

Jimmy Carter

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National Historical Park • Plains, Georgia

Junior Ranger

Activity Booklet



Rosalynn Carter
Butterfly
Trail

Fast Facts

James Earl Carter, Jr.
(Jimmy Carter)

- Born October 1, 1924
- Grew up in and ran his presidential campaign from Plains, Georgia
- Georgia State Senator 1963-1967
- Governor of Georgia 1971-1975
- 39th President of the United States
- With wife Rosalynn, founded *The Carter Center* for peace and human rights
- Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002

Directions

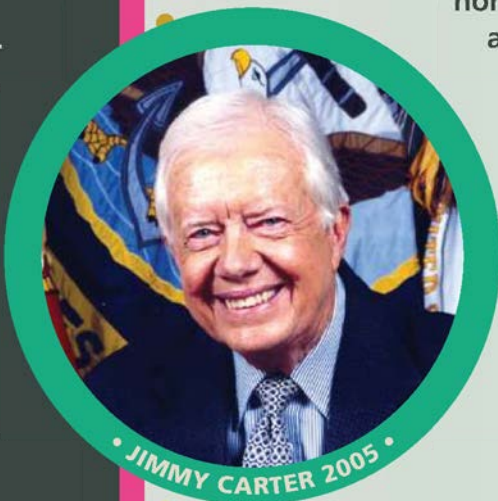
1. Complete as many booklet activities as you can, as best as you can!
2. When you are ready, bring your book to a park ranger.
3. Take a pledge and get your Junior Ranger badge.

Cool Spots:

- Plains High School
- Boyhood Farm
- The Depot: 1976 presidential campaign headquarters
- Billy Carter's Service Station

Welcome!

At Jimmy Carter National Historical Park you will not only learn about the life of our 39th President; you will explore the values—like honesty, equality, decency, and peace—to which he dedicates his life.



Junior Rangers learn about national parks, explore nature & park stories, and protect parks by being a good example to others.



PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
VISITOR CENTER & MUSEUM
Plains, Georgia



Education is Key.

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Beloved teacher, principal, and superintendent Julia Coleman taught students of Plains High School—including young Jimmy Carter—the value of education. She would say to her students, “Students, always do your best—someday one of you may grow up to become President.”



“Miss Julia” Coleman

☐ **Imagine: you became president!** What teacher would you thank? Write them a thank you note! Include things they have taught you. *Bonus:* show your note to that teacher!

- Started health programs and school gardens
- Led Plains High School to become a model school
- Georgia Women of Achievement Hall of Fame Inductee, 2001
- Learn more, visit GeorgiaWomen.org
- Explore Miss Julia’s classroom at the Plains High School Visitor Center!

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• JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM





Lillian Gordy Carter

- Mother of 39th U.S. President, Jimmy Carter
- Along with husband James Earl Carter Sr., raised Jimmy and his siblings Gloria, Ruth, and Billy Carter on a farm in Archery, Georgia
- Worked as a respected registered nurse
- Defied segregation to give medical care to and socialize with African American residents of Archery
- Peace Corps Volunteer in India from age 68 to 70

Jimmy Carter grew up during the Great Depression, a time when many were poor and starving. Railroad “tramps” or “hobos” stopped in towns like Archery, Georgia, to look for work and food.

☐ Read the story below. Which symbols would represent the Carter house? Draw them onto the mailbox post.

“One day, the lady from the next farm came to visit, and Mama commented on how many tramps she had helped that week. Mrs. Bacon said, ‘Well, I’m thankful that they never come in *my* yard.’

The next time we had some of the vagrant visitors, Mama asked why they had stopped at our house and not the others. After some hesitation, one of them said, ‘Ma’am, we have a set of symbols that we use, to show the attitude of each family along the road. The post on your mailbox is marked to say that you don’t turn people away or mistreat us.’ After they were gone, we went out and found some unobtrusive scratches; Mama told us not to change them.”

—Jimmy Carter. *An Hour Before Daylight.*



‘Hobo’ symbols



Remember your Roots.

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When Jimmy's mother was away working as a nurse, Jimmy would stay with Rachel and Jack Clark, tenant farmers on the Carter farm.



Visit the Clark's house next to Jimmy's boyhood home, and/or read the quote about Rachel Clark to the right.



What did Rachel teach Jimmy?
Unscramble the words below.

GFIHSIN _____

ILAORMTY _____

TERNGSTH _____

SRNNAEM _____

ESYONHT _____

ATNUER _____

WORD
BANK

NATURE
HONESTY
STRENGTH

MORALITY
MANNERS
FISHING



“

Rachel Clark

was the one who taught me how to fish in the creeks that drained our land, and on our long walks together she would tell me about the [plants] and [animals] around us and let me know that God expected us to take good care of His creation... She talked to me about religious and moral values that shaped a person's life, and I listened to her with acute attention. Without seeming to preach, she taught me how I should behave.”

—Jimmy Carter.
An Hour Before Daylight.

4 Play Outside!

Jimmy Carter's love for nature grew from his childhood fishing and playing outdoors. Throughout his life he has worked to protect the environment. In 1980, President Carter signed a law that expanded protection for national parks, wildlife refuges, wild and scenic rivers, recreation areas, and national forests in Alaska.

*Bonus:
color this page!*



Go on a scavenger hunt!

*Explore the
Boyhood Farm.*

- ☐ windmill
- ☐ mule
- ☐ radio
- ☐ bell
- ☐ ship
- ☐ celestial object
- ☐ elephant
- ☐ garden

Explore outdoors.

- ☐ a natural sound
- ☐ y-shaped branch
- ☐ something rough
- ☐ a bird
- ☐ footprints, nest, scat, or other animal sign
- ☐ flying bug
- ☐ something that smells good
- ☐ three different types of leaves
- ☐ something beautiful





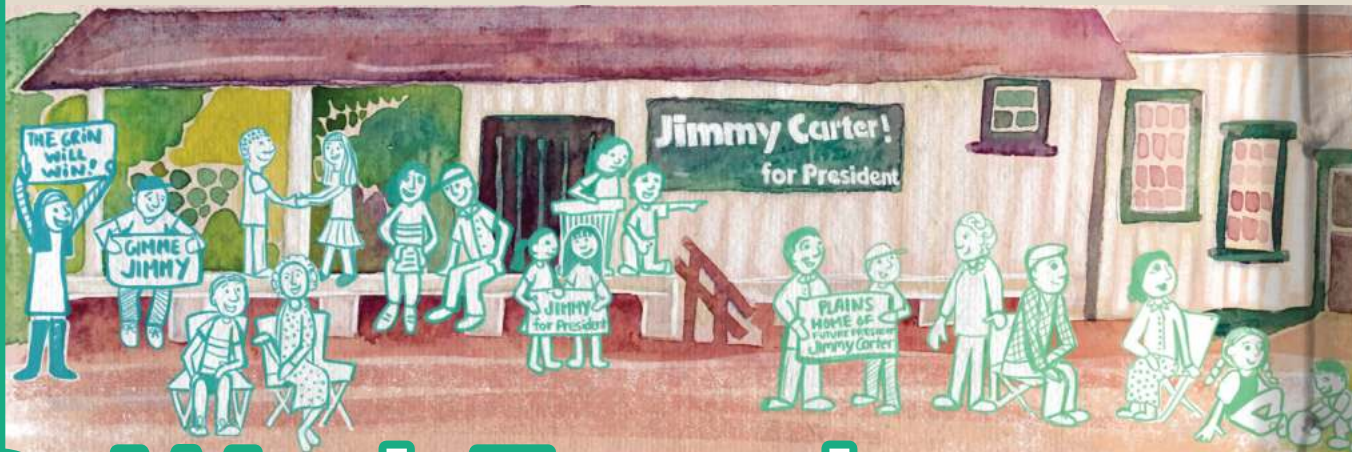
Jimmy Carter's paintings depict beloved things: friends, family and scenes from nature. Above from left to right: cabin, belted kingfisher, and magnolia flowers.

☐ **What do you like about spending time in nature?** Draw, write, sing a song, invent a pose—anything to express yourself! Use the space below.



GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA
established by Alaska National Interest
Land Conservation Act (ANILCA)





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Work Together.

When Jimmy Carter ran for president, the people of Plains, Georgia, worked together to help get him elected. Though they were up against campaigns with more money and power, the "Peanut Brigade" prevailed.

☐ **Imagine you or someone you admire is running for President.**
Plan a winning campaign! Use the space below.

Who is running for President?: _____

Vice Presidential candidate: _____

White House "First Pet" candidate: _____

List five people you would want on the campaign team:

Think of a winning slogan. Jimmy Carter's campaign had a few like, "The Grin Will Win!" and "Gimme Jimmy!"

What are the official campaign colors? Jimmy's campaign stood out with green, which represented protecting nature.

☐ **On the next page, draw your own campaign button.**





Plot twist

Jimmy Carter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946 and started working with the Navy's nuclear submarine program. After Jimmy's father died, he and wife Rosalynn moved back to their hometown of Plains, Georgia. At the time it felt like a step backward, but it was the campaign work by the people of Plains that secured Carter's election to the White House!

my campaign button



As the 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter had to make tough choices. What always mattered most was leading and living by his principles.



Tell the Truth.

"We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles."

— Jimmy Carter 1977

quoting Julia Coleman, his teacher and school superintendent, at his presidential inauguration

Above, draw yourself sitting at the Resolute Desk. The Plains High School Visitor Center has a replica (exact copy) of the one in the White House!

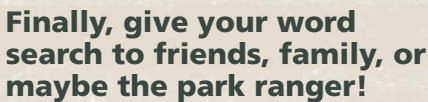
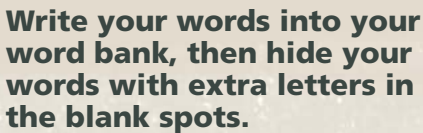
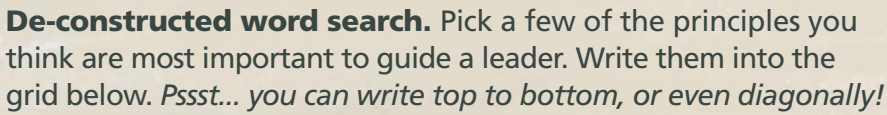
What is a principle? Read below and discuss with your family or friends.

A **principle** is something you believe in that helps you know what is right and what is wrong.

- honesty: telling the truth
- decency: behavior that shows respect to others
- equality: treating all people fairly
- peace: finding ways to agree, settling arguments without fighting.

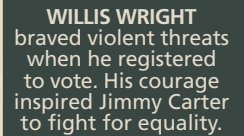
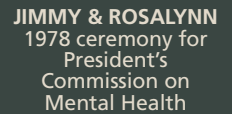
OTHER EXAMPLES

courage	service
strength	humility
kindness	tolerance
justice	faith



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JIMMY CARTER'S MAIN PRINCIPLES

**honesty
decency
equality
peace**

First Lady returns from
envoy to Latin America. 1977



Rosalynn Carter
Butterfly Trail est. 2013

The Carter Center. fighting
malaria in Ethiopia. 2007



Mental health.
testifying before
Congress. 2007

Rosalynn Carter

portrait above by Jimmy Carter

Rosalynn Carter's time as First Lady is just one part of her life's legacy. While in the White House, she began a life-long fight for proper treatment and respect for people in need of mental health care. In 1982, Rosalynn and Jimmy co-founded The Carter Center, which works for human rights, health, democracy, and peace.



Use the key below to fill in Rosalynn Carter's quote.

▲ = A ◆ = B ◀ = C ■ = E ◀ = L ● = O ★ = P ▶ = R + = T ▼ = U

"Do what you can to show
you — — — — — other
— — — — — , and you will make
the world a better place."

Do What is Right.



Draw a line to match the goals of the Carter Center on the left with the program on the right.

HEALTH

By making sure people have **clean water, medicine, and medical care**, we can help stop diseases and improve people's lives.

EQUALITY

Everyone should have the same **rights and opportunities**; no matter who you are or what you look like, you should be treated fairly.

PEACE

Instead of war and violence we should try to **resolve conflicts** (disagreements and problems) through treaties—agreements between governments.

DEMOCRACY

People around the world should have a fair government, where people choose their leaders through **elections** (voting).

ELECTION MONITORING



Rosalynn at Indonesian polling station
1999. THE CARTER CENTER

CONFLICT RESOLUTION



Conflict work along the northern border of Ecuador
2008. THE CARTER CENTER/D.HAKES

MEDICINE & CARE



Jimmy helps in treating Guinea worm in Ghana
2007. THE CARTER CENTER

HUMAN RIGHTS



Global human rights defenders forum
2017. THE CARTER CENTER / M. SCHWARZ

9 Plant Peace.

Jimmy Carter's values grew from his roots in Plains, Georgia. The lessons taught by family, teachers, neighbors, and mentors helped Jimmy and Rosalynn make a big difference in the world. In 2002, Jimmy Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his "untiring effort" to advance peace, democracy, and human rights around the globe.

☐ Find and circle the pictures hidden in the peanut plant below.



Grammy



Nobel
Peace Prize



Habitat for
Humanity
volunteer



The Carter
Center



Alaskan
brown
bear



The
White
House



Peanut
Brigade



Georgia
state-
house



Childhood
toy boat



What's Next?

- **Bring your work to a park ranger to get your Junior Ranger Badge!**
- **For more information visit:**
National Park Service: nps.gov/JimmyCarter
The Carter Center: CarterCenter.org
Habitat for Humanity: habitat.org

- **Need to mail in your book?**

Mailing address:

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Junior Ranger

Jimmy Carter National Historical Park

Certificate of Completion

awarded to:

your name

As a Junior Ranger, I promise
to keep learning about principles of
peace, honesty, and equality.

ranger signature

