

MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS.

The phrase carries a message of respect, appreciation, and harmony with nature, specifically highlighting the forest environment. It suggests that we should recognize the value of forests and the benefits they provide to us and for our future generations.

Forests are vital ecosystems that support diverse plant and animal life. They provide clean air and water, give us food, fuel, and other forest products, as well as help combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide. They offer recreational opportunities, serve as habitats for wildlife, and contribute to the overall well-being of the planet.

By saying "May the forest be with you, always," it's a way of expressing a desire for people to be mindful of the forests and to maintain a strong connection with nature. It encourages us to protect and preserve these important natural resources so that they can continue to thrive and benefit us in the long run.

The annual NACD Poster Contest provides students from kindergarten through 12th grade the chance to have their art displayed as part of a national conservation outreach initiative. Each year, the winning posters reflect NACD's annual Stewardship theme and highlight the work of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries, and agencies to protect and enhance natural resources. The contest starts at the district level; winners advance to the state level, and then to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

All entries at the local and state-level contest must be submitted by the due dates set by your local conservation district. Posters for the national contest will only be accepted from state poster contest organizers.

Find contact information for your local conservation district on [NACD's Conservation District Directory](https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/conservation-district-directory/) at: <https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/conservation-district-directory/>

The poster contest is open to public, private, and home-schooled students. All poster submissions must be sponsored by a local conservation district. For more information please scan the QR code in upper right corner of this page.

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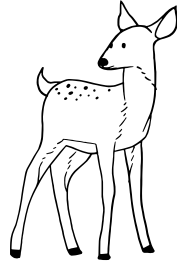

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MINI MATCH-UP ACTIVITY CARDS

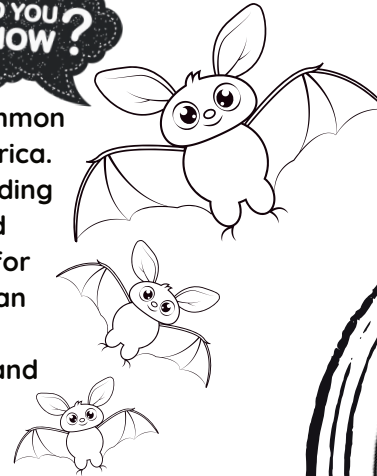
Color, cut, and shuffle cards. Players take turns flipping two cards to find matches. Keep matching pairs and take another turn. The player with the most pairs wins!

BATS

DID YOU KNOW?

Little brown bats are one of the most common and widespread bat species in North America. They inhabit various forested areas, including deciduous forests, coniferous forests, and mixed woodlands. These bats are known for their small size and brown fur. They play an important role in forest ecosystems by consuming insects, including mosquitoes and agricultural pests.



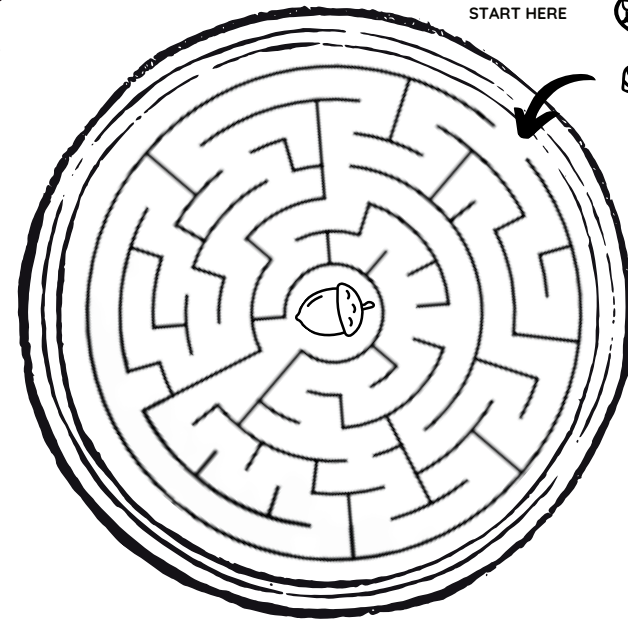
SKUNKS

Skunks are small animals that have a unique way to protect themselves. They have a special smelly spray that they can release if they feel scared or in danger. This spray smells really bad and helps them keep away other animals that might want to harm them.

Skunks have black and white fur, and they waddle when they walk. They are mostly active at night and like to dig for food, such as insects, small animals, and even fruits. Skunks are interesting creatures, but it's important to give them their space and not scare them, so we don't have to experience their smelly spray!



Help this squirrel get through the tree ring maze to the acorn!



FUN FACT

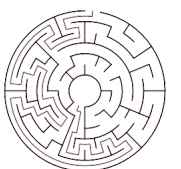
Forests are home to many different animals and plants. In fact, about two-thirds of all known land-dwelling plant and animal species live in forests!

That means forests are like bustling neighborhoods where many different creatures and plants live and interact with each other.

Get creative in the box below! Draw a forest where your favorite animal or insect lives. Add everything it needs to survive, like food and shelter. If you don't have forests nearby, draw the habitats you see around your home. Have fun!

NAME YOUR FOREST:

COMPLIMENTS OF YOUR LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DISTRICT - PLACE LABEL HERE WITH CONTACT INFORMATION



TREE MAZE SOLUTION

