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OUTDOORS

AND LOCAL SPORTS



OH, THE THINGS YOU'LL SEE

WLT, Teton Science Schools host summer camps

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The Wyoming Land Trust and Teton Science Schools hosted their first week of Wyoming Nature Camp in Pinedale this week. Forty-eight kids entering the first through sixth grade were introduced to ecosystems, watersheds, geology, the effects of invasive species and how people interact with and conserve the land.

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Above: Gabriella Lenz explores her surroundings with a compact pair of kid binoculars before setting off on a hike.

Right: A melee of campers grab for a stuffed bear as part of a team-building game. The chaos creates confusion, and the counselor playing the mama bear doesn't know who to go after to protect her cub.

Inside: Pinedale Boat Club fishing derby results



NATURE CAMP: Kelly Park outing *Continued from 1B*



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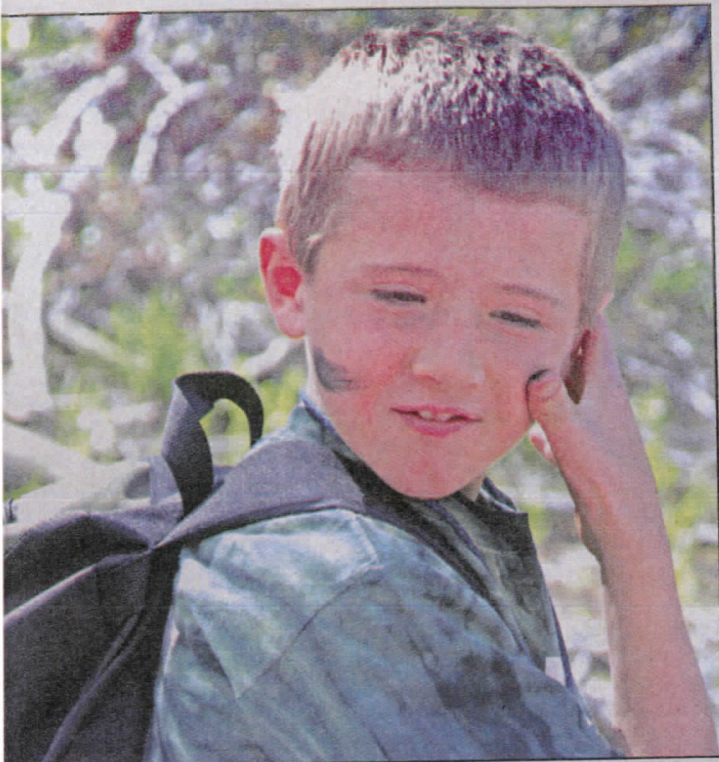


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