

Paw Prints



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The Animals at Camp are Chilling Out!

How long will your gifts last this year?

I look at my daughters wish list this year: Converse tennis shoes, a newer iPod (than the one she bought only 3 months ago), Wii games, toys, clothes, and "cool decorations" for her room. A tight economy reminds us to reevaluate at times. As I look over her list, I wonder how many of these things will bring her joy beyond the next month or even year. When I think of the gifts that last forever, for us they are always the memory creators.

That is one of the reasons I love camp. Camp creates the kind of memories that last a lifetime. I think most of us who attended camp as a child can still remember special moments, learning opportunities, or even silly

songs from so many years ago. Peg Smith, CEO of the American Camp Association describes it like this, "Camp is a place that lets you truly play, engage, perform, and take part-all precursors to learning. The camp experience provides an exemplary opportunity for positive child and youth development. At camp, play means engaging with the natural world. It allows us to use all of our senses to learn lessons that create life-long impressions on how we see ourselves and our world. If we consider that today's child spends four minutes outside, compared to six hours in front of a screen (each day), can we as parents cut this opportunity for our children to experience the natural world from the family budget? I think not."

So if the gift of camp is in your plans for this season, rest assured that it will be a gift that lasts a lifetime. If you are not sure how

to wrap "camp", consider these options: Wrap up one of our brochures, print a page from our website, make a hand made certificate good for one camp vacation or just remind your camper that camp is a gift that they will remember forever.

Did you know...

- A male donkey is called a jack. A female donkey is called a Jennet?
- China has the largest donkey population in the world, about 11 million?
- Donkeys make good shepherds for sheep? They even protect them from canine predators!

Challenge Your Friends with Chemistry!



Can you remove a piece of ice from a glass of water with a string?

It seems tricky, but try it this way:

1. Place the ice in a glass of water and wait for it to stop bobbing
2. Lay the end of the string on the ice cube and carefully sprinkle the end of the string with salt where it touches the ice.
3. Wait at least 30 seconds and raise the ice cube from the glass!
4. Challenge your family and friends with this trick sometime!

If you have ever made ice cream at camp, you know why this works! If not, take ice cream making or culinary science this summer & find out!

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