



SIGHTINGS

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From The Camp Director

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 perfecting raptor calls, flapping their wings during raptor olympics, and enjoying the foggy afternoons on the beach. At long last summer has arrived! Welcome campers, parents, families and friends and thank you for helping us celebrate a great first week.
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Catching Up with Grades 3 & 4

If your camper(s) were exhausted this week, we know why! We packed the week full with outdoor raptor adventures. Campers spent their days out on the trails with binoculars, perfecting field sketching techniques & examining bird specimens in the Skins & Skulls Lab. An all-camp game of nest raiders was a real hoot on Thursday!



Animal Sightings: We saw Black Tailed Deer & Fawn, Lizards, Swifts, Humming Birds, Red Tailed Hawks, Turkey Vultures, Ravens, Butterflies, Cormorants, Gulls, Pelicans, Red Winged Blackbirds, and Spiders...**Oh my!**

Under the Microscope: An Interview with Milt & Nick

A native of Michigan, Milton currently works at High Trails Outdoor Science School in Angelus Oaks, CA as an Instructor and Medic. Milton has taught all over the world including South Korea & Mongolia. Milton has come to realize that his passion is working with youth. He likes to spend his days sharing, learning, and teaching about the world around us.

Nick's love for the outdoors has inspired him to go on adventures ranging from leading a surfing trip in Mexico to hiking trips up the tallest mountain in Maine to backcountry skiing in Canada. As a biology student, Nick cannot go anywhere without peering under seaweed for little crabs, searching in the woods for salamanders, or watching overhead as birds play in the wind. Nick lived and studied in Madagascar for five months and encountered lemurs and hammerhead sharks while there. When at home in Virginia, Nick enjoys running with his black Labrador named Pepper.



Out & About with the 1st & 2nd Graders

The 1st & 2nd graders got crafty this week creating their own mini nests fit for a bird using clay and natural materials. They perfected the art of using binoculars during a birding bonanza at the beginning of the week and spent Thursday on the beach mimicking raptor flight patterns with their handmade tissue paper kites. Later that day, they were eager to spread their wings and practice their Red Tailed Hawk calls following a special visit and raptor presentation at the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory.



Adventures with Grades 4 – 6

Our hats off to the 4th - 6th graders! They spent all day Wednesday in search of raptors all the way up to Stonehenge Hill! Other highlights of the week included learning about raptor dietary preferences, hawk adaptations, dissecting Owl pellets and spending time being silly and telling jokes along the trails!

