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Teacher Emily Townsend, left, helps Cora Evenson, 9, center, and Josie Egan, 8, identify the bones in an owl pellet they dissected. Campers matched their bones with diagrams on a sheet with drawings of rodent, shrew, mole and bird bones.



Noah Welch, 8, and Kyler Rodriguez, 8, search the fields for any signs of wildlife.

## JUNIOR NATURALISTS EXPLORE NORTH COAST

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**F**or the first time, the Wildlife Center of the North Coast hosted the Junior Naturalists Summer Camp for entering third- and fourth-graders from July 22-26. Campers learned about native animal species and plants, took nature walks to explore the local environment and toured the animal recovery facility.



Finn Vaughn-Hume, 8, searches for a robin that crossed the path seconds before while on a nature walk.



Cora Evenson, 9, sketches flowers in her nature notebook.



Wearing safety glasses and extra-small latex gloves, Josaphine Byrne, 9, left, and Mai Linh Quang, 8, separate bones from other owl pellet debris.



Kyler Rodriguez, 8, runs to safety during a complex game of tag where students were squirrels, predators and trees

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