



SIGHTINGS

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Theme: Seal Scouts

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From The Camp Director

After months of planning, preparation, and anticipation Coastal Camp was alive this week with laughter, excitement and energy. Monday was filled with familiar faces, enthusiastic camper reunions, and the beginning of new friendships. Campers had a blast playing Pinnipeds are Calling, visiting patients at The Marine Mammal Center, and enjoying the sunshine while hiking to Point Bonita and playing in the sand. At long last summer has arrived! Welcome campers, parents, families and friends and thank you for helping us celebrate a great first week.

-Ally



Mock Seal Rescue

The sun was shining as our brave campers made their way up to the Marine Mammal Center on Thursday. Excitement was in the air as they learned how to rescue and care for injured marine mammals. Armed with blocking boards, net, and carrier our campers were quite the marine biologists as they wrangled a stranded stuffed animal seal and performed diagnostic tests to assess its health.



Animal Sightings:

We saw Black Tailed Deer & Fawn, Pelicans, Ravens, Humming Birds, Red Tailed Hawks, Turkey Vultures, Butterflies, Cormorants, Sea Stars, Anemones, Red Winged Blackbirds, a Dolphin, and Pinnipeds!

...**Oh my!**

Under the Microscope

Breanna

Camp Counselor

Breanna attends California State Polytechnic University, Pomona majoring in animal science. In the future she hopes to attend vet school and focus on wildlife rehabilitation and zoo medicine. When not doing school work, volunteering at a wildlife center, or working at the front desk in her residence hall on campus, Breanna enjoys crocheting, going to the beach with friends, and eating cookies and ice cream!



Beautiful Pinnipendants!

The extremely popular Pinni-pendants were beautifully sculpted by our ever imaginative and creative campers on Monday & Tuesday. Using craft clay and some very specialized tools (toothpicks ☺) our artists crafted miniature pinnipeds (which means fin footed.) Once they were popped in the oven to harden, the campers strung their pendants on lanyards. These lovely keepsakes are a great way to remember an amazing week at camp!



Point Bonita Harbor Seal Observations!

On Wednesday, our resolute campers began their journey to the Bonita Cove overlook. From the trailhead, our science minded campers observed the behaviors of harbor seals in their native habitat. Inquiring campers wanted to know: "Why do the seals raise their heads?", "What makes them dive back into the water?", "Why are they laying on the rocks all day?" Our seal scientists used the scientific method to find answers to these and other pressing questions of the day.

