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See the World

The earth is a really big place. How many countries have you visited? How many states have you seen in your life? Tell me all about your travels at buddybear@shcu.org.

Your best bear friend,

BUDDY BEAR

Buddy Bear
Cub Club President



Road Trip Maze

Buddy Bear is on a road trip. Help him find his destination.



Where Am I Close Up

Can you guess what animals these are and where in our world you would find them?



Parents' Corner

Seeing the World from Your Own Back Yard

While it's wonderful to travel and see the world, there's a lot to see and do right here in our own corner of the globe. We hope you enjoy our list of family friendly adventures for you and your little ones.

Visit a Park

Portland is just a short drive away, and so are a lot of great parks. One of the best is Tyron Creek State Park. This one-of-a-kind park offers great hiking trails just outside the city center.

Another enjoyable park is Hoyt Arboretum near Washington Park. There are a lot of trails to follow, so pick up a map at the visitor center and plan your own path.

Visit an Island

One of the most famous and beloved islands in the area is Sauvie Island. This 24,000-acre island is one of the largest river islands in the country. Did you know it's the size of Manhattan? There are plenty of family adventures for your whole gang, including bird watching, bicycling, kayaking, and hiking.

Love nature? Visit the Wapato Access Greenway State Park on the island. The two-mile trail takes you around a seasonal lake and under big leaf maples, Douglas firs and more. You might even see a bald eagle or two.

Find a Playground

There are hundreds of playgrounds throughout the region, but one of the biggest can be found in Washington Park. You'll find it next door to the International Rose Test Garden. Other favorites for playing and family fun include Peninsula Park's playground, Sellwood Park playground, and Mt. Tabor playground.



Buddy's World Records

Visiting Every Country in the World in 16 Months:

If all goes as planned, 27-year-old Cassie De Pecol will beat the previous record to visit every country in the world. She will finish her trip in just 1 year, 4 months. The previous record was 3 years, 3 months.

Buddy's Books

Find these books at the library and start your reading adventure.



Ages 4-7

Follow the Map!: A First Book of Mapping Skills

By Scot Ritchie

Do you like maps? You'll love following along with Sally and her friends as they search for their pets that go out of the back yard and end up visiting most of the world.



Ages 8-12

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul

By Jeff Kinney

Join Greg and his family as they go on the ultimate road trip. However, nothing goes as planned and the Heffley family find themselves stranded.

Jokes from Around the World

Do you have a joke to share? Send it to buddybear@shcu.org.

Q: What did the ocean say to the sailboat?

A: Nothing. It just waved.

Q: Why don't mountains get cold in the winter?

A: Because they wear snowcaps.

Q: Why are elephants wrinkled?

A: Have you ever tried to iron one?

Winter Fun Close Up

Did you guess koala, kookaburra and kangaroo? If so, you're right! All these animals can be found in Australia.



Colorful Ice Globe

Our trip around the world includes a craft to make your own ice globe. This one can get messy, so get your parent's help.

Supplies:

- Water Balloon
- Food Coloring
- Large Freezer Bag
- Cookie Sheet (with sides)
- Scissors



Instructions:

1. Put a single drop of food coloring into a water balloon.
2. Carefully fill your balloon with water (Do Not Overfill).
3. Carefully tie the balloon closed, tying it as close to the balloon as possible.
4. Place your balloon into a freezer bag.
5. Put the freezer bag and your balloon into the freezer.
6. Freeze overnight. If it's below freezing you could put the balloon outside overnight instead.
7. Take your freezer bag and balloon outside.
8. Have an adult carefully cut the balloon off the ice sphere with scissors.
9. Place your colored ice globe in your yard for some colorful fun until it melts.