

Den Cam Viewers Speak

Quotes from birthday cards that viewers sent to research biologist Lynn Rogers, April 9, 2010

I can't begin to tell you how much Lily and the NABC have done for me. It has been wonderful. Black bears rock! Wendy W. ME

Even on a bad day, Lily and Hope make a person smile! Bridget F.

I am dying of emphysema. Lily and Hope have brought much joy into my life these last few months. Hopefully, this will change the way people look at black bears. It sure enlightened me! Judie P., CA

I love Lily and Hope with all my heart and have 94,999 new Facebook friends because of them. Donna E., MA

Bringing Lily and Hope into our homes opened so many eyes to the wonderful world of black bears. Mary Anne R., GA

Thank you for the hours and hours of pleasure watching Lily and Hope. Elayne J., OH

Thank you for making my life a little fuller with Lily and Hope in my life. Margie W., ME

Before January, I had so many misconceptions about black bears. Now, I've learned so much about them. My life continues to be enriched by following Lily and Hope. Susan B., ME

It has been a joy learning about black bears through Lily and Hope. Shelley M., OH

While recovering from knee surgery, Lily and Hope were a joy every day. Christine B., OH

Thank you all for the hard work so we can understand the beauty of the incredible black bear. Myths and misconceptions are being replaced with facts & an understanding that these animals are beautiful gifts from God. Joan H., IL

It has been such an eye-opening experience to watch nature at its best. Brenda W., AZ

Thank you so much for giving us a glimpse into the life of the bears—especially Lily and Hope. These are memories I will treasure forever. Merrie V., NH

Watching Lily and Hope has been a beautiful & educational experience. Patricia S. and Mike W., CA

Thank you very much for the joy you have brought to our lives by letting us share your world of bears. Ralph and Karen M., OH

The den cam not only helped the cause of bears, it brightened up the dreary days of winter for so many people. Suzie S., WI

The den cam made a delightful winter (first time it was sad to see winter end!) Debra D., PA

Lily's den cam and bear.org have given me a whole new perspective. The work enriches the lives of bears everywhere. Susan P., CO

Thank you for all you are doing to educate the public. Jeannie K., WI

With deepest appreciation to you and God for allowing me to share your amazing world of the black bear. Mary Q., CO

Thank you for the blessing of allowing us to know Lily and Hope. Wendy C., CT

Thank you for all you do in educating the public about bears. The webcam has been such a joy to watch this year. Debbie S., BC

I've been so captivated by the amazing info you've shared about bears and the story of Lily and Hope. I've learned more than I ever would have. Grace L., NH

This has brought so much positive attention about bears' lives. I don't think you realize how many human lives you have touched. Kevin and Kimberly W., CA

I can't tell you how much pleasure I've received from watching Lily & Hope. Leslee E. ID

I have been addicted to the Lily Cam since I heard about it on Fox News Channel—Shepard Smith—back in January. Enjoy it very much. Barbara S., MO

Thank you all for the wonderful work you are doing and for all the enjoyment you have brought to many, many people! Clare V., WI

Thank you for letting us share the miracle of Hope. Lesa P., TN

The Den Cam is an amazing chance to learn about our living treasures. Thanks to all!! Alise H., PA

It has been an amazing experience watching Lily become such a wonderful momma to Hope! Our family definitely has a much better understanding and respect for these beautiful creatures. Carol R., ON

There is no way to say thank you enough for this amazing experience. It is making a huge difference in the lives and futures of bears. Kaleen V., MD

Definitely one of the best experiences ever! From my heart—sincere thanks! Carol C., New Brunswick

I have laughed and cried but would not miss a minute of all the knowledge I have learned thanks to the Lily Den Cam. Phyllis K., NC

This experience with Lily and Hope has been amazing for me. I have learned so much. Judy W., MO

Thank you all for teaching us all about black bears. We will treat them with a new found respect. Jan and Andy D., MA

I have fallen in love with Lily and Hope. The Den Cam has touched so many lives and brought so much joy. I have learned so much. Nikki Z., IL

Lily and Hope saved me from a long Ohio winter, and I learned so much. Donald and Sharon L., OH

Thank you for the incredible journey with the black bear. Frances J., MS

I watched Lily give birth to Hope and have been hooked ever since. Nancy J., MN

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed learning about black bears these past few months watching and listening to Lily and Hope, reading the daily updates, and reading the other information on bear.org. I was watching when the bears left the den for the last time at 1:38 PM on March 31. Anne J., MN

Thank you for letting the world see the beauty of nature that you see every day! Crystal T., OK

I never dreamed I would become as attached as I did. Lynn D., MI

Thank you for the opportunity to be educated and fall in love with black bears, especially Lily and Hope. Deb H., MI

Lily & Hope have brought so much joy into my life. I feel so blessed to have shared in this beautiful experience. Roberta C. WV

I can't even talk about Lily and Hope without getting misty eyed. They helped me so much this past winter. I am caring for my 80-year-old mom. Lily and Hope were my sunshine every day. I will never be able to tell you what it has meant to us. Sharon, Bob, and Kris C., PA

This has provided countless hours of knowledge, entertainment, and joy. Shain W., GA

I have learned so much about black bears from watching Lily and Hope on the den cam, reading the updates, and from bear.org. Christina I., CA

Your research and updates on Lily and Hope have brought me much joy. Barbara K., WI

I became aware of this when the Denver Post had an article. Your focus to educate people around the world will change our behavior about these beautiful animals. Judy V., CO

I watched when little Hope was born. Tears flowed. I've been hooked ever since. Beth W., KS

"It's me bear" rolling off the tongues of thousands across the globe, you and Sue touching hearts that have been filled with pain now replaced with gratitude and wonder as they watched Lily give us Hope. Sherry Showalter, Eastern Band Cherokee of Virginia.

Thank you for giving me a chance to see how bears live. Julie S., MI

The work and information enlightens not only the viewers but benefits science and the way we all view the black bear. Gail F., MA

I have learned so very much and had hours of enjoyment. Please continue to make all of us Lily and Hope fans part of your work. Cathy B., PA

I will share what I have learned with anyone willing to listen. Deborah B., NC

Everyone who watched Lily and Hope last night certainly should realize the black bear is not the vicious, ferocious animal we've all been led to believe. Beverly H., NC

Thank you for expanding our love of nature with Lily and Hope. Marie and Gary O., NC

Thank you for sharing your love of bears with the world. Susan O., PA

The effect of Lily's Bearcam has been mind boggling! We hope to repay you by sharing with others the truth about black bears. You and Sue have enriched so many lives with your gentle teachings. Jane B., TX

I have learned so much more about black bears from watching Lily and Hope. Lynn P., PA

When my life had reached the very bottom, you gave me "Hope!" She saved my life. Charleen H., OK

Thank you so much for letting us be a part of this most beautiful touching miracle. Mary J. R., PA

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing your love and passion with me over the winter. It has truly been a blessing. God created these amazing animals to walk with us on earth and you have taught us how it is done and how to respect them. Shannon T., VA

Watching Lily and Hope has made a tough time a lot better! Capt. Dianne W., WI

Captivated by Lily. Inspired by Hope. Mary P.,

Lily, Hope, and the crew have changed my life. I see black bears in a whole new light now! Sherri and Mike F., MI

I feel you let me look through the eyes of a bear into their life. Jane C., New Zealand

It was a fun winter watching Lily and Hope. Gary and Hazel J., MN

You have taught by example, inspired through gentleness, and warmed our hearts with "It's me bear and thank you bear." JoAnn L., MN

Thank you for making a huge difference in my life. Loretta R., TX

While watching the birth of Lily's cub, I knew I had gotten through the worst of my depression and would survive winter. I cheered with others around the world when I got my first glimpse of the cub's foot. Thank you for restoring hope and purpose to my life. Monica F., MN

40 years of hard work have made 90,000 people's lives richer! Rafael, Stephanie, and Cheyenne V., NC

You just saved Ely... with the help of your bear friends. Glenda H, WI

I live in New Jersey and have a much better understanding of bears now. Randi L., NJ

Our office is absolutely hooked on watching Lily and Hope. Nancye S., NY

I still miss Lily and Hope, but I am happy I could spend a few weeks of my life with them. Connie V., WI

Thank you so much for educating the world about the wonderful bear and for giving us the opportunity to witness them in the wild. Sharon M., PA

I, along with many others, am at a loss for words to express the joy and gratitude for your work with black bears. Judith I., WI

I am grateful to learn more about black bears as my husband and I have heard all the old clichés that made us fearful. Thank you for dispelling myths. Karen G., CO

Humans so often use the term "dumb" to describe animals. Thank you for helping to dispel that ignorance. Chris and Bob L., CT

Being allowed a glimpse into the bears' world without hurting them or caging them was priceless. Beth B., MD

You will never know how much you and your gentle spirit and life's work have impacted me at a difficult time! Lily and Hope put a smile on my face. Linda B., PA

The opportunity to educate the world as to their inner and outer beauty is overwhelming. The world is better place because of you. Cheryl T., CA

It has meant the world to us. We will never forget the experience. Linda and Bill E., WV

Words cannot express how the NABC website has enriched my life & increased my knowledge of bears tremendously. Jean E., FL

When Lily gave birth, it was truly all I had to look forward to. Then things worked out because we had hope...and Hope. Mary D., VA

Through this inspiring winter I have learn a lot about bears, myself, & what's really important to me in life! Linda N., IL

I watched your research bears in awe, appreciation, and even love for these special "friends." Amalie F., MN

Thank you so much for educating my family about bears. My 4-year-old tells everyone about them. Elizabeth H., PA

Watching Lily on the den cam every day has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Deb K., CO

Been a Lily and Hope fan since day one. An experience I will never forget. Becky L., WA

A life-changing experience. Kimberly S., TX

It has been such a pleasure to share the joy of watching these beautiful animals! Dana W., VA

I have been deathly afraid of bears due to bad bear dreams since I was a kid. Watching Lily and Hope has been an amazing experience for me. I am so lonesome for them now that they have left the den. Viv M., MN

There are no words to describe the joy of being able to hibernate with Lily and Hope. Diane E., NY

The live cam and videos have given me comfort. I can't explain it. It is what it is. My mom and I would have loved sharing this together. Becky H., MN

Lily and Hope have changed many of my previous ideas about black bears. Judy S., WA

Lily and Hope have given me so much knowledge about black bears and 100 times more enjoyment. Debbie F., CT

My kids and I are addicted to the website. Stacey G., IA

Lily and Hope made a lousy winter a little bit brighter. I fell in love with them. Lorri M., IN

Lily and Hope strengthened my desire to learn about bears, the northwoods, and wildlife in general. Lori C., IA

Lily and Hope have taken someone terrified of bears and helped her grow to love them. Deb O., CO

I have been a bear fan all my life. Now I am a more educated one! Cathy S., FL

I had a difficult time getting my taxes done because I could not stop watching the live cam with Lily and Hope. Kari R., MA

It is amazing how Lily and Hope snow-balled into such a positive force for good! Joanna B., MA

The knowledge we gained has made us more appreciative when we see bears. Bob & Carol B., KY

I don't know if you realize how much Lily and Hope have meant to 95,000 people. Susie S., VA

So many people would never have known the truth and shared this understanding about bears if it weren't for Lily, Hope, and bear.org. Joan G., ND

Lily's picture is beautiful in my family room. Deb O., UT

Lily and Hope will be with me forever. Judy G., VA

If I had my life to live over, I'd be a bear biologist. Mary Ann H., MD

It is so comforting to know you are there to further research, protection, and understanding of these magnificent gentle creatures. Charlene R., CA

We have the bear cam on all day for our high school special ed classes. The kids LOVE the daily updates. Mary A., MN

I am so grateful for all I have learned. Dorothy W., KS

Learning about bears has been wonderful, and watching Lily and Hope fantastic! Jean C., WI

Words cannot express the happiness you have brought into my life by sharing Lily, Hope, and your dedication to the bears! Hope was born the day I came home from the hospital. They gave me something joyous to look forward to each day! Faye R., Dublin, Ireland

This experience has been so moving for me. Kerry M., CO

Thank you so much for this opportunity to learn and to be a part of our natural world. Jacki T., FL

Our lives are fuller since Lily and Hope came into our lives. This incredible journey brought so many people together, it makes me smile. Lily and Hope do not realize how much we love them and all the research bears. Nancy W., WI

Lily and Hope were an awe inspiring experience that brought joy and happiness to thousands over the past few months. Miriam S., CA

A fabulous journey with Lily and Hope. So much fun! Sylvia M., VA

Lily and Hope and the associated information have given me a greater appreciation of bears. An amazing experience. Susan D., a recovering Lily & Hope-aholic, OH

Thanks for giving the world this awesome opportunity to see bears in THEIR world. This has been the best time we ever spent on the internet! Barb, Tim, Niki, and Shelley L., OH

Lily and Hope will forever remain in my heart and in how I live my life! Peg S., IL

I was there with Lily thru her labor and birth, her playtime with Hope, and their bittersweet departure from the den. Debbie M., NY

Our family shared many special moments with Lily and Hope on the internet. Ted and Sue W., MI

Lily and Hope have done so much to educate the public about the true nature of wildlife. Marlene M., CT

I will carry the many wonderful memories of Lily & Hope with me the rest of my life, along with a new understanding of my beloved black bears. Brenda C., DE

I used to be afraid of bears. Now I can't wait to see one! Marjorie H., NC

When I first looked into Lily's beautiful eyes, I knew I was hooked! Watching Lily use her maternal instincts is an experience I will never forget! Jean R., IA

Watching Lily and Hope has completely changed my perception of bears. Josy F., England

The opportunity to watch Lily and Hope has been so beautiful and amazing. I have always loved bears, and now to KNOW them. How great is that? Paula C., WA

Priceless education and a new love. My husband and I check the Lily cam daily and can't wait to share each evening what we have seen. Tad and Becky T., NY

May you be blessed for walking with bears, sharing their gentle world, and inviting us to come

along on the journey on the internet! Kathy and Joe R., CO

I watch Lily and Hope on phones, laptops, computers, everything. I love them! Alexis J., OH

Lily and Hope have helped change hearts and minds. Gail W., MN

This amazing experience has changed my life. No words can express how grateful I am. Lorna E., MI

I have never had an experience so rewarding and touching. The love between them, the parenting skills, and the entertainment of watching them bond has been magnificent. Diane K., MS

Lily and Hope have opened the door to an entire new thought process about these wonderful creatures. Jan C., WA

Lily and Hope have been a highlight of my life, and they were there for me during a bad time. Becky H., FL

I had no idea how emotionally attached I would become to those 2 beautiful bears. I found that out on March 31st when they weren't in their den. Mary Jo S., NY

I have learned so much. I now have a huge appreciation for bears from seeing them with no humans around and seeing them around humans they trust. Diane S., CT

The NABC has opened up a whole new world for me. Gretchen P., TX

This winter, Lily and Hope were our daily ray of sunshine. Thanks for letting them be a part of our lives. 5th Grade Class, Sharon Elementary School, VT

Lily and Hope certainly opened many eyes and gave people a lot to think about. Melody B., OH

I was there from the beginning. This experience has given us a treasured gift of insight and understanding about black bears that we could not have acquired anywhere else. Lily is a great mother and teacher. Cheryl C., TX

I am addicted to Lily and Hope. Belinda S., NC

Thanks to everyone for providing this educational opportunity to the world. Lynn T., TX

Like raising our own all over again including the upcoming empty nest. Cathy W., ND

Thank you for educating us on bears and helping us see that they

are not scary like we have always heard. Jill S., WV

Thanks to the NABC for sooo much joy daily when I log in to see Lily and her precious Hope. Danielle L., MN

I now have a very different view of bears thanks to the NABC and Lily and Hope. Dawn B., NY

Lily captivated and united thousands of loyal viewers. In her name, good things began happening almost on a daily basis. Lily's charisma has stopped us in our tracks and made us pay attention. We feel very close to those special bears. Diane H., MN

The NABC allowed many hours of happiness for me observing Lily and Hope while I recover from breast cancer. Pamela M., MO

How many nights have I fallen asleep with my laptop watching Lily and Hope! Jackie K., LA

Thank you for making it possible to follow the life of a Minnesota bear from halfway around the globe! Bonnie L., Egypt

Thank you to the NABC for following what God had for you to do. Linda W., OH

It has been an honor to learn about bears. Jennifer S., OH

Lily and the Den Cam have united people around the world. Donna and Milo M., MN

Educating us humans takes a lifetime! Cindy N., MN

In January, our local paper ran an article about Lily and the NABC. I'm so happy I decided to look at the website. Holly F., VA

Thank you for standing against the odds, showing what beautiful creatures black bears are, and waking my inner biologist. Marciea E., WV

I have so enjoyed becoming part of Lily and Hope's life. It changed my life totally! Becky L., WA

Lily and Hope became part of our family. We enjoyed them so much & miss them terribly. Joan H., WV

Perhaps we humanize Lily and Hope too much—but it is evident by watching them how much alike we all are. God made us different, but also alike! Teresa S., IN

Lily and Hope will always be part of our family. Paula M., MS

Watching this animal mother carefully care for her cub was a reminder of the restorative power of the natural world. Marlene W., MN

May God keep Lily and Hope safe. Pamela S., RI

We are so privileged to live in the area where Lily and Hope live and to be blessed with continuing knowledge about our bears. Pat and Bob J., MN

I was there to witness the birth. I grew to love them just like the other 95,000 fans. Kathryn M., CT

Lily came into my life when everything was going wrong. Hope's birth brought me the hope I was looking for. Patricia B., MA

What a great experience watching Lily and Hope. Rosemary and Bear J., MN

This has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life! Jill L., NC

A fantastic way to learn about black bears—watching them interact live on the web cam. Anne J., MN

We cannot love what we do not know. Exposing the lives and activities of Lily and Hope allows us to "know" bears. Robin U., WI

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