

# Washita Battlefield National Historic Site

25<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY

# Junior Ranger

Booklet



Join us and become a  
**25th Anniversary Junior Ranger!**  
Complete the required number of  
activities and return to the Visitor  
Center to get your special 25th  
Anniversary patch!

If you are **4-6 years old**, complete  
at least 3 activities.

If you are **7-9 years old**, complete  
at least 4 activities.

If you are **10 years old** or older,  
complete all the activities.

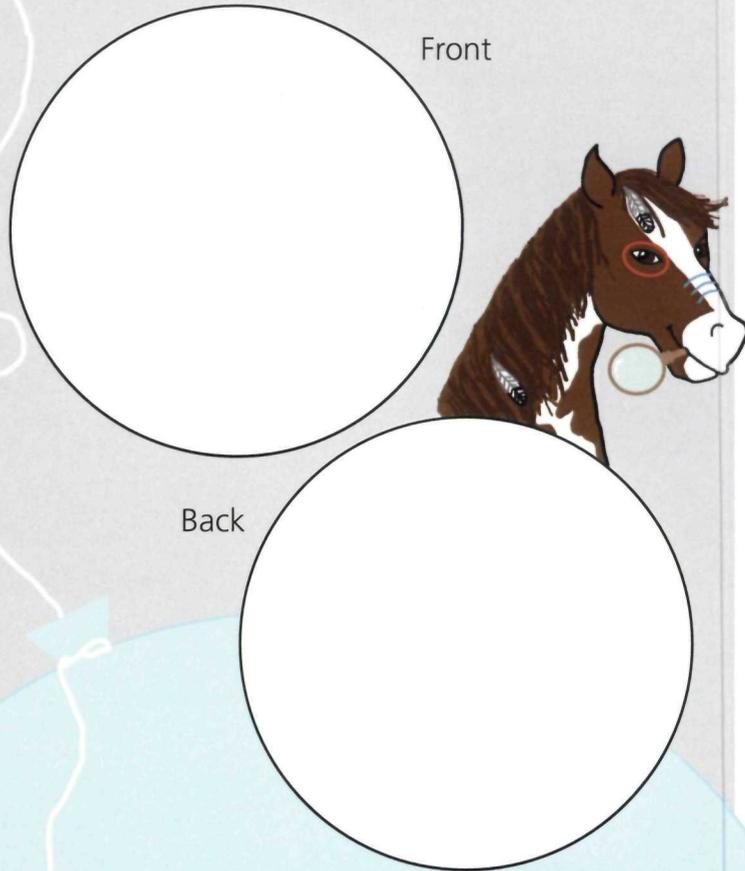
This place is special  
because it was created from  
the friendship between the Cheyenne  
& Arapaho tribes and the National Park  
Service. How would you honor the friendship  
between these two groups?

**Draw a picture about what you would do.**



Let's commemorate Washita Battlefield National Historic Site's birthday! In 1996, the NPS and Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes joined together to preserve and protect over 300 acres of southern prairie where the Battle of the Washita took place in 1868. The purpose of this park is to care for this special place so that people like you can enjoy the area, learn new things, and find inspiration. As part of our birthday events, we are appreciating the last 25 years and thinking about what the next 25 have in store.

Sometimes coins or medals are made to memorialize important events or places, like our "25th Anniversary Challenge" coin. What would your coin look like for the 25th Anniversary of Washita Battlefield NHS?



How old will you be in 25 years?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ years old} \\ \text{(your current age)} \\ + \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{25} \\ \hline \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ years old} \end{array}$$

Many visitors come by the visitor center and just think it is a pretty building. Symbols are very important to the Cheyenne, or Tsistsistas (te-sis-sis-tas) as they call themselves. Some of these symbols are hidden throughout the visitor center. See if you and Mo can discover these symbols by reading the clues below.

1. This number is important to the Cheyenne. Along the top of the gallery you will find diamonds in groups of this number.



2. The doors to the Visitor Center face this direction, the same way that all tipi doors open. Circle it on the compass rose.



Hint it's the same direction that the Sun rises each morning.

3. The wall leading to the entrance of the Visitor Center curves like the water in this nearby river.



5. Did you notice the high ceiling? To many, this is hallowed ground honoring and memorializing the lives lost at Washita. What is something we do to honor someone or someplace today?

4. The bricks outside the visitor center are the color \_\_\_\_\_, just like Oklahoma's soil. \_\_\_\_\_ colored stripes represent the gypsum throughout the countryside. Draw the Oklahoma landscape you see outside below.

**1975** The Washita Battlefield Historical Society is created to protect the area of the attack

**1996** Washita Battlefield National Historic Site becomes a part of the National Park Service

**2007** The current Visitor Center is dedicated

**2011** The Native Garden is planted

**2016** A centennial quilt is made to celebrate the NPS 100th Anniversary

**2018** The 150th Anniversary of the attack is memorialized

**2019** Upgrades made to the park overlook area

**2021**

Fill in the National Park Service arrowhead. Circle your favorite moment in Washita Battlefield NHS history, and add two dates from your life to the timeline

