

My grizzly summer job.

Russell Chadwick **remembers** the summer he turned 16—it was the time he wrestled with grizzly bears!

Russell's **adventure** started when he came to stay at Wasatch Rocky Mountain Wildlife, an animal training center in Utah. The center is run by Doug and Lynne Seus, who train wild animals to be actors in television and movies.

Doug and Lynne asked high-school student Russell to help them take **care** of two four-month-old grizzly bear cubs called Little Bart and Honey Bump. That's more **difficult** than it sounds, because even baby bears are pretty big.

Russell's **job** was to play with the bears to get them used to **humans**. At the same time, he had to remember that movie bears are still wild animals:

"One time Bump took a bite out of my back, and I had to wrestle her to the ground. But it also showed me how smart she is. She knew she had done something wrong and 'apologized' by putting her head in my lap."

Russell found that bears can **understand** more than just "sit" and "stay." For example, when Russell called out "Peekaboo!" to the **adult** bear. Tank, he covered his eyes with his paws, just like a little kid.

Although he didn't get a large **fee** for the job, Russell says he **values** the experience more than money. When you've wrestled with a grizzly bear, things like work and exams don't seem so difficult anymore!