



# SIGHTINGS

A Coastal Camp Weekly Publication

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Theme: Raptor Flight Patrol

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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 perfecting raptor calls, flapping their wings during raptor olympics, and enjoying the sunshine 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. Some campers were so inspired, they built a life size nest big enough for their whole hiking group! Others perfected field sketching techniques & examined bird specimens in the Skins & Skulls Lab.



**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 Channing

Channing is crazy about the ocean and everything in it (especially sharks and octopus)! As a certified Divemaster, she spent much of her time underwater with the fish. Channing credits her Marin County upbringing for instilling in her a lifelong appreciation of the natural world and a responsibility to keep it thriving. Channing loves to travel as long as it is not harmful to the environment. She has a degree in "Ecotourism and Adventure Travel", which included units on adventure leadership, backpacking, rock climbing/rappelling, windsurfing, kayaking, and much more. Channing's other hobbies and passions are: photography, arts and crafts, gardening, music (guitar), and most outdoor sports and games.



## Out & About with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5 & 6

Our hats off to the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders! They spent all day Wednesday in search of raptors all the way up to Hawk 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!

