

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site

25th

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.

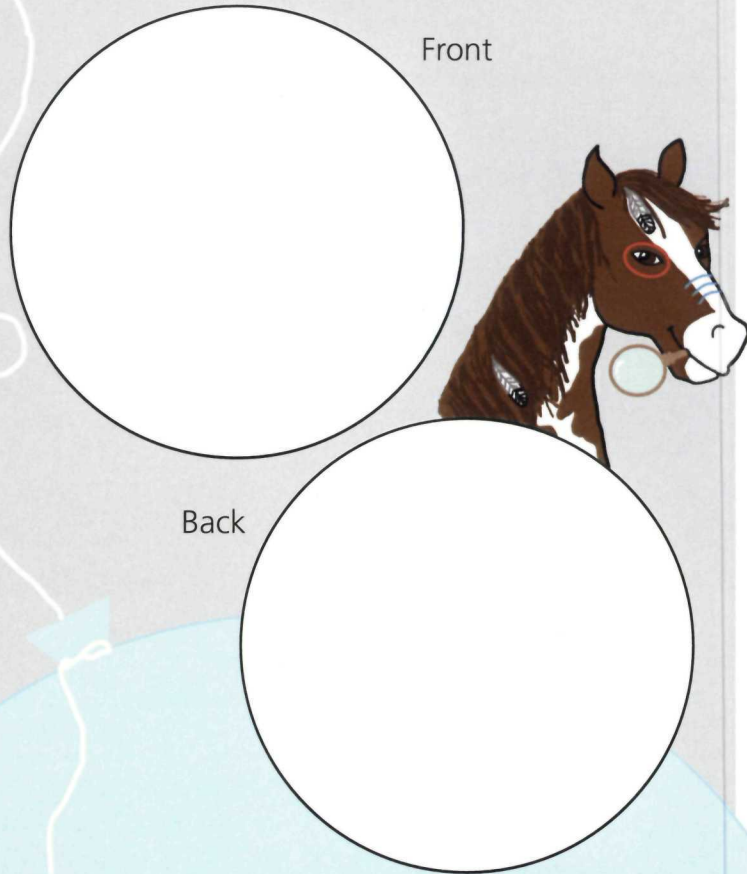
This place is special
because it was created from
the friendship between the Cheyenne
& Arapaho tribes and the National Park
Service. How would you honor the friendship
between these two groups?

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?

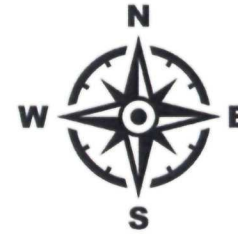
$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ years old} \\ \text{(your current age)} \\ + \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{25} \\ \hline \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ years old} \end{array}$$

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

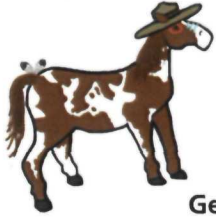
2019 Upgrades made to the park overlook area

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

Crack the secret code

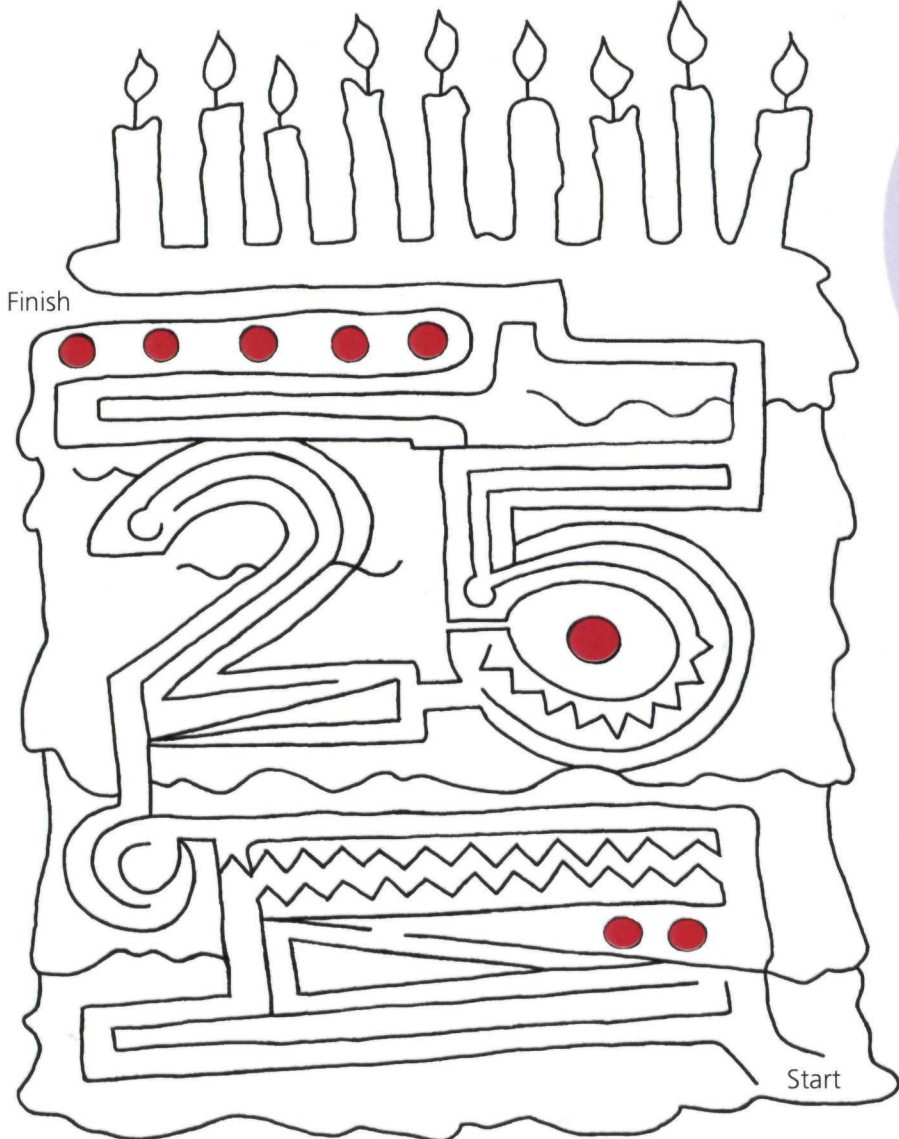
below by filling in the blanks. Use the grid to find out what the letter is supposed to be by matching the letter to the column on the left and the number to the row on the top.



Getting hungry?

Find your way through the maze below to blow out the candles on the park's 25th birthday cake!

	1	2	3	4	5
A	A	B	C	D	E
B	F	G	H	IJ	K
C	L	M	N	O	P
D	Q	R	S	T	U
E	V	W	X	Y	Z



$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{A3} \quad \overline{B3} \quad \overline{A5} \quad \overline{A5} \quad \overline{D2} \quad \overline{D3} \\ \\ \overline{D4} \quad \overline{C4} \quad \quad \quad 25 \\ \\ \overline{E4} \quad \overline{A5} \quad \overline{A1} \quad \overline{D2} \quad \overline{D3} \end{array}$$

Bonus: Create your own code by completing the sentences below. See if someone in your group can solve it.

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site is a national park that protects

My favorite thing to do at Washita Battlefield NHS is
