

Paw Prints

CUB CREEK
SCIENCE CAMP

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2008



Bonita, our Blue Fronted Amazon, enjoying a beautiful day at Cub Creek.

Animals at Cub Creek Science Camp say; "This place is going to the Birds!"

The Animals are right! We are in the process of renovating the Bird Barn.

Everyone has moved out and renovations have begun. The new space will be completely different. The center of the new space will house a classroom surrounded by nine habitats including a nursery for our babies. A special playroom will also be created complete with swings, play pens and toys for your adopted friends to enjoy.

Lori says, "The biggest advantage of this new space will be the ability to work on training and tricks." Bonita, Einstein and Jasper have already starting training. They are working hard to learn how to "step up", speak, and basic handling. By the time you

come to camp, they will be proud as pie to show off their new skills!

A new chicken coop was created in the barn area allowing us to use the old space as a sun room for your feathered friends to enjoy the fresh air.

The new space will also include individual breeding colonies for a variety of species to be hand reared. Imagine hand feeding and raising all the new babies this summer! I can hardly wait!!

ASIT camper weeks are full!

Congratulations to all of our 2009 Animal Specialists in Training. We are now completely full in this program. ASITS are campers that are 15 years of age or older who demonstrate interest in our leadership program and are recommended by staff

based on their leadership skills. If you are interested in the program for the future or would like to be placed on our waiting list please let me know by calling our office 573-458-2125 and asking for Ashley.

Did you know...

- African Grey Parrots are the best talkers in the parrot world?
- A bird's body temperature is 7-8 degrees hotter than ours? 3/4 of their breath is for cooling off since they don't sweat.
- Chocolate is poisonous to most birds? Poor birds!!

Have you registered yet? If not, [click here to check availability and register today!](http://www.BearRiverRanch.com/register.html)

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Experiment with this!

Nest Test



- Head outside and use twigs, sticks, mud, straw, and grass to build the strongest nest you can.
- Test out your nest by placing it on the low branch of a tree. Can it bear the weight?
- Place hard-boiled eggs into your nest one by one seeing how many it can hold.
- Why do you think birds use mud when building their nests?
- How do they keep their nests from getting too heavy?

The first camper to send me a picture of yourself and your nest will receive a free Cub Creek Sweatshirt! Send it to Ashley at nanney@yahoo.com or director@BearRiverRanch.com