Seahorse Roundup

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by Jeremiah, age 7

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The Adventures of Bonnie & Chester

Giddy-Up, Seahorse

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Ever Wonder?

Let’s play a game! Try to find me 4 more times in this issue!

**YOUR DAD WILL FEEL LIKE A HERO WHEN YOU MAKE HIM THIS HEART-SHAPED SANDWICH.**

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“**MY DAD’S a HERO**” Sandwich

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ON THE COVER

With its horse-like head and monkey tail, a seahorse is unlike any other fish in the sea. Turn to page six to learn about seahorses.

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An albatross has the longest wingspan of any bird.

A moose has heavier antlers than any other kind of animal.

A beaver can cut down a small tree in 30 minutes.

Kangaroos lick their forearms to stay cool.

A spider has blue blood.

Sailfish are the world’s fastest fish.
Saddle up to discover nine fun facts about seahorses.

1. Seahorses use their tails to hold on, so they don’t get swept away by waves.

2. Seahorses are the slowest fish in the sea.

3. Seahorses live in parts of the ocean where the water is warm and shallow.
4. Seahorses swim by fluttering the tiny fins on their backs.

5. The smallest seahorses are shorter than a staple.

6. The biggest seahorses can be as long as a hammer.

This seahorse is called a pot-bellied seahorse. Can you guess why?
A walrus spends much of its time swimming in cold ocean waters.

Seahorses use their snouts as straws to suck up tiny animals.

Seahorse dads have pouches. They use them to carry baby seahorses until they are big enough to live on their own.

Seahorses can change color to match what they are holding on to.

¡Hola!

Read the story in Spanish. RangerRick.org/SeahorsesSP
“Today is the day!” said Ricky Raccoon. “I mean, tonight’s the night.” He and Bizzie Beaver, Flora Skunk, and Flora’s little brother, Sammy, were sitting at Ricky’s picnic table. “Tonight is the night for what?” asked Sammy. “For our camping trip!” said Flora. “Yes, it’s going to be fun!” Bizzie said with a toothy grin. “But I don’t know if I want to go camping,” Sammy said. “Why not?” asked Ricky. “Well, lots of reasons,” Sammy said. “It’s going to be dark, right? Can I take my nightlight?” “Sorry, Sammy, there’s no place to plug in a nightlight where we’ll be going,” said Flora. “Oh,” said Sammy. “Well, I like to sleep in my own bed.” Bizzie laughed. “We can’t carry your bed through the woods, Sammy,” he said. “But you can sleep in a nice, cozy sleeping bag.” “What if there are scary noises?” asked Sammy. “You’ll be fine,” said Flora. “Well, OK,” said Sammy. “I guess I’ll go.” But he wasn’t very excited.

Later that day, the friends set out for their campsite. To Sammy, it seemed like a long, hot walk. After a while, he heard something. “That’s rain,” Sammy said. “We better go home.” “That’s not rain,” said Ricky. The sound grew louder as they entered a clearing. “Here we are!” said Ricky. “Hurray!” the others cheered.

But Sammy just stared. In front of them was a beautiful waterfall. Sammy realized that was the sound he had heard. “A waterfall!” Sammy shouted. Things were looking better now. “We’re going to camp right here,” said Flora. “But first, let’s go swimming!” Flora dropped her sleeping bag and ran toward the water. Her friends were right behind her.
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“I’m still thinking,” said Sammy.

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Suddenly Flora pointed. “Look!” she said. “The first star! Let’s make a wish.”

They all closed their eyes and made their wishes.

“Are we having s’mores?” Sammy asked excitedly.

“Of course!” said Ricky.

Before long the friends were all sitting around the fire, roasting their marshmallows and eating s’mores.

The sun was going down now, and it was beginning to get dark.

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Just then, a sound came through the trees. Hoo, hoo-hoo! Hoo, hoo-hoo! Hoo, hoo-hoo!

“Wow,” said Ricky. “It’s an owl!”

“Cool!” said the others.

“You know what?” Sammy said. “I just figured out what my wish is.”

“Tell us,” said Flora.

“Well,” Sammy began, “I was worried about not having my bed. But my sleeping bag is really comfy. And I was worried about not having my nightlight. But when you go camping, the stars are your nightlights. And I was worried about scary noises. But instead, we got to hear an owl!”

“So what’s your wish?” asked Ricky.

Sammy grinned. “My wish is to go camping again!” he said.
In honor of Father’s Day, let’s meet some animal dads that are top pops.

While Mom is off hunting, a black-backed jackal dad stays behind and minds the pups. He protects them, feeds them, and plays with them.
The job of an emperor penguin dad is to keep his egg warm. So he balances it on his feet. After the chick hatches, it stays warm by sitting on Dad’s toes.

A jawfish dad carries his mate’s eggs in his mouth. He keeps the eggs safe until they are ready to hatch.

A cotton-top tamarin dad babysits while Mom is away. The twins cling to Dad’s back as he moves through the treetops.

Daddy, Let’s snuggle!

Climb higher, DAD!
What does your dad do for you?

A Darwin’s frog dad slurps up tiny tadpoles and carries them in his throat. After the tadpoles become frogs, Dad spits them out.

A giant water bug dad carries his mate’s eggs on his back. The eggs will stay glued to his back until the baby bugs hatch.

An ostrich dad stands guard over his chicks. He keeps enemies away. He also uses his big wings as an umbrella to protect the chicks from the sun.

Hey, Dad, let’s hop!

Wanna race?

What does your dad do for you?
Are spiders insects?

Look at the spider. It has 8 legs and 2 main body parts.

It is not an insect because insects have 6 legs and 3 body parts.

Scientists call spiders arachnids (uh-RAK-nids).

Some of these creatures are spiders. Others are insects. Count the legs to find out which ones are which.

Chester was excited to be camping with Bonnie. I can't wait to see the sun rise in the morning.

If you are going to wake up early, you should go to sleep soon.

Who can sleep when there's so much fun stuff to do?

Look at all the stars. 1, 2, 3...

Wake up, sleepy head. Zzzzzzzz.

It looks as though someone was a night owl last night.
Animal Fun

Each of these fish is named after the animal it looks like. Use the animals in the box below to name each fish.

- seahorse
- fish

Spotting Seahorses
How many seahorses can you find hiding in the seaweed?

Find three seahorses that are the same.

Missing Shapes
Which three shapes will fit into the missing spots on the sea turtle’s shell?

A B C D E

1 2 3

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A coral reef is an underwater world made of the skeletons of tiny animals called coral polyps (PAH-lips).

**Clownfish** hides in the reef.

**Crab** crawls across the coral.

**Shark** looks for fish to eat.

I hatched from an egg shaped like a ping-pong ball.

I eat sponges that grow on a coral reef.

My mouth is shaped like a bird’s beak.

Turn the page to see who I am.
Sea Turtle Swim

By Jennifer Bové

I'm having so much fun Gliding through the sea. Flap your turtle flippers And swim along with me!
A sloth spends most of its life in a tree.