

Set up these activities 1-2 days in advance.

: small mixing bowl, water, plastic toys, salt, spoon, cups.

: ice cube tray, mixing bowl, water, 2 teaspoons flour, food



In 1979, a family of miners near Fairbanks discovered the frozen carcass of a steppe bison.

University of Alaska paleontologists excavated the fossil very carefully. They washed the frozen soil around him to slowly melt away the icy soil. The animal was coated in a mineral that turned its skin a blue color, so scientists named the bison Blue Babe.

Blue Babe is a well-preserved ice age mummy. The steppe bison is on exhibit at the UAMuseum of the North.

Radiocarbon dating showed that Blue Babe lived about 36,000 years ago during the last Ice Age. Tooth marks and blood under his skin also told scientists that an American lion killed it. The frozen ground preserved clues to tell the