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WHY SUPPORT BEAR TRUST INTERNATIONAL?



WHO WE ARE

Bear Trust unites people of a passion—for bears, for wilderness, and for the protection of our natural world. We are comprised not merely of our founder and board, but of all of our co-contributors in the mission to conserve bear species. With this specific focus and vision we include our research partners around the globe; we include the student scientists we support and educate & we include our impassioned hunters, and artist members in the field. We include all of those who give their time and resources alongside us to the future of the wild bear.

We are all strongly marked in our lives by the awe of this animal. Taking up the initiative of Bear Trust is our way of giving back—to the species, in this complex, modern environment, and to our own future generations, that they may share in the experiences that move us.

OUR DIFFERENCE

Bear Trust is a practical, efficiency-focused non-profit that draws on the natural urge to appreciate the wilderness to encourage dedicated conservation work. In our vision, this begins with education. Since our founding, we have been expanding a free, adaptive Student Scientist lesson plan for American public schools that encourages young people to better understand the natural environment. We offer opportunities to student researchers around the world and adapt our policy platforms to the realities of sound scientific data. Young outdoorsmen and women stand to benefit most from conservation action taken today. We consider it our duty to preserve the wild ecosystems of the world for their future.

Bear Trust supports the protection of all eight species of wild bears, from the Indian Subcontinent to the jungles of Malaysia to the Arctic. Trusting in informed, local expertise to address the complexity of conservation issues in these environments, we always team with projects on-the-ground to further the most appropriate forms of habitat restoration and protection. We support regulated public hunting

opportunities only where these are scientifically proven to benefit the ecosystem and continues to help shape positive policy outcomes for contested conservation issues.

We are firmly focused on long-term, positive change, believing that economic and ecological sustainability must coincide in all successful conservation efforts. Drawing on the North American conservation model that fully involves the interests of the general public, we believe in the responsibility of humans to care for and integrate with their environment. Our donors remain our greatest exemplars of embracing this responsibility. Their support today advances constructive change that will impact generations.



SPIRIT BEAR SOCIETY

The Spirit Bear Society is Bear Trust's premier "Major Giving" society whose members have pledged a minimum of \$10,000 to Bear Trust. Gifts are donor-directed, tax deductible and can be made to Bear Trust's Operations or to its Conservation Education, Research, or Management programs. These pledges can be given over time up to a maximum of 10 years.

SPIRIT BEAR SOCIETY LEVELS



BRONZE \$10,000

- Lifetime membership
- Sitka BTI Jacket



GOLD \$50,000

- Lifetime membership
- Sitka jacket
- Necklace
- Leather vest
- Cuff links
- Monte Dolack Print



SILVER \$25,000

- Lifetime membership
- Sitka jacket
- Monte Dolack Print



DIAMOND \$100,000

- Lifetime membership
- Sitka jacket
- Necklace
- Leather vest
- Limited edition Monte Dolack Bears of the World print
- Special edition Rick Taylor bronze

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