

# Moores Creek

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Moores Creek National Battlefield



# VIRTUAL JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM



EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

# Become a Moores Creek Junior Ranger

Are you and your family up for the challenge of becoming official Moores Creek National Battlefield Junior Rangers?

## How to earn your Junior Ranger Badge



Complete at least half of the activities with your family.

You will find the answers to the questions as you:

Watch the Park Film—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKfGCftlaAQ>

Journey through the links provided in the activities and at

[www.nps.gov/mocr](http://www.nps.gov/mocr)

Once you finish, return your booklet to the address below or scan and email to: [Jason\\_m\\_collins@nps.gov](mailto:Jason_m_collins@nps.gov)

Staff will go through your book and send you a Junior Ranger badge!



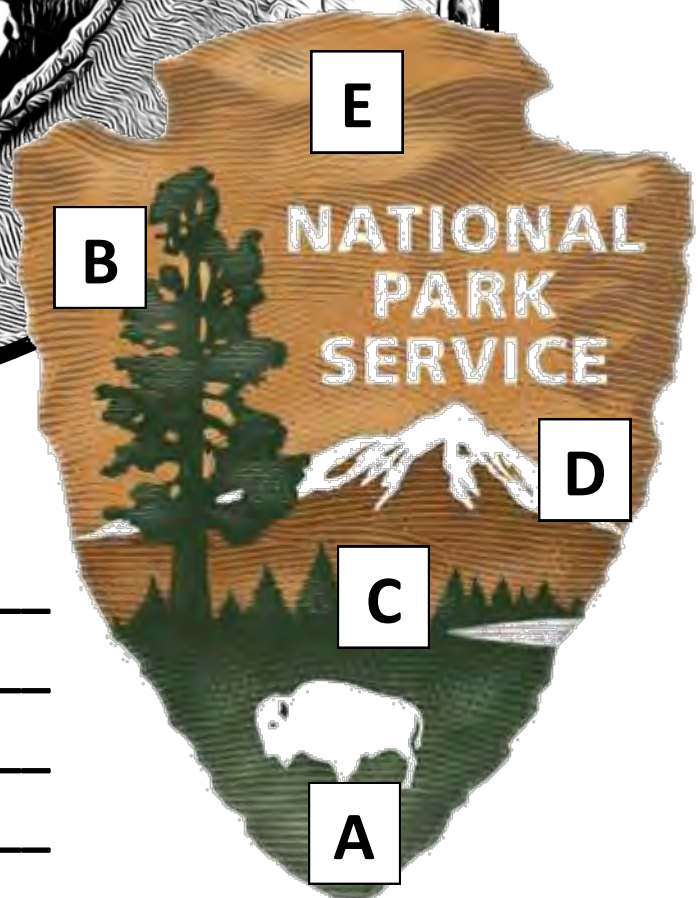
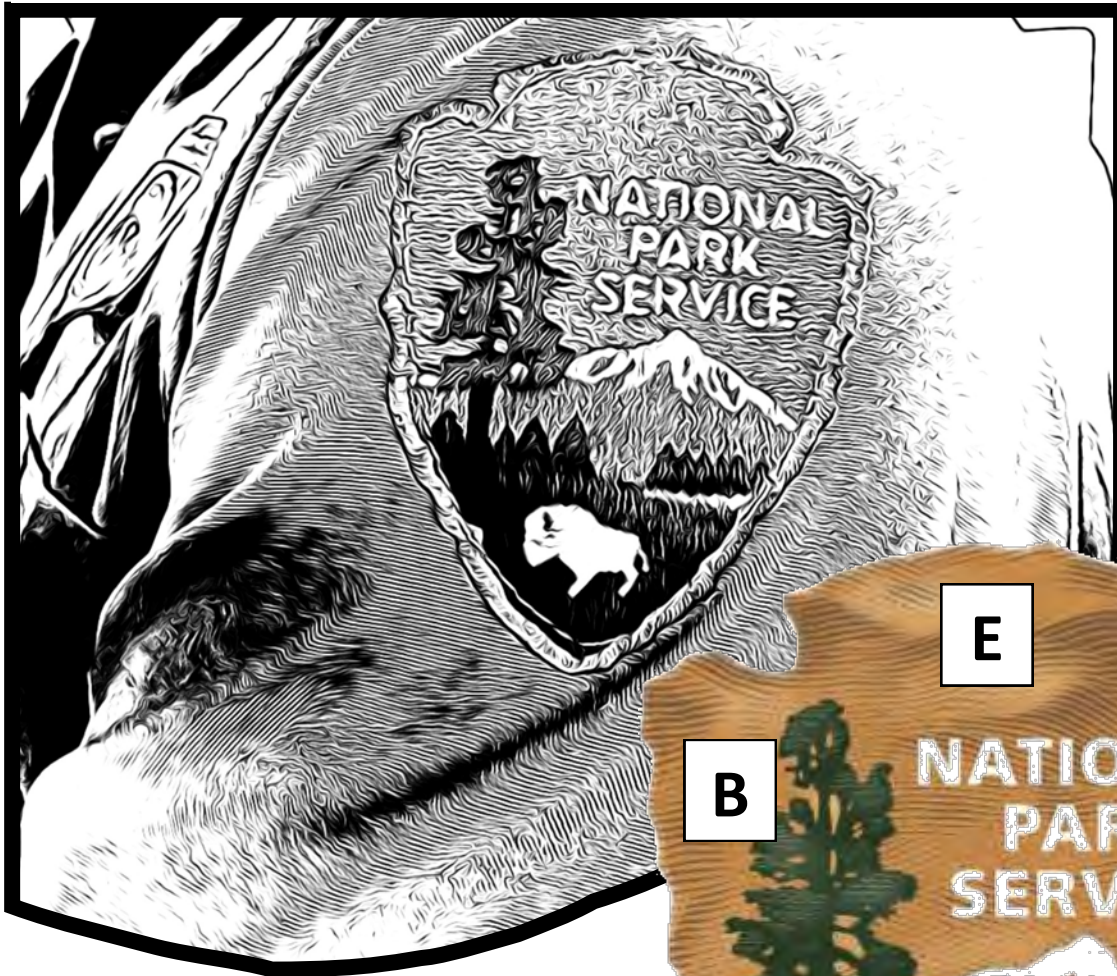
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Moores Creek National Battlefield  
40 Patriots Hall Dr.  
Currie, NC 28435

# NPS Arrowhead

Activity

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The NPS arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service. It connects over 400 NPS sites, sharing the common goal of conservation and preservation. The 5 main symbols of the NPS arrowhead include the **Bison (A)**, **Sequoia Tree (B)**, **Lake (C)**, **Mountain (D)**, and the **Arrowhead (E)** itself. Each symbol has a meaning. Can you match the symbol with what it represents?



History \_\_\_\_\_

Scenic Values \_\_\_\_\_

Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_

Recreational Values \_\_\_\_\_

# What Jobs Do Rangers Have?

Activity  
2

Park rangers protect our national parks in many different ways. Below is a list of jobs that rangers perform at Moores Creek. Check the box if the answer is something a ranger would do. Leave the box blank if it is not something a ranger would do.

## Ranger Adam's To-Do List:

- Help kids learn the story of Moores Creek
- Feed the squirrels
- Save endangered species
- Drive really fast around the park
- Build trails for visitors to enjoy
- Throw rocks into Moores Creek
- Pick up litter
- Repair historic buildings
- Lead people on tours of the battlefield
- Write my name on the benches
- Allow my dog to run without a leash
- Remove non-native plants from the park
- Show how kids in colonial times played games
- Climb on the monuments
- Aid visitors in finding their way in the park
- Help visitors find ancestors who fought here
- Demonstrate historic weapons for visitors
- Give out Junior Ranger badges



If you were a park ranger,  
which of these would you  
enjoy the most?

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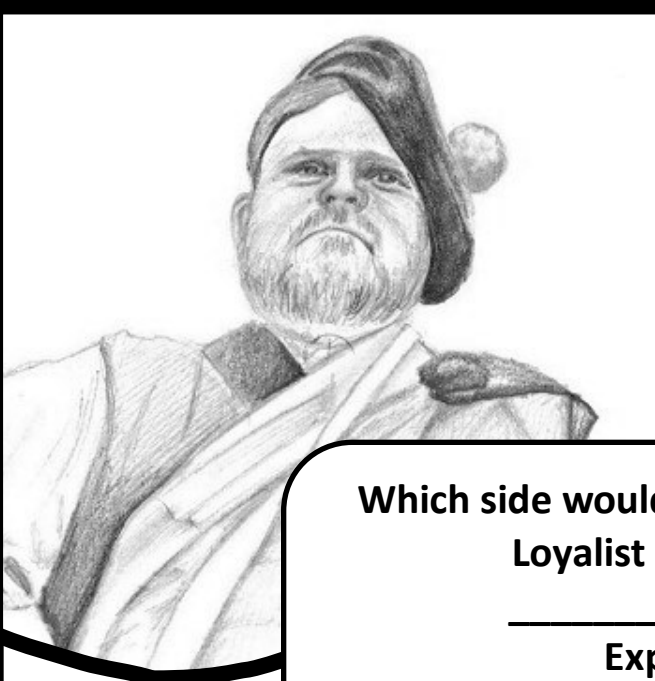


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# What Would You Do?

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The year is 1776. Your family is faced with an important decision—remain loyal to King George III and England and join the Loyalist ranks or strive for freedom from the royal government and pursue independence with the Patriot ranks. Remember, choices have consequences. Both sides stand to gain something from their choice, but both sides have something to lose as well if their choice ends in defeat. Review the list of reasons to join one side or another below and select which side you would join based on these reasons. Explain your answer. For more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/mocr/learn/education/upload/Lesson-1.pdf>



Which side would your family join?  
Loyalist or Patriot

\_\_\_\_\_

Explain

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Loyalist

- 200 Acres of land
- 20 years tax exemption
- No duty outside of NC
- Same pay as regular troops
- No fees on land usage
- Compensation for any personal equipment used

## Patriot

- No loss of land
- Short-term military contracts, usually in six-month terms
- Possibility of maintaining same rank from previous service
- 15 pounds for enlisting, which could buy 30 acres or more

# Battle of Moores Creek Bridge

Activity  
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The Battle of Moores Creek Bridge was the first decisive Patriot victory of the American Revolution.

After visiting <https://www.nps.gov/mocr/learn/historyculture/battle-of-moores-creek-bridge.htm> and watching the *park movie*, answer these questions.

1) What group made up the majority of the Loyalist forces that fought at Moores Creek?

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2) When did the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge take place?

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3) What was the name of the Patriot cannon that played such an important role in the Battle of Moores Creek?

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4) According to some eye-witnesses, how long did the battle of Moores Creek last?

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5) This document was created largely as a result of the victory at Moores Creek.

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6) True or False: The Battle of Moores Creek Bridge took place after the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

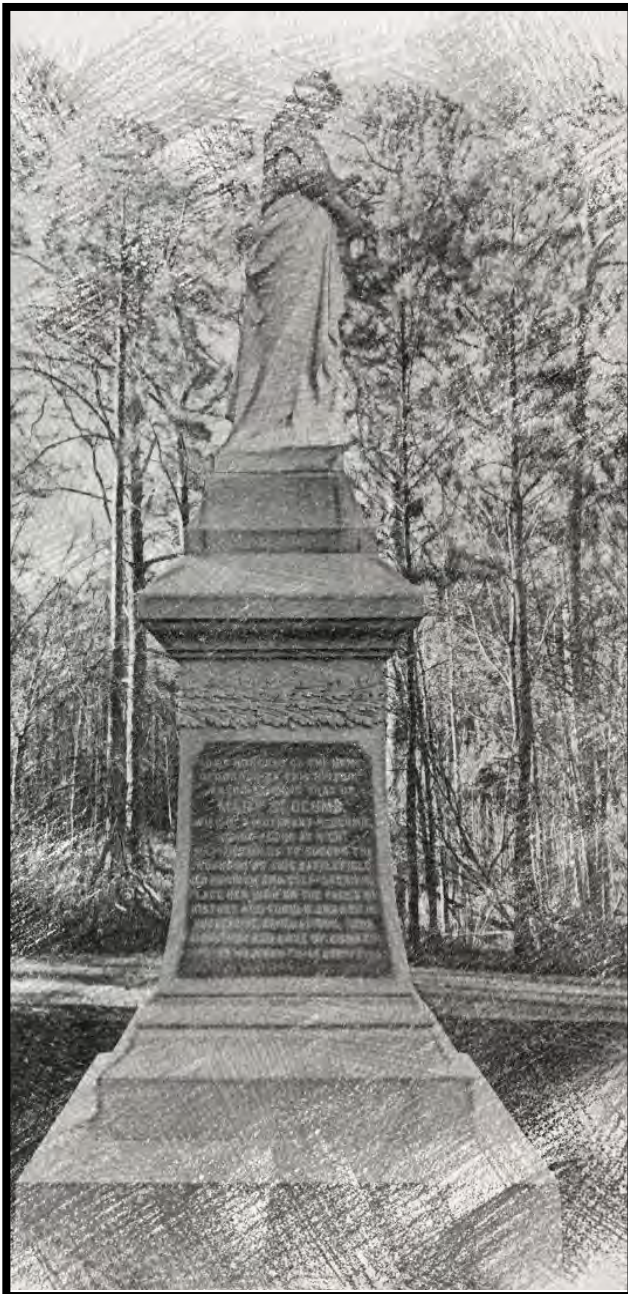
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# A Monumental Task

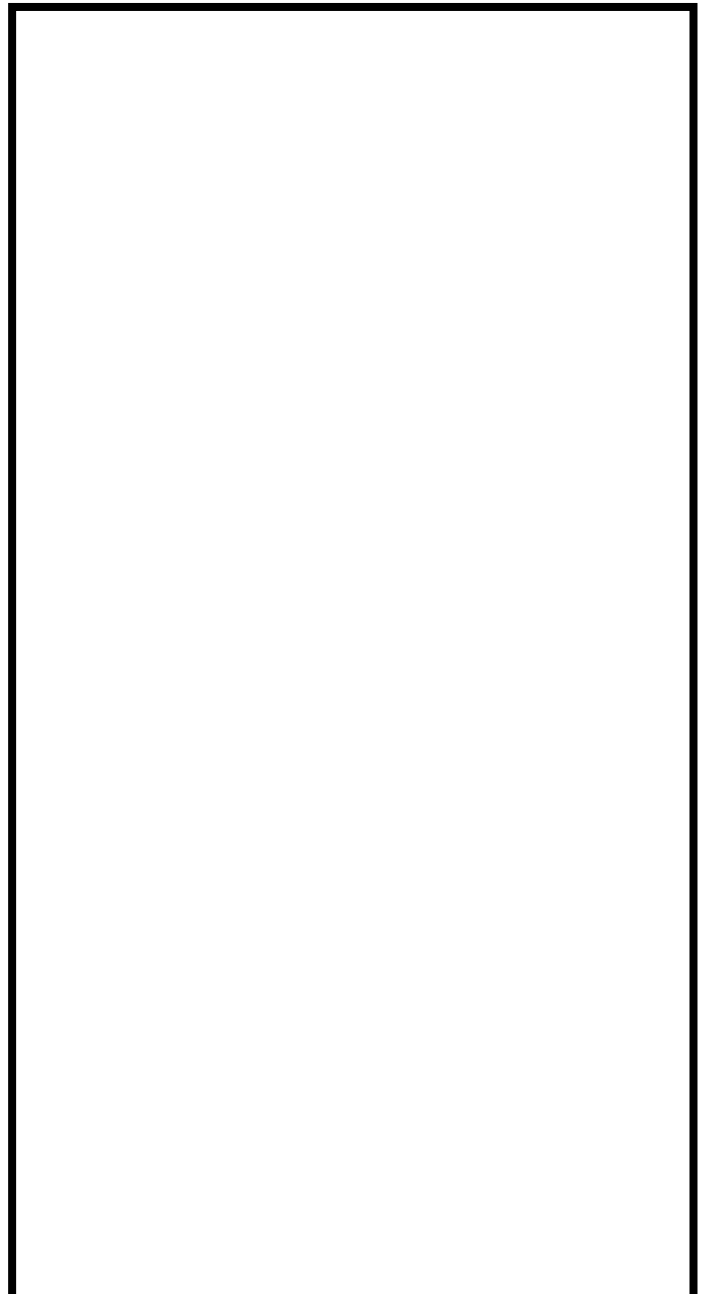
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Many times, when something important happens, people build a monument to remember the event. Today, there are six monuments located at Moores Creek National Battlefield. They commemorate everything from the important role that women played in the battle to the Patriots and Loyalists who struggled here. In the square below, draw your own monument to honor a person, place, or event.

## Women's Monument



## Your Monument



To view the rest of the park's monuments, visit

<https://www.nps.gov/mocr/learn/photosmultimedia/photogallery.htm>

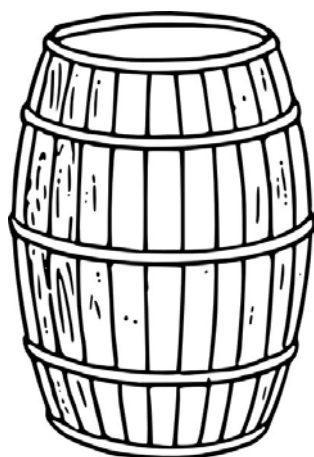
# What's a Tar Heel?

Activity

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North Carolinians are known as “Tar Heels.” What’s a “Tar Heel” and where did that name come from? View the Naval Stores section of the website (<https://www.nps.gov/mocr/learn/historyculture/naval-stores-in-north-carolina.htm>) and answer the following questions using the word bank at the bottom.

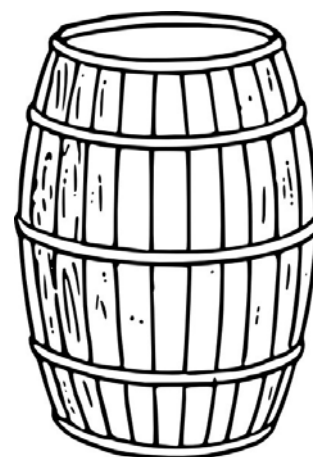
1. At the time of the American Revolution, towering \_\_\_\_\_ pines dominated the landscape.
2. With its empire expanding, Great Britain depended on the Carolinas' \_\_\_\_\_ to build a massive fleet of wooden ships.
3. These forests generated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to help build ships in the area.
4. Moores Creek and connecting waterways were the Interstate \_\_\_\_\_ of the 18th century.
5. By 1900, the developing population was switching to an economy of faster-growing \_\_\_\_\_ pines—the species most frequently seen in the park today.
6. A sample boxed pine would be partially stripped to drain \_\_\_\_\_ from turpentine.
7. When a tree was no longer productive, it was cut up, set afire, and buried under clay and sand mounds, called a \_\_\_\_\_. Wooden drain pipes sticking out of the base of the sides allowed the tar to pour out.
8. When tar was boiled, and turpentine was mixed in, it created \_\_\_\_\_, which was used to coat ships for waterproofing, allowing those massive ships to stay afloat and sail the ocean.
9. For these reasons, North Carolinians are known as \_\_\_\_\_.



**TAR HEELS**  
**RESIN**  
**PITCH**  
**LONGLEAF**  
**NAVAL STORES**



Reconstructed tar kiln



**TAR KILN**  
**TAR**  
**TURPENTINE**  
**HIGHWAYS**  
**LOBLOLLY**



# Gullah Geechee Culture

Bonus  
Activity

Moore's Creek National Battlefield also works to preserve one of the country's most unique cultures, the **Gullah Geechee**, a tradition first shaped by captive Africans brought to the southeastern United States from the primarily rice-producing regions of West and Central Africa.

Brought to the New World and forced to work on the coastal plantations of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, Gullah Geechee people developed a separate creole language and distinct culture patterns that included more of their African cultural traditions than the African-American populations in other parts of the United States.

**Gullah Language Activity: Match the English word with the Gullah word by writing the correct letter of the English word next to the matching Gullah word.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **STUHR**

\_\_\_\_\_ **FLABUH**

\_\_\_\_\_ **LEETLE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **BANILLUH**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MEDJUH**

\_\_\_\_\_ **LICK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **OBUN**

**A) Whip**

**B) Stir**

**C) Vanilla**

**D) Oven**

**E) Flavor**

**F) Little**

**G) Measure**

When you are finished, try your hand at making  
"bittle fuh sweet'n 'e mout"  
(food to sweeten the mouth)

## Chillin Suguh Cookie (Children's Sugar Cookies)

Tek:

1/2 medjuh ub suguh (sugar)	1 medjuh ub flowuh (flour)
1 aig (egg)	1 leetle spoon ub banilluh flabuh
2 laa'ge spoon ub buttuh (butter)	

Lick-up de aig; stuhr een de banilluh. Mix de suguh en' de buttuh, den pit de aig 'long'um. Mix de suguh, de buttuh, en' de aig medjuh de flowuh. Roll'um out en' cut'em een leetle cookie. Bake'um een uh medjum hot obun 'tell dem browng. Dis mek twenty-fo' leetle cookie.

*-Bittle en' T'ing': Gullah Cooking with Maum Chrish'  
-Virginia Mixson Geraty*



**Gullah Geechee  
National Heritage  
Corridor  
Cancellation Stamp**

# Junior Ranger Code

Great job completing the tasks set before you! We hope you enjoyed your time with us today. Before we can award you with your official Moores Creek Jr. Ranger badge, we must make it official.



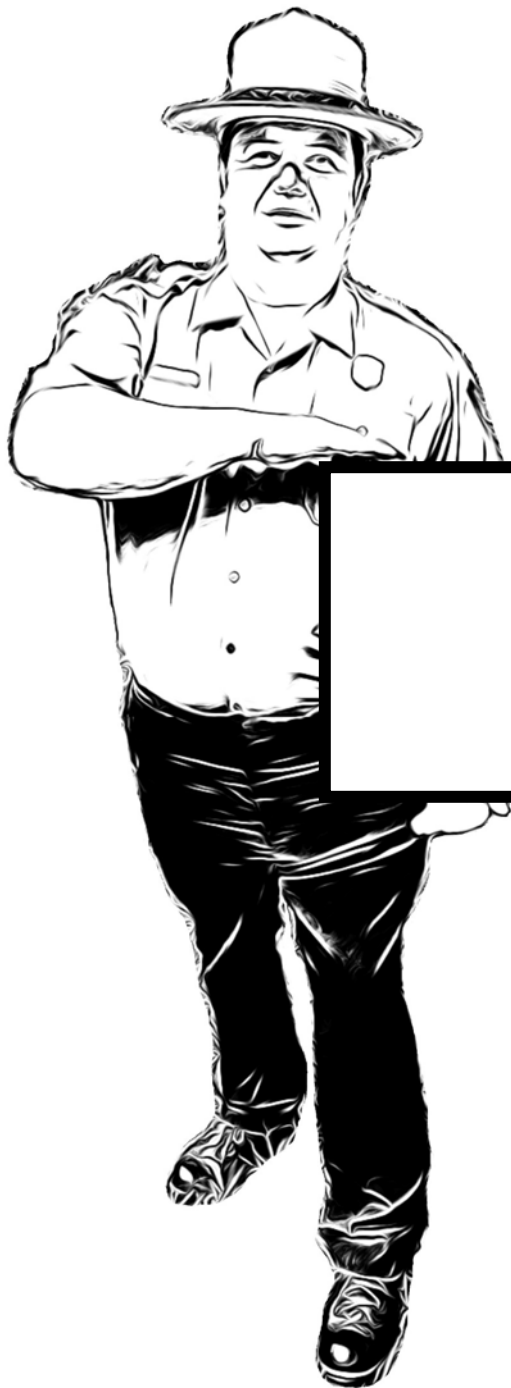
**As a Junior Ranger, I promise to  
Explore other national Parks;  
Collect litter while I'm out exploring;  
Continue learning about our  
country's natural and cultural resources;  
Respect natural and historic treasures  
by not touching or disturbing them;  
I promise to enjoy my National Parks!**



**Moores Creek  
National Battlefield  
Junior Ranger  
Stamp**

# Moore's Creek Jr. Ranger Certificate

## Explore—Learn—Protect



This Certificate is Awarded to

In Recognition of Becoming a  
Moore's Creek Junior Ranger  
and for your  
Commitment to the  
Junior Ranger Motto  
"Explore, Learn, Protect"

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Park Ranger or VIP

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Date

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