This is one of the beautiful grasshoppers Lori brought back from Florida. They are over three inches long! We are crossing our fingers for babies!



# What's Happening at Camp?

#### We are heading to Jamaica

Next week Lori, Scott, Ashley and their families are heading to Jamaica for two weeks to check out potential properties for Animal Camp Jamaica.

While we are still very early in the planning stages, we have dreams of opening as early as 2010. This one week adventure camp would offer a unique opportunity to expand your animal adventures even further. Capture and study hermit crabs as large as your fist, explore marine biology as you snorkel the beautiful coral reefs, experience horseback excursions learning the fascinating ecosystems of mountain and ocean terrains. Are you getting the vision?

Many of you have shown interest and asked wonderful questions about this

exciting venture. We promise to keep you updated in future issues of Paw Prints!

#### Here We Grow Again!

It has been absolutely amazing seeing so many registrations pouring in! It feels strange to have some cabins already having only one or two spaces left. While it is exciting to grow, it is difficult to turn animal lovers away. However, this year is unique! There is an extra week in our summer calendar that allows us to expand without using hammers! We have added a fourth one week session to summer. This extra week is not listed on the registration form but will take place May 31st-June 6th. If you know campers that are looking for a one week experience, please give them the inside scoop on this addition. Online forms include the new dates!

#### **Camper Fact:**

At least 90% of all animal species on Earth are Arthopods! Arthopods are jointed foot creatures such as: insects, spiders, and other creepy-crawlies. Thanks Mary Beth from St. Louis for this fun fact!

## Did you know..

Grasshoppers, crickets and locusts are all grouped in the same order: ORTHOPTERA?

There are over 20,000 different grasshoppers and crickets in the world?

Grasshoppers can use their hind legs for grooming or as weapons of defense?!

### **Experiment With This!**

Fly Trap

#### Observe the life cycle of a fly with this cool experiment!

- Peel a banana and place it outside in an open jar
  - Leave the open jar undisturbed for 3-5 days
  - Observe the jar daily. When 5-10 small fruit flies are seen inside the jar, cover it with a stocking and rubber band.
  - Leave the flies in the jar for three days and then release them all outside
  - Re-cover the jar and observe what happens over the next two weeks!
- Email Ashley at <u>a\_nanney@yahoo.com</u> with your observations. The first 10 campers to email will receive a prize!

Quick Register today by calling our office at 573-458-2125 or use Our web registration at any time <u>www.BearRiverRanch.com</u> If you have a fun fact, great camp picture, science experiment, or animal tidbit to share, email Ashley at <u>a nanney@yahoo.com</u>.