

# Wild Kids



As nights start getting crisper and aspen trees turn gold,

beavers begin preparing to live all winter beneath the ice. This means venturing onto land more often to cut trees and store the branches in an underwater food pile—and that makes them more vulnerable to wolves that lie in wait for the large rodents or patrol the shorelines in order to catch them on land. An adult beaver will provide enough wolf food for several days.



## Which wolf gets dinner?

Can you guess which wolf finds the prey? Follow the lines to see if you're right!



## Meet the Pack



Adult wolves Aidan, Denali and Boltz have adopted the arctic wolf pups, Axel and Grayson. The pups have bonded with the adult wolves and consider them pack mates, seeking basic comforts like food and security from the adults. As they grow, they are gaining confidence, exploring their environment and testing the adult wolves to see if they can move up in the rank order. ■



## Vocabulary

**Food begging:** Pups and young wolves will lick, nibble, pull or paw at an older or more dominant wolf's muzzle when food begging. Often, a food-begging pup displays other submissive postures like rolling over, tail wagging or flattening its ears against the side of its head.

**Active Submission:** In active submission, a lower-ranking wolf crouches, whines, paws and licks at the muzzle of a dominant wolf, wagging its tail weakly.



Axel is food begging from Aidan.

*During the introduction period, Axel quickly learned that if he submits, the adult wolf loses interest, and he's no longer the focus of a wolf three times his size.*

