



Conservation Pledge

"I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country — its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."



Smokey says **PREVENT FOREST FIRES!**

FRIENDS OF SMOKEY BEAR



Fire Prevention Workbook

Name _____

School _____

A Message from Smokey



The spring months of March, April and May and the fall months of October, November, and December are the forest fire seasons in West Virginia.

During the forest fire months, fires can start easily and destroy our forest land and everything that lives there. The small backyard brush pile that you burn can turn into a brush or forest fire if it is not taken care of properly.

There is **NO BURNING ALLOWED** during the daytime hours in fire season. Small controlled fires may be started after 4:00 p.m. and must be totally put out by 7:00 a.m. the next day. You must stay with your fire at all times.

If your fire gets out of control, even on your own property, it is considered a violation of the Fire Law.

Any person who allows a fire to escape is liable for costs of putting the fire out, as well as damages to other property.

Your child has been given a lesson on forest fire prevention and will ask you to help by being careful anytime you have an outdoors fire. Please help your child learn the right way to burn brush or a campfire by your example. Be careful with any fire, at any time of the year, but during the fire seasons take extra precautions to burn safely.

Please look over the materials in this booklet. Please obey the fire laws, help prevent forest fires, and help keep our forests a special place for everyone to enjoy.

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SMOKEY THE BEAR

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1. With a Ranger's hat and shovel and a pair of dungar-ees you will
 2. You can take a tip from Smokey that there's nothin' like a tree, cause they're
 3. You can camp upon his doorstep and he'll make you feel at home, you can
 4. If you've ever seen the forest when a fire is running wild, and you



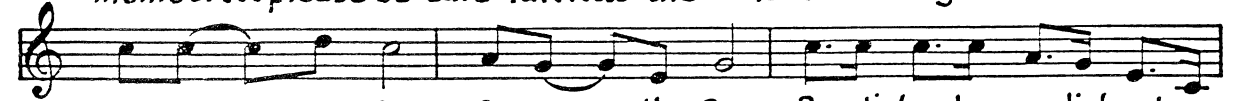
find him in the forest always sniffin' at the breeze. People
 good for kids to climb in and they're beaut-i-ful to see, you just
 run and hunt and ramble any - where you care to roam. He will
 love the things within it like a moth-er loves her child, then you



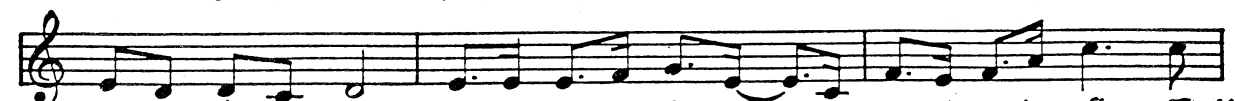
stop and pay at-ten-tion when he tells 'em to be-ware, 'cause
 have to look a-round you and you'll find it's not a joke, to
 let you take his hon-ey and pre-tend he's not so smart, but
 know why Smok-ey tells you when he sees you pass-ing through, "Re-



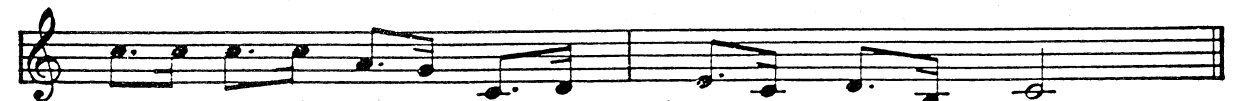
ev'-ry - bo-dy knows that he's the Fire Pre-ventin' Bear.
 see what you'd be mis-sin' if they all went up in smoke.
 don't you harm his trees for he's a Ran-ger in his heart.
 member... please be care-ful... its the least that you can do."



Smokey - the Bear, Smokey - the Bear. Prowlin' and a growlin' and a

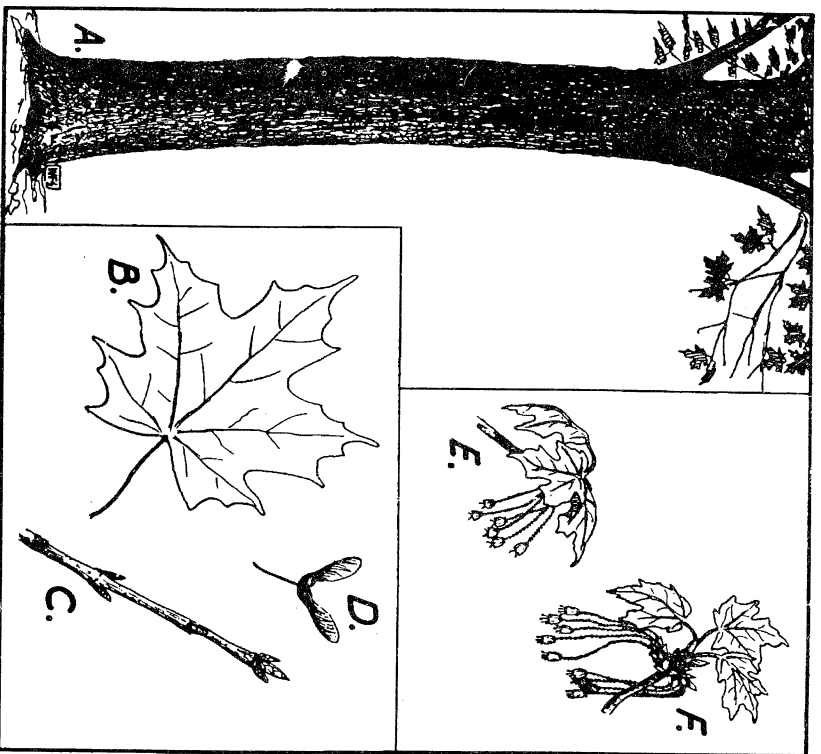


sniffin' - the air. He can find a fire - before it starts to flame. That's



why they call him Smokey, that was how he got his name.

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WEST VIRGINIA'S STATE TREE
SUGAR MAPLE

(Latin name *Acer saccharum*)

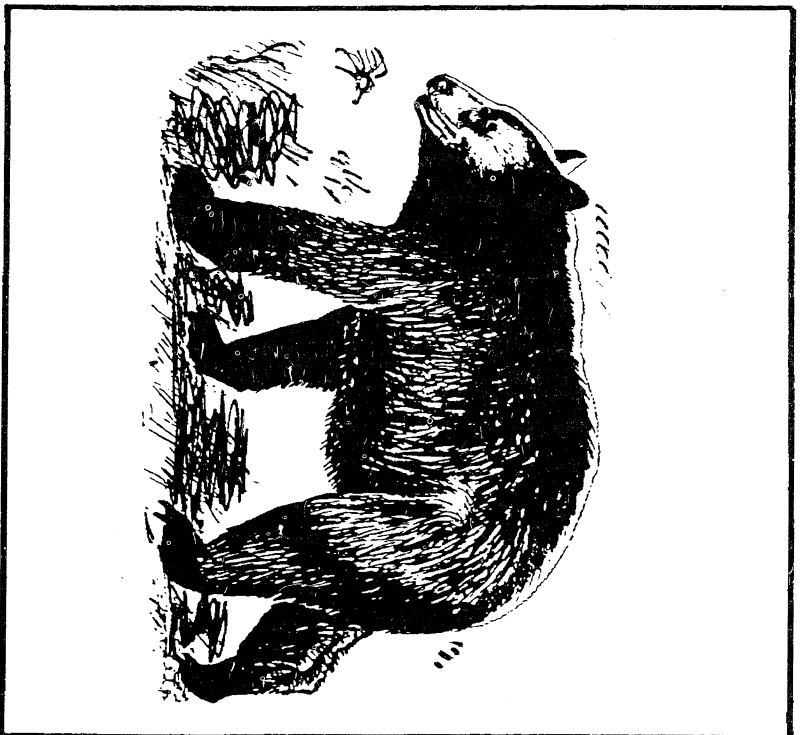
- A. Trunk and bark. B. Leaf. C. Twig in winter.
- D. Fruit. E. Female flowers. F. Male flowers.

Sugar maple became West Virginia's State Tree when a legislative committee officially adopted it as a State emblem on June 18, 1949, after tabulating the votes of school children, college students and representatives of civic, sportsman, and bird study groups.

The sugar maple gets its name from the sugar and syrup made from its sweet sap in early spring.

This forest grown tree has been known to attain heights of over 100 feet and diameters of from 2 to 4 feet.

The green leaves of spring and summer turn to brilliant reds and yellows in the autumn and produce a very colorful addition to the landscape.



WEST VIRGINIA'S STATE ANIMAL
BLACK BEAR

(Latin name "*Ursus americanus*")

The Black Bear is found in nearly every county of West Virginia. The Bear is our largest wild animal. It requires a big area for its home. It eats almost anything, having a diet similar to that of a pig.

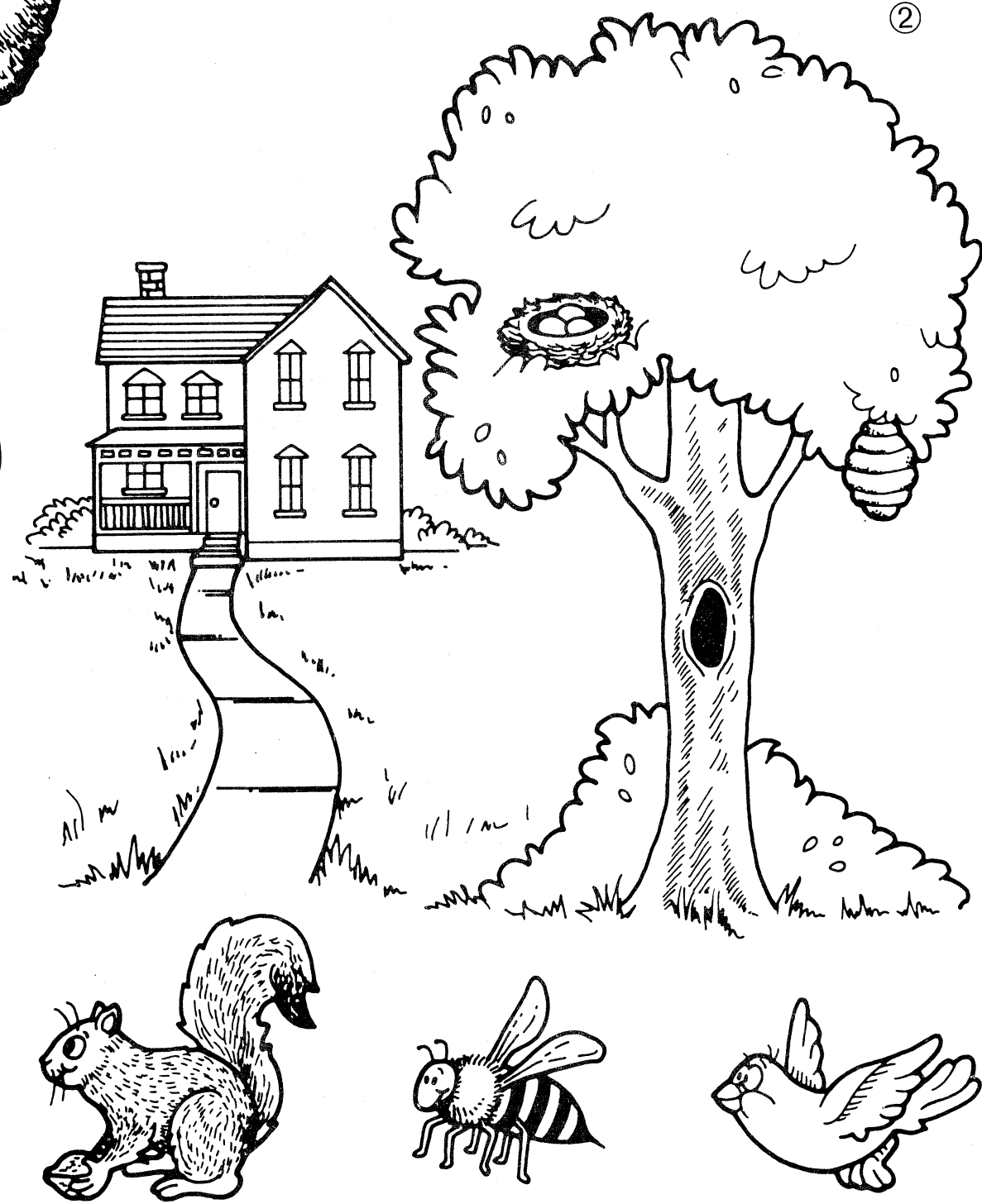
Young are born during hibernation, usually twins. The cubs weigh less than one pound when born. A grown bear weighs more than 400 pounds.

Our State has an estimated 1,000 bears. Each one is believed worth \$5,000 to the State in tourist and hunting value.

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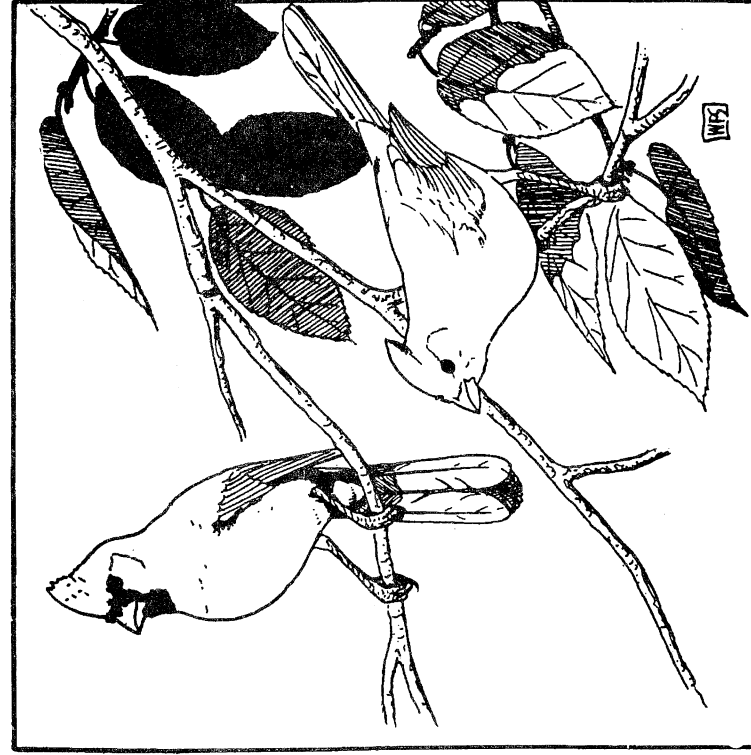
CARE • SAVE • PROTECT WILDFIRES DESTROY EVERYONE'S HOME!



Everything is Destroyed When There is a Forest Fire!

Help Smokey's Friends Find Their Home.
Draw a Line from Smokey's Friends to their correct Home.

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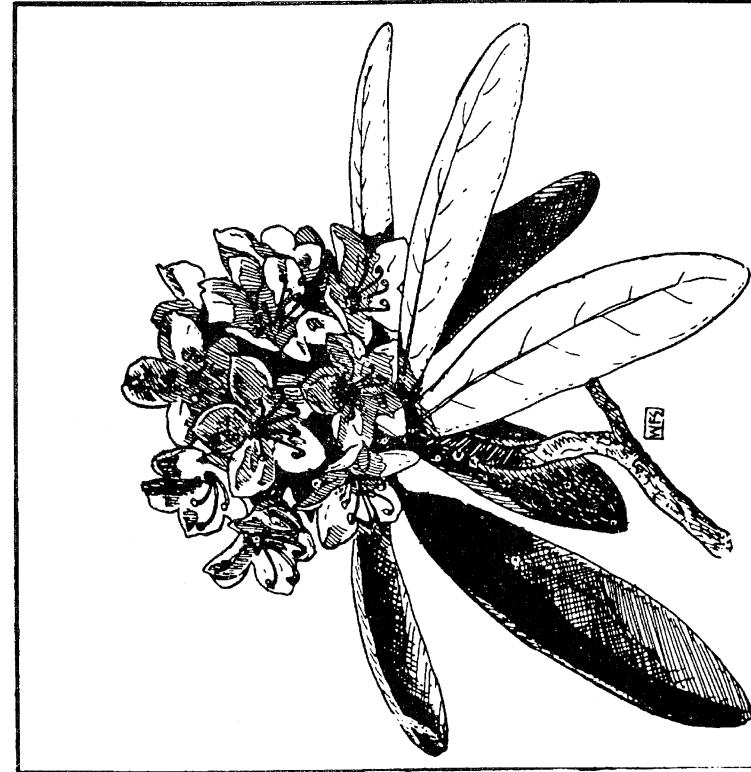
WEST VIRGINIA'S STATE BIRD The CARDINAL

(Latin name *Richmondia cardinalis*)
Left: Male. Right: Female.

The beautiful cardinal or "redbird" was chosen as West Virginia's State Bird by the school children, college students, and civic, sportsman and bird study organizations. A committee of the Legislature officially adopted the choice June 18, 1949. The male bird is instantly recognized by its brilliant red color, crested head and black face and chin. The female is duller in color, mostly yellowish brown with only a touch of red in wings and tail. She lacks the black face and chin, of the male.

The cardinal nests in thickets or vines. The nest is bulky and loosely built of leaves, bark strips, twigs, rootlets, weed stems and grasses, and is lined with fine grasses or hair. Three or four white or grayish eggs with brown markings are laid, and more than one brood may be raised each year.

**Wildlife can't always dodge.
It must cross the road--slow down--let it live.**



WEST VIRGINIA'S STATE FLOWER RHODODENDRON

(Latin name *Rhododendron maximum*)

West Virginia's Legislature officially adopted the Great Laurel or Rhododendron as the State Flower on January 23, 1903.

The rhododendron is a large evergreen shrub or bushy tree which may attain a height of 25 to 30 feet in shady places or soils free from clay and lime.

The showy, pale rose to white flowers appear through June and July. The beautiful clusters of flowers surmount the masses of dark green foliage and make one of the most attractive sights to be found in West Virginia.

Many places and geographic features bear the name of "Laurel," and usually the origin of the name can be traced to the presence of the great laurel in that location.

**We are cleaning up our streams.
Keep them clean--Don't use them to dump trash.**



Smokey and the animals are glad the kids learned about Fire Safety.

West Virginia's forests are filled with many resources.

There are trees, which provide wood, lumber, shelter, and food. How many other products can you think of that come from trees? (List)

Our forests are home to many creatures. These birds and animals live in the forest because there is a good food source and plenty of shelter. How many different wild animals have you seen in the forest? (List)

Our forests act like a big sponge. They soak up rain and snow and then filter it clean. The clean mountain streams that flow through our fields and forests are very important. What are the benefits of having a good source of water? (List)

The land in West Virginia is like nothing else in the world. From broad river valleys and gently rolling hills to the deep hollows and scenic mountains, our state has something for everyone. Many people come to West Virginia to see all of the different things that are a part of our land. Our forest is a playground. What have you or your family done to enjoy the opportunities that the forest provides us? (List)

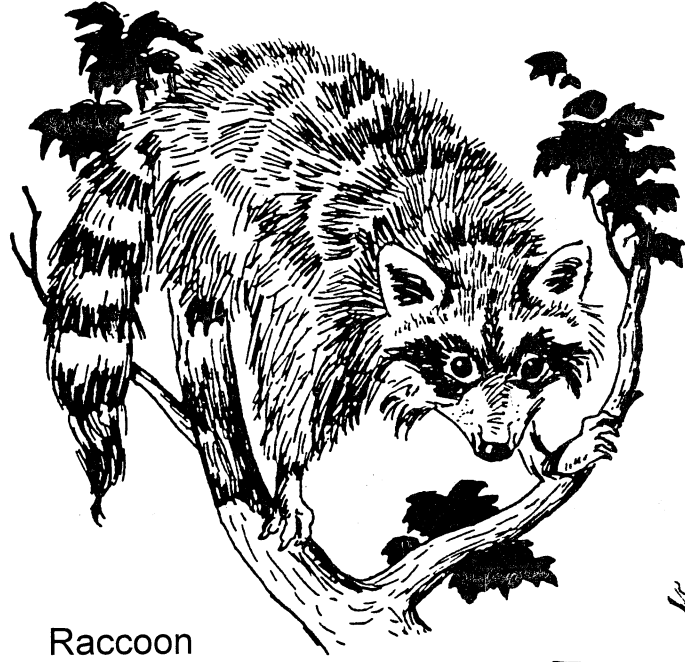
Early settlers survived because the forest contained plenty of food. How many different foods can be found in our forests? (List)

How many different forest foods have you eaten? (List)

How does a healthy forest help to keep the air clean? Why is this important?

The forest is the home of many wild animals. What animals have you seen in the woods? Where do they get their food? Do they live on the ground or in a tree?

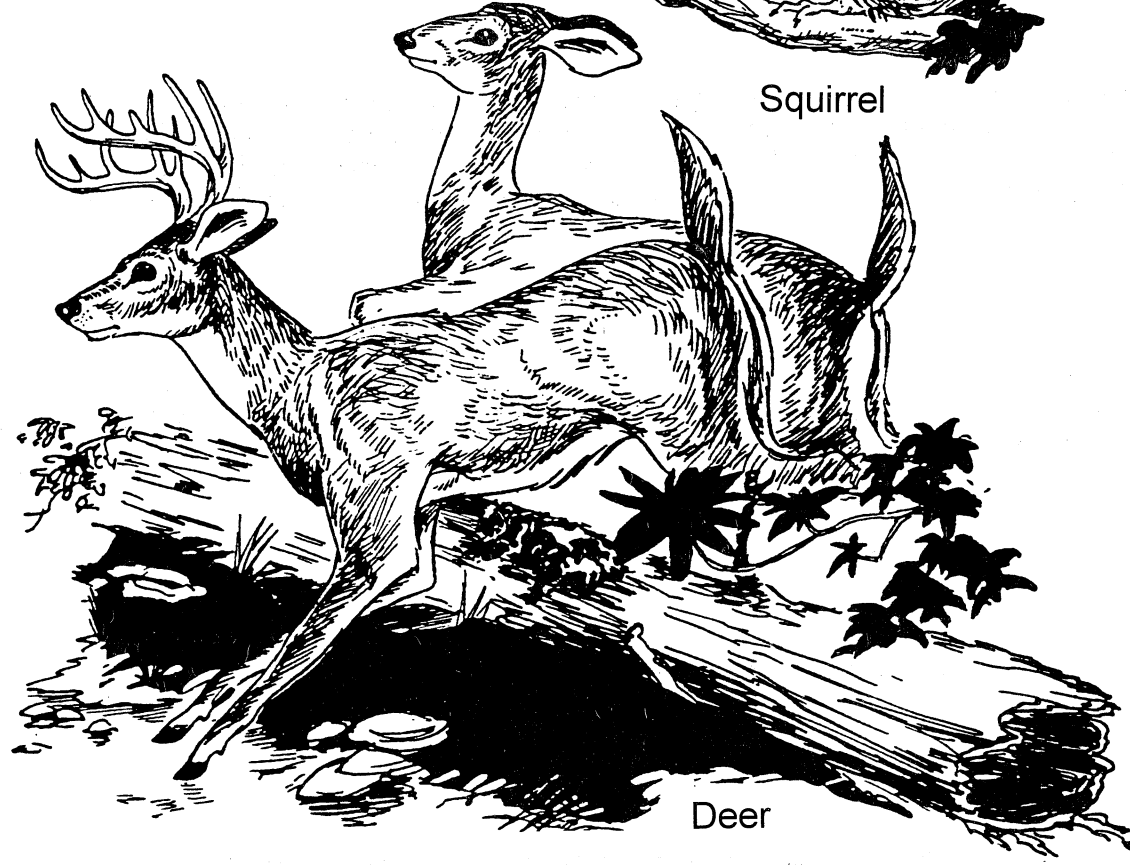
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Raccoon



Squirrel



Deer

When forest fires burn their homes, they have no place to live.

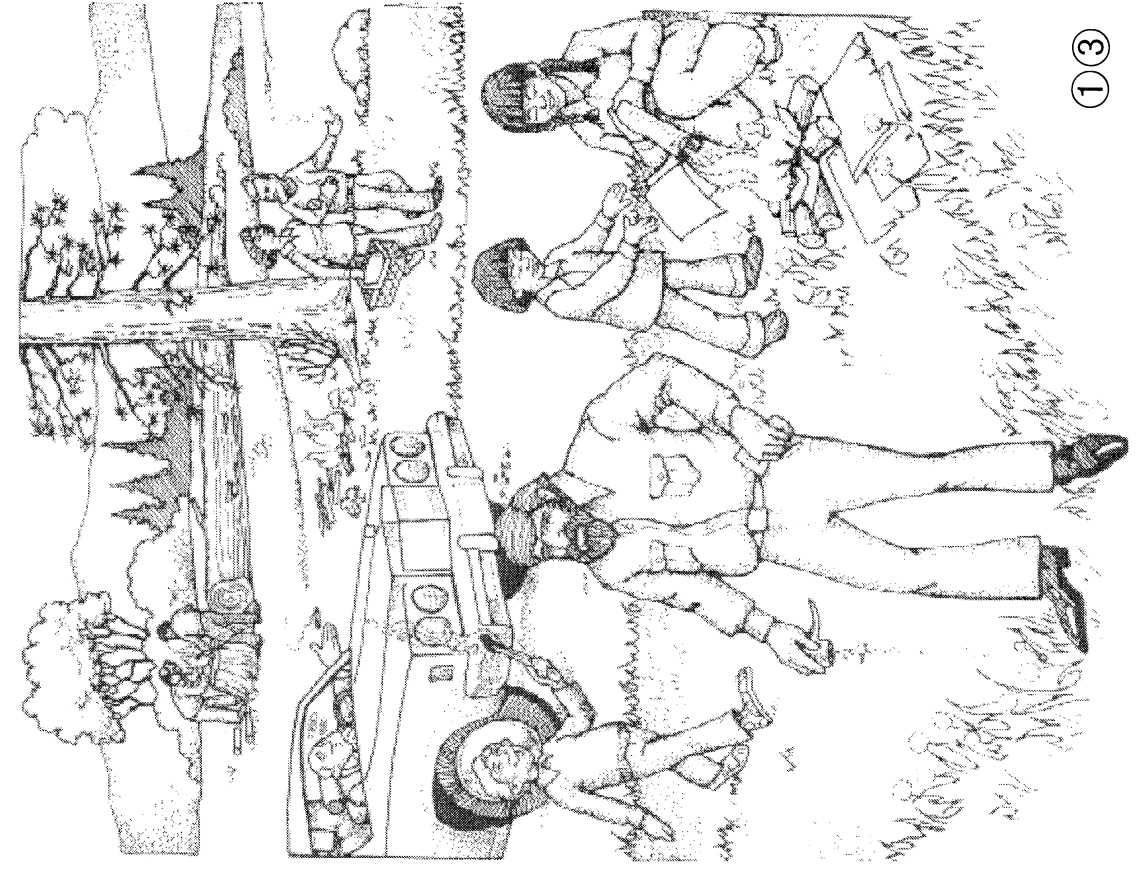
Careful with fire in the forest-- hazard hunt

SMOKEY IS PROUD OF ALL HIS FRIENDS. Now that you have learned about fire prevention and about fire safety, Smokey would like to see if you can remember all of the rules.

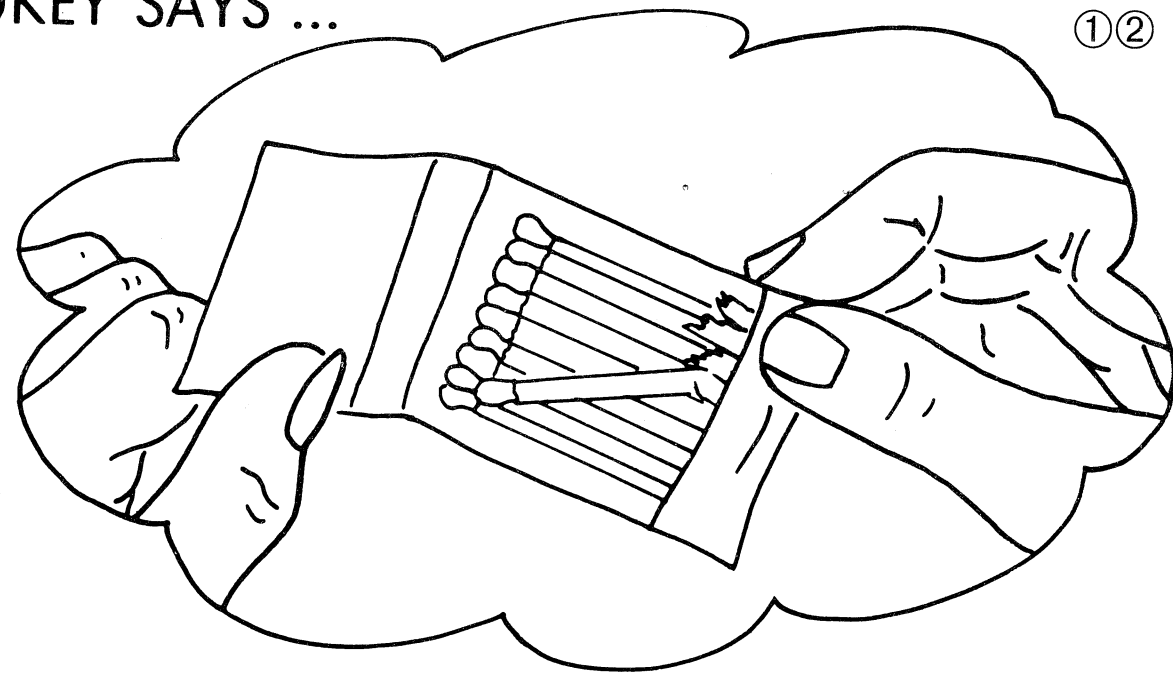
Study the picture for a few minutes and list all of the things that are wrong with the picture. (Clue--all of the people are being careless with fire.)

- 1)
- 2)
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- 11)
- 12)

How many problems did you find?

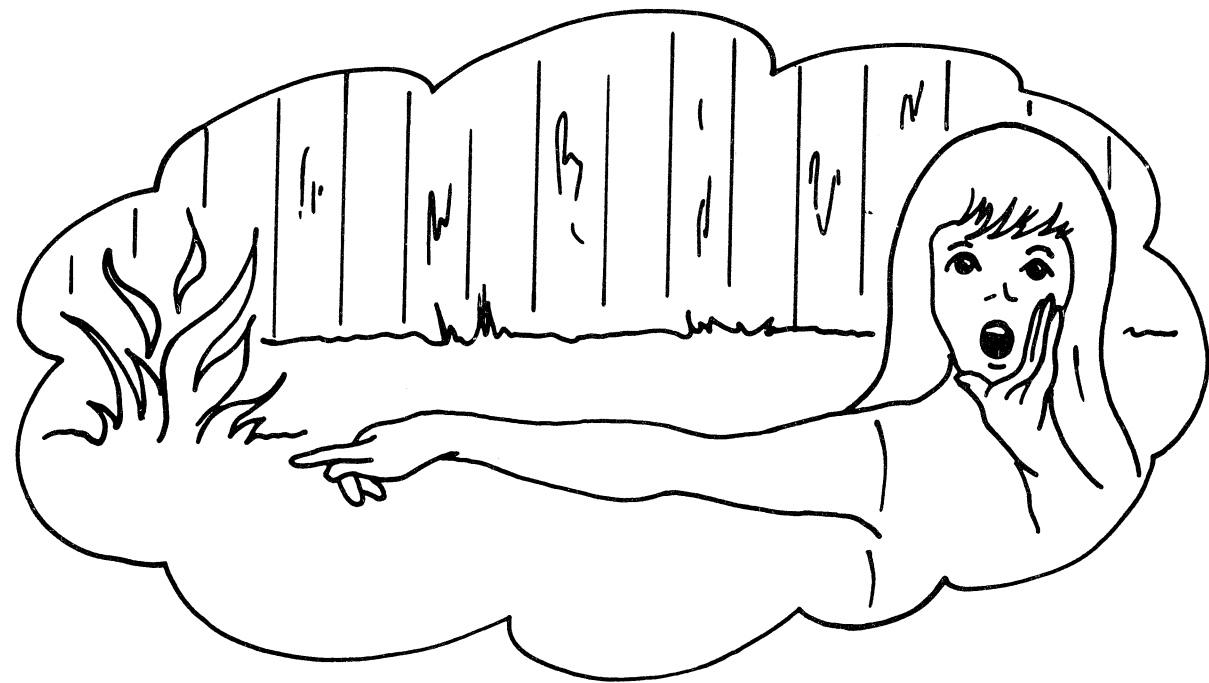


SMOKEY SAYS ...



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If you see someone playing with matches, take them away and give them to a grown-up.



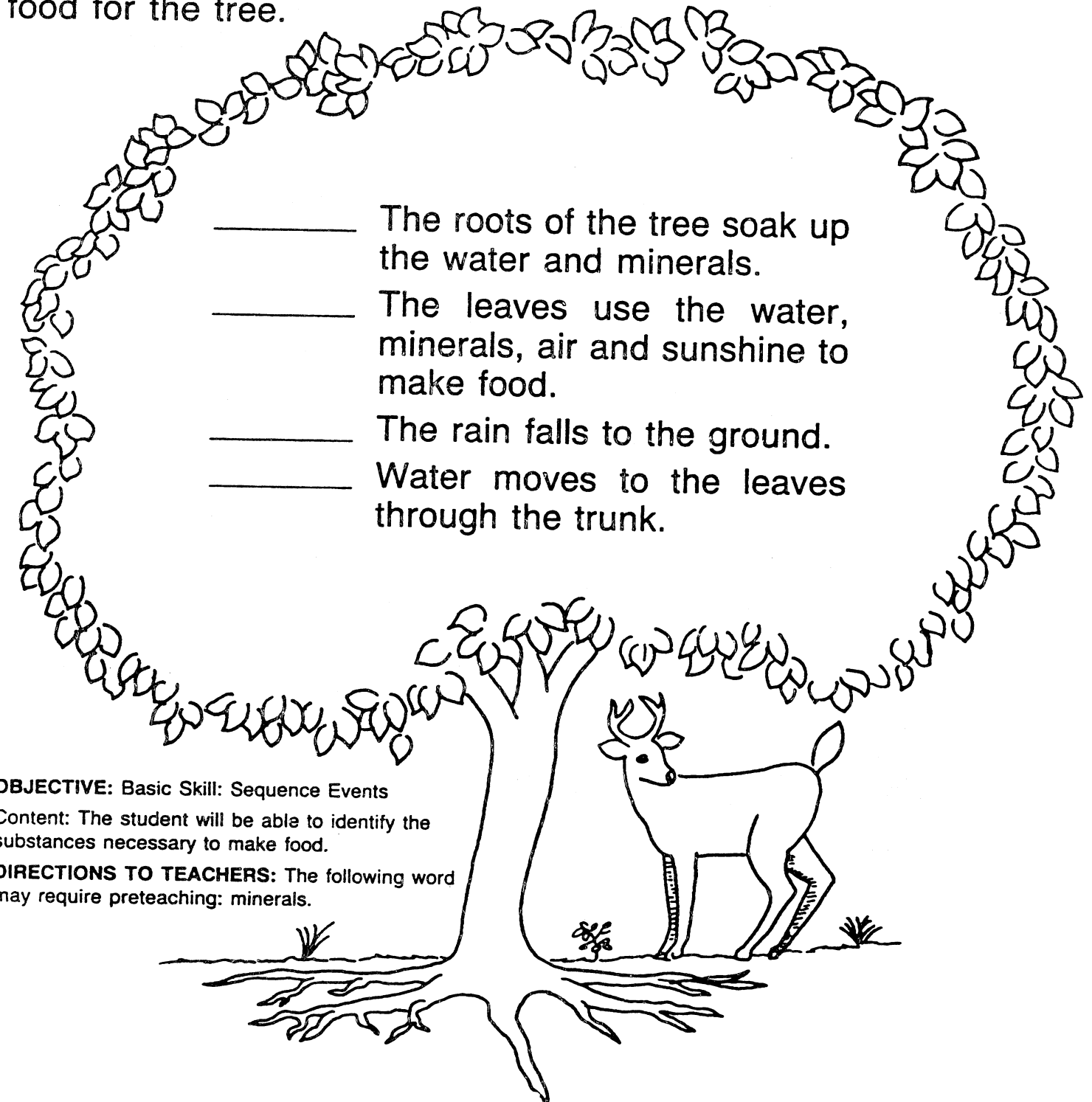
If you ever see a fire, go tell a grown-up right away.

TREES MAKE FOOD

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DIRECTIONS: Read the story. Describe how trees make food by numbering the sentences in the correct order.

The rain falls to the ground. The roots of the tree soak up water and minerals, which move through the trunk to the leaves. The green leaves use the water, minerals, air and sunshine to make food for the tree.



- _____ The roots of the tree soak up the water and minerals.
- _____ The leaves use the water, minerals, air and sunshine to make food.
- _____ The rain falls to the ground.
- _____ Water moves to the leaves through the trunk.

OBJECTIVE: Basic Skill: Sequence Events

Content: The student will be able to identify the substances necessary to make food.

DIRECTIONS TO TEACHERS: The following word may require preteaching: minerals.

SMOKEY *Says:*

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE!



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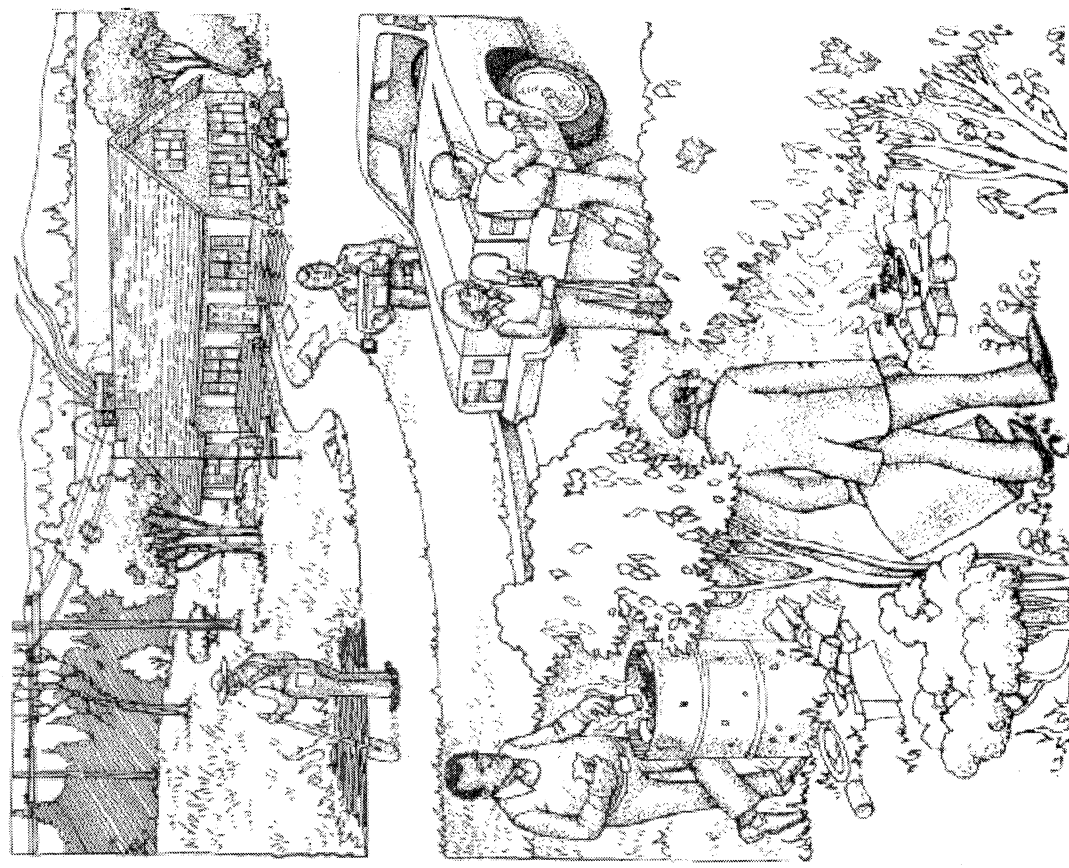
MOST FOREST FIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA START BECAUSE OF CARELESS PEOPLE. Many of the fires start near our homes.

Smokey's Friends are good at fire prevention. Study the picture for a few minutes and then see how many dangerous things you can find that could cause a forest fire. (Clue: look at the house, too.)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)
- 9)
- 10)

It's a tough test, but Smokey knows that you can help him find all of the fire problems!

How good a fire prevention detective are you?



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FOR A SAFE BARBEQUE --
PUT YOUR BRIQUETS IN A
FIREPROOF BUCKET!



SMOKEY'S FRIENDS

DON'T PLAY WITH MATCHES!



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FOREST FIRES

