

Bear Scares

Bracelet 1

Beaded bracelets with plastic pony beads of different colors on a black cord with a knot at each end. Each bead represents something special done at camp during the session. Some are automatically earned, such as a level or type of camp, and others you have to do special things for. Of course you can change what each color represents to reflect your own camp and the activities offered



Black - One week
 White - Longer than one week
 Brown - Brownie's
 Green - Junior's
 Tan - Cadette/Senior/Ambassador's
 Dark Pink - Craft specialty camp
 Dark Brown - Horse specialty camp
 Pink - Water specialty camp
 Maroon - Fishing
 Red - Archery
 Orange - Slept in tent (platform or pop-up)
 Dark Blue - Slept under stars
 Blue - Lake/river activities (swim, canoe, sail, kayak)
 Light Blue - Went swimming
 Olive Green - Service Project
 Yellow - Cookout
 Purple - Embers
 Grey - Scouts Own
 Glow in the Dark - Helped build a ceremonial campfire
 Star shaped (any color) - CIT
 Heart shaped (any color) - Staff

Bracelet 2

A bear scare is a bracelet with 3 knots. Each knot is a wish and you don't take the bracelet off for a year.

Bracelet 3

This one has a story that goes along with the bracelet. Here is the story:

Two campers were walking in the woods. They became separated and one camper comes across a bear. She is scared and doesn't know what to do. The other camper, realizing they have been separated, goes to find her friend and scares away the bear. The bracelet represents this tale with



knots. There are three knots, the middle one is the 'bear' and the knots on either side are your 'friends'. When you tie the bracelet on your wrist the knot made is 'you'. This is a reminder that whatever your 'bear' is (homework, parents, challenges, etc.), your friends are always there between you and the bear.

Bracelet 4

This next version uses the same story as above, but without the beads. Usually made out of leather, as the bracelet is worn the leather stretches and the knots 'travel' around the bracelet running away from the 'bear' in the middle.



Bracelet 5

This bracelet also has beads showing how many years you have attended camp. The beads are divided equally on each side of the center knot and as such, a first year camper will always have two beads (of the same color) so they always have a buddy.



Bracelet 6

One version uses a variation of the same story but with a different bracelet. This one has three loops, tied with friendship knots, the first loop representing 'you', the third the 'bear', and the middle your 'friends' who are always there for you:

