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# Paws and Claws: Children summer camps at Eastern

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## Paws

The children in the Charleston community love the camps held at Eastern each summer.

The skills they learn may contribute to their goals and accomplishments throughout the rest of their lives.

For instance, children learn to work in teams as they partner up with other children from the community. This may build friendships over the next week, and the children have someone to complete their projects with each day.

The robotics class is one of the best classes I've seen on the schedule. Similar to the other classes, children learn processes they can apply to other related concepts. This can include anything from measurements, the steps to a process or success.

Parents should want to send their children to these workshops in order for them to engage in the process of learning.

Each year, different workshops are offered to these kids. This keeps them wanting to come back, and it grows the community closer as a whole unit.

Children love these workshops at Eastern as they get their hands dirty and get into something new. In the cooking class, children get to bake and have fun in the kitchen. In the robotics class, children get to create dancing robots.

These classes help children explore general areas early on in life, also. If they like cooking with mom and dad, they might enjoy the workshop and go on to enjoy it later in life.

So parents, let your children get dirty making chocolate chip cookies. It's all in the fun of baking.

## Claws

Eastern has had way too many camps this summer for young kids.

The campus has been bombarded with little kids that don't even listen to the camp counselors.

The counselors can be heard yelling from across the campus trying to control these wild little beasts.

Some find these misbehaving creatures to be "pleasant" and "cute," but they are actually the contrary.

These kids should be at home learning from their parents or with babysitters.

It is not Eastern's responsibility to try and tame the wild beasts.

When walking to class or going to the dining hall, Eastern students are tripping over the screaming little terrors to get where they need to go.

Kids camps are completely inconvenient for the students that actually attend Eastern. Whether it is an overcrowded dining hall, or having to sit and wait while the parade of little devils cross at the crosswalk, the students have to accommodate for these unwanted aliens.

What benefits are the students reaping from these little monsters taking over campus?

None!

Actually, these kids are distracting the learning experience of students.

From outside classroom windows, the little beasts can be heard roaring and causing ruckus all over the campus.

Eastern should solely be for the college-age student.

Eastern is a college campus, not a zoo!

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#### Daily Eastern Nuisance

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Have you ever considered that you may have once been one of the "wild beasts" that you are so quickly vilifying? These "screaming little terrors" may very well decide to come to Eastern when they grow up because they are familiar with the campus because of these camps that you are talking about. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### Robyn Carr

posted 6/17/10 @ 8:35 AM CST

I am disappointed that the student journalists at the Daily Eastern News cannot select more intelligent topics for a pro/con column. While I applaud the effort to offer something a little new and different, the writing seems trite at best. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### Not The Onion

posted 6/17/10 @ 2:40 PM CST

This is nothing but juvenile humor. I guess it's a good thing. This is actually an attempt at humor. It's the attempts at reporting that really make me laugh though. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### Is that what EIU Students are taught to write about

posted 6/17/10 @ 3:59 PM CST

You know these summer camps help keep funding coming into the campus and the community. My step son IS one of these so called "terrors" and I can assure you he IS not all over campus nor is in the way of students or screaming. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### Crys Taylor

posted 6/17/10 @ 4:29 PM CST

This article is a complete insult to the children and community of Coles County. If you don't like the fact that the children want to learn and parents want them to learn about Eastern, then maybe you should go back to where you came from! Have you took a minute to think about the long time citizens of Charleston? I have heard many of them speak the same way about the Eastern students because of their foul language, obnoxiousness, and complete disrespect for the city of Charleston. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### Too much disrespect

posted 6/17/10 @ 4:45 PM CST

I am really dissappointed that the Eastern news would publish something so disrespectful to our youth! This girl was once one of these 'terrors' and should have been taught some respect while growing up! These children mean absolutely no harm and I have a real problem with somebody that is old enough to know better talking about them this way. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### Marshata Caradine

posted 6/18/10 @ 7:42 PM CST

To the wonderful individual who posted this. I walked the campus, I took my son to EVERY CLASS and I must say when I was there, seemingly THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY FELT THE WAY YOU DO I APPLAUD THE FACT THAT YOU STATED IT! I was Moderator for the Single Parent Support group. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### John Poshepny

posted 6/19/10 @ 1:56 PM CST

As a student (Not a Journalism Student) I am highly disappointing that the DEN choose to write this article. These camps are used as a Marketing tool to get kids to come to EIU in the future. [\(Continued...\)](#)

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#### SJ

posted 6/20/10 @ 7:20 PM CST

Seriously guys? Are you really writing about this? And as a pro/con column? There have got to be more important things going on here than talking about kids as little terrors, especially when you know their parents read the DEN. (Continued...)

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## Money

posted 6/22/10 @ 9:24 AM CST

I don't know why we are even responding to a Summer DEN article anyway. smh. Bottomline: Summer Camps are great for marketing. Summer Camps bring in money. (Continued...)

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