Junior Ranger Program

"On This Spot"

Featuring Residents and Residence, the Ellipse, the White House Visitor Center, the natural and cultural resources of the Park, and the many statues



Activity Booklet Ages 6 -12

Introduction

The National Park Service welcomes you to participate in our **President's Park Junior Ranger Program**. Children ages six to twelve will learn about the history and resources at an urban National Park in Washington,

D.C.

A Junior Ranger agrees to help other Rangers protect and take care of National Parks. This is a big job because there are more than 390 National Parks in the United States! There's even a website for you to become a WebRanger!

President's Park consists of the White House, the Ellipse, Lafayette Park, Sherman Park and First Division Monument. Activities are planned for you to do alone, with your group leader, teacher, friends or family members or on a ranger-guided tour.

If you are interested in becoming a Junior Ranger and will NOT be in the Washington area, you can still participate! A special mail-in program is available using educational resources available at home, in the classroom, on the computer and at the library. Please call us at 202.208.1631, or write us at: President's Park Junior Ranger Program, Room 344, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, DC 20242.

If you are in the Washington area, please stop at the Information Desk in the White House Visitor Center and request Junior Ranger "On This Spot" materials. Allow ninety minutes to

complete this booklet in President's Park.

The format of our Program provides an opportunity for everyone to better understand the preservation of natural as well as cultural resources.

The program has three "historic activities". You **MUST** complete **either**

- Jr. Ranger Roll Call
- Jr. Ranger Cruise
- The Basic Bill

Also, when you complete **three** additional worksheets of your choice, you will receive a Junior Ranger badge. Completing **five or more** worksheets entitles you to a badge and a certificate!

HAVE FUN!!!

WORKSHEETS INCLUDED (Choose 3 or 5 worksheets)

- Park Footsteps Step softly when you're in a National Park
- Mandate National Parks and You
- Modern First Ladies 20th century First Ladies
- Park Poet Be creative about our Park
- Park Scramble Search for fifteen words about our Park.
- The Pledge Can you write a speech? Can you write a poem?
- Proclamation You've just been elected President
- Puzzled? Put on your thinking cap
- Symbols What is the Great Seal?
- Welcome Essential facts about NPS Rangers
- Who is this Man?- A President who was not elected

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Upon completion of your worksheets, please return them to us at the White House Visitor Center. A ranger will check your answers and present you with our Junior Ranger badge and if you have completed five or more worksheets, you will also receive a certificate.

Your role as a Junior Ranger extends beyond the boundaries of our Park. Make use of our follow up activities to learn more about our Park's resources. Visit other urban National Parks. Participate in other Park's programs.

And, finally, we'd like to **thank you** for assisting us in "re-inventing" the wheel. Our "spot" or wheel has several pie-shaped wedges that "features" slices of President's Park are: Residents and Residence, the Ellipse, the White House Visitor Center, the natural and cultural resources of the Park, and the many statues. The hat represents the caretakers - National Park Rangers, and we want to extend a welcome and congratulations to you - our newest caretaker - Junior Ranger!

Junior Ranger Pledge



I, _________, am proud to be a National Park Service Junior Ranger. I promise to appreciate, respect, and protect all National Parks. I also promise to continue learning about the landscape, plants, animals, and history of these special places. I will share what I learn with my friends and family.

Junior Ranger Signature

Ranger/ Parent Signature

Use President's Park Passport Stamp here!

Junior Ranger Roll Call

1.	Who designed		I	the			\	White	House?		
2.	Where	did	Franklin	Ro	oseve	lt	address	s h	is	radio	audience?
3.	How ma	any years di	d it take to	build t	he Whit	te Ho	use?				
4.	Who	wa	S	Marti	n		Van		Buren	's	hostess?
5.	What	shape	are	the	table	es	used	for	а	State	Dinner?
6.	Which	presid	dent	never	li -	ved	in	th	e	White	House?
7.	What	First L	.ady wa	as a	ctive	in	the	"Just	Sa	y No"	program?
8.	What is	the name o	of the dog i	n the Fo	ord fam	ily po	ortrait? _				
9.	Who	sa	aid	"Th	ie		buck		sto	pps	here!"?
10.	What ty	pe of came	ra was use	d to pho	otograp	oh the	e 1889 Eas	ster Eg	g Hun	i?	
11.	When	did	Thomas	Jef	ferson		live	in	the	White	House?
12.	Who	chose	the	•	color		of	the		Green	Room?
13.	What ye	ear was the	Oval Office	e added	to the	West	: Wing? _				
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Junior Ranger Cruise

At Presidents' Park we don't have any roaring rivers, rippling streams, cascading waterfalls or thundering rapids. We have no canyons, gorges, peaks, glaciers or mesas. We are a National Park and our mission is to preserve and protect President's Park and the White House for future generations!

The White House Visitor Center has a wealth of historical artifacts relating to our national historic site. "Cruise" around the Visitor Center and locate:

- 1. She took every opportunity to underline the importance of reading while she was First Lady.
- 2. She served as hostess for her bachelor uncle, James Buchanan.
- 3. This First Lady saw two daughters marry in the White House.
- 4. This First Lady had a color named after her.
- 5. She hung the family laundry in the East Room.
- 6. She was a strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- 7. She campaigned to combat the illegal use of drugs.
- 8. She served as head of a task force on National Health Care.
- 9. This First Lady asked Andrew Johnson to establish a First Lady portrait collection.
- 10. On 8/24/1814 she ordered the Washington portrait removed from the East Room.
- 11. She traveled extensively in the 1940s for the President.
- 12. Who was the first to host the musical performances in the White House?
- 13. She had a degree in Geology from Stanford University.
- 14. Her 25th wedding anniversary party was "the greatest event of her White House years".
- 15. Rob Roy was her dog's name.

The Basic Bill

	True	False	
1.	0	0	The White House is located in Washington, D.C.
2.	0	0	The President must be a lawyer.
3.	0	0	Every state has a National Park.
4.	0	0	Thomas Jefferson was our first President.
5.	0	0	A person can be elected President only twice.
6.	0	0	The President's Board of Advisors is called his Cabinet.
7.	0	0	The President takes his oath of office on Inauguration Day.
8.	0	0	John Kennedy wrote the Gettysburg Address.
9.	0	0	The President's airplane is called Air Force One.
10.	0	0	The White House is over 200 years old.
11.	0	0	British soldiers set fire to the White House in 1814.
12.	0	0	Every four years a presidential election takes place.
13.	0	0	You must be 25 years old to vote.
14.	0	0	George Washington's nickname was "Old Muttonhead".
15.	0	0	Andrew Johnson never went to school.
16.	0	0	The American Bald Eagle is the national bird.
17.	0	0	Fifteen states were originally in the Union.
18.	0	0	The Supreme Court is the judicial branch of the government.
19.	0	0	George Bush was President during the Gulf War.
20.	0	0	John Adams was the first Vice President.

White House Statistics

DIMENSIONS

Length (east-west) - 168 feet

Width (north-south) - 85 ½ feet (principle rectangle)

- 152 (with porticoes)

Height - overall (to top of roof) - south 70 feet; north 60 feet 4 in.

- facade (grade of lawn to parapet) -

south 60 feet (lawn at 54 feet above sea level); north 50 feet 4 in.

Area (total of 6 floors) - approximately 55,000 square feet

ROOMS - 132 total

Four Principal Floors – excluding basements, storage, small hallways, etc.

Ground Floor – 10 rooms, 1 main corridor, 6 restrooms

State Floor – 8 rooms, 1 main corridor, 1 entrance hall

Second Floor – 16 rooms, 1 main corridor, 6 bathrooms, 1 restroom

Third Floor – 20 rooms, 1 main corridor, 9 bathrooms

Select Room Uses

16 family-guest bedrooms – 12 currently as bedrooms (10 for guests, 4 currently as sitting rooms (2 for guests)

2 pantries, 5 kitchens (main, family, diet, staff, pastry)

4 dining rooms - State, Family, President's, staff

1 medical clinic; 1 dental office

31 bathrooms or restrooms (plus 4 in service area)

OTHER FEATURES

28 fireplaces (2 closed), 12 chimneys 3 elevators, 2 sidewalk lifts, 2 dumbwaiters

Recreational Facilities (outside the Residence)

1 bowling alley; 1 movie theater;

outdoors – 1 swimming pool, 1 tennis court, 1 putting green

COSTS

Original construction - \$232,371.83 Rebuilding after 1814 fire - \$236,490.00

Theodore Roosevelt Renovation - \$343,945.00

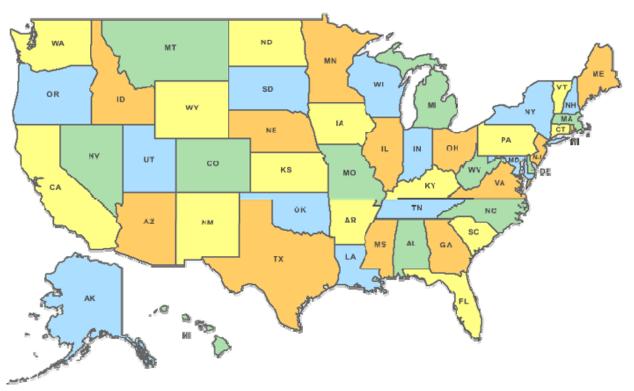
Truman Renovation - \$5,761,000.00

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Park Footsteps

1.	are on both the North and South lawns of the hite House.
2.	is the animal on a National Park Ranger's bad
3.	he President's wife is called the
4.	he National Christmas Tree is located on the
5.	he President and his family live in the
6.	statue of Andrew Jackson is in
7.	ir Force One is the name of the President's
8.	found a safety sign in Sherman Park. It said:
9.	he current President's Family has several dogs and a
10 in	and are two kinds of trees fou

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Presidents Park is one of more than 390 national parks, monuments, battlefields, seashores and historic sites in the United States. The National Park Service preserves these sites.

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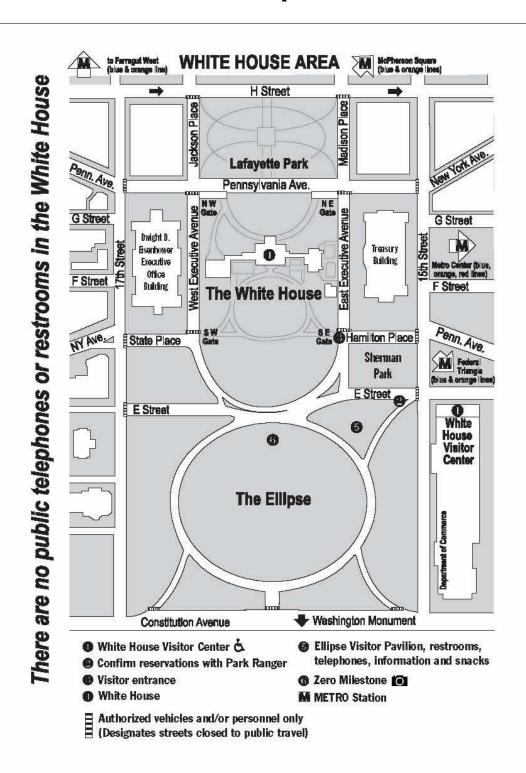
- 1. **Badland** contains animal fossils from 26 to 37 million years ago
- 2. Biscayne aquatic park encompassing chain of islands south of Miami
- 3. C & O Canal 184 mile canal between Cumberland, MD and Washington, D.C.
- 4. Crater Lake volcano that erupted 7700 years ago, deepest U.S. lake
- 5. **Federal Hall** first seat of the U.S. government
- 6. Longfellow Washington's headquarters during 1775-1776 Boston Siege, poet's home
- 7. John Muir home of early conservationist and writer
- 8. **Mammoth Cave -** 144 miles of charted underground passageways
- 9. **Nicodemus** only remaining western town established by African Americans during econstruction
 - 10. St. Gaudens home, studio and gardens of American sculptor Augustus St. Gaudens

Modern First Ladies

As we open the door into the 21st century, here are a few outstanding First Ladies from the 20th century. You can locate all of them in the First Ladies area at the White House Visitor Center!

- 1. This First Lady's interests resulted in the Highway Beautification Act.
- 2. The efforts of this First Lady made it possible for many people to view the White House during special Garden and Candlelight Tours.
- 3. Two states joined the Union during her husband's Presidency making 50 states.
- 4. Her family resided in Blair House while the White House underwent extensive renovations for four years.
- 5. This First Lady had been a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly.
- 6. She was the first of several First Ladies to appear on national television to show the American people the work she accomplished in promoting the historic renovations of the state rooms of the White House,
- 7. The Foster Grandparent Program was one project she supported in the 1980s.
- 8. A staunch supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, this First Lady's husband was NOT elected to office.
- 9. She is the only First Lady to co-author a book with her pet.
- 10. Her in-laws also lived in the White House at one time.

President's Park Map



Park Poet

Think of your favorite thing from your visit to President's Park, then write a poem called a "cinquain" using the following format:

Line 1: One word to name the subject Line 2: Two words to describe it Line 3: Three words of action about it

Line 4: Four word phrase about it

Line 5: One new word that names the subject

Example: Mansion

White House

Living, working, learning Home of America's president

Museum

Now, you try it!!			

Park Scramble

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Can you find the following fourteen words in our PARK Scramble?

NPS TICKETS
BUSH CAT
RANGER WILLIE
DECATUR ELLIPSE
MAGNOLIA SECRETS

MAGNOLIA SECRETSERVICE TREASURY SHERMAN BLAIRHOUSE

The Pledge

Starting with George Washington, Presidents have thought and written about many topics. They pick their words carefully, knowing that what they say may be read and recited by people all over the world.

Some Presidents are very eloquent. Unfortunately, William Henry Harrison's Inauguration address was the longest in history - one hour and forty five minutes. Harrison caught a cold and died one month after his Inauguration. Lincoln wrote a very short famous speech while riding on a train heading towards Gettysburg, Pennsylvania!

You may not be ready to give a speech, however, you could use your imagination and try something short and simple.

HAIKU is an unrhymed Japanese lyric poem having a fixed three line form containing five, seven and five syllables respectively. It's not that easy!

Here are two examples:

The White House sits there Two hundred years of history In its' many walls!

The leaves have fallen
They crinkle with each footstep
How long till Spring comes?

NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN!	

Proclamation

You were just elected President. While you won't be able to control what happens during your years in office, you might find it useful to imagine how you want to be remembered. For example, if you care about the National Parks you might hope that people in the future will recall you as the "National Parks President".

You may launch dozens of projects, work on hundreds of laws, and help solve countless problems.

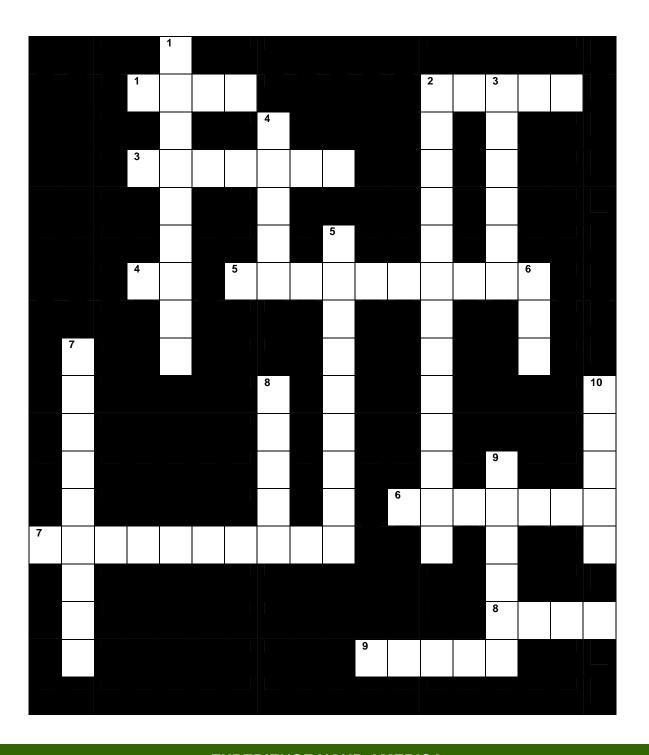
Pick a nickname and write down in several paragraphs why it is important to you.

- The Environment President
- The Children's President
- The Military President
- The Arts President
- The Parks President

The Peace President

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Puzzled?



Junior Ranger Program

Puzzled?

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1.	You are now in a National
2.	The bird pictured on the Great Seal is an
3.	wrote the Gettysburg Address.
4.	Inauguration Day is January
5.	The is located outside the Oval Office.
6.	The National Christmas Tree is on the
7.	The name of this city is
8.	The President works in theOffice in the West Wing.
9.	When Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969was president.
DOV	VN The name of the President's helicopter is
2.	Theis held annually on a Monday in either March or April.
3.	Washington was the first president.
4.	The White House zip code is
5.	Thomaswrote the Declaration of Independence when he was 33 years old.
6.	Our Park Rangers work for the (initials!)
7.	is the Presidential retreat in Maryland.
8.	GW was thepresident.
9.	is the only president buried in Washington, D.C.
10	. In 1878 the Easter Egg Roll was first held during the Administration,

Symbols

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed a committee consisting of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson "to bring in a device for the seal of the United States of America". The designs submitted by this and a subsequent committee were considered unacceptable. After many delays, a third committee, appointed early in 1782, presented a design prepared by William Barton. Charles Thompson, the secretary of Congress, suggested certain changes, and Congress finally approved the design on June 20, 1782.

A version of the seal serves as the "Seal of the President of the United States." It appears on White House stationery and on the side of Air Force One, the President's airplane. Do you understand everything on the Seal?

1.	How many stars form the circle? What does that represent?
2.	What bird is on the Seal?
3.	How many arrows is the bird holding? What does this number represent?
4.	What is the meaning of the olive branch in the bird's right talon?

5. Where else have you seen "E Pluribus Unum"? It means

Welcome to the National Parks!

What's a National Park doing in the middle of our nation's capital? National park sites are located in every state the United States except Delaware. They come in all sizes and shapes. President's Park was designated a national site in 1933.

The National Park Service has a very important role in caring for these special places. This has been the mission of the Park Service since this agency was created in 1916.

The National Park system has grown to include over 80 million acres of land in 49 states, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia. These include many different types of sites such as National parks, monuments, memorials, battlefields, historic sites, recreation areas, rivers, lakeshores, seashores, scenic trails, preserves, military parks, and parkways.

Can you n	ame some National Park sites?	
men and v		Park Rangers. This highly specialized group or these wonderful places, performing all typest gers wear is the arrowhead.
Can you n	natch the symbols with their meani	ngs?
	Sequoia tree	A. Scenic
	Bison	B. Historical
	Mountain	C. Wildlife
	Water	D. Vegetation
	Arrowhead shape	E. Recreational

Who Am I?

During the summer of 1936, this man, our 38th President, worked as a Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park, feeding the bears and directing traffic. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1935 and Yale Law School in 1941. Nelson A. Rockefeller served as his Vice President from 1974 to 1977.



1. CHIINAGM	2. REYAWL	3. ELYA	4. TTYEB	
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5. NNIOX LFOTBOAL	6. ARDNOP	7. GANERR	8.	
9. WHO AM I?				

Congratulations!

You have successfully completed the requirements to become a President's Park Junior Ranger. Please take your booklet to the nearest park ranger or volunteer to receive your junior ranger badge! If you have completed more than five worksheets, you will also receive a certificate!





Junior Ranger Programs

Are you interested in exploring? Do you like art, science, hsitory or nature? How about animals, sailing ships, dinosaurs or trains? Would you like to learn more about the national parks that belong to you? Find out more about National Park Service Junior Ranger Programs at: http://www.nps.gov/learn/juniorranger.htm

WebRanger Programs

As a WebRanger you will have one important job: to have fun while learning new things. You will solve mysteries and puzzles, play games, take part in stories, and gather secret works while exploring some of the greatest places on earth! Find out more about National Park Service WebRanger programs at: http://www.nspg.vo/webranger/

Contact

President's Park (White House) c/o Junior Ranger Program 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Room 344 Washington, D.C. 20242 202-208-1631

Website: http://www.nps.gov/whho

Answers

Historic Activity

Pg. 4 – Roll Call - 1) James Hoban, 2) Diplomatic Reception Room, 3) 8 years, 4) Abigail Van Buren, 5) Round, 6) George Washington, 7) Nancy Reagan, 8) Liberty, 9) Harry Truman, 10) Eastman Brownie, 11) 1801-1809, 12) Monroe, 13) 1902, 14) Pandas, 15) 48,000, 16) Prince Philip, 17) Lincoln Bedroom

Pg. 5 - Cruise - 1) Barbara Bush, 2) Harriet Lane, 3) Ellen Wilson (fooled you!), 4) Mamie Eisenhower, 5) Abigail Adams, 6) Betty Ford, 7) Nancy Reagan, 8) Hillary Clinton, 9) Julia Tyle,r 10) Dolley Madison, 11) Eleanor Roosevelt, 12) Edith Roosevel,t 13) Lou Hoover, 14) Helen Taft, 15) Grace Coolidge

Pg. 6 – The Basic Bill - 1) T, 2) F, 3) F, 4) F, 5) T, 6) T, 7) T, 8) F, 9) T, 10) T, 11) T, 12) T, 13) F, 14) T, 15) T, 16) T, 17) F, 18) T, 19) T, 20) T

Worksheets

Pg. 8 - Park Footsteps - 1) Fountains, 2) Buffalo, 3) First Lady, 4) Ellipse, 5) White House, 6) Lafayette Park, 7) Airplane, 8) Watch your step, 9) Cat, 10) Elms/Maples/ Evergreens/ Holly

Pg. 9 – Mandate - 1) South Dakota, 2) Florida, 3) Maryland, 4) Oregon, 5) New York, 6) Massachusetts, 7) California, 8) Kentucky, 9) Kansas, 10) New Hampshire

Pg. 10 – Modern First Ladies - 1) Lady Bird Johnson, 2) Pat Nixon, 3) Mamie Eisenhower, 4) Bess Truman, 5) Eleanor Roosevelt, 6) Jacqueline Kennedy, 7) Nancy Reagan, 8) Betty Ford, 9) Barbara Bush, 10) Laura Bush and/or Louisa Adams

Pg. 13 - Scramble -

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Pg. 16 & 17 - Puzzled? – Across 1) Park, 2) Eagle, 3) Lincoln, 4) 20, 5) Rose Garden, 6) Ellipse, 7) Washington, 8) Oval, 9) Nixon. Down 1) Marine One, 2) Easter Egg Roll, 3) George, 4) 20500, 5) Jefferson, 6) NPS, 7) Camp David, 8) First, 9) Wilson, 10) Hayes

Pg. 18 - Symbols - 1) Fifty, 2) Bald Eagle, 3) Thirteen - original states, 4) Peace, 5) U.S. money - "one from many"

Pg. 19 - Welcome - 1) D, 2) C, 3) A, 4) E, 5) B

Pg. 20 - Who? - 1) Michigan, 2) Lawyer, 3) Yale, 4) Betty, 5) Nixon, 6) Pardon, 7) Ranger, 8) Football, 9) Gerald R. Ford

Suggested Activities

- Start collecting your National Park Service passport stamps.
- Start a scrapbook on National Parks or Presidential sites.
- Start a postcard or photo collection on President's Park sites
- Design a bulletin board highlighting your visit.
- Creative writing assignments: write from the perspective of a child living in the White House today. What do you like best? What do you like least? What would you envision as your role growing up in the White House? Would you want to maintain a low keyed private life or advocate particular issues focusing on children, literacy, education, health concerns, environmental needs.
- Develop art projects focusing on the American Art predominately displayed in the White House landscapes, portraits, and still lifes.
- What significance should music have within the White House? Develop several musical programs to be performed at a special event on the White House lawn.
- Critique your program and send copies to our Park Staff.
- Discuss the importance of the National Park Service and research other Parks in urban areas.
- Plan a trip to another National Park. What natural and cultural resources are there?
- What special events should be celebrated in President's Park? Why?

Thank you for visiting **President's Park** and please return soon!



Junior Ranger Honor Roll

JOIN OUR JUNIOR RANGER HONOR ROLL ON THE WEB!!

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND HAVE A PARENT SIGN OUR RELEASE FORM.	
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STR	EET ADDRESS:
CITY	', STATE & ZIP CODES:
O a	I will permit my child's name to be placed on the President's Park website as
	Junior Ranger (only the name will appear!)
0	I will not permit my child's name to be placed on the President's Park website as a Junior Ranger (only the name will appear!)
	SIGNED BY PARENT