Believe it or not, raccoons are a part of the natural world in New York City. You might see one in your own neighborhood!

Did you know?

- Baby raccoons are also called kits.
- Raccoons are nocturnal—they love the night-time, but you may also see healthy raccoons during the day.
- They can rotate their hind feet almost 180 degrees. This helps them to climb up and down trees more easily.

- Raccoons can be found all across North America. They were some of the first New Yorkers, arriving here even before George Washington!
- If you see a raccoon, don't get too close. They will try to protect themselves and may scratch or bite.

WORD JUMBLE

Use words from the word bank to fill in the following sentences.

1. Raccoons are very smart and learn quickly. Some say they are __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __.
   1   2 3

2. Don't litter. Keep all of your __ __ __ __ __ __ __
   in containers with lids.   4   5

3. Raccoons prefer to be active at night. They are called __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ animals.
   6 7   8

4. Their front paws are like small hands. They also have an amazing sense of __ __ __ __ __ which they use to find food.
   9 10

5. Baby raccoons are called __ __ __ __ .
   11   12

Fill in the sentence using the numbered letters from above.

A raccoon will __ __ __ almost anything.
   2 4 9
Scientists label them as __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ .
   7 1 6 11 3 10 8 5 12

Help to keep raccoons wild. Do __ __ __ feed them and store all food
   6 10 9
and garbage in animal-proof contains.

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WORD BANK

Garbage	**Nocturnal**	**Mischievous**
Kits	**Touch**	

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ANIMAL TRACKS

Wildlife watchers love to look for animal tracks outside. You can learn a lot by following their footsteps.

Match the animal to its tracks. Remember to look for their prints the next time you are outside.

MAKE YOUR OWN RACCOON MASK!

You can pick out a raccoon by the black stripes on its tail and black colored fur across its eyes. It looks like it is wearing a mask.

Color and cut out the mask below, add a shoelace to both sides, and tie it around your head to wear.