

# Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

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## Junior Rangers Activity Guide



# Become a Junior Ranger

Welcome to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. As you explore, be sure to visit different areas of the park and enjoy your Junior Ranger adventure. From the beach to the farm, and back to the trails, there is much to discover in YOUR neighborhood national park.

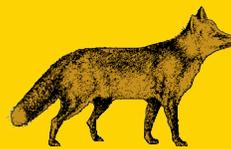
## Junior Ranger Requirements:



All Junior Rangers must complete the activities with the Junior Ranger hat next to the title. They are on pages 3, 14, and 15.



If you are younger than 9 years old, complete three of the activities with the painted turtle next to the title. Also do the activities on pages 3, 14, and 15.



If you are 9 or older, you must complete five activities with the red fox next to the title. Also, do the activities on pages 3, 14, and 15.



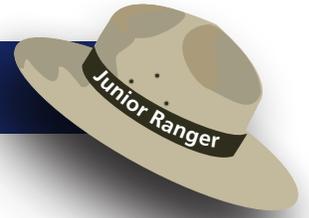
**Bonus Sticker -**  
Hike one of the parks many trails or go for a swim at West Beach when a life-guard is present.

During your Junior Ranger adventure, go on ranger-led tours, read the wayside exhibits, hike trails, and use your observation skills. Return this completed Activity Guide to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center to receive your official Junior Ranger badge or patch. Back at home, continue learning about the park through our website: [www.nps.gov/indu/forkids/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/indu/forkids/index.htm)

Thank You!

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# Junior Ranger Training Camp



Now that you have been all around the park and have completed the activities, think about some of your duties as a Junior Ranger. Read these scenarios, and select the best answer.

**While you are on the beach, you see a small group of seagulls walking in the sand. What should you do?**

- A. Feed them some of the leftovers from your lunch.
- B. Leave them alone.
- C. Throw rocks at them and chase them away.

**Your family is on a camping trip at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. While you are setting up your tent, you find a set of matches. What should you do?**

- A. See if they work and try to light a fire.
- B. Leave them on the ground.
- C. Pick them up and give them to an adult.

**You are walking in the woods and see a beautiful wildflower. What should you do?**

- A. Pick it and bring it back to show your friends.
- B. Look at it from a distance and take a photograph.
- C. Walk off the trail so that you can get a better look.

**There are strong winds and a warning for rough water at West Beach. What should you do?**

- A. Stay out of the water to avoid dangerous conditions.
- B. Go in the water, but take a flotation device with you.
- C. Pack up and go to a different beach to swim.





# Junior Ranger Oath

As a Junior Ranger, I \_\_\_\_\_,  
promise to learn about and protect the plants, animals, and  
history of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. I will share  
what I have learned about national parks and will continue to  
explore our national treasures.

Your Signature

Date

Ranger Signature

Date