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Jazz, the baby lynx that we added to the family at the end of the summer sessions has grown tremendously. Here is a picture of him in Lori's house. His feet are as big as the palm of your hand. He is very curious and seems to prefer children to adults. There is a definite difference between his behavior and a house cat.

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Cub Creek Science Camp

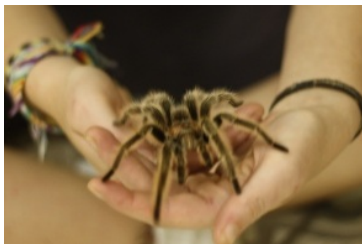


The air is crisp and cool and the leaves are starting to turn here at camp. We are picking apples and pears and storing them for feeding to the animals. The Pot Bellied Pigs, the Kinkajous, the Sloths, the Wallabies and the African Crested Porcupines especially love the apples. Many of our animals eat fruit year around but while we have a surplus of fruit some of them get extra treats.

LeiLani and Alyssa have been cooking up a special gruel that is healthy and nutritious for the birds. Beans, rice, vegetables etc. are cooked and mixed together and stored in the freezer in zip lock bags so they can be thawed when needed and fed throughout the year

Ever wonder how to properly hold a Tarantula?

A person should be seated and scooping up the tarantula with two hands very gently let it sit on the flat surface of your hands. A tarantula has an exoskeleton which will crack if it is dropped on a hard floor causing the spider to die.



Did you know?.....

A Llama's gestation period is eleven months and the baby is called a Cria. Llamas can spit up to 45 feet when agitated and the "spit" is really the partially digested contents of the stomach, that is why it smells so bad.

(This is not a picture of our Llama.

We occasionally have them spit at each other but not at us.)



The New Game Pavilion is Under Construction

The Game Pavilion will be located between the pool and the animal area and will have such games as ping pong, carpet ball, fuze ball etc. We asked you what type of ropes course activities you wanted and many of you said a Zip Line and Giant Swing. We heard you and are adding a climbing tower with a Zip Line and Giant Swing in the woods off the end of the Game Pavilion (see 4th picture). We are excited to offer these activities here at Cub Creek and know that many of you will be too.



Dutch Oven Recipe of the Month

Turtle Cake



Ingredients:

1 chocolate cake mix
1 1/4 cup of water
10 oz. Carton of apple caramel dip
12 oz package chocolate chips
1 cup chopped nuts
3 eggs
1/3 cup of oil

Directions:

Grease Dutch oven and set aside. Mix cake according to package directions. Pour a thin layer (about 1/4 inch) of batter into prepared oven. Bake over 6 coals with 18 on lid for about 15 minutes, or until layer is almost cooked. Remove from heat and spoon caramel dip over cooked layer. Spoon carefully so that the cake does not tear. Sprinkle caramel with 1/2 of the chocolate chips and 1/2 of the nuts. Spoon the remaining cake batter over the caramel, being sure to cover all the caramel. Sprinkle remaining chips and nuts on top of the batter. Bake with five coals under and 16 on the lid for about 30 minutes, or until the top layer is cooked. It will still be jiggly because of the caramel underneath. Remove from heat and let stand about 10 minutes before serving, to firm up the cake. Because the bottom is already cooked you don't need much heat. If it looks like the bottom is done remove the bottom coals completely. This is a rich gooey treat that is great served with ice cream.

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.

Contest Categories

Informative Article
2 - Dimensional Design
Invention / Animal Enrichment

Fun and easy Science Experiment.

Knotted Bones

This simple experiment will allow you to tie bones in a knot.

What to do:

Choose several clean thin bones (after a good meal of baked or fried chicken) and drop them into a jar of vinegar. Making sure that the whole bone is covered. Leave them sit for a day. When you take them out they will be soft and pliable. Tie them into knot and then let them sit in the open air. They will harden again and your friends will wonder how you did it.

The Science behind it:

Our bones contain something called "Calcium Carbonate". This is what makes them hard. The vinegar is an "Acetic Acid". When these two combine, a chemical reaction occurs and Carbon Dioxide is released. This is where all the bubbles come from. The reaction will continue until all the calcium carbonate is used up. The bone is soft because all the carbon in the calcium carbonate floated out of the egg in those little bubbles.

Camp Friends

Did you make new friends at camp and want to be in the same cabin with them next year?

Make sure that you write their name on the registration form that you send in or give the office a call and have us add them to your form. We will work with you to try to make sure that you get with the friends that you have requested. If you don't have a specific request, there are always new friends to be made every year. That's one of the great things about camp!

Registration forms can be filled out online at MyAnimalCamp.com
or calling the office at 573-458-2125