



# Kenai National Wildlife Refuge ALASKA

## Junior Ranger Activities

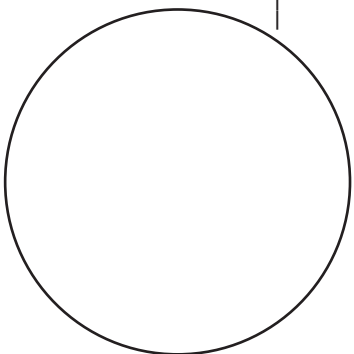
*Ages 3-7: Complete 3 Visitor Center activities and 2 Trail activities*

*Ages 8-15: Complete all 8 activities*



## Certificate of Completion

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has successfully completed the Junior Ranger program  
at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.



### Jr. Ranger Pledge

- I promise to leave only footprints, and take only pictures while at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.
- I promise to keep the Refuge a beautiful place by not leaving trash behind.
- I will not feed wildlife, pick up plants, rocks, wildlife or disturb any living or non-living thing on the Refuge.
- I promise to be curious and learn as much as I can about my National Wildlife Refuges.
- I will help teach others about what I have learned today at Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Ranger Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Refuge Official Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions-

- Step 1:** Have fun doing as many activities as you can with help from your family and friends.
- Step 2:** Bring this book back to the Visitor Center front desk and talk to a ranger about what you saw and did on the Refuge.
- Step 3:** Ask the ranger to sign the certificate on the back of this book and get your official Junior Ranger badge.

Activity 1: Do you know where you are?

Follow the instructions to make a hand map of Alaska.

- 1. Take your right hand and point your finger with your thumb sticking out (make a 90 degree angle) so it looks a bit like a backwards “L”.
- 2. Rotate your hand so your thumb is pointed to the floor. You should be looking at the back of your hand.
- 3. Now, locate the Kenai Peninsula on your hand.
- 4. Share what you just learned with your family and friends.



How did you get here anyway? Circle One

- Plane
- Boat
- Car
- RV
- Hiking

Activity 2: Relief Map Exploration

Find the 3D Map of the Refuge in the lobby.

Push the button near the windows. What do the red lights represent?

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Activity 8: Noticable Nature



Use your senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch. Imagine how things around you might taste. DO NOT taste anything on the trail.

When you arrive at Headquarters Lake:  
Write the first five (5) things that you noticed on the lines below.

- I saw... \_\_\_\_\_
- I heard... \_\_\_\_\_
- I smelled... \_\_\_\_\_
- I felt... \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish I could taste... \_\_\_\_\_

Close your eyes and count to 10.

Open your eyes and write down or draw something new that you did not notice before.

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All Done!

Return to the Visitor Center Front Desk to turn in your booklet and receive your Jr. Ranger patch! Congratulations!

### Activity 7: What's That?



Stop and hug a tree along the trail. Does your tree have needles or leaves?



NEEDLES



LEAVES

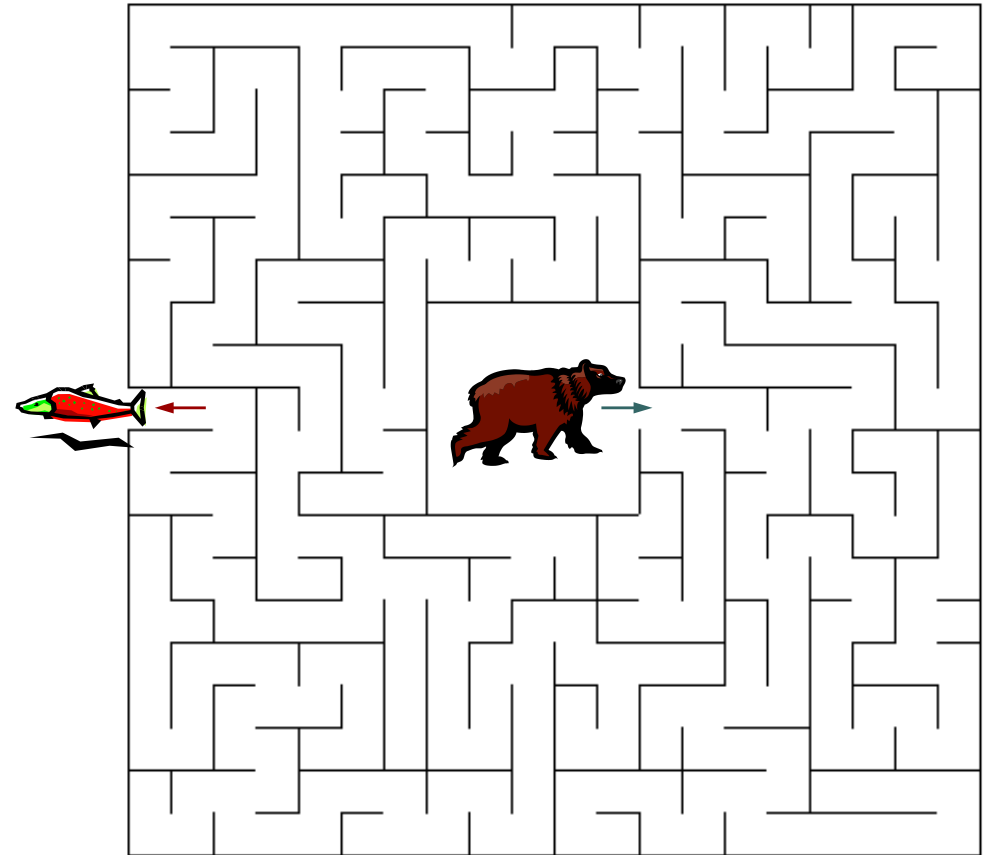
Trees that have needles are called evergreen or coniferous trees. They have needles all year long. Trees with leaves are called deciduous trees and they lose their leaves at the end of the growing season.

Now choose a plant you like and draw it in the box below:



### Activity 3: Predator Maze

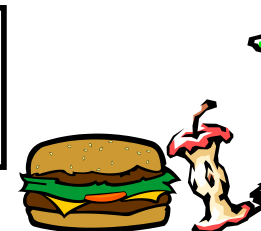
Help the Brown Bear find the Salmon by finishing the maze. Start in the center at the Bear and follow the path until you catch the fish.



Bears are omnivores. That means they eat plants and animals.

Circle the things below that a bear should eat.

~~Cross out~~ the things that bears should not eat.



## Activity 4: What is a Blue Goose?

- A. An Alaskan bird.
- B. A character on television.
- C. The official symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

If you chose C, you are right! The Blue Goose is the official symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System. If you see a Blue Goose, you are in a Wildlife Refuge!

Can you find a Blue Goose symbol somewhere here at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center? Draw it here:



## Activity 5: Visitor Center Scavenger Hunt

Look above, look below, look beside and behind. See how many treasures in nature you can find.

Find something...

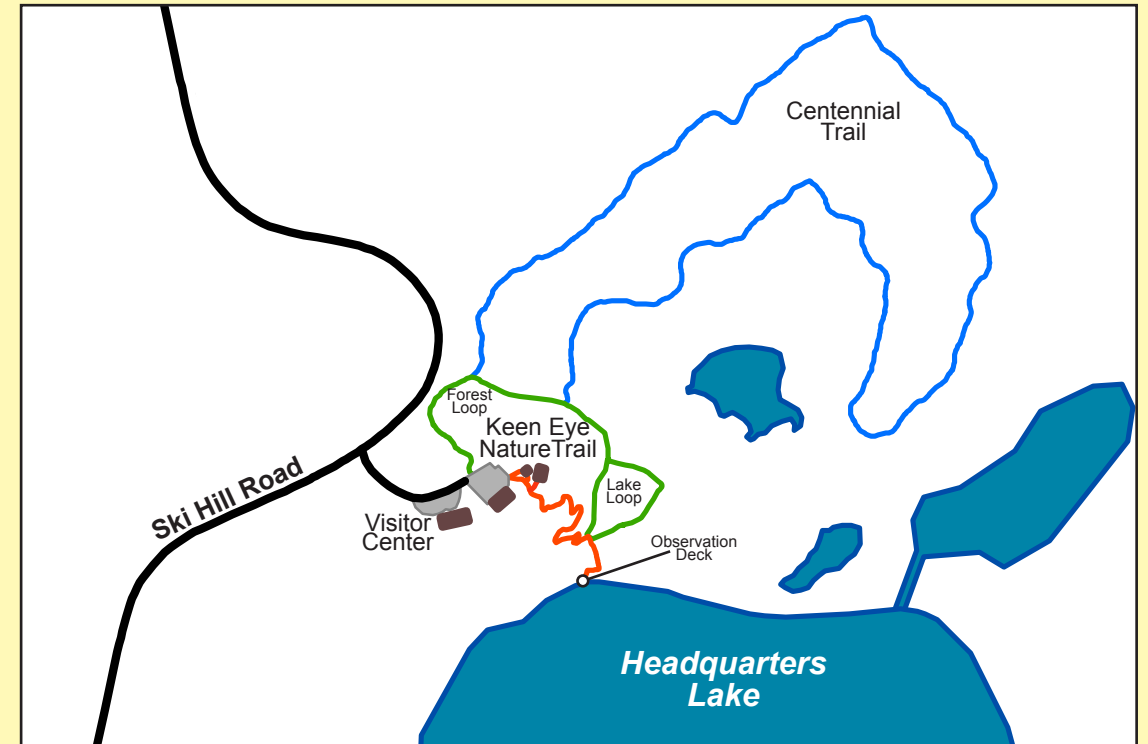
- ☐ smooth
- ☐ soft
- ☐ that has feathers
- ☐ that has fur
- ☐ blue
- ☐ tall
- ☐ that feels rough
- ☐ with sharp teeth



## Keen-Eye Nature Trail Activities

### Some trail rules:

- Stay on the trail at all times. NEVER run.
- Leave what you find. Do not pick any flowers, leaves, berries or damage plants.
- Observe all wildlife from a safe distance. Do not approach or bother them.



## Activity 6: Leave No Trace Challenge



Pick up 5 pieces of trash you see on the trail or around the Visitor Center. Show a ranger and ask for their autograph here:

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