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We have two African Crested Porcupines. Our male is Spike and the female is Spunky. They live in the animal area called The Jungle.

Cub Creek Science Camp



Camp Jamaica



Ackee - national fruit of Jamaica It is poison unless eaten when ripe Conch shell - A hole is knocked in the conch and they are eaten from the shell

While the days are getting cooler and the nights downright nippy, our minds are on blue water, sunshine and lots of sand. Lori and Scott have put an offer in on beachfront property in Jamaica, three acres in a wonderful location in Runaway Bay. There is a great reef close to the beach and a lot of fruit trees with fresh fruit for the picking. A very nice luxury villa will be built on the property which will house Camp Jamaica during the summer months and will be rented during the rest of the year. We are having fun choosing recipes and thinking of themes for the different rooms of the villa. Lori has so many ideas for exciting programs involving the Marine Life and the Plants of the area. We will keep you posted on the progress.

The Game Pavilion is Finished

Plans have been drawn up and construction started on tables for Carpet Ball. This will be the first game to go under the new pavilion. It is so fun to see who can be the first to knock all the balls into the end

pocket.

Did you know?.....

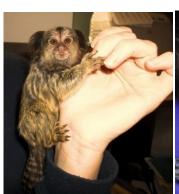
Porcupines that become alarmed do not shoot their quills. They respond to the disturbance by raising them up similar to the way people respond to the weather by getting goose bumps. The quills of the porcupine have sharp barbs on the end and because they easily fall out when they are raised, it is very difficult for any animal to touch them without getting one embedded in its skin.

Pixie and Abu when we first got them.





Now look at them.





You've come a long way baby!

Dutch Oven Recipe of the Month Pizza

Ingredients:

1 box Pizza dough mix

1 can pizza sauce

1/2 lb mozzarella cheese

1/2 lb pepperoni

1 aluminum pie tin

(Serves 2 or 3 people.)

Instructions:

Prepare the pizza dough per mix directions.

Spread dough inside pie tin and up the sides.

Top with sauce, cheese, pepperoni or other toppings of your choice.

Place 4 small rocks or wads of aluminum foil in Dutch Oven. to raise pie tin off bottom.

Set pizza in Dutch Oven.

Put 12 briquettes under the Dutch Oven and place 14 briquettes on top.

Cook for 15-25 minutes.

Calling all Scientist and Artist Grades 2- 10

This is your chance to show us what you know about animals and maybe win a little cash or week at camp.

Click on the CONTEST link on the website

www.myanimalcamp.com

If this is something you would want to do get your class involved and maybe your teacher could win some cash for a classroom project.

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Fun and easy Science Experiment.

Ever wondered how to make those old dirty pennies laying around the house look like new shiny ones. Here is a simple experiment to do just that.

Materials needed:

dull pennies

1/4 cup of white vinegar (weak acetic acid)

1 teaspoon salt (NaCi)

1 shallow, clear glass or plastic bowl (do not use a metal one)

water

measuring spoons

paper towels

Procedure:

Pour the salt and vinegar into the bowl and stir until the salt dissolves. Dip a penny halfway into the liquid and hold it there for 10 - 20 seconds. What do you see?

Dump the rest of the pennies into the liquid. The cleaning action will be visible for several seconds. Leave the pennies in the liquid for 5 minutes.

Rinse with clear water and let dry on a paper towel.

Explanation:

Pennies get dull over time because the copper in the pennies slowly reacts with air to form copper oxide. Pure copper metal is bright and shiny, but the oxide is dull and greenish. When you place the pennies in the salt and vinegar solution, the acetic acid from the vinegar dissolves the copper oxide, leaving behind shiny clean pennies. The copper from the copper oxide stays in the liquid. You could use other acids instead of vinegar, like lemon juice.

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