

Home Sweet Home Exhibit

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The *Home Sweet Home* exhibit encourages children and families to be active explorers and thoughtful stewards of the land — our home sweet home. The exhibit's immersive environments include pretend woodland, urban and stream settings with activities (geared for children ages 2-8) that underscore the importance of protecting ecosystems and highlight ways to reduce, reuse and recycle resources. *Home Sweet Home* invites visitors to explore conservation, safety, wildlife, the water cycle, and the people who work to protect animals, natural resources and the environment. Exhibit areas include the rangers station, campsite and a pretend forest trail and stream.

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Exhibit Sale Information

Created as *Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl: Home Sweet Home* in collaboration with the USDA Forest Service, the exhibit is now available for purchase. The exhibit logo and characters' protected names and images will be removed from the exhibit before shipping. *Home Sweet Home* offers a flexible exhibit layout of 1,800–2,500 square feet. Environmentally-friendly materials and construction methods can be found throughout the exhibit.

Please contact exhibits@bbcmkids.org for purchase information.

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Rangers Station

A log cabin sets the scene for children to explore the roles of the forest ranger, cartographer and firefighter. Activities include a computer station, a pretend two-way radio (with audio), a recycling challenge, interactive career station and ranger and firefighter costumes. The *Rangers Station* also includes a trail map sign and a tree puzzle.



Campsite

A campsite with log campfire building, tree stump seats and fire extinguishing activity (with sound) teaches fire safety. Visitors can climb into a tent with wildlife audio, shadow puppets and backpack with first-aid gear.



Fire Lookout Tower

A two-story observation deck with a pretend telescope, two-way radio, map guide and puzzles lets visitors explore the pretend forest from above. This component has a 9' mural of the forest.



Bridge & Stream

A bridge crosses a pretend stream where visitors will find a rowboat, safety gear and fishing activity. Visitors can explore the importance of this body of water to the ecosystem, as they guide golf balls downstream and flip rocks that reveal animals who live there.



Puppet Theater

A hollowed-out tree serves as the stage for puppet play, with forest animal puppets and props, and audio story prompts. Tree stumps provide seating for an audience.



House

A "green" home with cutaway walls invites visitors to install eco-friendly insulation materials. Inside the house, a pretend kitchen features props made from recycled materials and recycling bins to sort glass, paper and plastic. To promote conservation, visitors will help "stop the drip" in the sink (with audio).



The Backyard

The home's backyard includes a plot with vegetable props for gardening, a compost tumbler, yard chairs, picnic table, and a birdhouse building challenge.



Additional Experiences

Additional exhibit experiences include a crawl-through and balance beam log, a rock climbing wall, directional signs, pretend trees and additional wall murals. An entry sign is also available for refurbishment.

