



SIGHTINGS

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Theme: Call of the Wild

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From The Camp Director

Every day of the summer we strive to inspire & cultivate a meaningful connections to the natural world in the lives of our campers. Our amazing staff of counselors and field science educators are here every week of the summer hiking trails, playing games, and leading crafts, cooking, & music activities. The energy and enthusiasm the campers bring with them every week keeps our staff on their toes and makes every day inspiring, exciting, and invigorating. Your campers remind us each and every day why we love our jobs. It is a gift to experience the natural beauty of the Headlands through the eyes of our campers.

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Catching Up with Coastal Campers

We kept your campers super busy! This week at the pond they collected macro invertebrates and studied their movements under microscopes. Later in the week, while back on campus, campers explored the differences between land and sea plants with a "Dress a Kelp, Dress a Tree" activity.



Out & About in the Headlands

Campers got crafty this week making their very own plaster animal track casts. Highlights of the week included trail explorations, playing Camouflage in the Cypress Grove, and practicing their field sketching techniques in the Skins and Skulls Lab. Campers especially enjoyed cookie appreciations, pizza bagels, breathtaking views, and learning to identify the different parts of a Lily during a flower dissections.



Animal Sightings:

We saw Black Tailed Deer & Fawn, Pelicans, Ravens, Humming Birds, Red Tailed Hawks, Turkey Vultures, Butterflies, Cormorants, Gulls, a Great Blue Heron, Sea Stars, Anemones, and Red Winged Blackbirds

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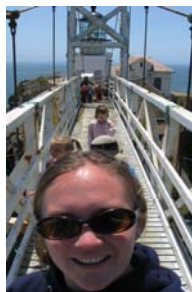
Under the Microscope:

Meg

Camp Counselor

Meg has been working outdoors since she was 16. As a life guard and swim instructor for 6 years in her hometown of Hyde Park, New York she realized how much she loved teaching kids outside. Between 2004 and 2008 Meg worked towards her B.A. in Environmental Studies at SUNY Binghamton in New York.

Since then she has worked as a nanny and most recently for Canyon Country Outdoor Education in San Juan County, Utah. She loves taking pictures, listening to endless amounts of music, laughing hysterically at corny jokes, and spontaneously doing cartwheels.



Overnight Adventures

Wednesday night's overnight was a real hoot, especially because many 3rd-6th graders woke up to a Great Horned Owl greeting the morning at 6am! Older campers spent the night at Battery Alexander while the younger campers enjoyed an evening campfire and then headed off to sleep indoors.

