

# Nov. 11: Owls & Raptors & Prey, Oh My!

Dissection Lab! Campers learn about owls and other birds of prey, and dissect real owl pellets! They practice observing, sorting, and recording their findings (small rodent bones) using diagrams and a dichotomous key.



What Is an Owl Pellet? Owl pellets tell us a lot about the diet and digestion of an owl and its prey. Think about a bird's beak. Birds don't have teeth... so how do they chew? Actually, birds can't chew.

Owls eat small rodents – but without teeth, owls can't "chew" the tougher parts like bones, fur, scales, and feathers. So owls do something that's fascinating and

a little disgusting – they regurgitate the fur and bones, in a small oval pellet.



We will spend time dissecting owl pellets, charting the bones we find, and talking about other aspects of owl anatomy, like the eyes and how they move (they don't!). And we'll play a hilarious game that highlights how owls hunt, as well as some familiar camp games!

Key vocabulary in **French** or **Spanish** includes food webs, predators and prey, owl anatomy, sequencing,

diet, and rodent anatomy. You will receive a vocabulary and fact sheet with images and concepts campers learned.

Please check the weather and be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play, running, and walking! We will provide snacks, you provide a bag lunch.





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#### **DETAILS**

#### **Dropoff and pick-up**

Downtown Brooklyn at BASIS/City Point, 405 Gold Street UWS at Frederick Douglass Playground, 102nd St and Amsterdam

Bring: Water bottle, bag lunch, weather-appropriate clothing

#### Camp hours

9–4:30 Drop-off begins at 8:30 am Pick up by 5:00 pm

# **Upcoming Mini-Camps!**

Friday, Nov. 11
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Dissection Lab (real owl pellets!), crafts, games

# Wednesday, Nov. 23 Special Advanced French Holiday Cooking Camp

in a **real commercial kitchen!** We'll bake bread, beautiful pies, and make other tasty holiday delights to bring home to share.

### **Limited capacity enrollment**

Advanced French only, ages 7-11

## Be an Early Owl!

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