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Theodore Roosevelt Museum History Hunt – *A Junior Ranger Activity*



Sagamore Hill National Historic Site Junior Ranger Activities

*“The nation’s
most valuable asset
is the children;
for the children
are the nation of
the future.”*

—*Theodore Roosevelt*
at the Jamestown Exposition, VA
June 10, 1907

Junior Ranger Program

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site is offering our young visitors a special opportunity to visit President Roosevelt’s Summer White House and to have fun in the process by taking part in a number of different Junior Ranger Activities on site.

These activities will teach children about the Roosevelt family and their home while earning a Junior Ranger **badge** and **certificate**. These programs also introduce *Ranger Activities*, the concepts of conservation and stewardship to young people.

In order to earn the Junior Ranger badge, the young person must complete *any one* of several activities. These are the activities currently offered:

1. Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home
2. The Theodore Roosevelt Museum History Hunt
3. Letterboxing Adventures at Sagamore Hill
4. The Wonderbook of Nature:
Exploring Natural History at Sagamore Hill

Those completing three or more of the activities are entitled to the special Sagamore Hill Junior Ranger Patch. (You must show the certificates or the completed booklets to receive the patch.)

Rules:

No Running or
Pushing

No Loud Talking

Work in Teams
of Two or More

Museums tell stories and show history by using **objects**, **pictures** and **written text** throughout the exhibits and displays.

You need to be a **detective** or an **archaeologist** to find the message and figure out the story.

Follow Theodore Roosevelt's adventures around the world as you **view the exhibits** in the museum. Fill in the blank to complete a quotation or find the object that is described.

Helpful Hints:

Look carefully at the objects and read the large text on the exhibits.

The questions are listed according to rooms.

If you know the answer write it on the lines below the question.

Good Luck!

Theodore Roosevelt Museum History Hunt

Entry Hall – Ideal American

1. What is missing from the bronze sculpture of Theodore Roosevelt (TR) in the entrance hall?
(*not arms*)

From Boy to President – Influences and Early Life

(*room to right
when you first enter
museum*)

2. “The basis of good citizenship is the _____.”

– *Theodore Roosevelt*
(first photo you see of him as a young boy)

3. What makes the gold ring unusual?

4. Out in the Dakotas TR worked as a rancher, explored the wilderness and hunted big game. What two items in the case were worn to help with these jobs?

1.

2.

5. What symbol is repeated on the buttons and buckle of TR's Rough Rider uniform?

Bonus:

Name the four presidents whose faces are carved on Mt. Rushmore.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

6. Who wrote the book, *The Rough Riders*?

7. Read the entire text under the heading "Medal of Honor." When did TR receive the Medal of Honor?

8. What is surprising about the date this Medal of Honor was presented?

**TR the President –
An Accidental
President**

*(room following
the first)*

9. On _____ President William McKinley died after being shot eight days earlier.

10. Find the bookshelf. How did TR describe books?

Bonus:

Go back to the room called "Influences and Family Life." List five jobs TR held before he became U.S. President.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

11. *"Speak softly and carry a*”
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(West African proverb often quoted by TR)

As president, TR tried to live by this saying. He sent U.S. Navy ships around the world, making a show of power (the big stick). But he often used meetings (speaking softly) to end conflicts, such as the Russo-Japanese War.

12. Explain in your own words what “speak softly and carry a big stick” really means.

13. Look at the gold medals. Why did TR receive the Nobel Peace Prize?

14. Look in the case with all the gold objects. What animal is featured on top of the gold cup?

After the Presidency— The Great Adventure

*(room on left at end of
entry hall)*

Bonus:

What was the most
interesting thing you
saw in the museum?
Draw a picture of it
below and tell why you
like it.

15. What cereal is pictured in the African Safari poster?

16. What was the purpose of the little bottles taken on the African Safari?

17. What pull toy was also the name of a political party?

18. Who wore the flying cap in the glass case?

19. Find the large oil painting of TR. How many acres of land did TR protect and preserve each day during the time he was president?

20. When and where did TR die?

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Sagamore Hill National Historic Site
Home of Theodore Roosevelt



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Explore and enjoy all the Junior Ranger Activities currently offered:

1. Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home

This activity is completed following a visit to the home of the 26th president. Children may do this when they visit with their families, or it is administered as a take-back-to-class activity for school groups who have visited.

2. The Theodore Roosevelt Museum History Hunt

Be a history detective and test your powers of observation. This activity is administered to young people and their families or during a site visit by school groups. For many children this will be their first Junior Ranger experience.

3. Letterboxing Adventures at Sagamore Hill

An activity in which you are the detective in search of a hidden letterbox using clues in this booklet. Letterboxing is known as The Outdoor Treasure Hunting Pastime and involves use of compass orientation and puzzle solving.

4. The Wonderbook of Nature: Exploring Natural History at Sagamore Hill

This activity book is a field guide to some selected species of plant and animal life found at Sagamore Hill. The activity teaches children to use a printed guide book to identify plants and animals.



Your name(s)

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The Sagamore Hill Series: Connecting America's Children to Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home. It is the purpose of this series to use historic photos, artifacts, political cartoons and the like, to tell the story at age appropriate language to reach young people and to serve as a platform and entry point for additional exploration and discovery via print and web-based distance-learning activities.

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