Yosemite Virtual Junior Ranger

Name:

Where do you live?

Complete these pages, then email pictures to yose_information@nps.gov with your mailing address to get your badge! Check out our schedule of Facebook Live events for virtual swear-in ceremonies.

It’s okay to ask for help with any of these activities!

Adaptations are things animals have or do that help them survive where they live, like having flippers to swim or working together to build a nest.

A pika is a rabbit-like animal that lives on the highest mountain peaks in Yosemite. It has adaptations to help it survive in this extreme environment. During the short summer season, pika collect grass and flowers to store for winter food in the rock piles where they nest. They have thick fur and warm body temperatures to survive cold winters.

People have lived in Yosemite for thousands of years!

Visit go.nps.gov/yosetribes and go.nps.gov/yoseindians and explore the pages to learn more.

What first peoples call Yosemite home?

What people first lived on the land you call home?

Before we had grocery stores, the outside world was the supermarket! People traded resources they had for things they needed, such as acorns from Yosemite Valley for obsidian from Mono Lake. What in your home or region could you have traded?

Draw an animal that lives near you, OR make one up with adaptations for the environment where you live:

What adaptations does your animal have?

Could this animal live in Yosemite? Why or why not?
Sit near a window, and draw what you can see:

In your drawing, what things are...

living:

non-living:

human-made:

If you could add something or take something away, what would it be, and why?

Visit go.nps.gov/naturenotes and choose a Yosemite Nature Notes video to watch.

Which video did you watch?

What did you see in the video that is similar to the view outside your window? (Creative answers encouraged!)

Silly Fill-in-the-Blank: A Yosemite Adventure

Required for ages 7 and up only: Find a friend or family member and ask them for words that would fit in the blanks (use the descriptions under the blank spots). Then, read them the whole story!

I went on a hike in Yosemite today! I made sure to pack a map and an extra ____________, put on my ___________ screen, and started to _____________ up a _____________ hill. After _________ miles, I heard a branch crack on the trail up ahead! I looked up, and saw a _____________ _____________ straight toward me! I slowly backed away and the _____________ _____________ passed by. Whew! _________ hours later, I finally got to the _____________ _____________ waterfall! I’m glad I remembered to bring _____________ _____________ to drink. I leaned back against a _____________ _____________ and pulled out my lunch of _____________. We made it back to camp just before the _____________ _____________ started to pour from the sky. What a great day in Yosemite!