Carlsbad Caverns

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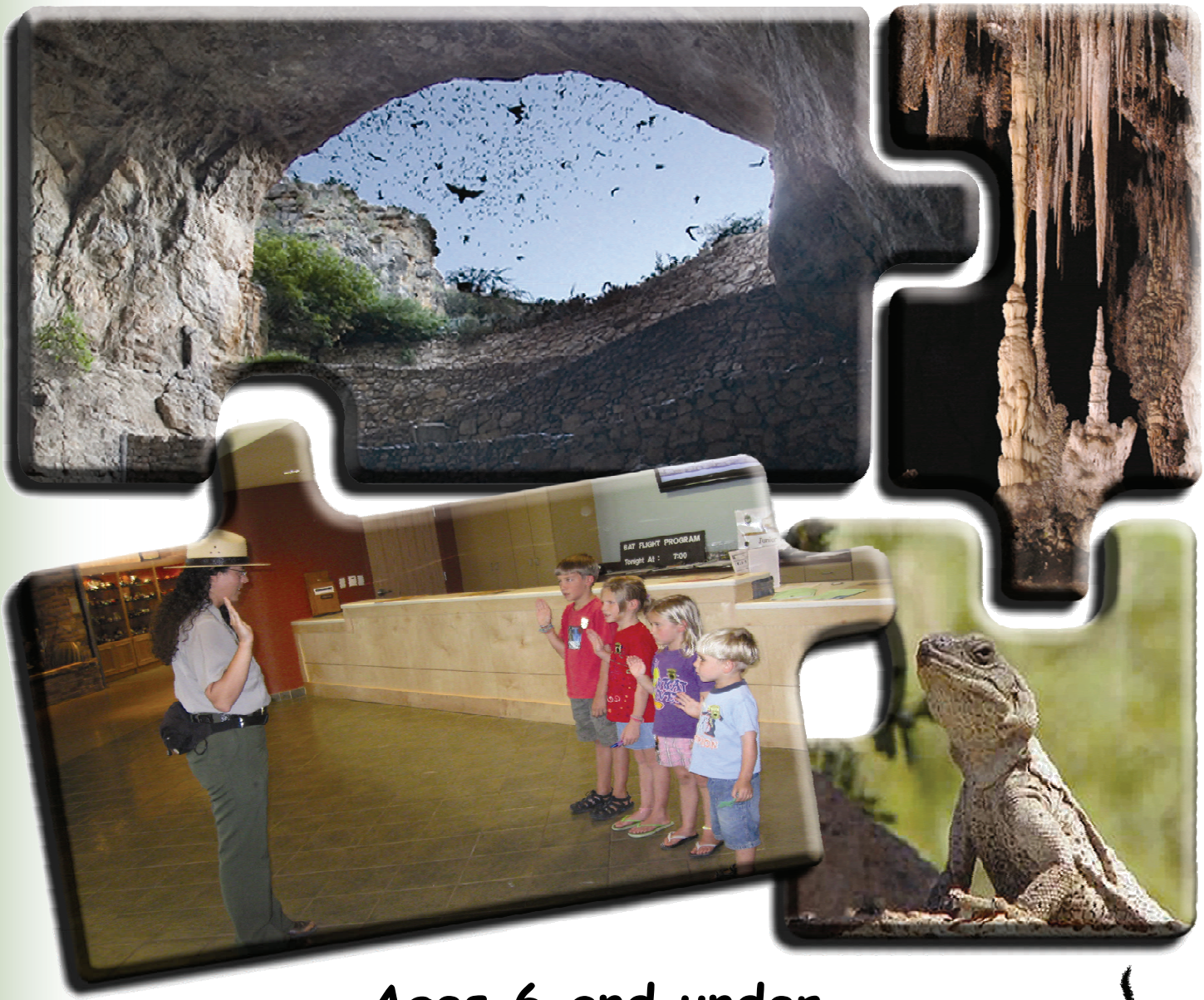
Carlsbad Caverns National Park

Junior Ranger

You Are an Important Piece of Carlsbad Caverns National Park!



Ages 6 and under

Name _____

Welcome to Carlsbad Caverns National Park!

Become a Junior Ranger by completing at least ***6 of the 13*** activities below (you *can* do more!). You must complete page 10 of this booklet because it is your Junior Ranger pledge! Have your parents or a Ranger sign on the line next to the activities you've completed. When you are done, bring it to a Ranger at the Information Desk!

Activity	Signature
1. Respect and Protect (pg. 2)	_____
2. Pictographs (pg. 3)	_____
3. Tic-Tac-Toe (pg. 4)	_____
4. Hide and Seek (pg. 5)	_____
5. Where am I? (pg. 6)	_____
6. It Makes Perfect Sense! (pg. 7)	_____
7. A Splash of Color (pg. 8)	_____
8. Picture Yourself (pg. 9)	_____
9. Hike the Natural Entrance	_____
10. Walk through the Big Room	_____
11. Walk the Nature Trail	_____
12. Ranger Guided Tour	_____
13. Ranger Program/Movie	_____

Respect and Protect

Fill in the Blanks!

It is very important that we all do our part to protect the cave *and* ourselves. *It would be a good idea to do this activity in the Visitor Center* ***before you go in the cave.***

Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list on the badge below.

1. Stay on the _ _ _ _ _.

2. No food, drinks, or gum are allowed in the cave, only _ _ _ _ _.

3. Children and adults should _ _ _ _ together.

4. Do not _ _ _ _ _ the cave formations.

5. Leave rocks, plants, animals and anything else that belongs here, in its _ _ _ _ .

6. Respect the other visitors by talking in a _ _ _ _ voice.

Draw Your Own Pictograph

Humans have lived in eastern New Mexico for about 13,000 years. Native Americans often used rock art to tell stories.
Pictographs are images **painted or drawn** on rocks.

Draw your own pictograph on the rock to the left.

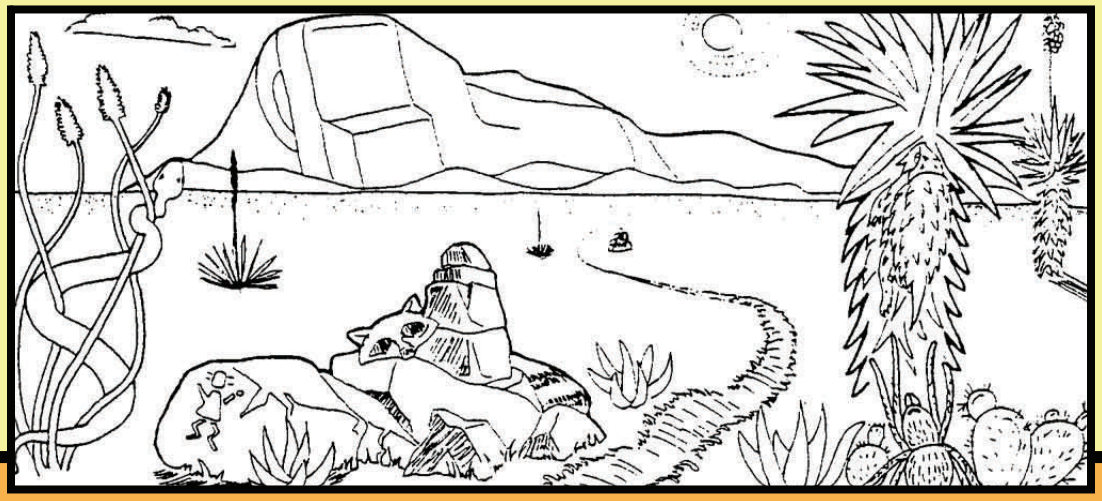
Batty Tic-Tac-Toe

If the statement in the box is true make an O in the box.
If the statement in the box is false then make an X.

Some bats migrate *(move from one place to another)*	**Bats produce guano** *(bat droppings)*	**Bats are blind**
Bats want to hurt you	**Bats are mammals**	**Some bats eat bugs**
Bats use echolocation *(sounds they make)* **to help them find food**	**All bats want to drink your blood**	**Bats are nocturnal** *(awake at night and asleep during the day)*

Hide and Seek

Carlsbad Caverns National Park is famous for its many caves and the beautiful Chihuahuan Desert. *See how many of the hidden shapes you can find in the pictures from the list below:*



Backpack	Helmet	Pictograph
Bat	Horned Lizard	Raccoon
Candle	Lantern	Rope
Cave Cricket	Fossil	Snake
Flashlight	Ranger Badge	Spider

Where Am I?

Carlsbad Caverns National Park is located in southeastern New Mexico. It was made a National Park to protect the caves, plants, and animals in the Chihuahuan desert.

Color in New Mexico and the state you are from.
If you are from another country write it on the line.

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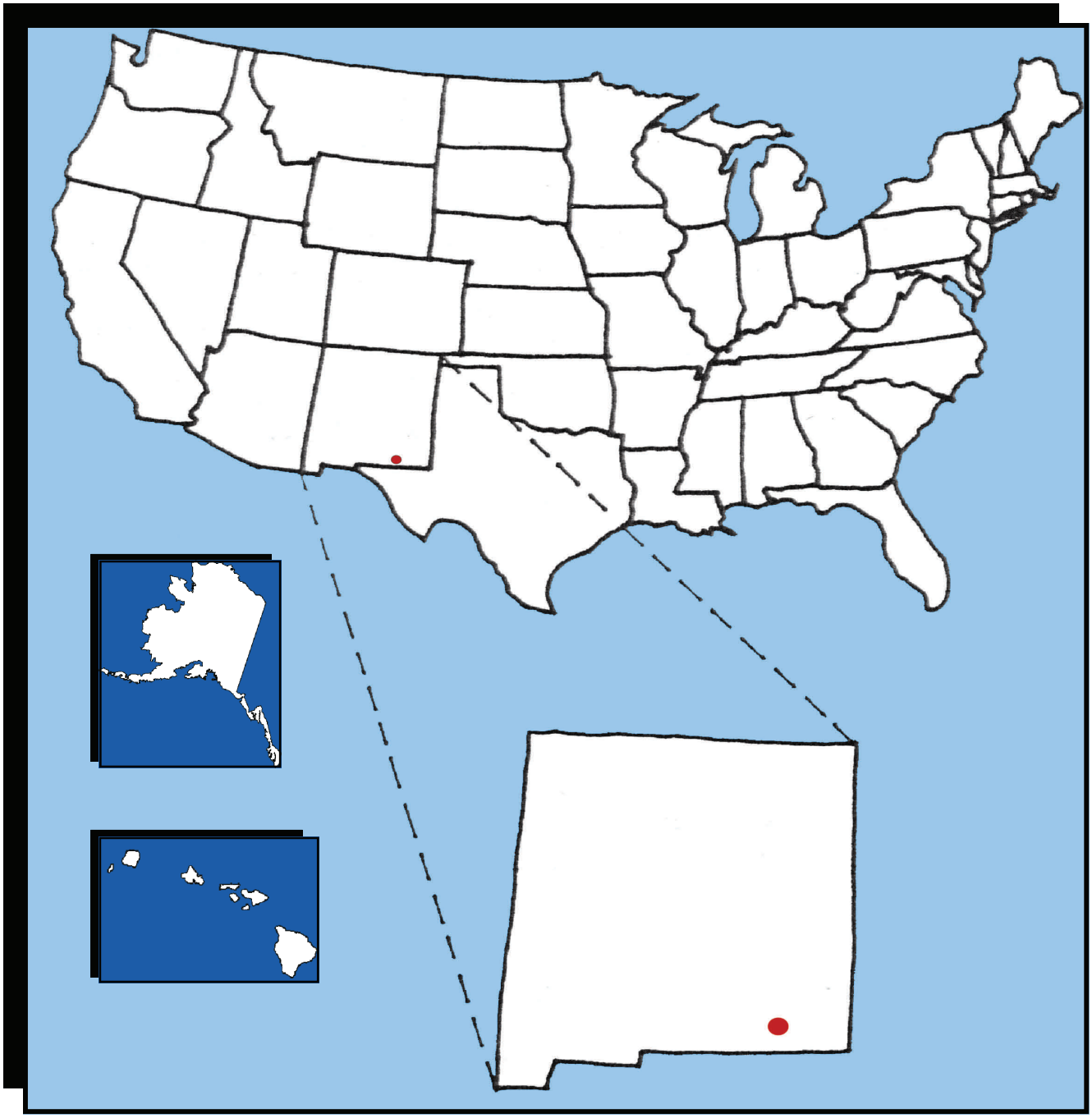
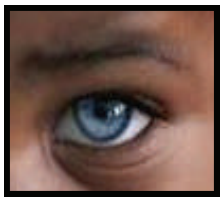
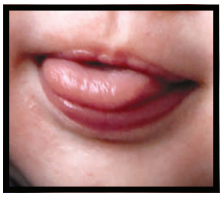


It Makes Perfect Sense!

Label the pictures below
with the name of the senses they represent.

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Go into the cave and answer these questions.

1.) Draw a picture of something you *see* in the cave.

2.) Write something you *smell* in the cave.

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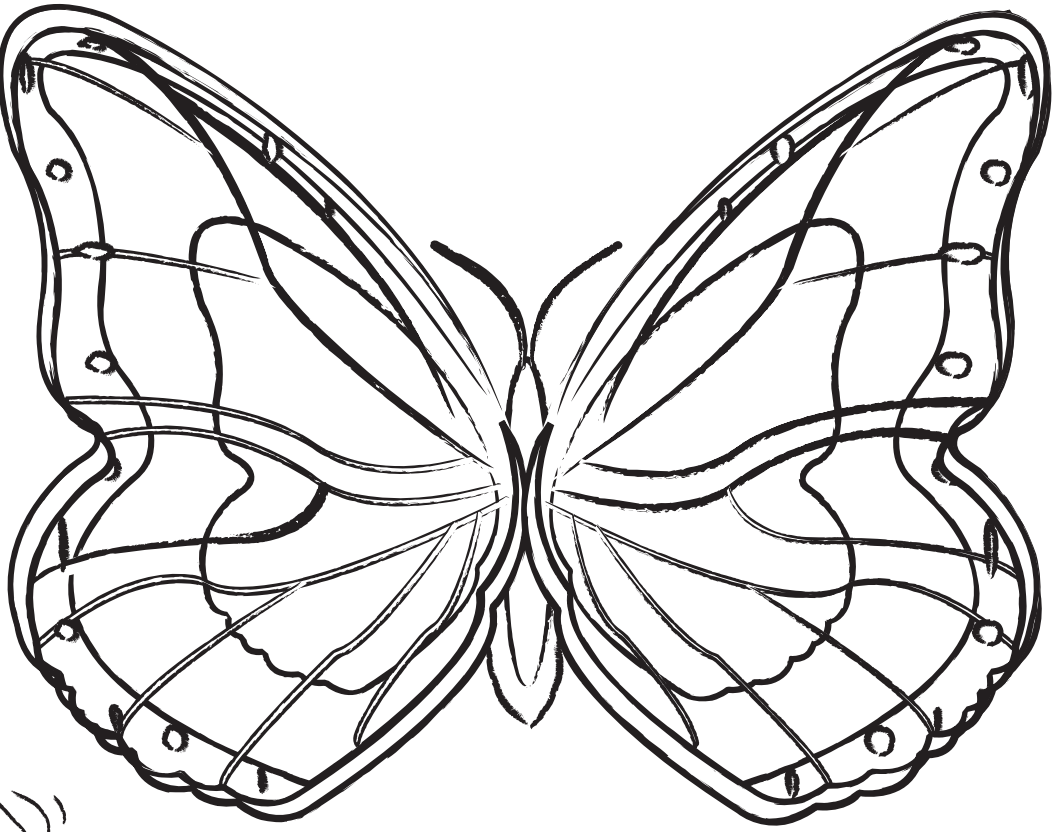
3.) Name a sound you *hear* in the cave.

_____

A Splash of Color

Color in these Carlsbad Caverns creatures!

Butterflies are flying insects, they are very pretty.



Rattlesnakes are also pretty, but do not get too close because these reptiles can bite.

Picture Yourself

Draw what you would look like as a Park Ranger and write your name on the line below!

What I *Can* Do!

The Junior Ranger Motto is
"Explore, Learn, and Protect".
Draw a picture of a plant or animal that *you* can help protect when you get home.

Junior Ranger Pledge

"I, _____ am proud
to be a National Park Service Junior Ranger.
I promise to explore, learn about, and protect my
National Parks and the natural world around me.
I will share my knowledge of these special places
with my friends and family."

Certificate of Achievement

Has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the
Junior Ranger Program and is hereby proclaimed
an official Carlsbad Caverns National Park

Junior Ranger

Park Ranger

Date