

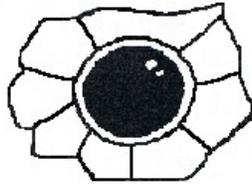


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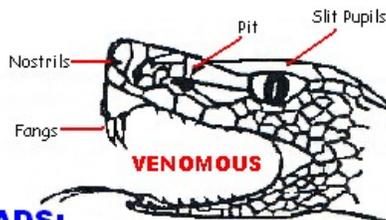
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HEADS:



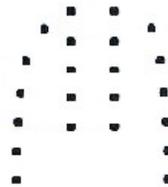
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TAILS:



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BITES:



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Coral Snake VENOMOUS

IMPORTANT:
Coral Snakes have non-venomous characteristics. You need to learn the color pattern. (Red Touch, Yellow, Kill a Fellow, Red Touch, Black, Friend or Jack). Think of a traffic light.

EYES:
Some rear-fanged "venomous" snakes have round pupils but their bite is not deadly to most.

DEAD SNAKES:
Dead Snakes can bite hours after being killed due to nerves in the snake.

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Observing Snakes in the Woods

- To a camper, seeing a snake can be a thrilling experience (or not).
- Allow camper(s) to get that thrilling experience but in the safest of ways.
- Pay attention to your surroundings when out and about, especially in grassy fields and woods (forest).
- Keep in mind snakes do come out at night so don't put your guard down just because the sun is down.

Distance:

- Keeping a minimum of 15 ft. away from a snake will insure a good & safe look to watch & learn.

When Out In The Woods - Ground Level:

- When you come across a snake you may frighten the snake away. Snakes are more afraid of you than you are of it.
- To a snake you are a giant! So, get low to the ground, maybe squat. The lower the better for observing.
- Doing this will give you a better chance of observing the snake for a longer period of time.
- If you don't want the snake to stay then stomp your feet and wave your arms up and down. The snake will leave.
- Snakes do not have ears; they'll feel the vibrations of your stomping, see your arms waving and taste your smell using their tongue.

Parent/Camp Counselor Role:

- The role of a parent/camp counselor should be to maintain a safe distance and safe observing area for their child.
- If you know the type of snake being observed then this would be a perfect opportunity to EMPOWER your child with Knowledge. Knowledge is Power and Power is Knowledge.
- If you do not like snakes, that is okay too. Observe the snake from a safe distance and watch/learn all you can about the snake.
- Many people that are afraid of snakes lack knowledge of snakes.
- You don't have to like snakes to respect them. Snakes play a vital role in the food chain.

When Out In The Woods:

- Do not step over any large logs or obstacles in your walking path. Step on the log, look over, then step down and help others over. Many hikers have been bit by snakes curled up on the other side waiting for a strike.
- Always travel in a minimum of 3. In the event of an accident/injury, 1 person to stay with the injured and 1 to get help.
- Use a walking stick. This will help with spider webs across the path, possible snakes/reptiles and many other good uses.
- When lifting up objects stand behind it in case a snake runs out or other creatures. You don't want to be in their path of escape!
- Be aware of the nearest fire station, hospital, medical building and ranger station BEFORE going on your hike. Let others know where you are and give a tentative time of return.
- Look before you sit down on anything. Look on, in, around, under and over before sitting down.
- Snakes do come out at night. There are venomous and non-venomous snakes that are nocturnal (active at night).

Camping:

- Do not leave shoes outside of tent unless they are covered. Shoes are a great place for snakes and other small creatures to hide.
- Always look and use caution when picking up firewood. Also, use caution when rolling over large logs or picking up firewood stacked/sitting for a long period of time.
- Keep your tent closed at all times even when using it. Small creatures can enter your tent without you knowing about it.
- Keep all gear out in the open and not pushed up under bushes.
- Roll up your sleeping bag even when not in it. This is added protection against unwanted creatures and dew.
- During colder weather a warm fire may attract reptiles. Snakes being cold-blooded need warm/heat for energy.
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