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Introducing the Brown Bears



Katmai Junior Ranger Bear Years

Bear Years

A life span of a Katmai bear averages 20 years. People in the United States usually live to be around 80 years old. Bears, just like us, go through many amazing changes as they mature. In this activity, read about the different life stages of brown bears. Then, find your bear age and life stage.

Subadult

These are bears between 2.5 and 6 years old. They no longer stay with their mother, but aren't fully mature. Subadult bears face a lot of competition from older, larger bears.

Adult

These are bears older than 6 years. They are the biggest of all bears, but they usually don't reach their full size until they are 10-12 years old.

Cubs

Cubs are young bears dependent on their mother. They are usually younger than 2.5 years old. When cubs are born, they weigh less than one pound, are blind, and are completely hairless and toothless.

Calculate Your Bear Age

$(\text{Your Age}) \div 4 = \text{Bear Years}$

Are you a cub, subadult, or adult?

<https://www.nps.gov/katm/learn/upload/Katmai-Junior-Ranger.pdf>



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