

# **National Parks: Junior Rangers**

## **Correlating Virtual Field Trips:**

- National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, & Colorado  
<https://socialstudiesonline.com/national-parks-wa-or-id-mt-co/>
- National Parks - Wyoming & Utah  
<https://socialstudiesonline.com/national-parks-wyoming-utah/>
- National Parks - California & Nevada  
<https://socialstudiesonline.com/national-parks-california-nevada/>
- National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii  
<https://socialstudiesonline.com/national-parks-alaska-hawaii/>

The National Park Service has an activity based Junior Ranger program available in most National Parks. While most participants range in age from 5-13, people of all ages are able to participate.

There are activities available for completion in the parks as well as activities available online!

## **Main Source Link:**

<https://www.nps.gov/kids/become-a-junior-ranger.htm>

## **JUNIOR RANGER ONLINE**

**(<https://www.nps.gov/kids/junior-ranger-online.htm>)**

- Interactive and Printable Activities - there are a few different kinds of resources available here
  - Most notable (where students can earn badges) are:
    1. Aztec Ruins Online Junior Ranger Program
    2. Become a Junior Ranger for National Historic Trails - there are currently TEN different historical trail adventures to go on!

# **Suggestions**

## **For**

### **Student Engagement**

1. Ask students if they have ever heard of the Junior Ranger program through the National Park Service.
  - a. If not, share some information with them
  - b. If so, have them share their experiences either in writing, drawing, or talking
2. Have your students earn a Junior Ranger badge by completing an adventure through the online Historic Trail program.

You will need to print and prep the activity pages in advance for your students.
3. Have students compare and contrast the pros and cons of earning Junior Ranger badges through the online program vs actual visits to National Parks.
4. Have students prepare an advertisement for the Junior Ranger program, highlighting the benefits.

See Slide 3 for an optional instructional template. Make a copy of this presentation and delete Slides 1-2 before assigning to your students.

Link to this Presentation:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MJAhdXhdeMJCXTwGSCzBkz67uzsPUyCgB1hdWG\\_LGyw/copy](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MJAhdXhdeMJCXTwGSCzBkz67uzsPUyCgB1hdWG_LGyw/copy)

# Make an Advertisement

Go to this site to learn more about the Junior Ranger program:

<https://www.nps.gov/kids/become-a-junior-ranger.htm>

## **Your task:**

Create an advertisement  
for the  
Junior Ranger program

## **Be sure to include:**

- \*Program description\*
- \*Fun features\*
- \*Why it's worth doing\*