

Hammerhead Sharks

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Hammerhead sharks are one of the most recognisable sharks and perhaps the most distinctive shark of all species, thanks to their hammer shaped heads, also known as the cephalofoil. They are found in almost all warm water around Central America, Southern America, Australia, Asia, and Africa. Hammerheads can live up to 20 to 30 years and can measure up to 3.5 ft to 20 ft. They eat small fish, Stingrays, and Octopus, some species even eat seagrass. Although attacks by Whales, Orcas, and even other sharks,

Hammerheads are sometimes known as, "The King of The Ocean."

There are about 10 species of Hammerhead sharks, although some studies may suggest that there are more out and about in the world. These include: Scalloped Hammerheads, Great Hammerheads, Smooth Hammerheads, Smalleye Hammerheads, Carolina Hammerheads, Whitefin Hammerheads, Scalloped Bonnethead, Scoophead, Bonnethead, and maybe way more! Sadly, almost half of the Hammerhead population is going extinct, and are threatened in some form so many Hammerheads are critically endangered due to human activities.

Thankfully, in Indonesia, their government has protected Hammerheads by making it illegal since 2013.

Hammerheads have incredible vision and are better than most other species of shark. Their eyes are placed at each end of their hammer shaped head allowing them to see everything around them all the time, giving a complete 360 degree range of vision, except, this adaptation does also come with a caveat that they therefore have a blind spot, right in the middle of their hammer shaped head.

Surprisingly, Hammerhead Sharks can tan. Hammerheads love to go to shallow water, and hang out, so that some have

grown the ability to slightly tan. Their skin can turn from light grey to dark and there is not a single risk of skin cancer. Some scientists have found out that very soon, Hammerheads might be helpful and can be used for curing, treating, and preventing Melanoma in humans.

Hammerheads like to swim in a school, shoal, or a shiver, which means a group of Hammerhead Sharks swimming together. They travel with 500 or less sharks in every shiver, but only during the day, at night they would split into coordinated groups or by themselves. We still are yet to know why they split up or split into groups.

No Homework: Making a Difference in our School and Community!

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Have you ever gotten home and didn't want to do homework? After a long day of learning, many students feel tired and need a break from school.

If people are sporty, homework

can be even harder for people to manage time. The student might not have enough time to do homework or make them feel stressed or rushed. Adding more time to work can be overwhelming.

Homework wastes time when your brain needs a rest. It also makes you feel

more stressed and overwhelmed when you could be playing outside in the sun and having a great time.

If schools reduced or remove homework, students would have more balance in their lives. This could make a positive difference not only in our school but in our whole community.

Rylee Canaan

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Rylee Canaan is the earliest member of South Spencer high school basketball team. She still has a long way to go but she is getting there every step of the way. Rylee is a junior on the team her number is 5, she is on the varsity team.

One of her first shots was a one dribble 3 pointer swooshed through the net, turned around with 3 claps in her hand, smiled at her teammates right when she was flashed down the court to make the next play.

She has made several shots already

Why You Should Visit Holiday World!

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I think everyone should visit Holiday World because it is one of the best places ever! It is full of fun, excitement, and amazing things to do.

One reason to go is the awesome rides. Some of the most popular rides include the Thunderbird, the Voyage,

the Revolution, and the Liberty Launch. These rides are super exciting and will make your day unforgettable. There are many more rides to enjoy, so there is something for everyone!

Another great thing about Holiday World is that soft drinks are FREE! You can get a drink anytime you want, which makes the experience even better. The food is not free, but it tastes really

delicious and is worth it.

Holiday World also has cool shops where you can buy souvenirs like shirts, hoodies, and cups with the park's logo. These are great to remember your trip and show your friends.

Holiday World is a fun and exciting place that everyone should visit at least once. If you go, you might just have the best day of your life!

Softball

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Have you ever heard of the sport softball? Softball has been around since 1887. It was actually invented on Thanksgiving day in Chicago. It was an indoor version of baseball, and they would use a boxing glove as a ball. But in 1926, it started to be played outdoors, and got its name of softball. Did you know that the longest recording game lasted 33 innings (an inning is like a quarter in a basketball game) which was longer than 8 hours? Most people don't know this, but the first bat was a broken broom stick. Softball was added recently to the Olympics in 1996. In softball, you have a hitting team (offence) and you have an

outfielding team (defence). For the hitting team you have a batting line up, and the hitting team has to try to hit the ball where the outfielding team will not get them out. If the outfielding team gets 3 outs then you switch, and the outfielding team becomes the hitting team, and the same for the other team. If the hitting team makes it back to home plate before the other team gets 3 outs, then you get 1 point. After 7 innings, then you see who has the most points, and whoever has the most points wins. When you are in the field, then you have 3 outfielders, and 4 infielders, 1 pitcher, and 1 catcher.

Softball season has already started! So if you think you are interested, then reach out to the softball board and join today!

Bouncy Castle Celebration

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Do you like bouncy castles? If you do then you should go to the DCC bouncy castle DT Stars Celebration where you can get ice cream while playing in the party room with a play grown and of course BOUNCY CASTLES.

You can choose from 3 different flavors of ice cream: vanilla, chocolate, and cookies and cream and if you're one of the lucky grades who

have strong attendance, you can add toppings. The ice cream tastes really good and is a perfect treat after playing.

The playground is my favorite part of the DCC bouncy castles. There's tons of tunnels, a slide and even a sketchy floating pod that is connected by some poles. You can sit in it and manually control it with a lever, making it move up, down, left, and right in whatever direction you want.

Now it's time for students' most favorite, the bouncy castles. There's an obstacle course that personally makes

me so tired. Sometimes I even just fall down in the middle of the course and just lay there taking a break. Then there's the shark where you climb up the side and slide down the shark's mouth. Last but not least, the real bouncy castle has some mini slides. Too bad there's two holes in it, but when you put your head to the holes it acts as an air freshener.

The DCC Bouncy Castles is a fun place where you can play, laugh, and have a great time. If you like bouncing and having fun, this is the place to be!

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