Welcome to the Minnesota Black Bear Research Website!

Use the website to find the answers to the following questions:

1. Name two characteristics of hibernation
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2. Why is it beneficial for a bear to hibernate?
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3. What do bears eat during the following seasons?
   Spring _____________________________________________________________
   Late Spring ______________________________________________________
   Summer ___________________________________________________________
   Fall ______________________________________________________________

4. Are orphaned cubs ever adopted by female bears other than their mothers? ______________
   Where did you find the answer to this question? _________________________________

5. Why must adult bears and yearlings be anesthetized before removing them from their dens?
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6. Research on black bears may help with human medicine. Name two areas of human health care that could improve with findings from black bear research.

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7. What do you find when you look in the section called “Bear Tracker”?

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8. List four facts about hibernation that you find interesting.

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10. What fact(s) about bears surprised you the most?

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11. Why do you think black bear research matters?

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