



# 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 1st week and our 4<sup>th</sup> summer of Coastal Camp.

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## Catching Up with Grades 3-4

The weather was clear and the sun was warm as our brave 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders trekked down to Rodeo Beach 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.



## Out & About with Grades 1-2

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 fin footed marine mammals called pinnipeds. 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.



## 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, and Pinnipeds!

...**Oh my!**

## Under the Microscope:

**Virginia**, Camp Counselor

Virginia first visited Headlands Institute when she was in middle school. As a student she was not only amazed and inspired by the staff's enthusiasm towards environmental education, but her experience also sparked a new found passion for the environment. This led her to become an intern at the Headlands Institute during her senior year of high school. She is currently a student at San Francisco State University majoring in Environmental Sustainability. Her hobbies include world travel, world music, and dancing the Bachata.



## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Adventures

On Wednesday, our resolute group of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders 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?" Our seal scientists used the scientific method to find answers to these and other pressing questions of the day.

