Chaco Culture

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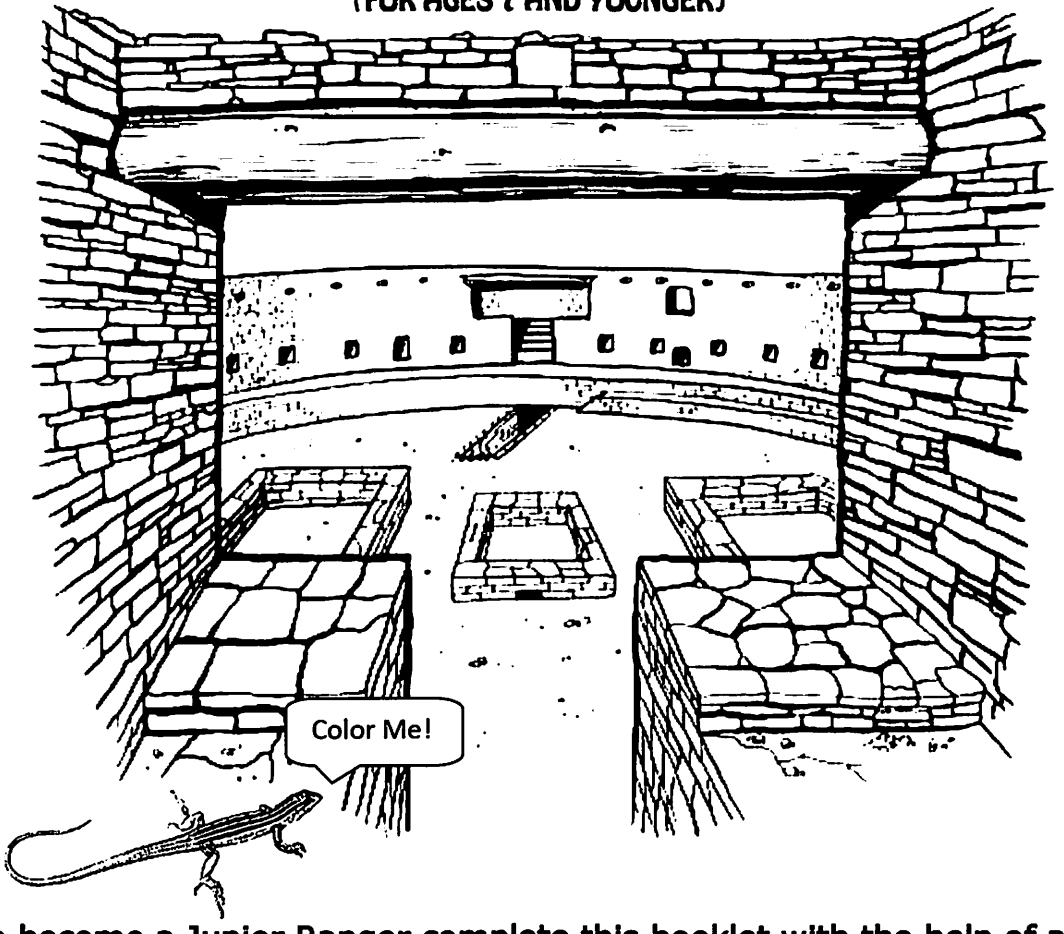
Become a Junior Ranger!

Early Readers

(FOR AGES 7 AND YOUNGER)

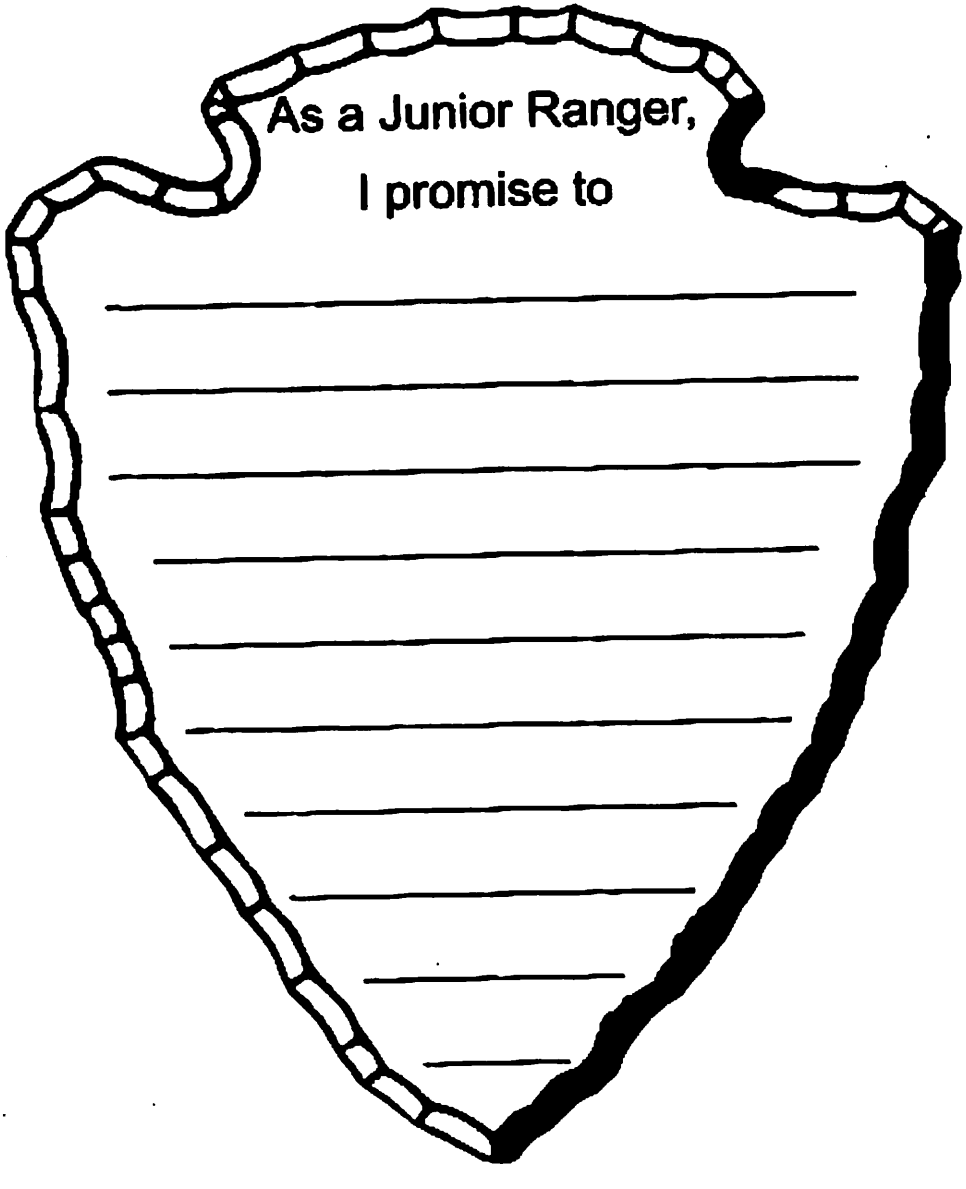


To become a Junior Ranger complete this booklet with the help of a grown-up. Explore the park, take a tour, see the sites, and ask questions! When you're done, bring your booklet back to the Visitor Center. A ranger will check your booklet and award you your badge.

My Name is _____

JUNIOR RANGER PLEDGE!

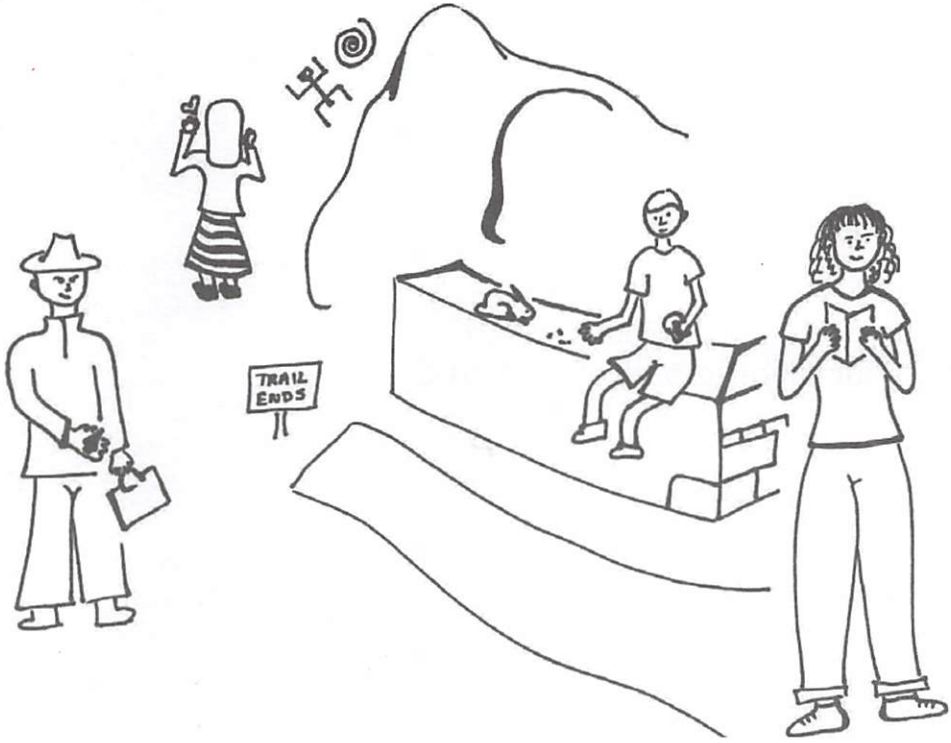
As a Junior Ranger, you have learned a lot about Chaco and what makes this a special place. Below, write how you promise to protect Chaco.



PROTECT OUR PARK!

We need your help to keep our park safe! Stay on trails. Don't touch the walls and leave everything where you find it.

Look at the picture below and help us protect Chaco! Circle 3 activities that are against the rules.



Dancers from Laguna Pueblo

There are many different groups of people who are the descendents (or the great-great-great grandchildren) of the Chacoans. Chaco is still an important place for many of these people. They continue to come back to Chaco today. How do you think you should treat the ancient buildings here?

YOUR VISIT

What was one thing you learned during your visit?

What was your favorite part of visiting Chaco?

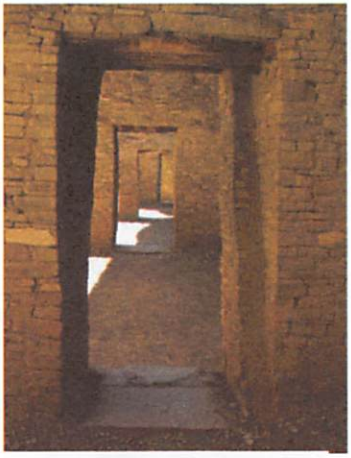
YOUR VISIT

Which ancient buildings did you see on your visit? Check the ancient buildings you visited in the park. Put a star near your favorite building.

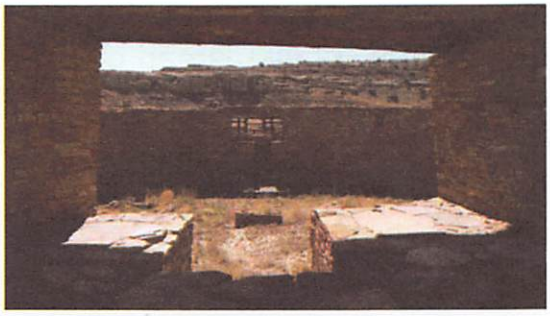
Una Vida

Hungo Pavi

Pueblo del Arroyo



Pueblo Bonito

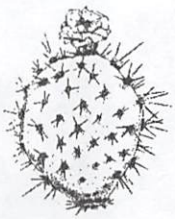
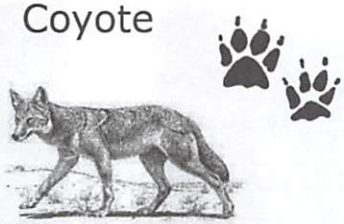
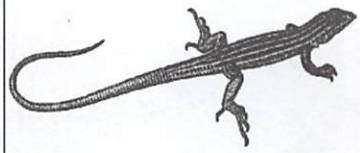
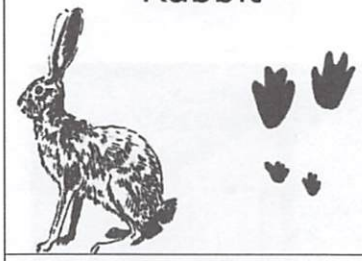


Casa Rinconada

Chetro Ketl

ENVIRONMENT

Below are some of the plants, animals, and features in the rock that you can find at Chaco. Circle the ones you see during your visit. Can you get 3 in a line? Star your favorite!

Prickly Pear Cactus 	Coyote 	Lizard 
Rabbit 	Add your own!	Fajada Butte
Raven	Yucca	Ground Squirrel

Help protect the plants and animals where you live! Recycle. Turn off lights and water faucets when you're done using them. Walk instead of taking a car.

UNDERSTANDING CHACO'S PAST

People have lived at Chaco for 1000's of years. We try to learn about these people by using many different clues. For example, archaeologists are people who look at the objects the Chacoans left behind to learn about the past.

Match the objects below to what they tell us ancient people were doing.

COOKING

HUNTING

SEWING

GRINDING CORN

Arrowhead

Mano and Metate

Pottery

Bone Needle

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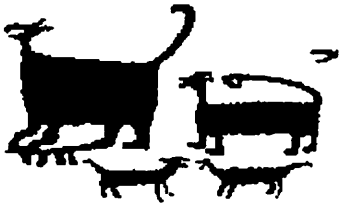

Researchers also look at rock art to try to understand the people who used to live here. Petroglyphs are carved into the walls and pictographs are painted onto the rock.

Draw some rock art that you find on your visit.