

11) **GUARDHOUSE / JAIL (Ruins—foundation only)**  
*OH OH!* – Look at the size of these 8 cells - what did *YOU* do to end up in here?

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12) **COMMISSARY**  
 What would *YOU* have bought, if you had come shopping here?

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13) **SAN ANTONIO-EL PASO ROAD (Overland Trail to California)**  
 Imagine you were living 150 years ago. You have just traveled with a wagon train all the way from San Antonio. Your wagon carried your furniture and food — you and your family walked beside it. How many miles have you just walked? \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:**  
 You averaged only 8 miles a day, walking along your ox-drawn wagon. How many days did it take to get from San Antonio to Ft. Davis? \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** After leaving Fort Davis, you still have 1,000 miles to go before reaching California. At 8 miles a day, how long will it take you to get there? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you think you would like walking to California from Texas like the pioneers did? Explain.

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DECODE THE *MYSTERY OF THE TALKING WALLS*

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K=▲	L=○	M=●	N=⊙	O=▲	P=♣	Q=»	R=♥	S=♦	T=♪
U=Ⓐ	V=■	W=—	X=■	Y=⦿	Z=∞				

Fort Davis had \_\_\_\_\_ around it, and the fort was \_\_\_\_\_

attacked by the \_\_\_\_\_ Indians. Did this surprise you? \_\_\_\_\_

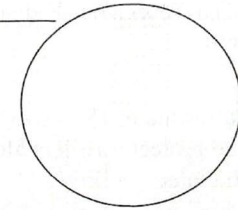
Find a Ranger to ask **WHY** this was the case, and write the answer here.

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Check out how to become a WebRanger at [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers).  
 It's an online Junior Ranger program!

Fort Davis National Historic Site — **JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Junior Ranger Pledge**

*America's National Parks are some of the most special places in the world.  
 As a Junior Ranger, I promise that I will help protect and preserve our parks.*

Junior Ranger signature \_\_\_\_\_ Park Ranger signature \_\_\_\_\_

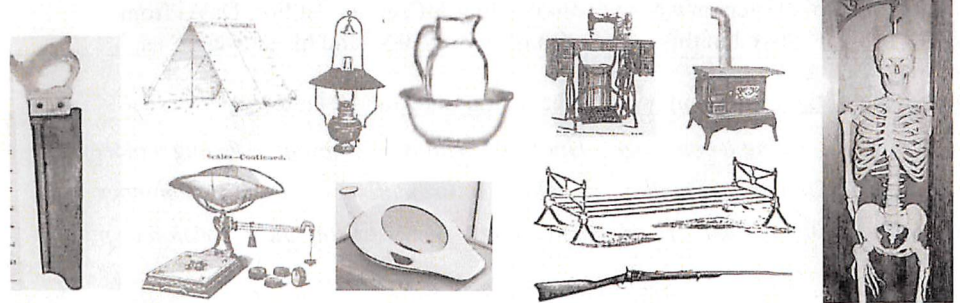
**Directions: Complete the activities to the best of your ability.**

Answer the following questions with a **YES** or a **NO**.

DO YOU THINK IT IS OKAY FOR VISITORS AT PARKS TO:

- Pick flowers? \_\_\_\_\_
- Pick up litter? \_\_\_\_\_
- Kill a rattlesnake? \_\_\_\_\_
- Take photographs? \_\_\_\_\_
- Climb on ruins? \_\_\_\_\_
- Try to catch or pet wild animals? \_\_\_\_\_
- Use binoculars to look at birds and wildlife? \_\_\_\_\_
- Take a rock home for their collection? \_\_\_\_\_
- Take water with them when they go for a hike? \_\_\_\_\_
- Hike off marked trails? \_\_\_\_\_
- Tell their friends about their visit to Fort Davis? \_\_\_\_\_
- Want to be a Park Ranger someday? \_\_\_\_\_

**Scavenger Hunt: How many can you find?**





1) MUSEUM

The \_\_\_\_\_ Desert extends several hundred miles from Texas deep into Mexico. It is the largest desert in North America.

2) VIDEO or MUSEUM

The discovery of \_\_\_\_\_ in California in 1848 was the reason Fort Davis was established a few years later, in order to protect travelers along the San Antonio-El Paso Road from raids by the Apache Indians.

3) ARTILLERY DISPLAY

What's the name of the early machine gun with lots of barrels that kept it from overheating? \_\_\_\_\_ Look for the hand crank that rotated the barrels and fired the weapon. Do you think Gatling Guns were used a lot here at this Fort? \_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: Read the signs.)

4) ENLISTED MEN'S BARRACKS

The soldiers who lived here in 1884 were all black men, and the Indians gave them the nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Soldiers.

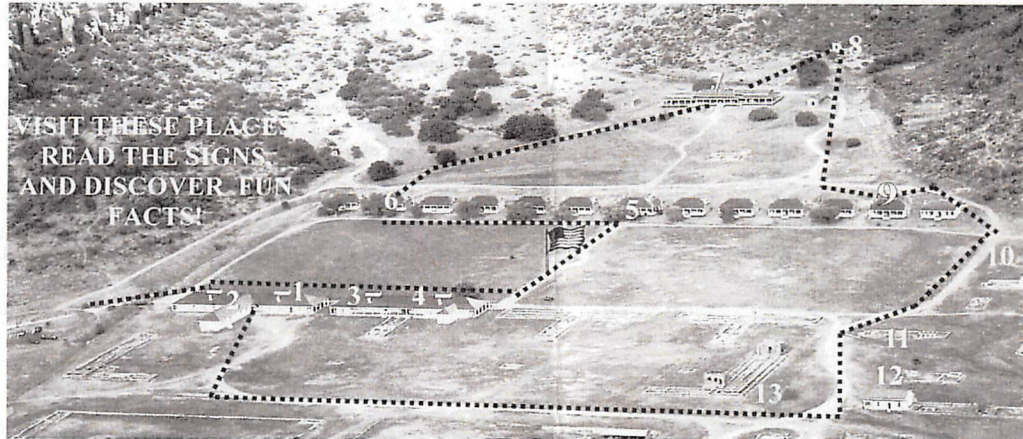
Optional: Black men could not enlist in the Regular Peacetime Army until after the Civil War. Why not?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5) COMMANDING OFFICER'S HOUSE

Colonel Benjamin Grierson was the commanding officer here at Fort Davis from 1882 to 1885. He lived in this house with his wife, Alice, and his teenage sons, Harry and George.

Circle some of the games and hobbies that Harry and George enjoyed.

- Playing chess*   *Using a computer*   *Horseback riding*   *Hunting*   *Riding motorcycles*
- Playing pinball (called bagatelle)*   *Going to the mall*   *Playing dominoes*
- Listening to music on their i-Pods*   *Reading*   *Playing the accordion or piano*



6) SHARED LIEUTENANTS' QUARTERS

Both of the young officers who lived in this building enjoyed writing letters. (Back then, there were no telephones or computers to send e-mail.) Look into the married officer's quarters and find out how much it cost to mail a postcard in 1884. \_\_\_\_\_

7) HOSPITAL

Find the **Wheel of Misfortune** inside the hospital and try it out! Write down 2 illnesses or medical problems that soldiers at Fort Davis experienced: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Now write down 2 medicines or medical treatments used at the time: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

8) MAGAZINE

This was not the kind of magazine you read. What was this magazine used for?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9) AN OFFICER'S KITCHEN AND SERVANT'S QUARTERS

Why do you think the kitchen was built separate from the main house?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Find the following objects: ICE BOX   STOVE   VACUUM CLEANER  
What else can you see in the kitchen that's interesting?  
\_\_\_\_\_

10) CHAPEL

Imagine that you were the child of a soldier stationed here at Fort Davis in 1882. What would have been some of the reasons to come to this building?

- Go to school*   *Listen to music*   *Play on the computer*   *Dance*   *Go to church*
- Check out a library book*   *Attend Lt. Flipper's Court Martial*   *Watch TV*