



JUNIOR RANGER





Welcome to Fort Caroline National Memorial!

Fort Caroline National Memorial was established to tell the stories of the Timucua, French, and Spanish people who shaped history here.

The rangers of Fort Caroline are excited to welcome you as our newest Junior Ranger.

Getting Started

To become a Junior Ranger:

- Interview a Ranger or Volunteer, Attend a Ranger Talk, or write one thing you learned on the park website
- *Ages seven or younger* complete **four** activities
- *Eight and up* complete **six** activities

I interviewed _____
Ranger/Volunteer

I went to a Ranger Talk

I learned _____
_____ from the website.



Explore the park.

Learn its history.

Protect it for future generations.

A Timucuan World

This land was home to Timucua speakers long before the French or Spanish arrived. The Mocama were the tribe of Timucuan in this area. What do you think attracted them to this region? Circle your answer.

Fishing

Access to the River

Rich Forests

Weather

Flat Landscape

Ocean

Access to Trade

Oysters

Explain?



One River, Many Names

Match the people to their name for the river.

St. Johns River

Welaka

San Mateo

River of May

Timucua

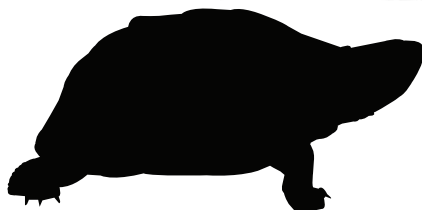
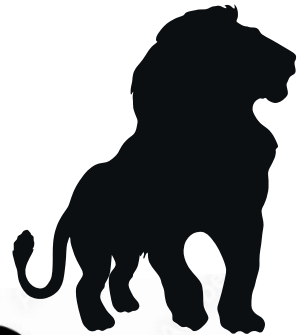
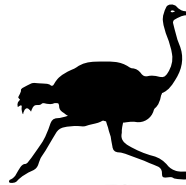
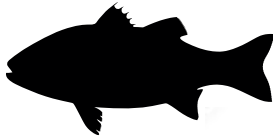
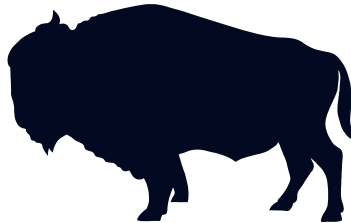
British

French

Spanish

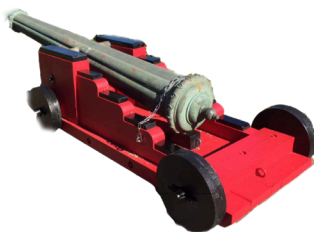
Salt Marsh Wildlife

Many animals call the salt marsh and rivers in the preserve home. Circle five of animals that are commonly found in this habitat.



Things I Saw on My Visit

Circle at least five things you have seen during your visit.



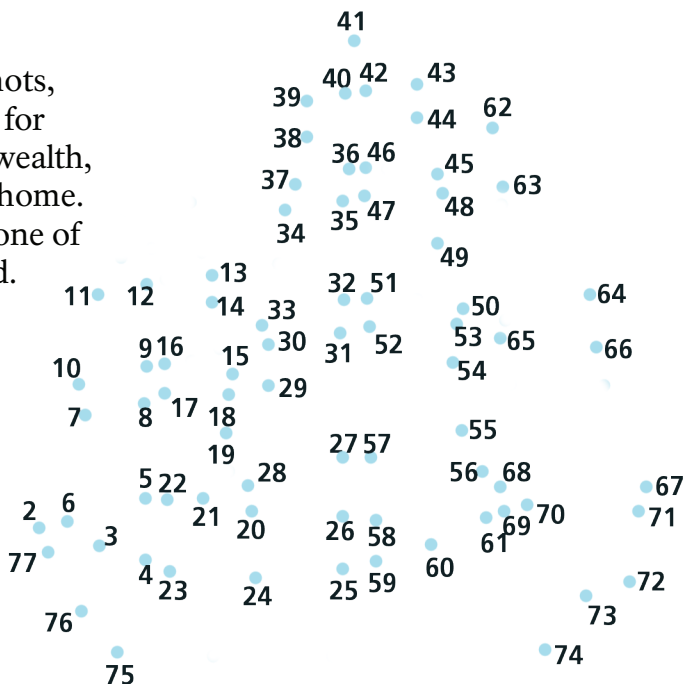
French Arrival

French people, called Huguenots, wanted to make a colony here for many reasons. Some wanted wealth, others wanted to make a new home. Connect the dots to discover one of their homes during this period.

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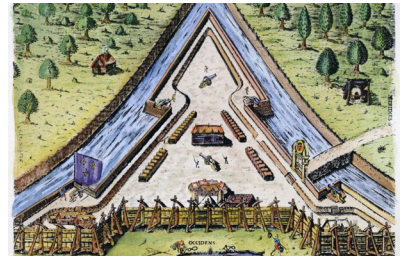
Did You Know?

The French had no computers for navigation, only the stars and tools like an armillary sphere.



Design the Fort

The French chose a triangular shape for the layout of Fort Caroline. What layout would you design? Plan your fort. Make sure to include walls, barracks (soldier sleeping area), cannons, a gate and a bake oven.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a student to draw their own fort design.

Timeline Activity

Many people have lived in the area around St. Johns Bluff. Write down in order the years Fort Caroline, the Town of St. Johns, the Spanish American fort, and the National Memorial were founded.



Fill in the Blank

Explore the visitor center and complete these sentences from the exhibits.

The Timucuais revered _____ for their special gifts.

_____ is the lifeblood of the Preserve.

The French were more interested in finding the source of the Timucuais' meager stores of _____ and _____ than in building stable alliances or planting crops.

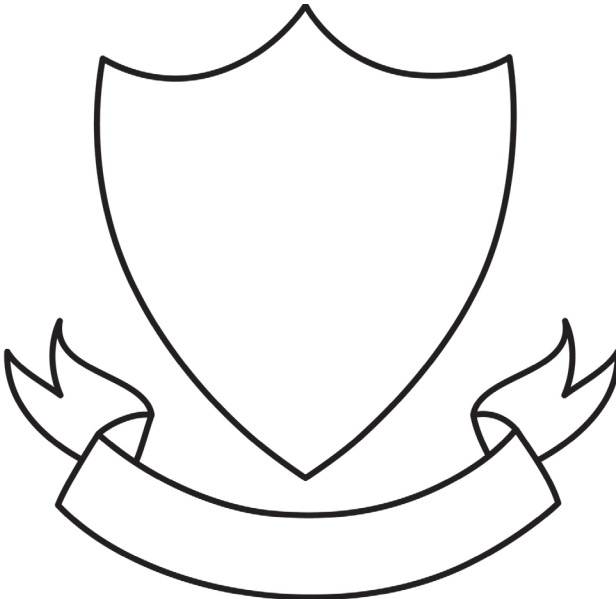
Did You Know?

The French brought instruments like the fiddle, drums, and trumpet with them and taught songs to the Timucua people nearby.



Ribault Column Heraldry Activity

The French used heraldry, symbols used on flags and shields to identify people, or groups. At the Ribault Column you will see examples of this. Design your own family shield using symbols important to you.





A Home to Many

This area was a home to many long before and after the French colony. Below are just a few of the communities to live here. Circle one, find a staff member or use the website to find one interesting fact about your group.

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to:

EXPLORE the trails, waterways, and historic sites of Fort Caroline, LEARN about the cultures of people who lived here and the environment, PROTECT these special places by living by the Leave No Trace principals.

San Mateo

St. Johns Town

Cosmo

Spanish American War Soldiers

People of the Shell Mounds

Fun Fact: _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

Is now a Junior Ranger with Fort Caroline National Memorial

Ranger Signature

Date