

Junior Ranger Programs offered at Whiskeytown

Junior Ranger Program

Saturdays at 10:00 A.M. (1 hour)

Children along with their parents can learn about preserving and protecting park resources while making new friends during a special one-hour activity that explores the wonders on Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater. Ask the ranger about earning your Whiskeytown Junior Ranger badge and patch.

Contact the Visitor Center for additional Junior Ranger information (530) 246-1225.

Junior Ranger Activity Card

Junior Firefighter

Saturdays at 11:00 A.M. (1 hour)

Join Whiskeytown NPS firefighters to learn how they manage fire to promote forest health and protect lives and property. Children will learn about the important role that fire plays in the ecosystems of our national parks during this hands-on activity. Children who complete the program will earn a Junior Firefighter Badge. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Firefighter activity card

Junior Ranger Kayak Program

Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 P.M. (1.5 hours)

Join us for a special program that pairs parents and their children in kayaks so they can discover and share the joy of nature with each other as they paddle and play. The Monday program is geared for children three to six years of age, and the Thursday program is geared towards children seven to twelve years old. Please call (530) 242-3462.

Don't have time to join a ranger led program?

The Visitor Center offers an alternative to joining a ranger led program - a scavenger hunt! By completing this scavenger hunt, it gives you the opportunity to still learn, preserve and protect Whiskeytown National Recreation Area while still earning your junior ranger badge! Pick up a scavenger hunt at the Visitor Center or download it by [clicking here](#).

Whiskeytown

National Recreation Area

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Dear Junior Ranger,

Venture into the outdoors and learn about the hidden secrets of Whiskeytown. You are invited to become a Junior Ranger and help us protect and preserve the Whiskeytown area. Join us for special Junior Ranger programs, and other ranger guided activities. Have fun while learning about Whiskeytown's plants, animals and history and earn your Junior Ranger patch. To become a Junior Ranger you must be 7-12 years old. Thank you for helping!

NAME: _____

TO BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER COMPLETE THIS CARD AND BRING IT TO THE VISITOR CENTER OR ANY RANGER PROGRAM TO RECEIVE YOUR PATCH. YOU MAY ALSO MAIL YOUR COMPLETED CARD TO:

Junior Ranger Program
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 188
Whiskeytown, CA 96095

REQUIREMENTS:

Attend two ranger guided programs (gold panning, evening program, Junior Ranger, Junior Firefighter, Camden House Tour, and Puppet Show). Write the name of the programs you attend below & have the ranger initial it. If ranger guided programs are not available ask at the visitor center for other activities.

RANGER PROGRAM

INITIALS

1. _____

2. _____

Junior Rangers learn about the plants and animals at Whiskeytown to help take care of them. They help their family and friends learn about them too. Name two different animals that live in Whiskeytown, and what they eat.

1. _____

2. _____

Explain why people should not feed the animals at Whiskeytown:

What would you tell someone about California black bears at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area that would help keep the bears safe and wild?

Name two different plants that grow at Whiskeytown:

1. _____
2. _____

Name one other plant at Whiskeytown that is important for all visitors to recognize and not touch:

(Hint: leaves of three, leave them be!)

How can you protect yourself from this plant?

Visit the Tower House Historic District and answer these questions:

1. Who lived here **before** the California Gold Rush?

2. Who made a fortune mining gold from Clear Creek and operating the toll bridge?

3. How did the Gold Rush change the land and the people who lived here?

Visit Whiskeytown Dam and the Kennedy Memorial.

1. When did President John F. Kennedy dedicate the dam?

2. Why was the dam built?

3. What effect has the dam had on salmon?

Go to the visitor center. Look at the exhibits and stamp your card with the date here: ↓

Name two ways people have fun at Whiskeytown:

1. _____
2. _____

What should everyone wear while boating at Whiskeytown Lake, or while playing by the water if they don't know how to swim? _____

To complete your training do the following activities and have your parent or a ranger initial here when you are done.

ACTIVITY

INITIAL

1. Hike a trail (Davis Gulch, Oak Bottom Water Ditch, Shasta Divide) _____
2. Help keep Whiskeytown clean.
Pick up a bag of litter. _____
3. Collect and **recycle** ten aluminum cans or glass bottles. _____



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Dear Junior Firefighter,

You are invited to discover wildfire's role in our National Parks and become Junior Firefighters for the National Park Service. Learn how firefighters manage fire to protect property, lives and ensure forest health. Learn what it takes to put out wildfires and discover why some fires benefit the forest.

To become a Junior Firefighter, you must

- Be 7 to 12 years of age.
- Attend the weekly Junior Firefighter program at Whiskeytown NRA or Lassen Volcanic NP.
- Answer questions 1-12

**If you cannot attend the Junior Firefighter Program, you must complete the extra questions on the backside.*

Bring your completed card to either the Whiskeytown NRA Visitor Center or to one of the Visitor Centers at Lassen Volcanic NP and receive your **Fire Patch**.

Card may also be mailed to:

Whiskeytown NRA
PO Box 188
Whiskeytown, CA. 96095

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FIRE QUESTIONS:

1. List the "Big Three" that make up the fire triangle.

a)_____ b)_____ c)_____

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2. Name something that could start a wildfire.

3. Besides water, what else could stop a fire?

4. What should you do if you see smoke or a fire where it does not belong?

5. What should you have nearby at your campfire?



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6. Name two ways kids can help prevent a wildfire.

7. Hike a trail. Describe how a fire might impact the area.

8. What is the fire resistant clothing that firefighters wear?

9. List two items that are found on a fire engine.

10. What item do firefighters always carry with them on the fireline and it may be used to save their lives?

11. Name a tool a firefighter uses to fight fire.

12. What happens to a forest if fires are never allowed in the forest?

**EXTRA QUESTIONS IF YOU DID NOT
ATTEND THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER
PROGRAM.**

1. Name two ways to improve overgrown Forests.

2. Name a plant that benefits from fire.
Explain how.

3. Draw a poster using wildfire in our National Parks.





Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunt

By completing this scavenger hunt, you will earn your Whiskeytown Junior Ranger patch.

You can find the answers to questions number 1 through 12 by looking at the various displays inside the Visitor Center.

Gold Discovered in California

1. What year was gold discovered in California? _____
2. Whiskeytown is located in a gold mining area of California called the "Northern _____."

The Miners and Their Tools

3. Name three tools used by the miners for finding gold.

4. Why was life very difficult for most miners?

Whiskeytown

5. What were better ways than mining to make a steady income?

6. What features made the Tower House District an "oasis" during the Gold Rush?

7. What happened to the town of Whiskeytown in the 1960s?

The Wintu Indians

8. What is in the exhibit case that shows you the Wintu hunted animals for food?

9. The exhibit also contains stone pestles used for grinding. Can you guess what the Wintus used for grinding into flour? (Hint: They are the seeds of oak trees.)

Creatures

10. Check off each item when you find it in the Visitor Center.

Fawn _____ Baby bear paw print _____ Ringtail _____ Grey fox _____
Bobcat skin _____

11. What well-known animal is the ringtail related to?

12. The ringtail is nocturnal – it hunts at night. What two features of the ringtail's body are especially useful for hunting at night?

Take a Hike

Walk a trail at Whiskeytown. The closest and easiest trail is the Shasta Divide Nature Trail, located at the end of the Visitor Center parking lot. It is a half-mile walk. Or you may choose a different trail.

Ask for a copy of the guide to the trail that you choose and go for a walk in nature.

13. This is the name of the trail I hiked at Whiskeytown:

14. What do you think was special about this trail?

15. Put a check mark next to everything that you can do on your walk to protect the park from harm.

_____ Stay on the trail and don't make a new one.

_____ Take your garbage home instead of leaving it on the trail.

_____ If you have a dog, pick up its poop.

_____ Don't feed or approach the wildlife.

Congratulations!

Show your completed scavenger hunt to the ranger or volunteer at the Visitor Center and receive your Junior Ranger patch.