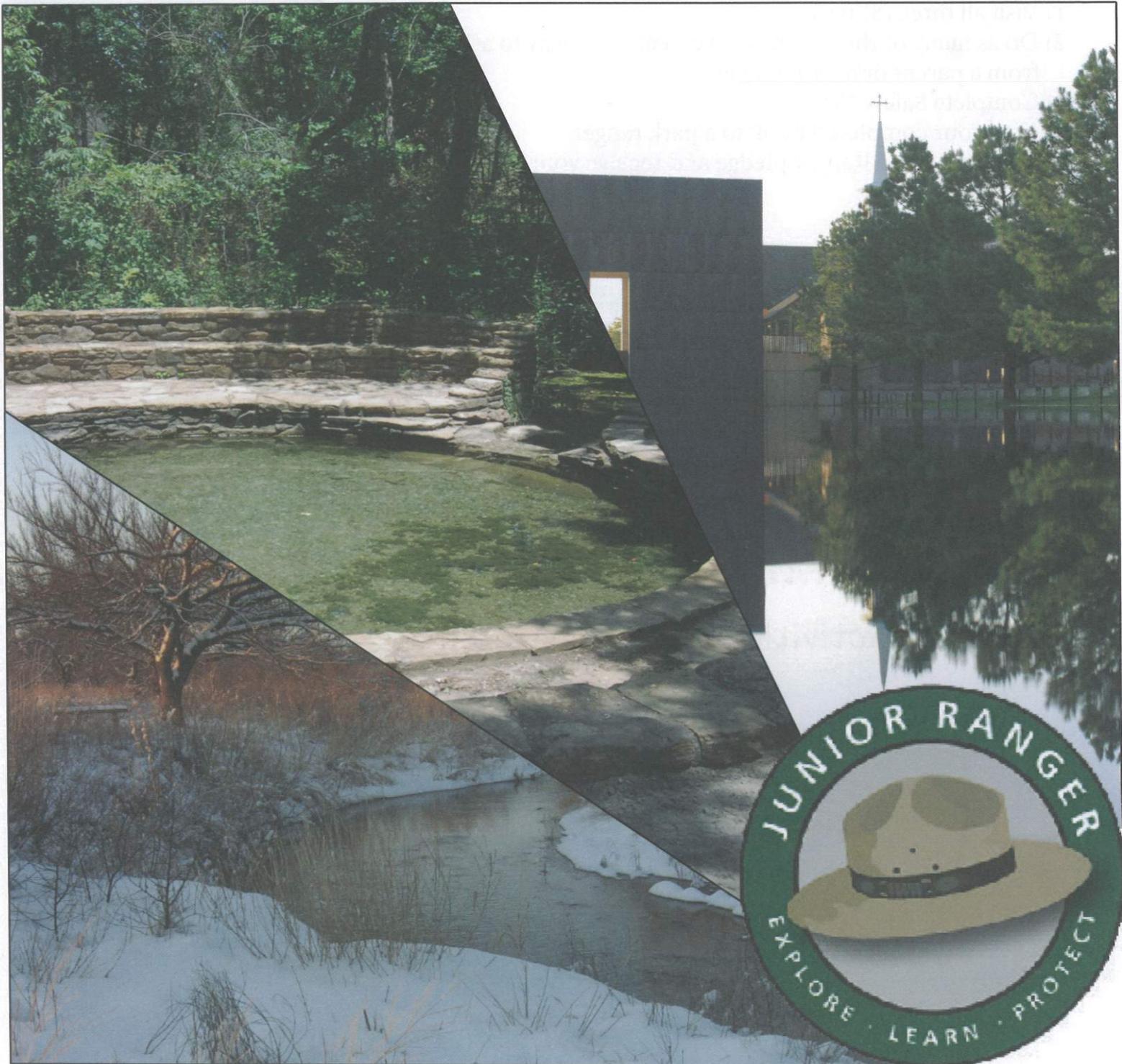


# Oklahoma Outdoor Ranger

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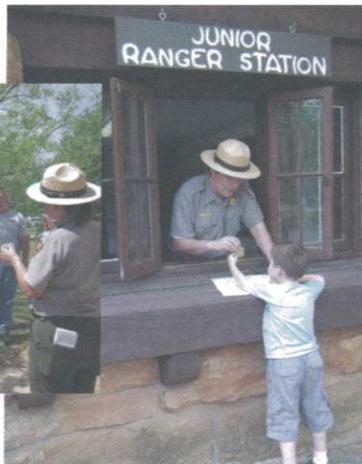
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# How to become an Oklahoma Outdoor Junior Ranger:

- 1) Visit all three (3) parks.
- 2) Do as many of the activities as you can- it's okay to ask for help from a parent or a park ranger.
- 3) Complete Safety First!
- 4) Give your completed book to a park ranger.
- 5) Take the Junior Ranger pledge and receive your patch!

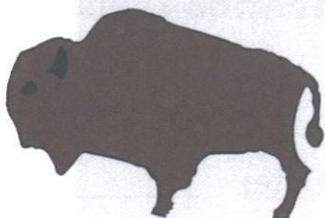


## Number of Activities to Complete



4-7 years old: complete two (2) activities for each park, plus three (3) activities under *Games and Bingo*

8-11 years old: complete all activities for each park, plus five (5) activities under *Games and Bingo*

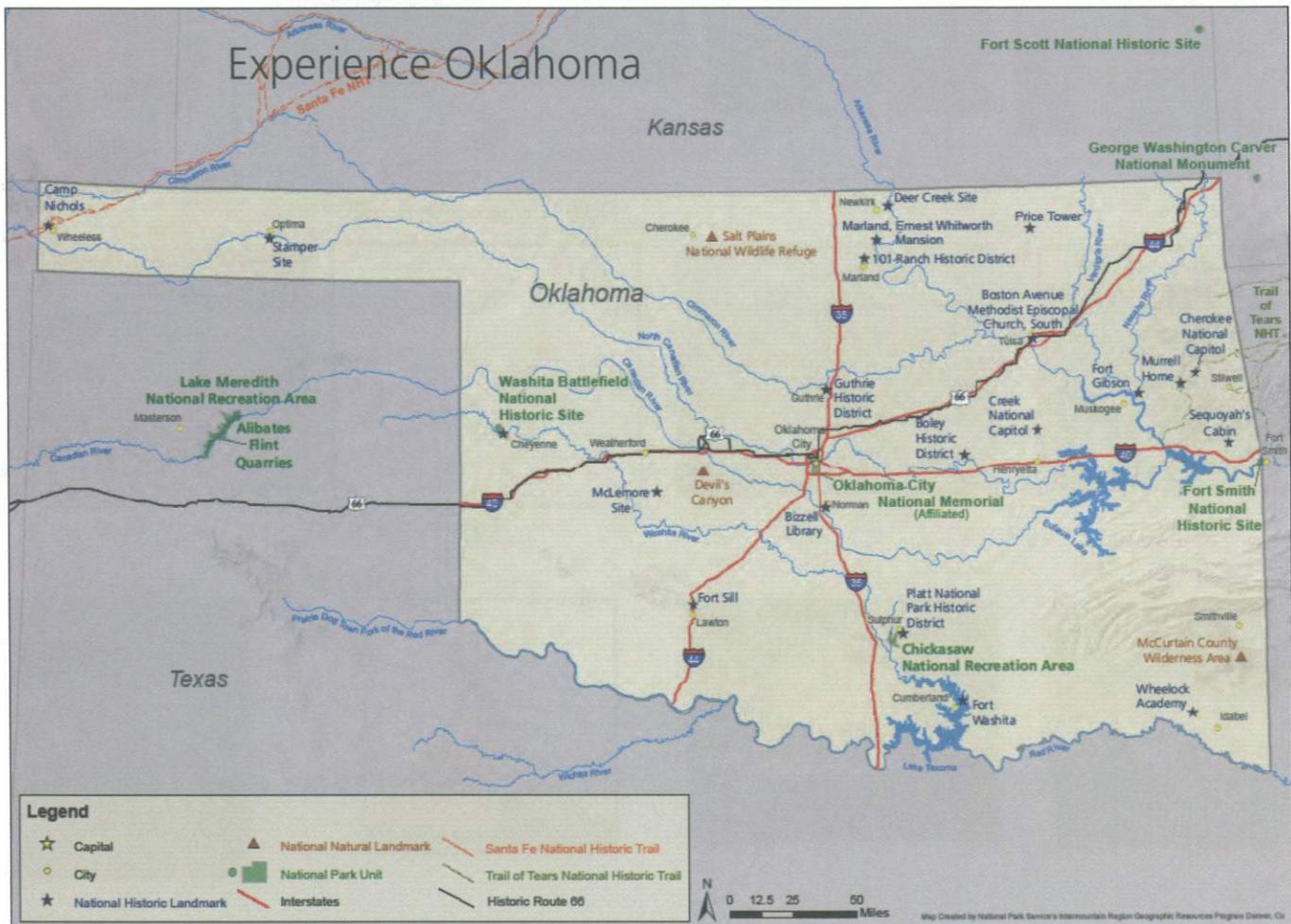


12 and up: complete all activities for each park, and six (6) activities under *Games and Bingo*

The symbols have been placed on activities as guidelines for your age group, but we encourage you to try your best!

# Safety First!

Every park has unique risks, but there are many dangers that exist in every park. We want you to have fun and not get hurt! Circle items that will keep you safe, and put an X through things that are not safe.



# Bingo



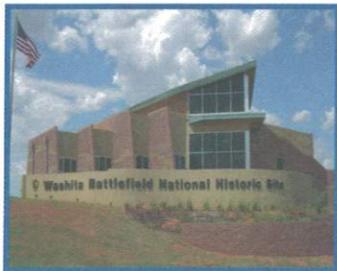
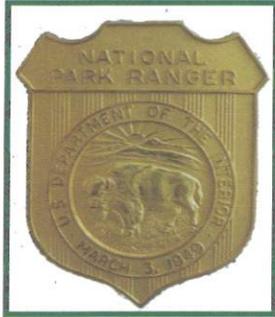
As you visit the three national park sites across Oklahoma, be on the lookout for these items. Some are only at one park, some are at all three! **If you get four in a row up/down, across, or diagonally, you get a BINGO.** Try to cross out all the squares and get a blackout!

Chickasaw

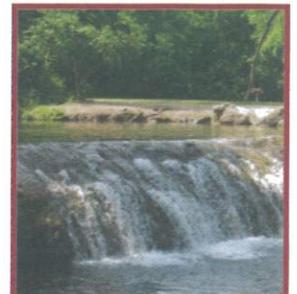
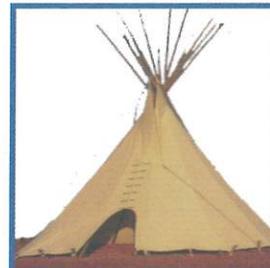
Oklahoma City

Washita Battlefield

All 3 parks

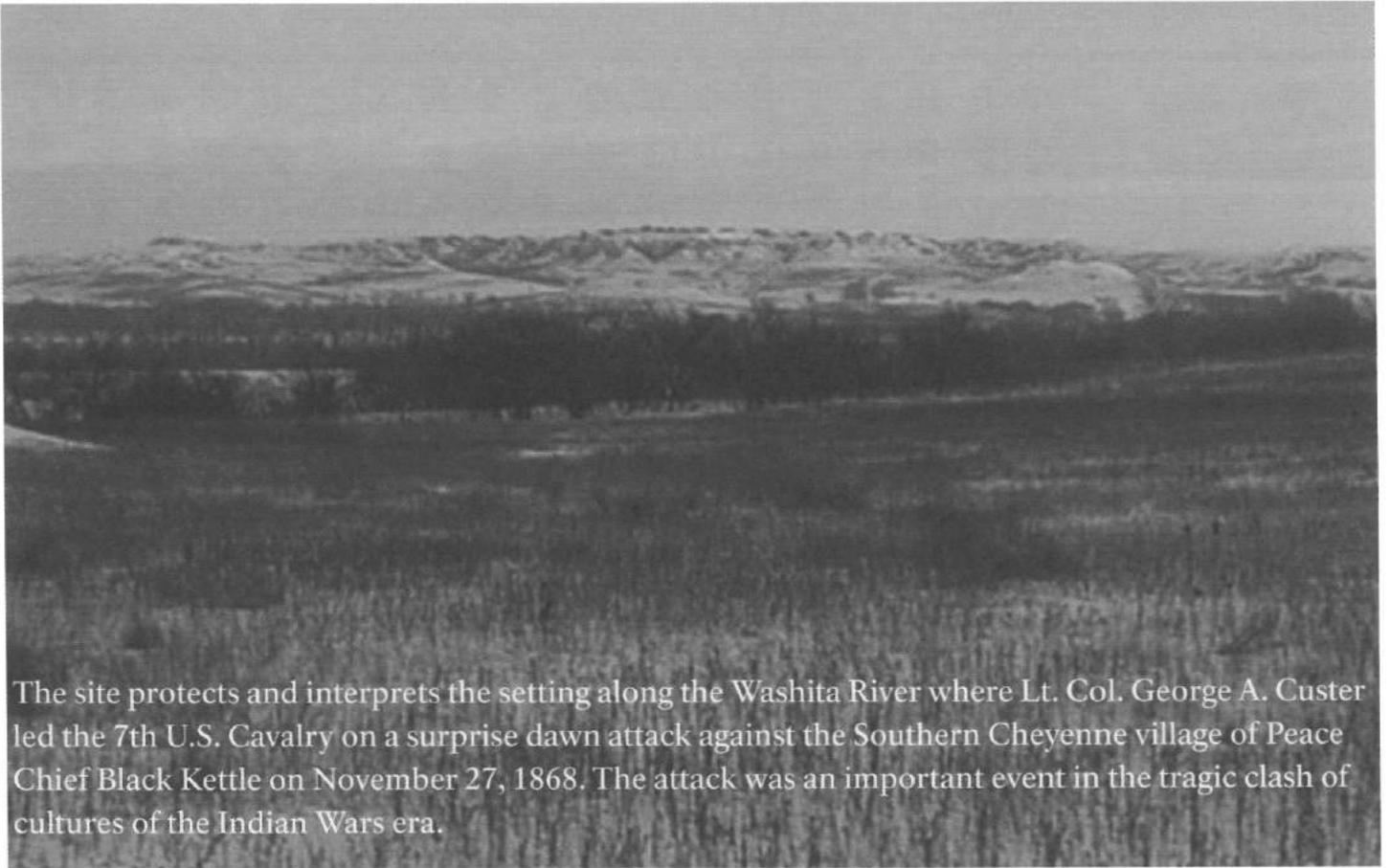


FREE- draw something!



# Washita Battlefield

## National Historic Site



The site protects and interprets the setting along the Washita River where Lt. Col. George A. Custer led the 7th U.S. Cavalry on a surprise dawn attack against the Southern Cheyenne village of Peace Chief Black Kettle on November 27, 1868. The attack was an important event in the tragic clash of cultures of the Indian Wars era.

Place a check mark  in each box you have completed

Watch the video: *Destiny at Dawn - Loss and Victory on the Washita.*

Walk around the exhibits.

Walk the Dust and Fire Trail or visit the overlook.

Stamp your certificate on the last page for Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

Have a park ranger sign that you have completed your required activities for Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

# Word Search



Find the words hidden below. The words may run up/down, forward, or diagonal.

## Word Bank

- Battle
- Buffalo
- Chief
- Custer
- Horses
- Oklahoma
- Tipi
- Colonel

T R H E T H O D C C T N L T K Y R G  
 Q C S N W I P I N P N D H C F R F P  
 V J I T N R P M U T D R J O C R A I  
 D J A S O L D I E R A H G Q E J M Y  
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 N W E O L F D R E A O C O L O N E L  
 E A N G O H C E R H Y U J O E E L N



**Word Scramble:** unscramble the words below, then find them in the word search above. Hint: they are different words than already listed above.



- HNEECNYE \_\_\_\_\_
- TSHAAIW \_\_\_\_\_
- ORUF \_\_\_\_\_
- MVENREOB \_\_\_\_\_
- RVRIE \_\_\_\_\_
- AKBLC LTKTEE \_\_\_\_\_
- LIESDRO \_\_\_\_\_



# I Spy



When you walk around the visitor center, be on the lookout for things that might fit these hints! And don't forget, some things you see will also be in the *Bingo*.

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## I spy with my little eye...

1. Something to keep me warm in the winter. It is navy blue with gold buttons and gold trim around the neck and arms. The 7th U.S. Cavalry wore these during the attack at Washita. What do I see?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. A red sandstone slab commemorating the 7th U.S. Cavalry's role at Washita. Carved in 1890, this is the first marker placed as Washita Battlefield. Who carved Washita's first historical marker?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Red, white, and blue, I am the seal of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

How many stars? \_\_\_\_\_

How many crosses? \_\_\_\_\_

What is in the center? \_\_\_\_\_

4. A bronze statue of a Cheyenne Peace Chief in the museum gallery. What am I holding in my hands?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. I am the most popular symbol of the United States. Standing tall and waving in the wind, I have 50 stars- one to represent every state in the union.

\_\_\_\_\_

Bonus: What do the 13 red and white stripes represent?

\_\_\_\_\_

# Oklahoma City National Memorial



The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995 killed 168 people, including 19 children, and injured more than 650. The Memorial is an affiliated unit of the National Park Service, owned and operated by the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation. The Oklahoma City National Memorial was erected so the American public can honor the memory of the victims, the survivors, and their rescuers.

Place a check mark  in each box you have completed

Attend a ranger program or ask a ranger a question.

Place your hand in the pool then on one of the two Gates of Time.

Draw on the chalkboards in the Children's Area.

Stamp your certificate on the last page for Oklahoma City National Memorial.

Have a park ranger sign that you have completed your required activities for Oklahoma City National Memorial.

# Chickasaw

## National Recreation Area



At Chickasaw National Recreation Area the power of place is evident to even the casual observer: cool creeks flowing over travertine terraces; the silhouette of a great blue heron perched on the shore of the Lake of the Arbuckles; families reuniting in historic campgrounds; local residents coming to fill jugs with mineral water; and the idyllic escape so many find through visits to the park.

Place a check mark  in each box you have completed

Walk to Antelope or Buffalo Springs.

Walk across the Lincoln Bridge.

Visit the Travertine Nature Center and explore the exhibits.

Stamp your certificate on the last page for Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Have a park ranger sign that you have completed your required number of activities for Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

# Platt Historic District- the Springs



Before Chickasaw became a National Recreation Area in 1976, it was Platt National Park. Designated a National Park in 1906, the springs have always been a draw for visitors near and far. Match the picture with the correct name.

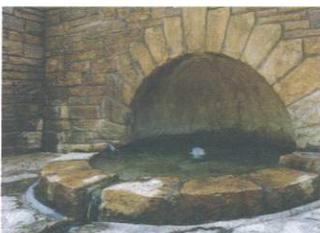
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Antelope Spring



Vendome Well



Pavilion Spring



Buffalo Springs



Black Sulphur Spring



Hillside Springs

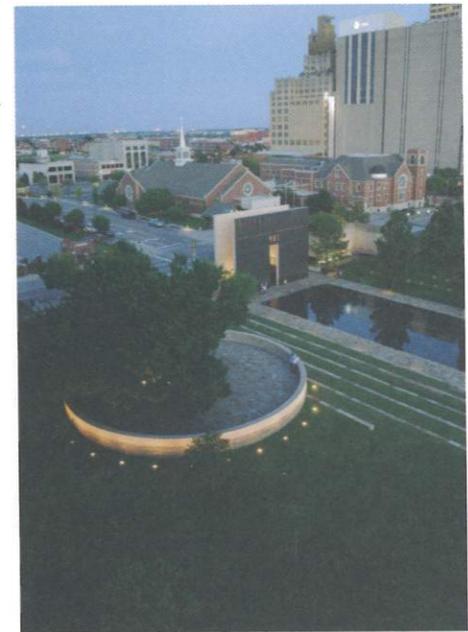
# Puzzle



Rescuers from all around the United States came to help look for survivors. There were many rescuers, and they needed supplies like boots, flashlights, food, and water. They went to local news stations asking the people of Oklahoma for these things. Within hours they had more supplies than they could possibly use! This led to a phrase for the kindness Oklahomans have towards others. **Fill in the blanks, and find the answer below matching the corresponding numbers and using the letters in the green box.**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Tree, which caught on fire after the blast, stands strong today.
2. At 9:01 and 9:03, The \_\_\_\_\_ of Time represent the moments before and after the explosion.
3. The bombing happened on \_\_\_\_\_ 19, 1995.
4. The Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ was set up immediately around the site after the bombing to protect the area, and today people leave momentos to loved ones and to the rescuers.
5. The Journal \_\_\_\_\_ Building sustained heavy damage, but has been restored and now houses the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ City came together to help support rescuers with anything they needed.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Pool sits where NW 5th Street was located. The street ran next to the building.
8. Each chair on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Empty Chairs represents someone who died that day.

1.		_____
2.	_____	_____
3.		_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.		_____
8.	_____	_____



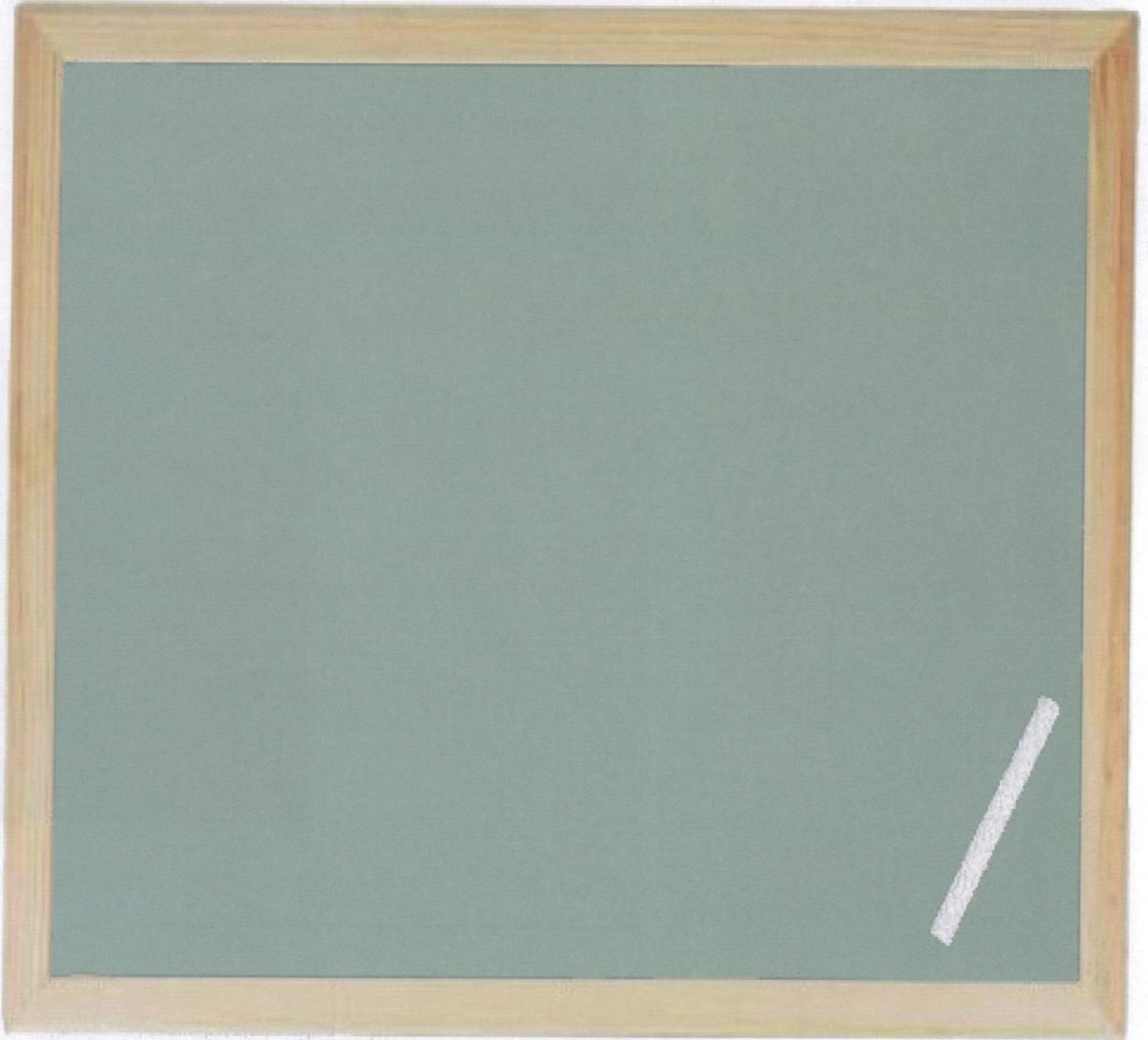
Answer: The Oklahoma \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Children's Area



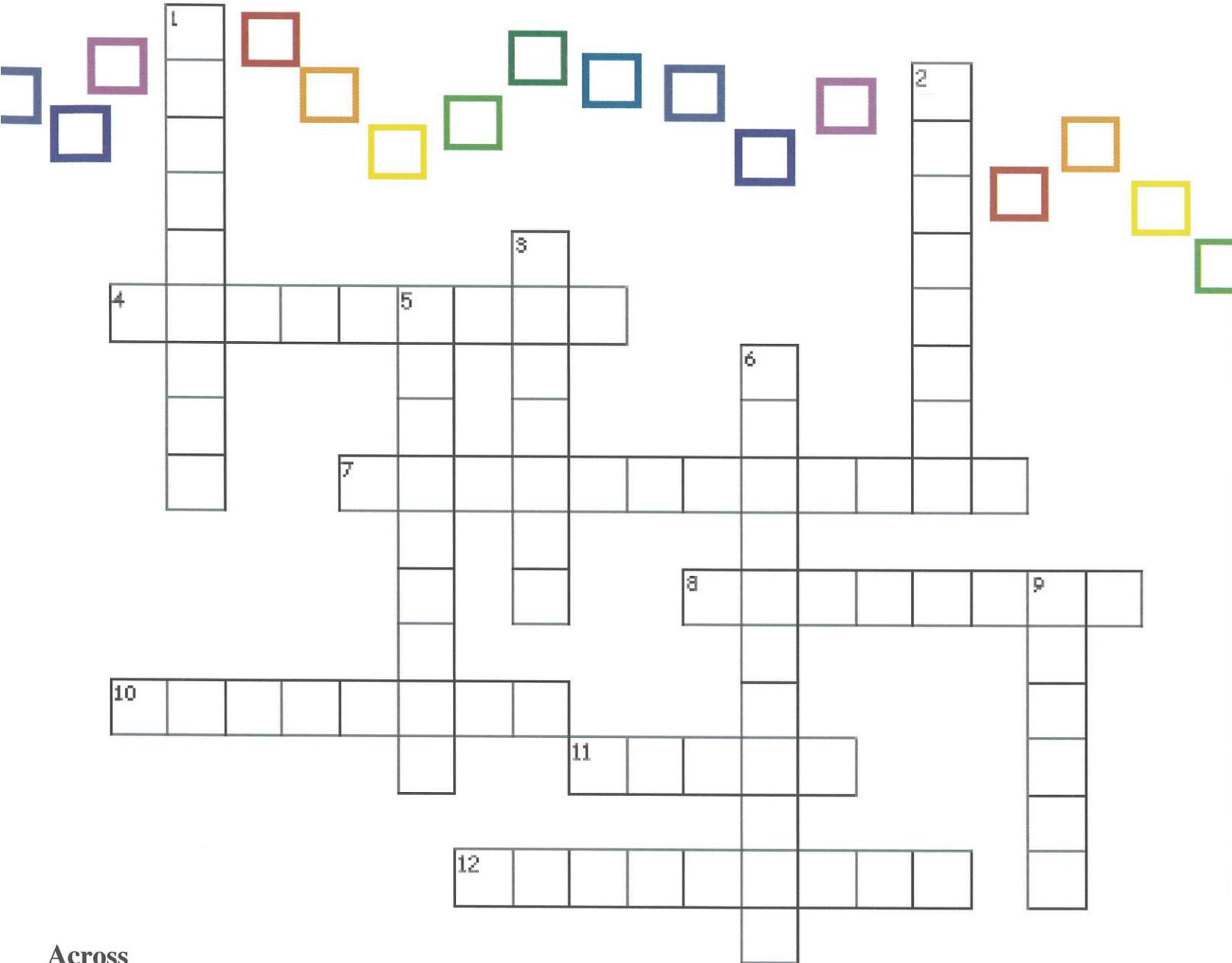
After the bombing, thousands of children from across the country sent in letters and drawings to the rescuers, survivors, and people of Oklahoma City. The children thanked the rescuers for their help and provided them with encouragement and hope. The Children's Area, nestled in the northwest corner of the Rescuers' Orchard, has some of these drawings on tiles as well as chalkboards for you to leave your own memory. **What message or picture do you want to share? Write or draw it below.**

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Great Job!

# CROSSWORD



## Across

4. Originally set aside as Sulphur Springs Reservation for 33 mineral springs, today this park consists of springs, trails, and lakes.
7. What you will be once you complete this book? \_\_\_\_\_
8. The state these national parks and many more can be found. (hint: you're in this state now)
10. Many \_\_\_\_\_ came from Oklahoma and the nation to help the people of Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. Most were human, but some were dogs too!
11. What Chickasaw NRA was named when in became a National Park.
12. What Oklahoma (City) is called- the \_\_\_\_\_ of America.

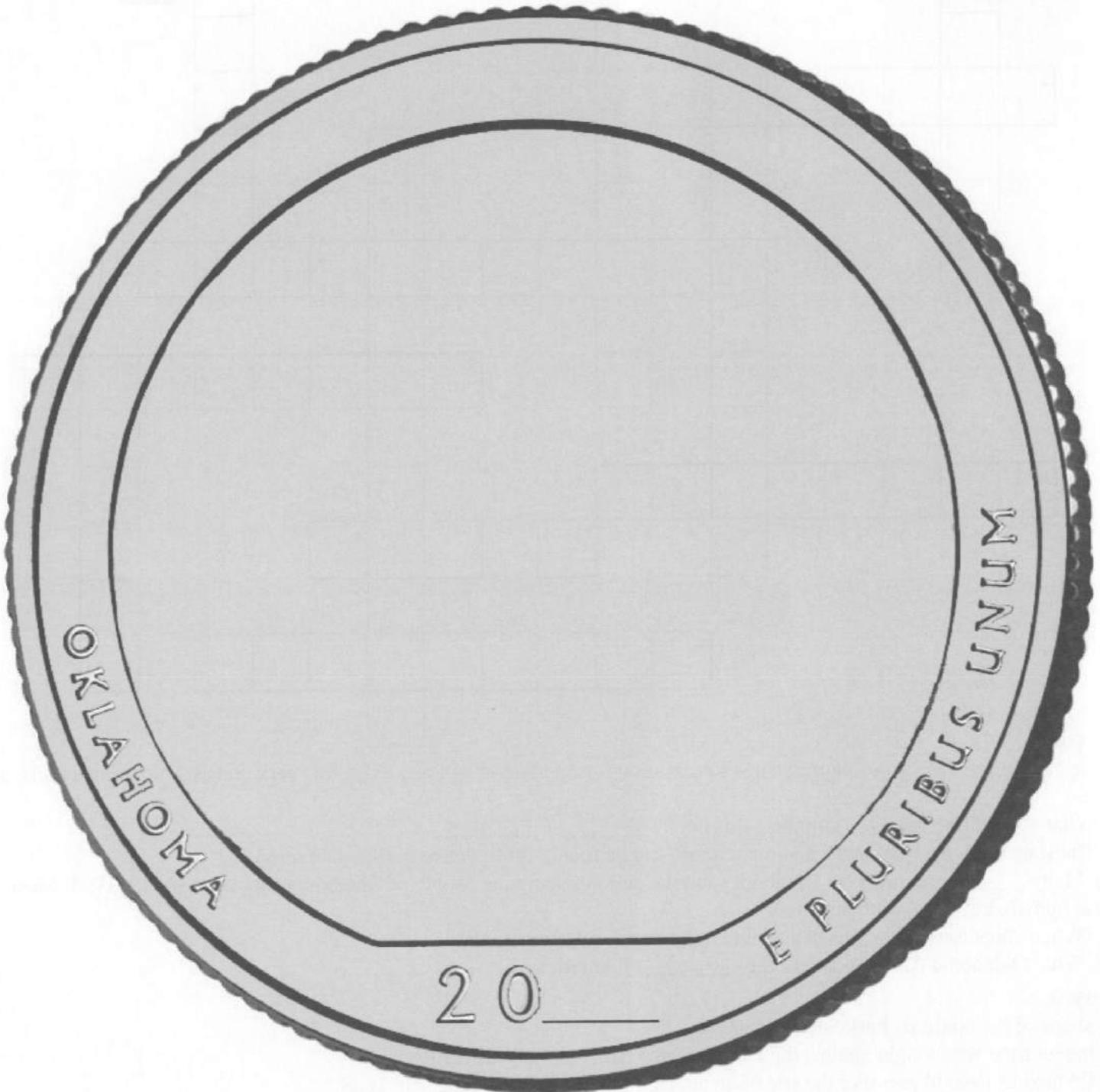
## Down

1. Shape of the National Park Service symbol.
2. Indian tribe who fought against the United States Army at the Washita River.
3. Created in 1996 to preserve the site of an attack on the Cheyenne Indians in 1868.
5. The Lake of the \_\_\_\_\_ at Chickasaw National Recreacion Area.
6. The Peace Chief who died fighting the soldiers during the Battle of Washita.
9. The Alfred P. \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Building.

# You Be The Designer



In 2011, a quarter was *published* (released) representing the Lincoln Bridge in Chickasaw NRA as part of the America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The bridge was dedicated February 12, 1909, on President Lincoln's 100th Birthday, which is the reason for the bridge's name. What would you draw on a quarter? Choose one of the 3 national parks in Oklahoma and draw an image in the quarter below.

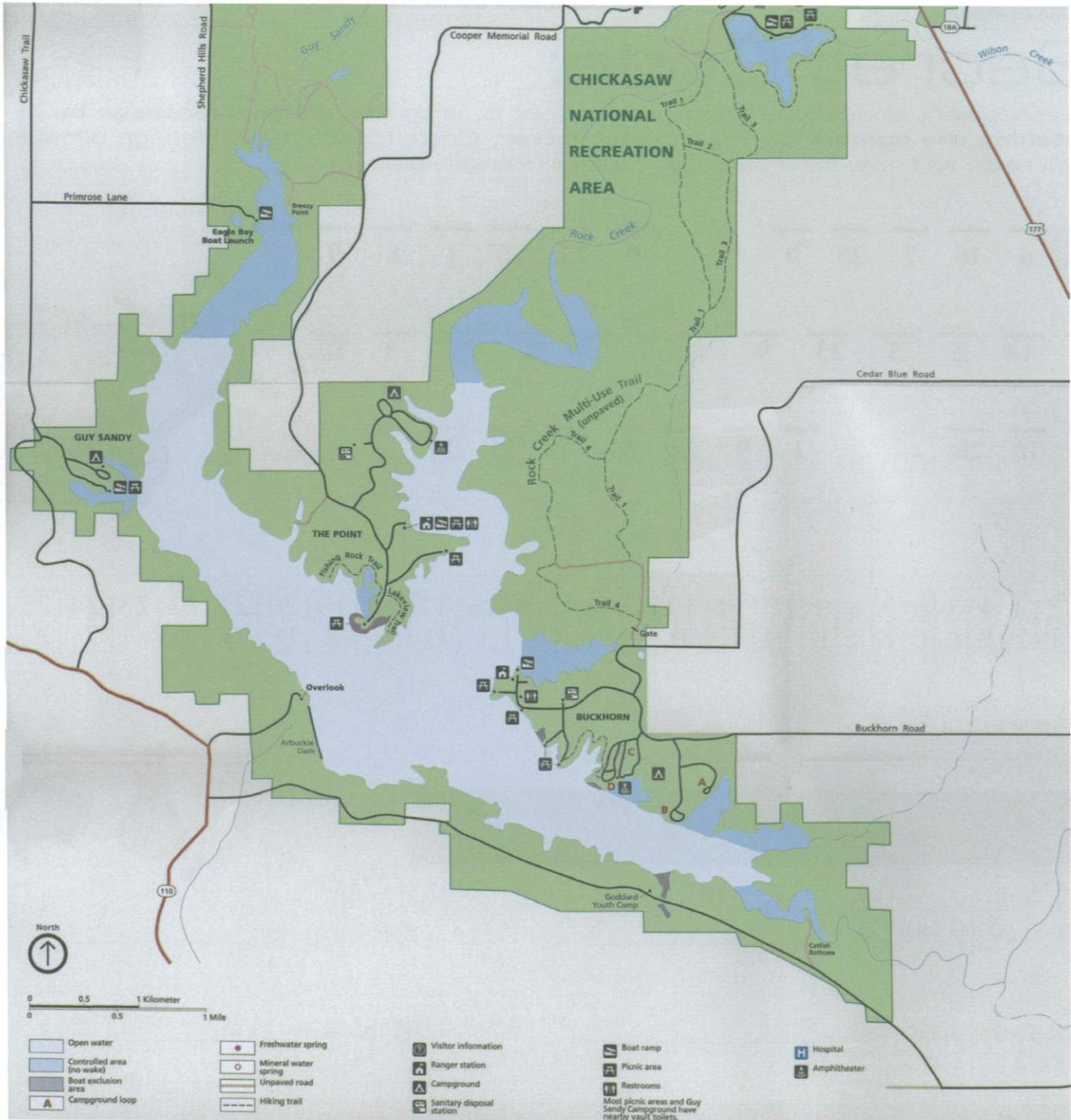


Bonus: Which war occurred during Abraham Lincoln's presidency? \_\_\_\_\_

# Arbuckle District- Map Reading



Knowing how to read a map is very important. Maps help you know where to go and what kind of activities there are once you get there. Below is a map of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area lakes. Learn about this map by answering the questions below. Use the brochure map for help.



- 1) Label the two lakes (Veteran's Lake and Lake of the Arbuckles)
- 2) Circle the three campgrounds in the map.
- 3) Count the number of boat ramps and picnic areas. How many did you find?  
 Boat ramps \_\_\_\_\_ Picnic areas \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Put a triangle around Arbuckle Dam.
- 5) What do the purple areas on the bigger lake mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) About how many miles west to east is the bigger lake? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Which road goes to The Point? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) What does this symbol  mean? \_\_\_\_\_

# Games

## Secret Code:



Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to **decode this message by matching the number to the correct letter**. Don't forget this message because you'll need to know it to take your Junior Ranger pledge!

16   6   10   7   23   9                      9   25   10   1   8   9   13

8   14   2   5   23   9   8 ,   5   8   25   9   10 ,

25   10   20                      2   9   23   26   8   11   26 !



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
G	P	Y	B	L	U	I	E	R	N	C	H	S	X	F	J	Q	V	K	D	W	M	O	Z	A	T

## Solve the Riddle



1) R + danger - d + s = \_\_\_\_\_

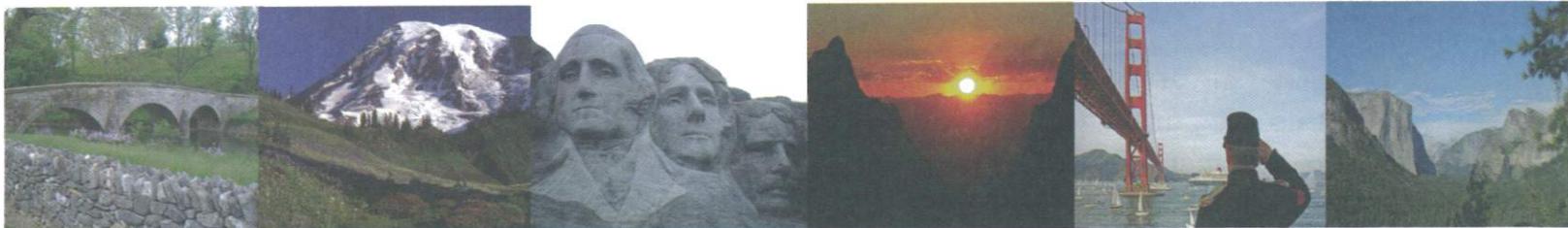
2) H + kelp - k = \_\_\_\_\_

3) Prosper - sper + tect = \_\_\_\_\_

4) Yo + sure - se = \_\_\_\_\_

5) N + vacation - vac + al = \_\_\_\_\_

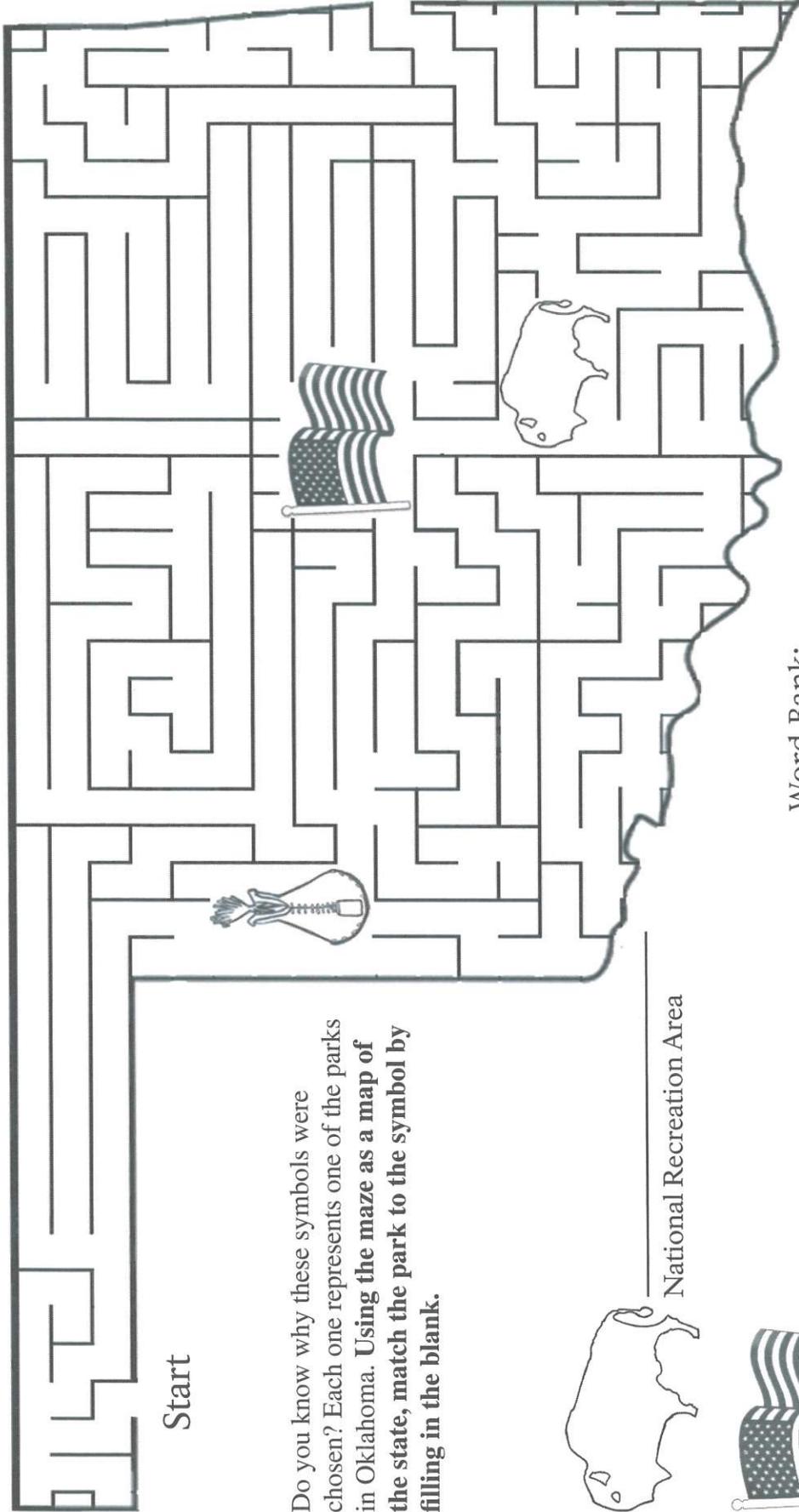
6) Parts - ts + ks = \_\_\_\_\_



# Maze 1



Finish



Start

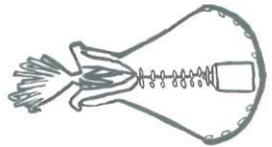
Do you know why these symbols were chosen? Each one represents one of the parks in Oklahoma. **Using the maze as a map of the state, match the park to the symbol by filling in the blank.**



\_\_\_\_\_ National Recreation Area



\_\_\_\_\_ National Memorial



\_\_\_\_\_ National Historic Site

Word Bank:

Oklahoma City

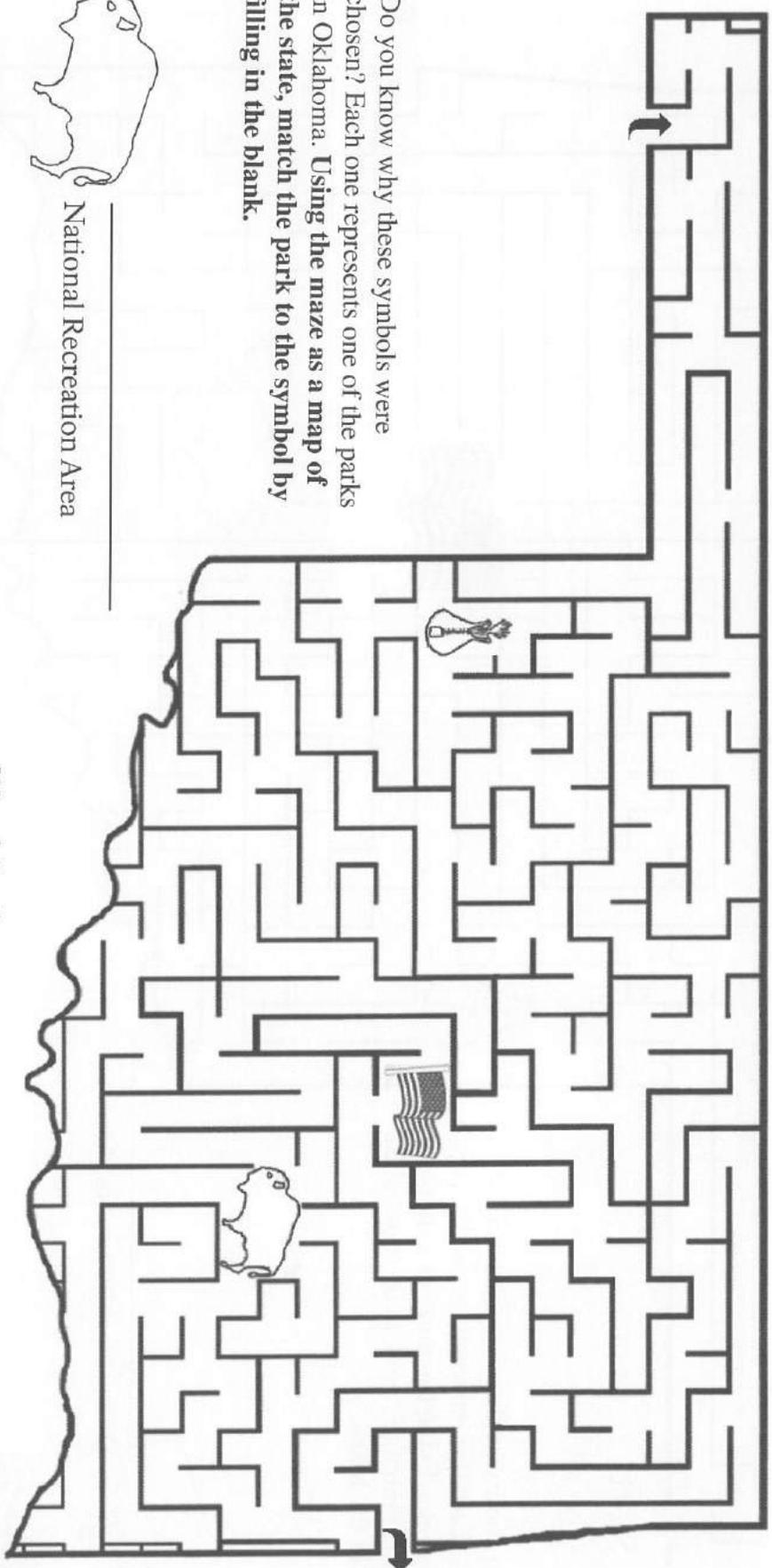
Washita Battlefield

Chickasaw

# Maze 2



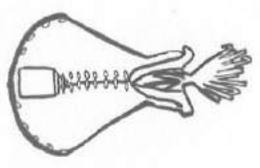
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\_\_\_\_\_ National Memorial



\_\_\_\_\_ National Historic Site

Word Bank:

Oklahoma City

Washita Battlefield

Chickasaw

# National Park Service: The Arrowhead



Connect the dots. Once you have completed the shape, fill in the missing objects. Do you remember what belongs inside?



What do the tree, animal, and mountain in the arrowhead represent? What about the shape of the arrowhead itself? Write the answers in below.

The tree \_\_\_\_\_

The animal \_\_\_\_\_

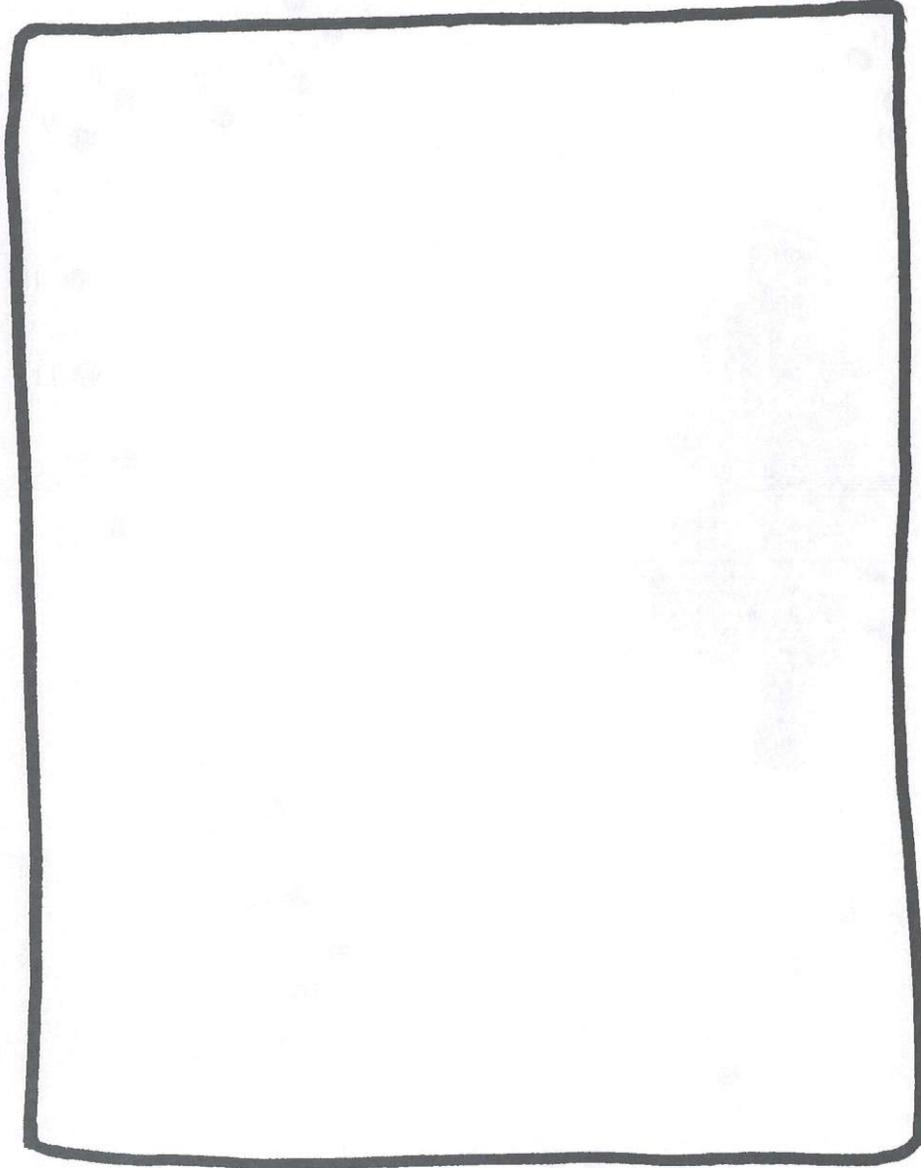
The mountain \_\_\_\_\_

The arrowhead \_\_\_\_\_

# Journal



What was your favorite thing you saw during your adventures? Was it learning about the attack at Washita? The herd of bison at Chickasaw? How about drawing on the chalkboards at Oklahoma City? **Draw your favorite scene from any of the parks, and write about it below.**



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# Congratulations!

Now that you have completed your activity book, follow these steps:

1) Take it to a park ranger:

At Chickasaw take to Travertine Nature Center,  
At Oklahoma City give to a park ranger outside,  
At Washita Battlefield take to the visitor center.

2) The ranger will check your book to see that you have completed activities.

3) Recite the Junior Ranger pledge.

4) Receive your special patch!



## Junior Ranger Pledge

I promise to take care of the national parks in Oklahoma and throughout the National Park Service; to preserve and protect the cultural and natural resources. To Explore, Learn, and Protect everywhere I go, so others may enjoy the parks as I do.



# WebRangers



Discover WebRangers! WebRangers is the National Park Service's online Junior Ranger Program. There are hundreds of activities that allow children to gain an awareness of national parks, the first step in a life-long process of learning about and caring for their natural and cultural heritage.

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

## More National Park Service sites near Oklahoma:

- **Fort Smith National Historic Site, Fort Smith, Arkansas**

At Fort Smith National Historic Site you can walk where soldiers drilled, pause along the Trail of Tears, and stand where justice was served. The park includes the remains of two frontier forts and the Federal Court for the Western District of Arkansas. Judge Isaac C. Parker, known as the "hanging judge," presided over the court for 21 years.

- **Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Fritch, Texas**

Lake Meredith lies on the dry and windswept southern high plains of the Texas Panhandle. The lake was created to supply water for 11 cities and to create recreational opportunities such as fishing, boating, waterskiing, sailing, scuba diving, and swimming. The backcountry surrounding the lake provides areas for hunting, camping, horseback riding, and hiking.

- **Pea Ridge National Military Park, Garfield, Arkansas**

On March 7 & 8, 1862, 26,000 soldiers fought here to decide the fate of Missouri. The 4,300-acre park honors those who fought for their way of life. Pea Ridge was one of the most pivotal Civil War battles, and is the most intact Civil War battlefield in the country.

- **George Washington Carver National Monument, Diamond, Missouri**

The young boy known as the "Plant Doctor," tended his secret garden while observing the day to day operations of a successful 19th century farm. Nature and nurture ultimately influenced George on his journey to becoming a renowned scientist of agriculture.



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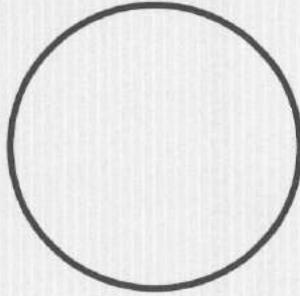
# Oklahoma Junior Ranger

having completed the required activities and continuing  
to protect Oklahoma's National Parks

Junior Ranger \_\_\_\_\_

is hereby certified an Oklahoma Junior Ranger on this day, the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,

Congratulations!



Ranger: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chickasaw National Recreation Area

Ranger: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oklahoma City National Memorial

Ranger: *Speltz Shocks*  
Washita Battlefield National Historic Site

To learn more about the National Park Service units in Oklahoma visit:

Chickasaw National Recreation Area  
1008 West 2nd Street  
Sulphur, OK 73086

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

Oklahoma City National Memorial  
620 North Harvey Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

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

[www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org](http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org)

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site  
18555 Highway 47A STE. A  
Cheyenne, Oklahoma 73628

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

Be sure to ask about Junior Ranger Programs for individual parks, too!

Didn't finish at the park? You can still mail in your completed book and we'll mail you back your book, signed certificate, and a patch!

Oklahoma State Coordinator  
(C/O Junior Ranger Program)  
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Oklahoma City, Ok 73101



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