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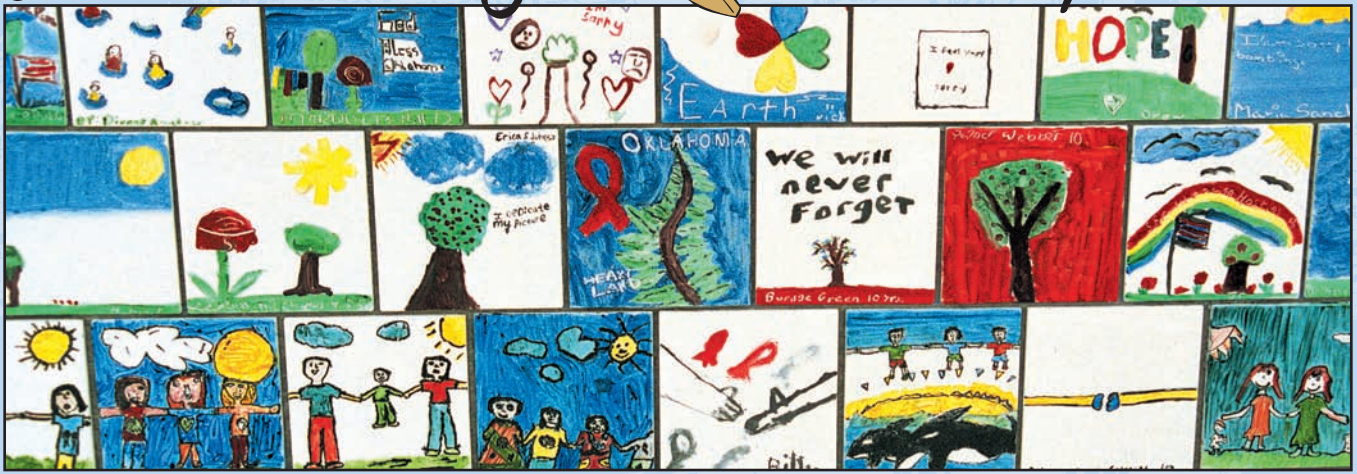
Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum

OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL MEMORIAL

National Park Service

Junior Ranger Activity Book



"We Come Here To Remember..."

Name: _____

What's This Book?

THIS BOOK gives you things to do while you visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial. On each page is a RANGER HAT like this one. When you see a ranger hat, do the activity. When you finish as many activities as you can, you will become a "Junior Ranger."

What's a Memorial?

A MEMORIAL is a place we come to REMEMBER. The word "memorial" is like the word "memory." You could say it means Remember Me. Memorials are very important and they honor people and events in many different ways.

What's a Junior Ranger?

Some places are SPECIAL. They belong to all of us. The National Park Service preserves almost 400 places that are special in different ways. **Junior Rangers** and Park Rangers protect special places so we may always visit. Did you know that this is an affiliated site of the National Park System? This one is unique. It was created by and for people changed forever on April 19, 1995. Rangers join the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation to SHARE telling the story of this place.

Earn a COOL Junior Ranger Badge:

1) Do as many of these activities noted with this hat as you can.

2) When you finish, see a Ranger.

A Place in our Heart

Before the truck bomb blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that used to be here, it was hard to imagine we would be hurt by an attack in the heart of our nation. We felt safe. After the bombing, we saw it wasn't always safe on American soil, not even here. Yet, we also saw more kind-hearted people help, share, and make things better.

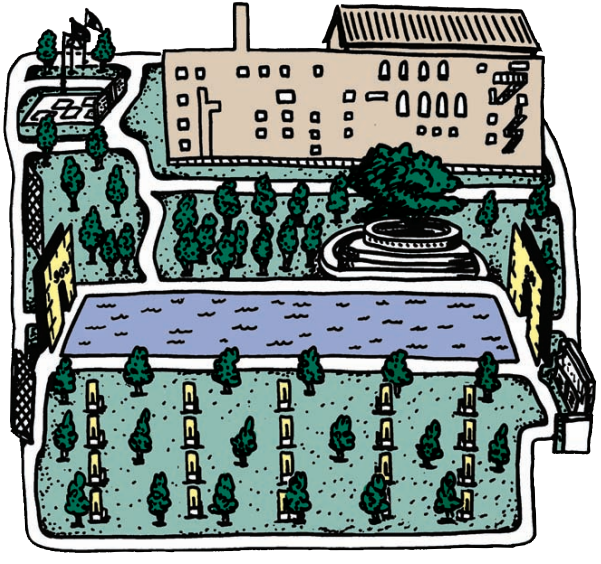
UNSCRAMBLE the name for a place in our land filled with kind-hearted people AMERICA'S :

E	A	R	H	T	N	D	L	A

Places to Remember

When we visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial, "We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived, and those changed forever."

CIRCLE these places on the Memorial map and place an X by the ones you have visited.



_____ Gates of Time

_____ Survivor Tree

_____ Rescuers' Orchard

_____ Survivor Wall

_____ Field of Empty Chairs

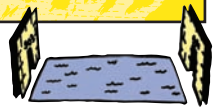
_____ Reflecting Pool

_____ Journal Record Building

_____ Children's Area

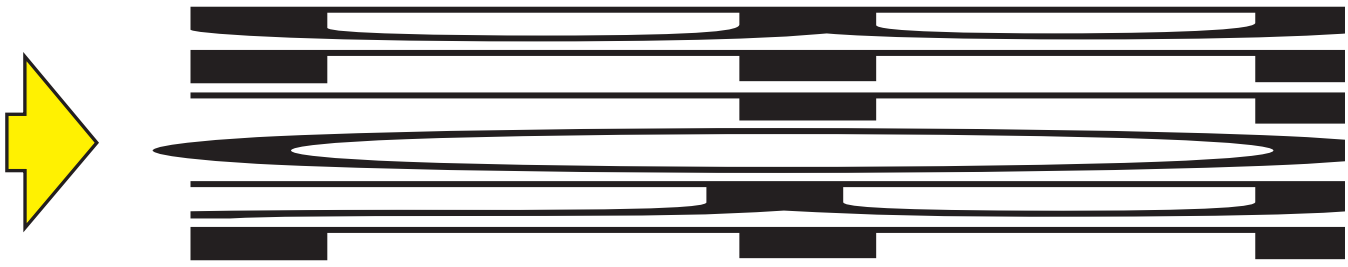
_____ Memorial Museum

A Moment in Time

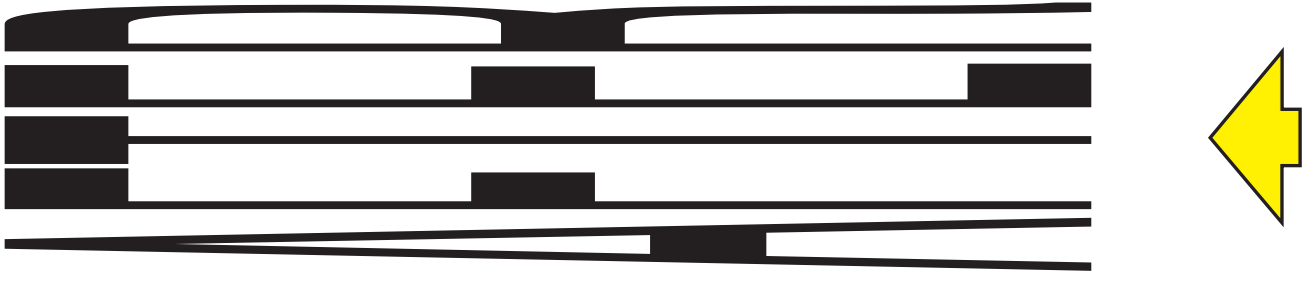
In the picture, you see two big doors or  "gates." These are called the "Gates of Time." Between them stretches a long pool. When you walk through these gates, you walk into where the bomb exploded. Each gate is marked with a different time – 9:01 a.m. at one end, 9:03 a.m. at the other. The Gates of Time frame the moment 9:02, when the explosion occurred.

PLACE your eye level with each arrow. Look across the page to read the two hidden words that tell what each time means. Write your answer in the blanks.

1) 9:01 a.m. was the minute _____



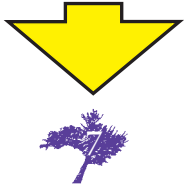
1) 9:03 a.m. was the minute _____



Reflecting Pool

Looking across the Reflecting Pool is like looking in a mirror. It sits where 5th Street, the street in front of the Murrah Building, used to be. It is a place to think about what happened. The Reflecting Pool helps us see ourselves in this place and how we can make a difference.

HOLD THE PAGE with the arrow under your chin. Read the words below as you look in the pool (or use a mirror, or any reflective surface).

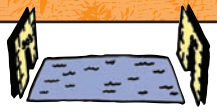


What do you see? _____

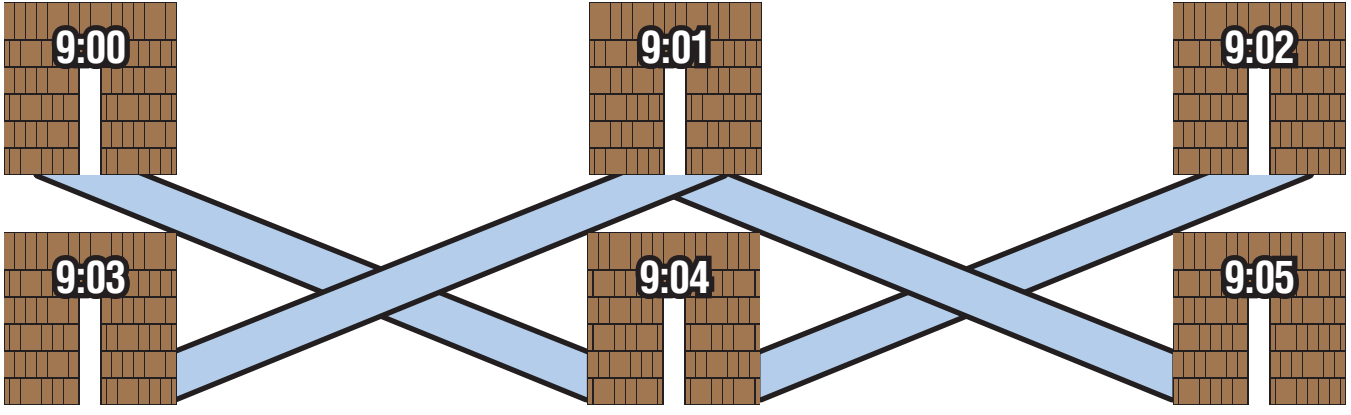
Name one way we were changed.

_____

Gates of Time

The Gates of Time  frame a minute that changed this place forever, but isn't marked here.

MARK OR TRACE the only Reflecting Pool between the only 2 Gates of Time that frame the minute you enter here (9:02 a.m.) at the Memorial:



Survivor Tree

Survivors are people who lived through the explosion. This tree is a survivor, too. It was hurt, yet lived to become strong. The roots of this tree go deep, like the good things we believe in that make us strong. The Survivor Tree stands not only for the spirit of those who survived, but also of this city and this nation.

USE THE CODE to find out what sustains that spirit! Seek the letter in the key that goes with each number and write it above that number to reveal the answer.

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17

Key: 1=D 2=E 3=E 4=P 5=L 6=Y 7=R 8=O 9=O 10=T 11=E 12=D 13=F 14=A 15=I 16=T 17=H

Survivor Wall

The SURVIVOR WALL is the only remaining wall left from the building. Names of survivors are on granite that survived the bombing.

GO TO the Survivor Wall.

What is the NAME of a survivor? _____

WHERE were they? _____

The Survivor Wall faces the place where the building used to be.

We call it The F _ _ _ _ of E _ _ _ _ _

HINTS – (where grass grows) *(opposite of full)*

C _ _ _ _ _ _ .

(seats at a table)

Rescuers' Orchard

The round wall surrounding the Survivor Tree thanks people who came to help. Rescuers came from different places near and far. They were all

USE THE KEY to solve the code.

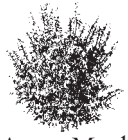
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Key: 1=C 3=U 5=A 7=E 9=U 11=A 13=D 15=A 17=I 19=G
2=O 4=R 6=G 8=O 10=S 12=N 14=C 16=R 18=N

CIRCLE the one tree that stands for the Oklahomans who were the first to help after the bombing.

Oklahoma Redbud

Chinese Pistache

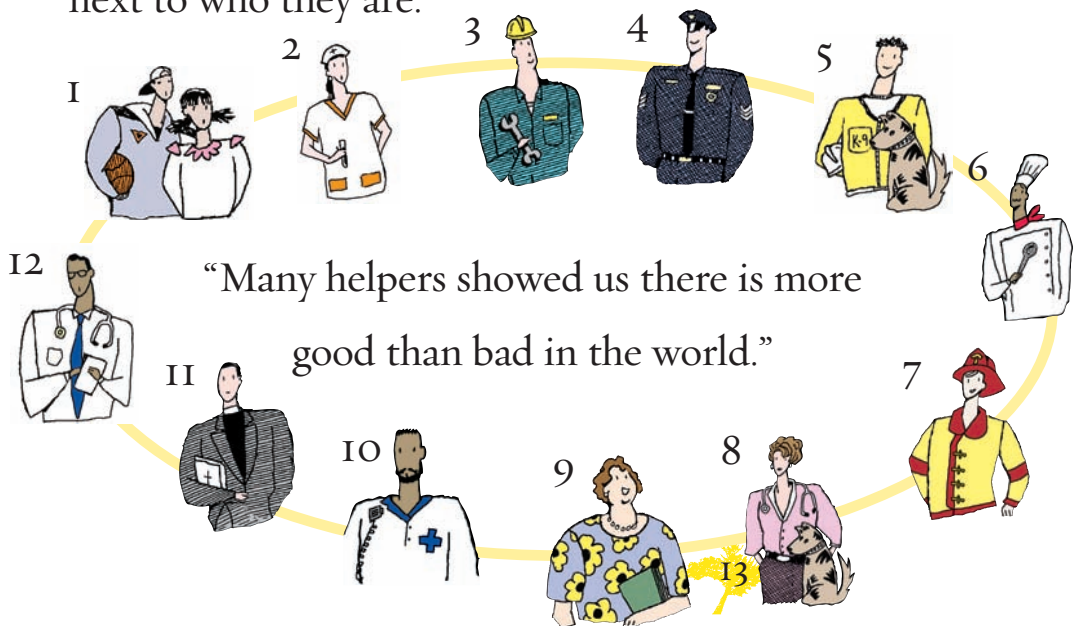

Amur Maple

American Elm

A Circle of Caring

Many kind people came to help after the bombing.

IDENTIFY the different helpers. Put a number next to who they are.

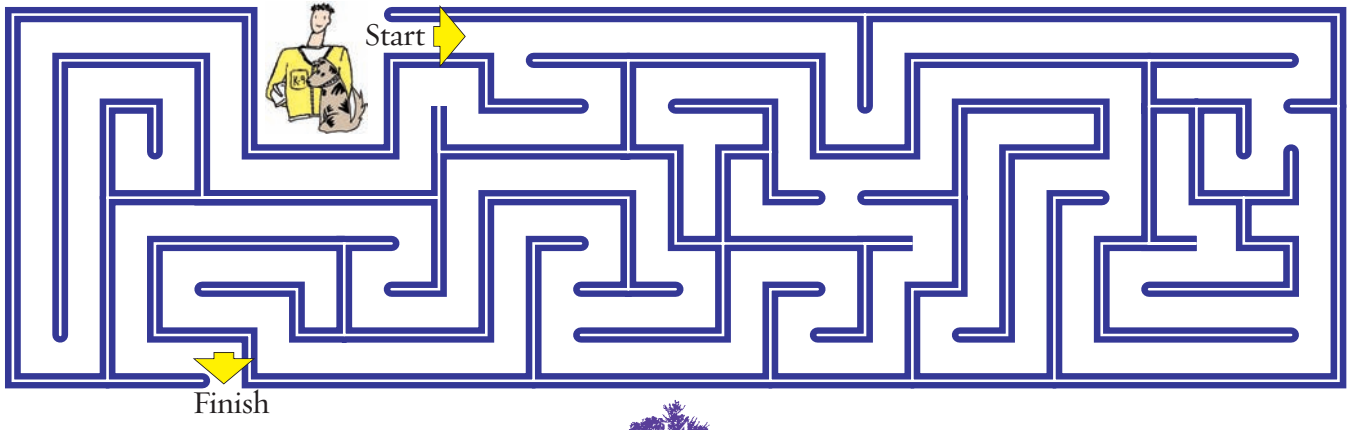


_____ Nurse
_____ Teacher
_____ Firefighter
_____ Veterinarian
_____ Construction Worker
_____ Search and Rescue Dog
_____ Food Service Worker
_____ Clergy / Pastor
_____ Police Officer
_____ Paramedic
_____ Boy/Girl
_____ Doctor

Rescue Dogs

Many courageous and caring rescuers came to help – even dogs. Rescue dogs can be very smart and brave. They can also see, hear, and smell things very well. Sometimes dogs can go places and find things when people can't.

CAN YOU HELP Gunney the rescue dog find his way through here?



The Memorial Fence

The MEMORIAL FENCE is special. Fences aren't meant to bring people together. This one does. People leave things on the fence that show this place has touched their hearts.

CIRCLE WORDS that show things people put on the fence.

O	K	H	O	K	F	F	M	O	O
C	C	O	H	C	L	L	T	K
A	T	A	R	E	S	A	O	O	C
A	K	C	S	A	H	G	W	Y
P	I	C	T	U	R	E	S	E	S
R	O	A	S	O	T	L	O	R
O	A	H	O	H	K	S	M	E	S
C	Y	O	K	I	C	C	E	H
E	O	E	A	W	R	E	A	T	H
C	K	R	O	O	T	C	C	S
M	O	C	S	B	E	A	R	S	K

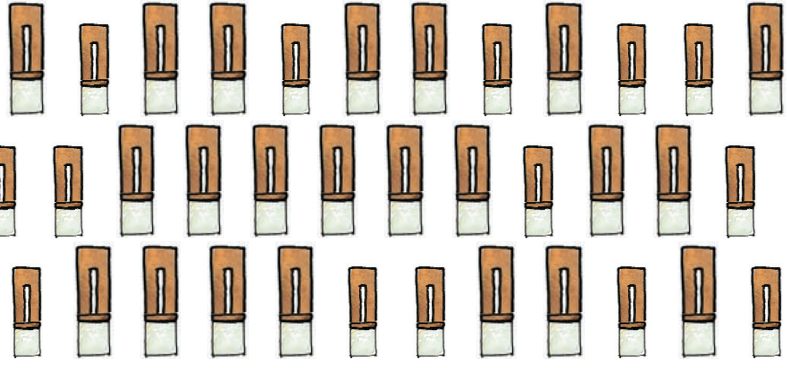
FIND:

_____ Prayers
_____ Pictures
_____ a Patch
_____ a Poem
_____ Toys
_____ a T-Shirt
_____ Flowers
_____ Flags
_____ Hats
_____ Helmets
_____ Hearts
_____ a Wreath
_____ Bears

Field of Empty Chairs

The FIELD OF EMPTY CHAIRS, 168 bronze, glass, and granite chairs, remember an empty place in the home of a grown up or child killed. Most are bigger; 19 are smaller.

CIRCLE the smaller chairs.



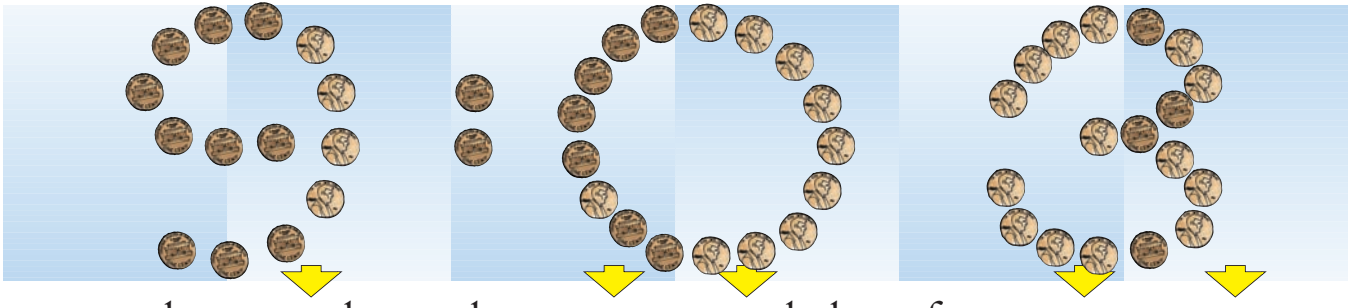
Smaller chairs are for C_____. The glass base lights up at night. Names are found on the G_____.

Illustration by: Torrey Ann Butzer

168 Pennies Campaign

School children gave their pennies to help, raising almost half a million dollars.

COUNT THE PENNIES that have heads. Put the number below each column to show the month, day and year of the minute after.



9:03 on the _____ th month, _____ _____ th day, of 19 _____ _____,

was the first minute AFTER the bombing. Heroes in all sizes, shapes, and colors showed us there was more good than bad in the world.

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The Children's Area

The CHILDREN'S AREA remembers all the children touched by the bombing. Of the 168 people killed, 19 were children. Children all over the world sent gifts and drawings. The TILES are gifts from children. The SLATES let you leave a gift of your own.

UNSCRAMBLE the riddle from the ranger.

1) R + danger - d + s = _____ 2) H + kelp - k = _____

3) Prosper - sper + tect = _____ 4) Yo + sure - se = _____

5) N + vacation - vac + al = _____ 6) Part - t + ks = _____

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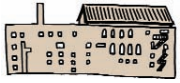
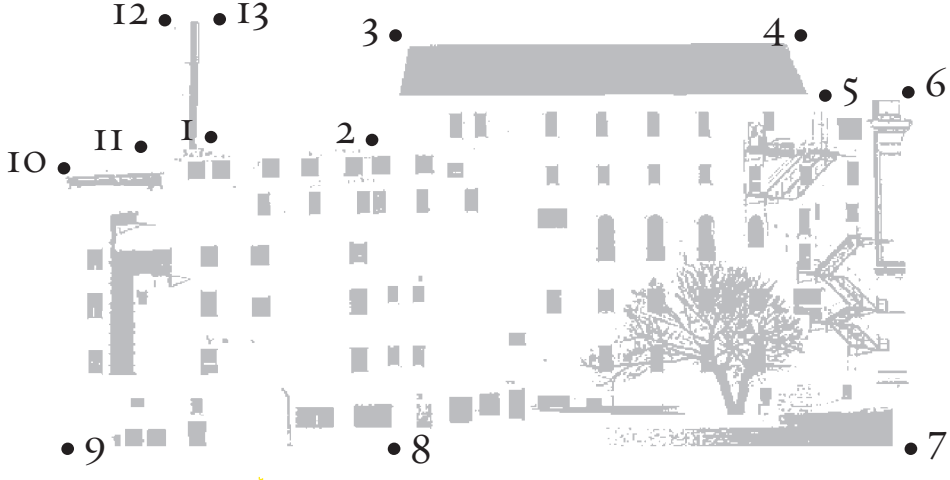
The  Journal Record Building now houses the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum. The Journal Record Building was almost destroyed. Today, it's a great place to learn. No visit is complete without a tour of the interactive learning center inside.

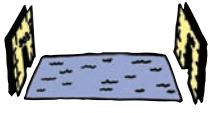
CONNECT THE DOTS.

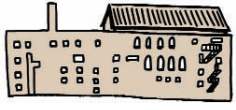


National Park System

OKLAHOMA has 3 National Park System areas to visit.

CIRCLE things you may find at other National Park sites. DRAW A HEART around things you may find here.





Making A Difference

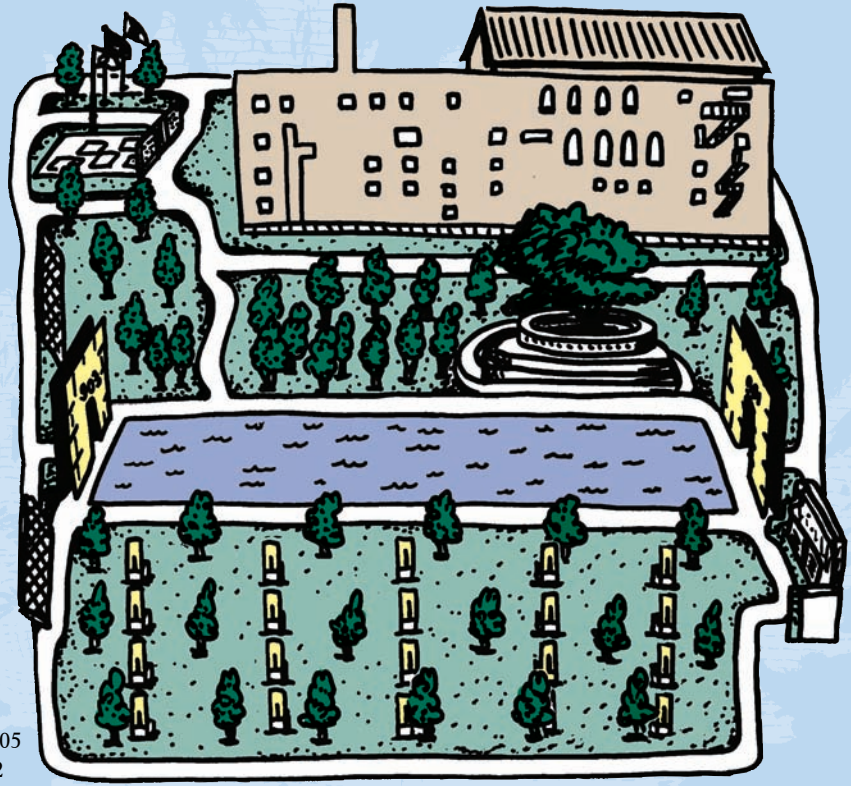
The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation and National Park Service work together to teach people about the Memorial and what happened here. By becoming a Junior Ranger, you, too, are helping fulfill our missions.

We come here to remember those who were killed,
those who survived and those changed forever.
May all who leave here know the impact of violence.
May this memorial offer comfort,
strength, peace, hope and serenity.©

To preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this, and future generations. The National Park System cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resources conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this county and the world.

As you leave this Memorial, we hope you take with you the lessons you have learned. Remember the far reaching impact of violence. However, good in our world will always overcome evil. Thank you for working with us to make the world a better place. Tell a friend what you have learned, and you, too, will make a difference.

The Oklahoma City National Memorial sits on a 3.3 acre site in downtown Oklahoma City. It occupies the site where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the Athenian Building, and the Oklahoma Water Resources Building once stood. All are now gone, destroyed by the April 19, 1995, bombing, where 168 people were killed. The Memorial Museum occupies the west end of the repaired Journal Record Building.



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