

## A KEMPT BEAR HUG



March Break was kicked off at the Mersey Tokeatic Research Institute in Kempt with "Bear Day." Presentations were given about bear biology, deterring bears from blueberry fields, and human-bear interactions. Children had fun in Cubs Corner with a treasure hunt, crafts, bear stories and games with Smokey the Bear. After a hearty lunch of homemade seafood chowder, honey cakes and blueberry pie everyone shared their best bear stories and Jean McEneaney, an interpreter from Kojimkujik National Park and member of the Bear Clan provided an introduction to a Milkaw ceremony to feast for and awaken the Bear Spirit after a long winter's sleep. With her is Ethan Whynot.