



CUB CREEK SCIENCE CAMP

Not Your Average Summer Camp

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CUB CREEK'S STORY

Cub Creek Science Camp was founded by Scott and Lori Martin in 1993. Lori was inspired by her love of nature, science, animals, and children. The goal would be to focus on the natural curiosity that she loved nurturing in children. What started during vacation time from her full time job, grew into a year round operation, far exceeding their dreams. In 1999, the property now known as Bear River Ranch was purchased. Cub Creek Science Camp moved from its original home at Babler State Park to Bear River Ranch in the summer of 2001.

Since our start, Cub Creek has continued to grow, change, and improve. In 2013, we built Lemur Island, an indoor/outdoor habitat for our cherished Ringtail Lemurs. It's here that all our campers get the chance to have incredible encounters with some of camp's iconic creatures. Camp's newest building, the Dining Hall, served its first meals in the summer in 2016 allowing all our campers and staff to eat meals together. The dining hall is also the second location for camp's other large lemur habitat, Lemur Landing! So now, we get to spend even more time around animals!

We're proud of our camp's history. It is a true depiction of following your dreams, dedication, and making a contribution to the world that benefits all. We hope that everyone who comes here is inspired to do the same. The culture of Cub Creek is one that encourages our campers to strive for their dreams; to grow and gain the self-confidence to follow their passions; and to cherish the people and animals around us.

We hope as you read about Cub Creek Science Camp you can appreciate our camp for what it has grown to be. We look forward to welcoming you to our camp family.



Cub Creek's Goal | To provide a safe, fun, and loving environment where campers build self-confidence, problem solving skills, and a desire to care for one another and our planet.

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ANIMALS at Cub Creek

Over 300 animals of over 100 species make up our special animal family! From reptiles to birds and invertebrates to mammals, the campers at Cub Creek get up-close and personal time with the animals here at camp. Unlike any other program out there, we provide time for campers to see and learn about the animals they find fascinating as well as getting to interact with them. When a camper takes Adopt an Animal, they are *actually* assisting our animal team in feeding our camp animals as well as maintaining the cleanliness of their habitat. In turn, we believe this makes our campers more aware of the impact they have on every animal. Our hope is to grow a love of animals in our campers and that this love will transfer to others and the environment.

The 100 Animal Club

At Cub Creek our campers REALLY do see, touch, and learn about our animals! That is what our 100 Animal Club is all about. It celebrates the campers who during their time at camp can see, touch, and learn about at least 100 species of animals. With camp's incredibly diverse animal family, this club is for the true animal enthusiast!



Animals Everywhere!

Our animal area has a dozen distinct sections, each with a specific animal focus. From our Reptile Room with over 20 snakes and lizards, to the Jungle with a vast array of mammals and birds, there are so many animals to see! Most campers choose to spend part of their day in our animal area taking specific animal related classes and courses. But you don't have to be in the animal area to see animals. There are animals all over camp! Peafowl and guineafowl can be seen walking and calling through-out camp. Deer are known to walk through in the evenings and stop to graze in grassy fields. Camp dogs and cats like to explore with our campers. And of course, we eat meals right next to a beautiful and playful colony of ringtail lemurs.

“ There are so many animals at camp, giving you the opportunity to learn and experience in-person animals that most people could only dream of seeing outside of the television or a zoo. - Joey W. , 8 Years: Camper, ASIT ”

ANIMALS at Cub Creek

We are an animal camp all about up close, personal, interactions with animals. Feed a grape to a lemur, sing with a parrot, take an alpaca for a walk, or play fetch with a fox. Our campers have incredible encounters with our animal family and enrich the lives of our critters in return. Our three most popular animal courses at camp are Adopt an Animal, Amazing Animals, and Jr. Vet. Because animals are so popular here, our animal activities have **guaranteed** space for everyone!



Adopt an Animal

Ever wonder what taking care of a Fox would be like?! Find out in Adopt an Animal! In this course, campers take care of an animal of *their* choosing for the entire week. Yes, our campers are **REALLY** taking care of an emu, a zebu, a potbelly pig, an alpaca, or a parrot by maintaining its health and habitat! With 300 animals and over 100 different species, campers have the ability to assist in the upkeep of some amazing animals they may never have seen before!



Amazing Animals

Learn about *all* of camp's animals in this week-long course. Each day, campers explore a different part of the animal area with their knowledgeable instructor learning about birds, reptiles, mammals, and invertebrates. Amazing Animals is perfect for campers who want to see and learn about all of the animals at camp.

This course has an advanced option, too! For campers who have taken **Amazing Animals**, take **Even More Amazing Animals**. This course combines animal encounters with in-depth animal science topics like genetics and taxonomy.



Junior Veterinarian

More commonly called “Jr. Vet”, this course is designed for campers who are considering a future career as a Veterinarian. Jr Vet teaches real veterinary techniques through hands-on activities that introduce skills that are required to prevent, diagnose and treat injuries and illness in animals. Campers will listen to the heart, lungs and intestines of a variety of animals; learn how to identify internal and external parasites; look at and use x-rays to diagnose problems; draw and give injections; and even learn how to tie a suture! All Jr. Vet students also get to sit in on a live surgery performed by a real veterinarian in our special surgical room!

Those who have taken the course are even able to expand their skills in “Advanced Jr Vet”! Campers in the advanced course learn proper handling techniques and give examinations to our camp animals.



Animals Are The Instructors

There is so much that can be learned from animals. Animals teach compassion, patience, gentleness, dependability, and responsibility. Our animals have an amazing way of bringing campers out of their shy shell or providing a space for high-energy campers to focus their energy to care for their “adopted” animal. Many families and campers have told us that camp and the animals have provided areas of growth, changed their lives, or been a reason toward their application and admission to Veterinary School.





SCIENCE at Cub Creek

At its core Cub Creek Science Camp is a SCIENCE camp. With our fun atmosphere, it may be hard to see it first. But science is embedded in everything we do! Our love for animals drives our Animal Science section of camp; We want campers to see the chemistry behind cooking in Culinary and the physics on the Ropes Course. For those interested in the Physical Sciences, we enjoy many of them here at camp in our fun way! Pictured above is Giant Bubbles, one of our popular Chemistry classes. You may not see the science right away, but in this class campers will talk about surface tension, cohesion, and touch on some principles in physics like light refraction!

Chemistry

In Chemistry, campers are learning the basics of molecular structure, density, and states of matter with fun engaging activities like Giant Bubbles and Oobleck. We believe that messy, fun science helps to make the larger concepts in science easier to understand.



Physics

Campers who take Physics are challenged to see how and why things operate in our world. The course starts with simple machines, touches on electromagnets and circuits, then campers will go on to build catapults and launch water rockets.



Jr Naturalist

Since we are located among a beautiful and ecologically diverse landscape, campers in our Jr. Naturalist course, are learning about the trees, plants, animals and other natural wonders found all around camp. This course is built for a budding conservationist or wildlife biologist!



Not Your Average Science Camp

Science is more than math, text books, and experiments - it's about diving deep into the intriguing parts of the world; solving abstract problems with logic and critical thinking; and applying what you learn to help make things around you better. That is the foundation of the science at Cub Creek Science Camp. We are striving to give our campers an appreciation for the world around us by exposing them to animals they have never seen before, helping them find ways to solve problems with teamwork and cooperation, and using what they have learned here to make our world a better place.





ADVENTURE at Cub Creek

Life at an animal camp is always an adventure! For those who want to step it up a bit, Cub Creek offers several adventurous activities that are aimed to please. What would summer camp be without a zipline or archery?! Our adventure seeking activities for our campers intertwines our basic principles of learning, exploration, and problem solving. Take on a challenge by scaling our 25ft climbing wall, building a fire, hiking a trail, or shooting a bullseye! Camp also has its very own cave! Campers take a scenic hike to Spencer Cave where they walk and crawl deep into the cave's dark zone! The adventure portion of camp is the only place where some activities are for our Senior campers only (ages 12 and up).



The Ropes Course

One of the most popular locations at camp is our 6-element Ropes Course. For those looking for a thrill, this area of camp is for them! Stack crates high into the sky, zoom down the zipline, take a ride on the giant swing, climb and rappel!

Five of the six ropes elements are open to all our campers. The last element, The Leap of Faith (pictured left), is for our Senior campers only. Campers will walk along a pole raised 30ft off the ground. The objective: Get to the end of the pole, jump, and hit the ball hanging 6ft from the edge!



Survival Skills

Geared for those who really love the outdoors, Survival Skills teaches the basics of surviving in the wilderness! Learn to start a fire, build a shelter, find water, and orient using hints from nature.

Survival Skills is for all ages, however the course for Senior campers culminates with an over-night camping trip, called Survival Campout. This night puts their skills to the test by tasking them to build a shelter, start a fire, and cook a meal in a remote part of camp's woods!



Archery & Riflery

Archery at Cub Creek is open to all our campers and is offered both for a week long course and single day choices. Riflery is a course for Senior campers and gives them a chance to learn, practice, and enhance skills in target shooting. Both Archery and Riflery have two trained instructors oversee the safety of the campers and follow regimented rules.

A TYPICAL DAY at Cub Creek

7:00 am Early Bird

8:00 am Breakfast

9:30 am Activity Periods 1 & 2

12:00 pm Free Time

1:15 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Siesta

3:00 pm Activity Periods 3 & 4

5:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Evening Activity

9:00 pm Night Owl

9:45 pm Lights Out for Juniors

10:30 pm Lights Out for Seniors



Early Birds & Night Owls

For the campers who want to start the day even earlier or end the camp day later, we've got something for them! Offered randomly throughout the week, Early Birds and Night Owls are hosted by our counselors and leadership campers and offer a variety of unique activities. Go on an early morning nature hike to the glade or stay up for a glow stick dance party!

Meals

We offer a great variety of food choices at camp and have found that even the pickiest of eaters can find something they can enjoy. Food is served buffet style and cabin groups eat their meals together. Campers can choose from the main entrees and sides being served or select from our always offered supplementary meal items. With PB&J, fresh fruit, cereal, mac & cheese, salad bar, baked potatoes and more, campers always have another option!

Campers who receive food or snacks in care packages or who bring food from home are given space to store these foods in the dining hall.



Special Dietary Needs

While our main offerings are not prepared to accommodate specific food restrictions, we are able to help in other ways. We do offer Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten-Free options in our Gift Shop for purchase. Families are also welcome to send campers with special meals if needed!





The Activity Periods

With 100+ Activity choices, our campers are never short of something to do at camp! They can pick between creating in the Pottery and Craft Studios, getting active on the Ropes Course, digging in the Gemstone Quarry, and of course spending quality time and learning in the Animal Area! Offered four times each day, the activity periods give campers the opportunity to explore their interests; they choose what they want to take! All our core camp activities are offered all summer long for all our campers. Learn more about the vast array of activities campers can choose from in the “Activities at Cub Creek” section and on our website!



Evening Activity

All of camp comes together for a final activity at the end of the day for what we call Evening Activity. This time encourages cabin bonding and teamwork. It's a wonderful time for friends and siblings in different cabins to see each other and interact.

Each session, we enjoy one of camp's traditional Evening Activities, Circle of Life. Our teen leadership team, the ASITs, will bring animals to each cabin and make presentations for the campers allowing each camper to hold animals and take pictures! As the summer progresses into our multi-week sessions, we enjoy more Cub Creek classics like our *iconic* 4th of July Carnival or Floop-a-Flar, an incredible, funny water relay!

“While all of the evening activities are different and exciting, my favorite is Floop-a-Flar! It is a lot of fun to be blind-folded and sprayed by water while walking through Fox Field. I love that the whole cabin gets involved! - Amelia V., 6 Years: Camper ”





ACTIVITIES at Cub Creek

We use the word “Activities” at camp to describe many of the things we offer our campers: Early Birds and Night Owls, Evening Activities, and Courses and Classes. All together those “activities” make up what is a full camp day. While all the activities at camp make a camper’s time with us special, it’s the courses and classes that most often bring campers to Cub Creek. Courses and Classes are the activities that all our campers get to pick and choose to build their camp experience. From spending time in the animal area to going caving, the four activity periods span the entirety of camp’s animal, science, adventure, craft, and nature activities!

What are Courses and Classes?

At Cub Creek, we run as many of our activities as often as we can. To do this, we offer them in different ways. Campers can sign up for a COURSE like Jr. Vet and each day of the week join up with the instructor and campers in Jr. Vet to learn how to suture, watch a live surgery, and more. If a camper is interested in something that happens in Jr. Vet, but would rather take two other courses while at camp, they can sign up for a specific CLASS on a Jr. Vet topic. This way, they can still 'learn to give injections' while experiencing other camp courses.

Courses



Week-long activities that campers participate in each day of the week. All campers will select 2 courses for the week.

Classes



Hour-long activities that campers choose and change up each day. Each camper will select 2 camp classes a day.

All of camp's many activities are listed and described in great detail on our website. You'll notice the two icons next to "Courses" and "Classes" on this page are used on our website to differentiate the many activities at camp!



There's Something For Everyone

We have over 100 activity period choices for campers to choose from. Activities are divided by age group, Junior campers (7 to 11) and Senior campers (12 to 17). Animals and Science is just the start! Our incredible Craft and Pottery studios provide a place for campers to get creative; Culinary Science sparks campers' interest in the culinary arts; and with hiking trails and 300 acres of beautiful land, nature-lovers rejoice at the sight of all the trees, plants, and flowers! All of our camp activities are offered all summer long ensuring that whenever you come to camp - it will be a great time!





LEADERSHIP at Cub Creek

It's our goal that while campers are having fun, they are also becoming good stewards of the Earth by caring for each other, animals, and the environment. We hope that by spending even one week with us here at camp, campers will grow their self-confidence, problem solving skills and strengthen their abilities to communicate and cooperate. At Cub Creek, we have two Programs that are specifically geared towards fostering leadership skills; The LIT Program and the ASIT Program. For teens looking for more adventure, we have Animal Camp Jamaica, a travel program that combines marine sciences, cultural immersion, community service and leadership skill building into one amazing 13-day trip!

Leaders In Training - LIT

This week-long course gives our campers ages 13+ the opportunity to recognize, develop, and enhance key leadership skills. With a passionate Instructor, these campers focus on skills that directly relate to growing leaders. LITs work together to plan and run a camp activity for other campers while also performing a camp service project. Regardless, if campers wish to be an ASIT or counselor with us in the future, the gained skills and experience will help them in any of their future endeavors.



Animal Specialist In Training - ASIT

The ASIT Program is Cub Creek's leading teen leadership program; ASITs are a big aspect of our camp culture. ASITs assist our Animal Team each morning with taking care of camp's 300 animals. Alongside their animal responsibilities, ASITs can also be seen in a cabin helping campers with having their best camp experience and assisting with activities around camp. ASITs are expected to lead by example, take on responsibility, and exercise independence. For that, the *ASIT Program is for returning campers 15 and older, is by invitation-only, and is highly selective.*

“ Being an ASIT was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I've had the opportunity to take part in. It forced me to work on a team and learn how to have discipline. It gave me a chance to better my leadership, work with animals, and it gave me friends in places all over the US that I can always count on. Being an ASIT was an experience that lasted way beyond my time at camp. - Drew M., 8 Years: Camper, ASIT ”



Learn More at [AnimalCampJamaica.com](https://www.animalcampjamaica.com)

Animal Camp Jamaica

Animal Camp Jamaica is a travel and adventure program for teens 13 to 18 years old. As the sister camp to Cub Creek, its focuses are rooted in animals and science. Every morning is spent at the beach snorkeling, kayaking, and doing a beach cleanup while afternoons are filled with a new adventure! Each session, campers will climb the iconic Dunn's River Falls, swim in the stunning Luminous Lagoon, and host a beach party for the children of the community. Traveling abroad gives campers the chance to mature personally and socially while developing skills in leadership. Animal Camp Jamaica is a great way for campers to grow and exhibit skills in leadership, maturity, and independence. Each session is led by a trusted and experienced Cub Creek staff, giving parents peace of mind during their child's adventure!



GROW WITH US

We're proud to say that we have seen many campers grow up right here at camp. For our campers, Cub Creek Science Camp is a second family and home. A place where they are free to be themselves and connect with others with similar passions. We grow leaders, problem solvers and peace makers of tomorrow by building knowledge, curiosity and self esteem in our campers today. And while our campers grow, we continue to grow ourselves! Forever looking to improve our programing, always looking for the best role models to be our staff, and developing new parts of camp to provide the best summer camp experience for every child who joins us for the summer.

Why Cub Creek Science Camp?

You can't get a more unique camp experience than us. Beyond our one-of-a-kind activities, at our core we are dedicated to the growth, success, and happiness of each camper who comes to camp with us. We believe in the power of friendship and the miracles that animals can have in helping fuse bonds between others. We cherish the time campers spend with us, and we hope that their time here inspires them to be the best versions of themselves and do amazing things.

"I'm often asked what my favorite part of camp is, most people assume the animals. While they certainly are a plus, it's the people that make Cub Creek my favorite place on Earth. Whether it was waking up my sweet Texas girls in the morning, reading them bed time stories, or sitting down with my co-counselors to discuss the day, every moment reminded me how lucky I am to experience the magic of camp. A magic that exists in all areas of camp if you let it. Cub Creek has without a doubt molded me into the person I am today. It has given me countless leadership opportunities and reminded me that everyone has a gift and a purpose. All this being said, I can never truly put into words how much camp means to me and how thankful I am that I've been given the opportunity to go "home" every summer. It's the most special place with the most special people. People who believe in you and inspire you. People who understand your heart and encourage you to follow your dreams. And for all of these things, I'm eternally grateful. This camp has been a part of my life for eight years: 4 as a camper, 3 as an ASIT, and 1 as a counselor... and yes, I'm already counting down the days until I get the privilege of returning."

- Dani I. , 9 Years: Camper, ASIT, Staff

"I always knew I wanted to send my children to summer camp. Finding a summer camp for my daughter was a breeze. My son's needs for a summer camp were a bit more specific. Not just any summer camp would do. I saw an ad in a magazine for Cub Creek Science Camp while sitting in the dentist office. It really sparked my interest and I began my research. I reached out to the camp staff and they were willing to welcome my son into the camp family. This summer will be my son's third time at camp. My only regret is not finding CCSC sooner! If you have a child that loves animals, science and the beauty of the outdoors, then you have found your home. All he knows is fun! As a parent, I see the growth and new skills on top of the fun!" - S. Crowe, Cub Creek mom

"Camp is only one week a year, but it has become such a major part of my life. Every day I strive to be the person and leader I am at camp." - Meg F. , 7 Years: Camper

"Camp will forever be my second home. It helped me come out of my shell and formed me into the person I am today. I have made so many friends, whether human or animal. Overall, it is a great experience that I look forward to every summer, and I hope it never ends."

- Andrew R. , 3 Years: Camper

"My most outstanding memory at Cub Creek was my time spent in the animal area, both as an ASIT and an animal specialist, as those experiences provided me with animal care skills and knowledge that I still use in my career today." - Haley W. , 11 Years: Camper, ASIT, Staff

"Cub Creek means a place where you can be fully and truly yourself, and a place where you get to make some of the best memories with the best people around you." - Mackenzie B. , 3 Years: Staff

Learn More About Cub Creek

Visit our website to read even more about camp! We've put together everything you need to help decide if Cub Creek is the right camp for your child. With information for First Time Families, tons of pictures, information about our facility, and a FULL list of camp's activities including our camp animals, we have it all for you! The website is helpful after registration too! You'll find tips for packing, links to our camp database, and reminders about session dates and reminders!



First Time Families



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