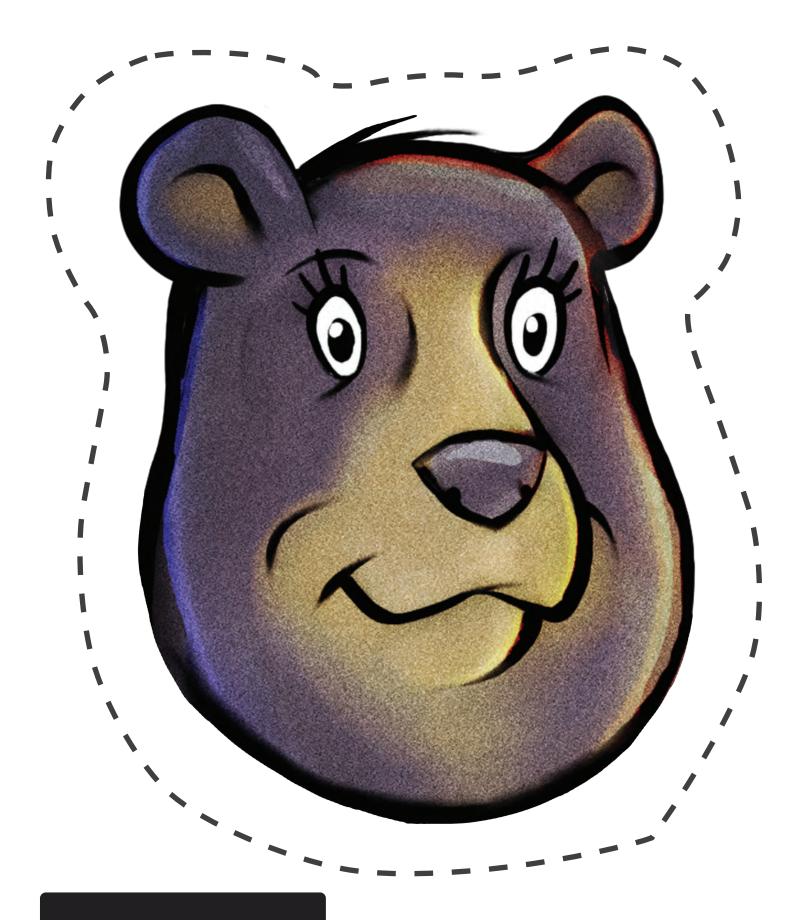
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