

May 8, 2026

Dear Contra Costa County Department of Fish and Wildlife,

From 2025 through 2026, the exhibits team at Lindsay Wildlife Experience worked diligently to create the generously funded The Bear Den Exhibit. Installation of the completed exhibit was scheduled for early December 2025, meeting the grant requirements. However, on November 10, 2025, the Executive Director, Karen Deshayes, left her position at Lindsay Wildlife Experience. As her departure was unexpected, all spending and exhibit work halted unexpectedly.

The installation date was pushed back from December 2025 to March 2026. All installation is now complete and paid in full. We would deeply appreciate if the Contra Costa County Department of Fish and Wildlife would accept our request for an extension, allowing us to submit for reimbursement at this time.

Thank you for your continued support over the years. We deeply appreciate all you do.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Shaw", written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Shaw, Curator of Education & Visitor Engagement

The Bear Den

North America is home to 14 different species of bears: Black, Brown, and American Black Bear, as well as the Giant Panda, which lives only in the mountains of China. Bears are the largest members of the mammal class. Bears are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and animals. They are also very strong and can walk up steep, rocky slopes. Bears are also very curious and will investigate anything that is new to them.

What Can We Do To Help?



1. **Protect their habitat.** Bears need large areas of forest to live in. We can help by protecting these areas and making sure they are not cut down.

2. **Don't feed them.** Feeding bears can change their behavior and make them dangerous to humans. We should never feed bears, even if they seem friendly.

3. **Be careful when hiking.** If you are hiking in a bear country, make sure you are properly prepared. Carry bear spray and know how to use it. Make noise to let bears know you are there.



HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?







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INVOICE # 26-057_REVISIED
DATE 04/13/2026
DUE DATE 05/13/2026
TERMS Net 30

JMP PROJECT NUMBER
12398

PROJECT NAME
Bear Den

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Final Invoice for Bear Den			
Measure Up 3D Bear Silhouette	1	5,000.00	5,000.00T
Bear Paw Prints (High Touch)	1	3,000.00	3,000.00T
Historic Range Maps (Tactile)	1	3,000.00	3,000.00T
"The Bear Den" Dimensional Sign	1	1,000.00	1,000.00T
Vinyl Printing: Images, Text, Wrap	1	3,000.00	3,000.00T
Change Order to Fix the Typo			
JMP Graphics Installer	5	85.00	425.00T
REPRINT: Black Bear	1	95.76	95.76T

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SUBTOTAL	15,520.76
TAX	1,435.67
TOTAL	16,956.43
BALANCE DUE	\$16,956.43

Total amount reimbursable allowed by grant = \$16,670