



# 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 Grades 3-4

We kept these 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders super busy this week! At the pond they collected macro invertebrates and studied their movements under microscopes. Back on campus they wrapped up their week in the Marine Lab where campers dressed up like a tree and help to demonstrate the differences between land and sea plants.



## Out & About with Grades 1-2

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders got crafty this week making their very own plaster animal track casts. Highlights of their week included explorations in the Time Tunnel, 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 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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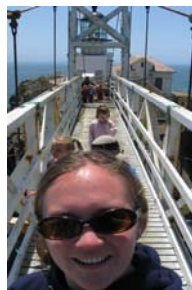
## Under the Microscope:

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.



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

Our hats off to the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders! On Thursday they embarked on an extra far day-long hike to Tennessee Valley in search of their campsite. They were pros at setting up their tents! Earlier in the week they traveled to the pond to collect macro invertebrates then headed back to campus to get a closer look at their pond critters in the microscope lab. Well done!

