

# Cedar Mountain Science Camp

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**EDGE  
PROJECT**

## Project Summary

This summer I spent time volunteering at the Cedar Mountain Science Camp; a two-day, one-night camp for students grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> where they can explore the magic and wonders of science in a safe and fun place. I was there for two camp groups with my friend Kris, and we had an absolute blast working with the kids and camp leaders. We immediately felt right at home in the mountains above Cedar City and even managed to learn some scientific facts along the way.

## Project Highlights

One of my favorite parts of the camp was the scavenger hunt. I got to work with a smaller group of the kids and really get to know them as we looked for the items on the list. This scavenger hunt made the kids think and use their creativity to get some of the items. It amazed me how smart the kids were for being so young. I never worked with kids like this before, so I learned a lot about their personalities and how nice and smart they could really be. This has opened up a lot of opportunities for me because I won't be afraid to take on jobs working with kids in the future whereas before I would have turned and ran the other way at the mention of kids.

## From My Journal

“Misty was in charge of helping the kids make their rock kits. She taught them what all the different rocks were and allowed them to pick out their own. One of the rocks was called Snowflake Obsidian, and was supposedly very sharp; so sharp that the Native Americans used it in ancient times to make their arrows and other weapons. I of course had to test that out and sliced my finger wide open. I decided that it was indeed very sharp. Luckily, I'm a little medical nerd and had a first aid kit on hand to patch up my finger.”



We got to stay in a very nice cabin, aka the SUU Mountain Center. It had plenty of room for all of the students and leaders, working bathrooms and a nice kitchen. We were lucky to be able to use it!



Looking back toward the entrance as we were entering Mammoth Cave, a hollowed out lava tube safe enough for us to go through. It was pitch black and freezing down there, but it sure was fun!