The picture at right says a lot to me. It is of my wife Marcye and my daughter Cayla. It represents what we offer as parents and caregivers and it represents what it means to be a child. We teach, we coach, we love, we encourage, we prepare in every way we possibly can... but in the end we need to just let go.

Ultimately, it is the child that needs to shine, to learn, to take chances and to risk in order to achieve and grow as a healthy little person.

We are Social Entrepreneurs; providing opportunities that help children achieve and grow is what we do here at Bears Playgrounds... our mission is inspired and focused:

“to create fantastic Nature Inspired Playgrounds and other products which enhance children’s environments.”

Sincerely,

President

Learn! Grow!"
Construction Features: Bold, Strong and Built to Last Construction

Nature Inspired

With our playgrounds we have created a “hybird” or balance between the innocent, natural adventure of playing in the forest and the structure and safety required by today’s safety standards. We have been building “Nature Inspired Playgrounds” since long before it was trendy, because we just knew it was the right thing to do. We have always understood that renewable, natural materials (i.e. TREES) are far greener than powder coated steel and melted plastic milk jugs.

To make our nature inspired playgrounds we use Natural Materials, like our beautiful, whole, round Northern White Cedar logs with all their natural features. Our Bold, Strong and Built to Last architecture beautifies children’s spaces, while capturing their imagination.

Our Nature Inspired products and natural materials help stimulate a child’s imagination and enthusiasm for nature. In short, our products facilitate learning, help build social skills, create opportunities for exercise and by virtue of our unique designs and materials we provide children with a unique connection to the great outdoors.

Our Log Construction is not just beautiful, it is strong too. Our posts are made from sturdy whole logs, approx 5” in diameter. Our cedar logs have a fat end and a skinny end like a tree (instead of a manufactured dowel), they have gorgeous wood grain, checking, knots, crooks, curves, etc. Those who are familiar with log construction know that it is subject to the natural process of “checking.” Checking, or cracks, occur across or through the growth rings as they release moisture. This is not a defect in the wood as it does not affect the structural integrity. Instead, it is considered a part of the log’s rustic natural look and adds to the uniqueness of each piece.

Mortise and Tenon (old school joinery) This classic joinery style is timeless and super strong. Rarely, if ever, used by the competition because it requires old school craftsmanship.

As a general rule, when you see triangles used in construction you are looking at extra strength. Bears Cedar Log Playgrounds are loaded with lots and lots of overbuilt structural knee braces for a bold look and extra strength. Many of our structures and events are built for surface mount installation with in-ground anchoring to meet ASTM.
Round is Good

Unlike square milled lumber, our round cedar is beautiful and baby smooth. Round logs have no sharp corners like milled lumber, just rub a dub-dub soft cedar; perfect for playgrounds. Logs are peeled, planed and sanded. Our Cedar is naturally beautiful, and does not contain any arsenic. Unlike other wood species, the qualities of our round cedar logs make it very difficult to splinter and penetrate human skin.

When it comes to natural weather resistance, our cedar is about the best you can do in natural products. To top it all off, we have chosen to add additional protection by staining your playground. The color is a beautiful, natural, semi-transparent, brown stain. It enhances the beauty of the wood and highlights the wood grain. The stain is water-based and the brown pigment color helps protect against harmful UV rays in the sunniest of climates. The penetrating qualities of the stain also help to protect against snow and moisture.

Like you will find on the best built decks in America, we use modern Composite Decking materials on most of our floors, rock climb walls and other high wear areas so that even a bare-footed or bare bottom baby is safe as can be.

Why Wood: Furniture, boats, structures and art of all types have been made from wood since humans have had opposable thumbs. In America, wood is the default material for the houses in which we live. Wood is literally alive in our landscape. It defines the meaning and spirit of the word “renewable.” Someday, at the end its useful life, many products made from wood will return to mother earth in a natural way that is non-polluting, self sustaining, organic and truly green because it represents the natural cycle of life. Powder coated steel and plastic products simply can’t make this claim.

When used to make our beautiful log playgrounds wood is enormously bold, strong and built to last. In fact, we back it with a 10 year guarantee. Our nature inspired log play events add visual harmony to most landscapes regardless of the architectural style of the surrounding structures. Nature and natural products are never out of style.

Beyond physical properties, the emotional power that our wood possesses in its history, its organic qualities, and ability to create peaceful beautiful spaces, make it one of the most adoring materials in the universe. The tactile and sensory properties of the materials used in our unique playgrounds help suggest play themes and re-connects children with Nature in ways other materials cannot.

That’s why wood!
Early Childhood

Whispering Pines Preschool, Cobleskill, NY

Spartanburg Preschool, NC

University Village Montessori, Chicago, IL

CIFC Early Learning Center, CT

Little Lumberjack Village, ages 6-23 months
Children’s Treehouse, KS

Sherwood Forest Annapolis, MD

Touch, feel, crawl on nature
Commercial Playground Models

DREAMIN’ REALLY BIG

Adirondack Extreme, Lake George, NY

Gate Hill Day Camp, Stony Point, NY

Pumpkinfarm, Homer Glen, IL

Vala’s Pumpkin Farm, NE

THE HUNDRED ACRE WOOD

Gustock Ski Resort, NH

Watoga State Park, WV

Heavenly Valley Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, CA
Commercial Playground Models

PROUDEST MONKEY TREE FORT VILLAGE

Jimmy Changas, Pasadena, TX
Head Start, Clyde, NY
Sherwood Forest, MD

PROUDEST MONKEY TREE FORT

Ronald McDonald House, Rochester, NY
Dover Town Park, VT
Letchworth State Park, NY
Media Children's House Montessori, PA

Amazing Magic Beans Day Care, New York, NY
Whispering Pines Preschool, Cobleskill, NY

For a complete look at our gallery of work, go to...

www.bearsplaygrounds.com
**Commercial Playground Models**

**Special Products**

for our youngest customers!

**LITTLE LUMBERJACK VILLAGE**

designed for ages 6 to 23 months

Options:
- a. umbrella shade;
- b. access component and bridge with flat floors or optional bumpy log floors;
- c. wooden or rope hand support;
- d. add-on play components;
- e. can be for 6-12 month and/or 2-5 years age groups

**PLAYHOUSE**

Optional add-on tower with choices of:
- a. straight or right turn slide;
- b. easy stairs;
- c. ADA transfer station;
- d. can be for 6-12 month and/or 2-5 years age groups

**PLAYHOUSE with SLIDE**

**HILL SLIDE**

**Touch, feel, crawl on nature**

**LITTLE LUMBERJACK VILLAGE**
Ways up . . .

Green Circle = easiest
Blue Square = intermediate
Black Diamond = difficult
Double Black Diamond = extremely difficult

BABY ROCK CRAWL

SMALL ROCK WALL
LARGE ROCK WALL

INVERTED ROCK WALL

TREE HOPPERS

ADA TRANSFER STATION

WRAP-AROUND PLATFORM

Landing Platform

LANDING PLATFORM (commonly used in combination with monkey bars and/or linked to Tree Hoppers)

EASY STAIRS

SMALL TREE HUGGER

LARGE TREE HUGGER

ANGLED CLIMBER

LOG ROPE CLIMB

INVERTED ROCK WALL

SPIRAL CLIMBER

SMALL and LARGE CROOKED LOG CLIMBER

SMALL ROCK WALL

LARGE ROCK WALL

BABY ROCK CRAWL

LARGE TREE HUGGER

EASY STAIRS

LANDING PLATFORM

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Ways down...

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- Blue Square = intermediate
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- Double Black Diamond = extremely difficult

3' or 4'
SUPER DUTY
RIGHT TURN SLIDE

3' or 4'
SUPER DUTY
DOUBLE BEDWAY SLIDE

3' SUPER DUTY
DOUBLE WIDE

7' (shown) or 3'
PREMIUM TUNNEL EXPRESS

3' or 4'
SUPER DUTY
STRAIGHT SLIDE

PREMIUM TORPEDO SLIDE
WITH IN-GROUND FOOTER

PREMIUM
5' or 6'
TORPEDO SLIDE (with base)

PREMIUM
7'
TORPEDO SLIDE
(with base)

PREMIUM
6'
TORPEDO WAVE SLIDE

7' PREMIUM TUBE SLIDE

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Ways across...

1. SUSPENSION BRIDGE (standard with wooden spindles or optional net barriers): Any one of our Natural Playground Designs that incorporate our Real Log Suspension Bridge are a big hit from day one. We enclose the sides with these wonderful wooden spindles or nets that allow complete supervision and visibility in and out.

2. BURMA BRIDGE: Often used in addition to the suspension bridge as an alternative, more difficult and exciting way across.

3. LOG RAILED FLAT FLOOR BRIDGE OR OPTIONAL BUMPY LOG FLOOR BRIDGE: Our Log Railed Flat Floor Bridge is an easy, fun bridge that is rigid with a smooth floor surface. You can also get the more difficult bumpy floor surface. The barriers are made entirely of our cedar logs.

4. HIGH BRIDGE with optional nets instead of wooden barriers: Custom made exclusively by the Bears Playground Crew and stretches between two upper decks. The 12' bridge literally spans between two of our Ponderosa Playgrounds to form what we affectionately call our “Hundred Acre Wood” model. Available with flat floor or bumpy log.

Overhead Events

1. HIGHER MONKEY BARS: Custom made from scratch, for use between two decks in conjunction with the intermediate landing platform for building upper body strength, coordination and confidence. When used in conjunction with our Landing Platform they can be used to “functionally play link” other play events or access lower deck structures. (Children ages 4 and up are generally the youngest able to use monkey bars.)

2. LOWER MONKEY BARS: Because this event is lower to the ground it is safer and easier to use. Get them started early!

3. RING TREK OVERHEAD CLIMBER: Great for developing upper body strength and coordination. More difficult than monkey bars.

4. CHIN-UP BAR: Add in a single or multi-level chin-up bar, either as a free-standing, or attached-to-a-structure event.

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Other playground accessories

1. **WOODEN ROOFS:** Are beautiful, durable and provide shade for the little ones. They are an upgrade from our standard tarp roofs.

2. **TOP GUN CANVAS ROOFS:** Are waterproof and provide shade. They come standard on most Bears Playgrounds. They are hemmed in on all four sides for extra strength and have grommets every few inches on two sides for fastening.

3. **SHADE STRUCTURE FABRIC ROOFS:** Durable, semi-transparent green fabric roof option

4. **BAMBOO ROOFS:** Provide shade and add a tropical look and feel.

5. **BRIDGE NETS (or optional wooden barrier upgrade):** Bridge Nets come standard on our High Bridge and the lower to the ground Suspension Bridge.

6. **BARRIER NETS:** Come standard around every platform that does not contain an optional activity. Our Barrier Nets Provide excellent visibility in and out of the structure for supervision. Our barrier nets are made from a material similar to that used to make truck tarp and trampolines. They are super strong and durable, reinforced hem and grommets on all four sides.

7. **WOODEN RAILS:** Wooden Rails are a popular upgrade from our barrier nets for commercial applications because they are strong and vandal resistant. They are also built higher than our barrier nets.

8. **HOOD STYLE BARRIER:** Combines a top bar, with vertical spindles to narrow, wider openings.

9. **PLAY PANELS:** Tic Tac Toe, Ball Drop, and Bubble Panels available as structure wall panels, as well as independent portable or in ground mount panels.

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Independent or Functionally Play - Linked Activities

Active Independent Play

USE THE EQUIPMENT to play fun, imaginative games like HOT LAVA, and ALLIGATORS & SHARKS!

- HILL SLIDE
- PASS-THROUGH PLAYHOUSE with PAW HOPPERS
- FAUX TREE TUNNEL with GROUND HOPPER PAWS
- SKY HOPPER PAWS
- FREESTANDING BURMA BRIDGE (balance beam with training wheels)
- TREE HOPPERS
- FAUX TREE STUMP HOPPERS
- MUSHROOM HOPPERS

Fitness/Challenge Course

- FREESTANDING ELEMENTS
- FREESTANDING LOW RISE SUSPENSION BRIDGE
- FREE-STANDING TREE HUGGER
- FREE STANDING PARALLEL BARS
- FREE STANDING CHIN-UP BAR
- FREE STANDING MONKEY BARS (available higher or lower)

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Linked Activities

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More than just one of our Brands, a Division of our Company, or an ingredient in the products that we create, “Tree Cowboys” is a state of mind.

We love nature and believe that people should be immersed in it, especially children. Our quest to marry Nature with Play has earned us hundreds, maybe thousands of like-minded customers. Now it is leading us to combine Nature + Art + Play by creating unique, one of a kind, bark on or live edge, tree play log sculptures. They add visual harmony to most landscapes, regardless of the architectural style of the surrounding structures and nature inspired adventure to the play environment.

Some of our Tree Cowboy elements are finding their way into the Adventure World as a part of Tough Mudder, Ninja Warrior, and Spartan Style Obstacle Courses. Our Tree Cowboy brand of Adventure Style Courses bridge the gap between the Playground World and the Adventure Course World and can be designed for ages 2-5 or ages 5-12.

With our expertise in safety, children’s play spaces, log and wood working capabilities, we will continue to bridge the gap between the playground world and the adventure world to develop new innovations and products for our clients.
Quiet, Independent Play

May be portable, in-ground, or fastened to a fence.

Outdoor Musical Instruments

A Children’s Musical Garden

Green Circle = easiest
Blue Square = intermediate
Black Diamond = difficult
Double Black Diamond = extremely difficult

Warm colors = easy
Cool colors = more difficult

STEEL STEERING WHEEL
TIC TAC TOE
PAINT STATION

(see, two-sided)
or DRY ERASE
(white, two-sided)

May be portable, in-ground, or fastened to a fence.

NATURAL BEARS PLAYGROUND BENCH

BOAT SAND BOX

4’ X 4’ SAND BOX or 8’ X 8’ SAND BOX

Incredible, weighted, mesh sand box cover!!!

PAINT STATION

(see, two-sided)
or DRY ERASE
(white, two-sided)

MUSHROOM SEATS
FAUX LOG
CHECKER TABLE & STUMP SEATS

BALL DROP

TIC TAC TOE

Quiet, Independent Play

8’ X 8’ SAND BOX or BOAT SAND BOX

8’ X 8’ SAND BOX or BOAT SAND BOX

A Children’s Musical Garden

Outdoor Musical Instruments

GREEN CIRCLE
BLUE SQUARE
BLACK DIAMOND
DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND

MINI MARAMBA
GLOCKENSPIEL
VERTICAL PIANO
SATURN CHIMES
GLASS IMBARIMBA

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Swing Sets

- SINGLE POST WOODEN SWING SET (1, 2, or 3 bays) (with Memorial Engraved Swing Set Option) Single Post Steel Swing Set also Available
- STEEL TIRE SWING
- STEEL ARCHED FRAME SWING SET
- BI-POD SWING SET
- COMMERCIAL 1/2 BUCKET
- COMMERCIAL FULL BUCKET
- COMMERCIAL BELT SWING
- SPECIAL NEEDS SWING

How to Buy a Bears Playground

Easy design and ordering process...

- by phone, e-mail, or in person.
- Cash, Check or
- By phone: 1-877-807-7529
- By e-mail: info@bearsplaygrounds.com
- In person: 7577 East Main, Lima NY 14485

The Process

“The Process” begins with a phone call or e-mail from you. We then produce a rough “concept drawing.” There is no cost or obligation for the drawing. Our concept drawing will include information like the size of the areas, itemized costs of the various components and events, shipping and/or delivery and installation cost. Drawings usually undergo revisions as more information becomes available to us, such as space available, budget, ages of children using the playground, and your preferences. The process continues until we’ve designed the perfect, customized, nature inspired playground for your needs.

Finally the drawing becomes our shop manufacturing and installation blueprint. Manufacturing through installation, all processes possible are controlled “in-house.”

Yes, that’s right, we still believe that great things can be created right here in the USA.

Concept drawing
We are specialists, playground builders, masters of our trade!

One thing our company values as much as the quality of our products is reliable, first class installation. We are focused on building fantastic, nature inspired products which enhance children’s environments, period!!! So whether the project is local or long haul, our crews are first class all the way.

1. INSTALL: The Bears Playground Crew can bring the playground in a semi built form to your site with a mini track loader (walk behind forklift) and tilting trailer. Pre-building the playground in our shop saves time on your site and helps ensure quality. It is an advantage most companies cannot offer. Clear access for the “pre-built” is important.

2. NATIONWIDE LONG HAUL DELIVERY & INSTALL: Some customers really like the idea of having the Bears Playground Crew do the install. Our crews are really, really good at what they do!!!

Usually we pack up the truck with our tools and your playground and hit the road. For jobs that are really far away, we sometimes ship the playground and fly the crew in. These projects are priced on a case by case basis depending on the details of the project. Price is usually calculated based upon our local install charge plus a calculation for mileage, hotels, etc.

3. SHIPPING - NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL: We will build and pre-install large portions of your project complete in our shop to make sure everything is just right. Then we take it apart and load it up into a really big crate or two or three depending upon the project. Then we load it on a tractor trailer truck (usually common carrier, LTL or consolidated load) and send it on its way for installation by others. Sometimes the owner unloads, sometimes the installer does, depending upon the arrangements you make.

Building your playground in our shop is an extra quality control step that we take to help ensure your playground is just right. It also makes it possible for us to ship you larger assembled sections, instead of a stack of lumber and a pile of hardware (like many of our competitors do).

Installation is much simpler than it may be with other brands because of this step. Shipping dimensions and weights vary by model and specific options chosen.

We have installed our playgrounds clear across the country and shipped as far away as Morocco (for the royal family). So if you want a Bears Playground we can certainly get you one. There are two common ways to get a playground to you: we can bring it and install it or we can ship it for others to install.
The making of a Bears Playground

Maintenance Instructions

9-29-2015 MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS & CHECKLIST: because the safety of this playground equipment and it’s suitability for use depend upon good inspection and maintenance, this check list should be strictly followed, in a systematic manner by your familiar with the playground. Make copies of the check list and save for your records after each inspection. You should also refer to Consumer Product Safety Commission publication 335 and A.S.T.M. 1487 latest version for guidance on your playground equipment. Completed by __________________________ Date __________________________

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<th>Maintenance instructions</th>
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<td>1. Check the depth of loose fill safety surfacing before each use especially in high traffic areas. Wooden Playground much provided by Bears should be maintained at 6’-12” for most equipment, rather much at 9” (check with the manufacturer or supplier for detail of their supplied product). This can be facilitated by meeting the idea surfacing depths on equipment posts. Displaced material should be resurfaced properly. Place using inch allowing safety mats under swings and slides and after high traffic areas.</td>
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<td>11. Check swing seats, ropes, cables, and chains for wear, rust, or deterioration. Replace as needed. For safety, replace swing seats and chains annually.</td>
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<td>19. To help prevent wood deterioration below the surfacing, ensure sand boxes and earth are shaped very form post, raise back loose fill safety surfacing and apply a high-quality water barrier all the way to the ground. On dry soils, raise the loose fill material back into place.</td>
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Operating instructions

1. We strongly recommend that you save these instructions for future reference.
2. We recommend that you read, become familiar with and follow the Public Playground Safety Handbook Publication 325 put out by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The handbook is designed to promote greater safety awareness among those who purchase, install and maintain public playground equipment.
3. Bears Custom Commercial playgrounds can be specifically tailored for ages 2-5, 5-12, or 2-12. Bears always recommends separate, age-appropriate, structures or areas for ages 6 – 23 years, and for ages 2-5 and for 5-12 when possible.

4. The owner/operator is responsible for selecting the location of the playground. At your request, we can advise you, and provide you with drawings that show the proper safe “use zone”, but the final location choice is yours. Please consider nearby accessible hazards such as roads, bodies of water, drop-offs, cliffs, shade from the sun, when selecting your site; also consider drainage. Place equipment on level ground not less than 6’ from any structure or obstruction such as a fence or building. Overhead obstructions such as telephone poles, or electrical wires must have greater than 7’ of clearance. Swings sets should have no less than two times the height both to the front and the back of the swing set. Slides greater than 6’ high require the use zone in front of the exit to be at least equal to the vertical height of the slide up to a maximum of 8’.

5. The Property owner must prevent children from using the equipment properly until and properly installed with safety fencing. Do not use this equipment properly until properly installed.

6. Close adult supervision for children of all ages is required. Instruct children to use the equipment properly.

7. WARNING: Installation over a hard surface such as concrete, asphalt, or packed earth could result in serious injury or death from falls. The owner/operator shall maintain the protective surfacing within the use zone of each play structure in accordance with specifications F1950. Appropriate for the full height of each structure and specification F1951 where applicable.

8. WARNING: Make certain that the playground is clearly visible for proper supervision.

9. WARNING: Never allow a child to climb out onto a roof or any other surface not intended for climbing.

10. WARNING: All playground equipment and rubber safety surfaces may become hot enough to cause burns. Check for hot surfaces before allowing children to play. Children should wear appropriate shoes at all times. When possible provide under shoe and face equipment such as slides to the North.

11. WARNING: Instruct children not to walk too close to, in front of, behind or between moving items.

12. WARNING: Instruct children not to twist swing chains or loop them over the top of the support bar since it may reduce the strength of the chain.

13. WARNING: Instruct children to avoid swinging empty seats.

14. WARNING: Teach children to sit in the center of their swing with their feet on the seat.

15. WARNING: Instruct children not to use the equipment in a manner other than intended.

16. WARNING: Instruct children not to get off equipment while it is in motion.

17. WARNING: Dress children appropriately (examples would include the use of well fitting shoes and avoid ponchos, scarves, hooded sweat suits, draw strings and other loose fitting clothing that is potentially hazardous while using equipment).

18. WARNING: Never allow a child to wear a bicycle or any other type of helmet when using the playground. These can present a serious strangulation hazard to children.

19. WARNING: Instruct children not to climb when equipment is wet.

20. WARNING: Verify that suspended climbing ropes, chain or cable are secure at both end, or cable cannot be looped back on itself.

21. WARNING: Instruct children not to attach items to the playground equipment that are not specifically designed for use with the equipment, such as, but not limited to, jump ropes, clothes line, pet leashes, cables and chains as they may cause a strangulation hazard.

22. Cut off protruding bolts, smooth over all sharp points or edges, and close open “S” hooks. Check for openings.

23. Warning labels & signs shall be replaced by the owner / when they no longer meet legibility requirements. Call 1-877-807-7529 or write info@bearsplaygrounds.com for replacements.
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- a genuine love of children (all children but especially ours)
- a passion for the outdoors (especially playing outdoors)
- and
- the sense of pride and accomplishment gained by creating and building the greatest outdoor play products in the universe . . .

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In addition, several members of our staff are trained and tested Certified Playground Safety Inspectors, (CPSI). We are also members of the International Playground Contractors Association, International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA), the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) and Global Re-Leaf (an organization that plants trees for ecosystem restoration).

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