



SHOW ME BEARS HISTORY PROJECT

Interview Consent and Release Form

Purpose of the project

The Show Me Bears History Project is collecting interviews, memories, stories, and related materials to help preserve the history of Show Me Bears and the St. Louis bear community for future generations.

Participant name	_____
Name for credit	_____
Email / phone	_____
Interview date	_____ Interviewer: _____
Format / location	☐ In person: _____ ☐ Online: _____

What participation involves

- The interview is expected to last approximately 45 to 90 minutes, depending on your availability and how much you wish to share.
- Topics may include your first connection to Show Me Bears, memorable events, friendships, traditions, service, changes in the community, donated items, and hopes for the future.
- Some stories may involve sensitive subjects such as grief, health, stigma, conflict, or discrimination. You may skip any question, pause, take a break, go off the record, or stop the interview at any time.
- You may bring or discuss photos, flyers, shirts, patches, programs, or other items. A separate donation or item-release form should be used if ownership of physical or digital materials is being transferred.

Voluntary participation

Your participation is voluntary. Choosing not to participate, skipping a question, or stopping the interview will not affect your standing, membership, friendships, invitations, or ability to participate in Show Me Bears activities.

Recording permission

- ☐ I consent to audio recording of my interview.
- ☐ I consent to video recording of my interview.
- ☐ I consent to interviewer notes only; no audio or video recording.
- ☐ I consent to photographs or scans of items I share, subject to any restrictions listed below.

How my interview may be used

- ☐ Internal project research and planning only.
- ☐ Public history use with my name or chosen credit line.
- ☐ Public history use using a pseudonym or limited identifying details.
- ☐ Use in written excerpts, social media, website content, exhibits, educational materials, audio, video, or documentary-style projects.
- ☐ Possible donation or transfer to a community archive, historical institution, or LGBTQ+ history collection, according to the restrictions I list below.
- ☐ Please contact me before any major future public use beyond this project.

Permission and rights

By signing below, I grant the Show Me Bears History Project non-exclusive permission to preserve, transcribe, summarize, quote from, edit for length or clarity without changing my meaning, and use my interview according to the choices I marked above. I understand that I keep my personal rights to my story and that physical or digital items require a separate donation or release agreement if ownership is transferred.

Privacy and confidentiality

The project will handle interviews with care, but confidentiality cannot be guaranteed if the interview is publicly shared or archived. Because this is a close community, some stories may be recognizable even without names. Please avoid sharing private information about other people that could cause harm, and list any restrictions below.

Restrictions or special instructions

Do not use my interview publicly until: _____

Do not use or share the following topics, names, dates, or materials: _____

Preferred credit line or pseudonym: _____

Participant acknowledgment

I have read or had this form explained to me. I understand the purpose of the interview, my choices, and how my interview may be used. I have had the chance to ask questions.

Participant signature

Date

Interviewer / project representative

Date

Project contact

Contact name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website or project page: _____