



SIGHTINGS

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Themes: Tunnel Through Time & Eco Quest 09

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From The Camp Director:

Tunnel through Time was developed to highlight the unique geologic and cultural history of the Marin Headlands. All week long campers traveled back in time beginning 100 million years ago. Along the way they peered into the past using *magic windows* to guide their journey, catching glimpses of Miwoks fishing in the lagoon, lighthouse keepers at Pt. Bonita, and soldiers at Battery Townsley. By delving deep into history, campers were able to truly see the forces of change alive in the Headlands.

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Animal Sightings:

We saw a red-tailed hawk eating a mouse, a great blue heron eating a gopher, a garter snake eating a mouse, a fully grown male elephant seal in the ocean, mule deer fawns, ravens, red winged blackbirds, and gulls,

Oh my!

Under the Microscope: Grecia

Counselor

Grecia enjoys laughing and making people laugh. She is fun, enthusiastic, energetic, and always ready for new challenges. Grecia has the amazing skill of being up and ready first thing in the morning in 10 minutes flat! Grecia loves camping and hiking in the Headlands. She also loves teaching and best of all, learning from her campers.



Cookie Tectonics! This week campers learned about plate tectonics the good ole' fashion way- with OREOs! At Point Bonita they sculpted the Marin Headlands with frosting, traveled through a hand carved rock tunnel, and found pillow basalt, greywacke sandstone, and chert along the way.



3-2-1 BLAST OFF at SF-88

Ooohhhs & aaahhhhs echoed through the valley on Wednesday as campers were wowed by the Ajax and Hercules missiles at the Nike Missile Site, SF-88. Park Ranger John led campers on a deluxe tour featuring a ride on the missile elevator to the top secret underground missile loading area. And on Thursday, campers hiked the Coastal Trail to explore WWII Battery Townsley and paid a visit to Newt Nation, a water filled abandoned gun placement now home to hundreds of California newts!



Set Sail with Eco Quest 09

Eco Quest began their week of ocean inquiry in the Headlands with seal observations at Pt. Bonita, a plankton lab, and water quality testing. Mid week, they set sail on the *Schooner Seaward* where they spent the day on the bay conducting research, collecting data, and testing their hypotheses. They camped out on Angel Island and sailed back to test their data and present their findings to family & friends on Friday!

