APOSTLE ISLANDS
50TH ANNIVERSARY
JUNIOR RANGER
Activity Guide
What Does 50 Mean?

Let's celebrate Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's 50th birthday! This special place on Gichigami (Lake Superior) protects 21 islands and over 12 miles of lakeshore. The purpose of the 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 the birthday festivities, we are appreciating the last 50 years and thinking about what the next 50 years have in store.

Can you imagine 50 years? Fifty years is a long time, and a lot of things can happen. In this activity guide, you will learn about Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as well as how long 50 years is.

Your Family’s Story

The Apostle Islands tell a story of the past, present, and future. The stories the Islands tell include tales of the past, of friends and family enjoying the present, and of a special place that may inspire people to protect it for the next 50 years.

To complete this activity

Just like the Apostle Islands and the Ojibwe people, your family has a story. Think about the people who came before you like your parents, grandparents, or great grandparents. Use the space on this family tree to draw the important people (and animals) from your family.

What’s That Word?

The Apostle Islands are home to Native Americans called the Ojibwe, who have lived here for a very long time! In this activity guide, you might notice some words like Gichigami which is the Ojibwe name for Lake Superior.

Water, Water, Everywhere

All people and animals need water to survive. At Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Lake Superior is an important body of water. What is an important body of water that is close to you?
Beautiful Beadwork

The Ojibwe people take inspiration from nature to create beautiful beadwork. These designs may include flowers or vines as well as colors that you may see around you like the blue of the lake or the green of a plant.

To complete this activity
Think about the words listed on the next page and choose a color that you think represents that word. These words are all important parts of why the Apostle Islands became a national park. Write the color next to the word. Don't worry about picking the right color, you can choose any color you think is good! Color in the beads with the color you chose for that word.

EXAMPLE: The word “Science” might make you think of somebody studying outer space. You may decide that black is a good color to represent this.

WORD LIST
1. Forest
2. Water
3. History
4. Fun
5. Learning
6. Science
Postcard for the Future

People care about protecting the Apostle Islands for many reasons.

**To complete this activity**
Think about the future. What do you hope visitors to the Apostle Islands, on the shore of *Gichigami*, will experience and see? Who is someone you want to share this special place with? Write/draw a postcard to someone you care about. Share what your favorite things to learn about are, where you like to explore, and what you hope to protect.

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The Name Game

Words in the Ojibwe language can have deeper meanings. The names of animals reveal ideas, actions, and sounds that are unique to the animal. Some names describe what an animal looks like while others may describe what they do.

**To complete this activity**
Read the descriptions of the Ojibwe animal names and draw a line to the matching animal.

- **Zagime**
  The one that sucks through a tube.

- **Waawaashkeshi**
  Their tail flashes when they run through the forest.

- **Asabikeshiinh**
  The net maker.

- **Baapaase**
  The one who hits.

- **Gookooko’oo**
  Their name sounds like their call.

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WHO ARE YOU?

Think about how you would describe yourself. Write what makes you unique.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Junior Ranger Pledge

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to continue learning about the world around me, to spend time exploring our National Parks, to protect special places like Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and to make sure that our National Park’s stories continue to be written.

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Junior Ranger’s Signature

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Park Ranger’s Signature