



# THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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## Explore My Camp

*Your experiences at your camp will vary from others. You might enjoy the activities, the stories or just being outdoors. Explore your favorite camp today.*

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### Steps

#### 1. History.

Find the history of your camp. Look beyond the daily activities and find out how the camp impacted the community. The facts of how the camp started and noteworthy events that reached beyond the camp make it more interesting to people who have not been to your camp.

#### 2. Evolve.

How did your camp evolve? What area was created first? Why were certain areas developed? How was the development funded? Find out the stories behind the creation of your camp.

#### 3. Famous campers.

Did anyone famous attend your camp? This might be someone famous to your local community or someone many people know.

#### 4. Stories.

Everyone loves stories. Find out the stories about your camp. Try to verify whether the stories are factual or made up. Document the stories of your camp to share with others.

#### 5. Photos.

Can you find vintage photos of your camp? Do you have photos of you and / or your friends at camp? Collect these photos so you can share them with others.

#### 6. Printed materials.

Are there any printed materials supporting your camp? Look through the camp's history and check with organizations / park departments / etc. Get copies of any printed materials, including:

- News stories
- Autograph books
- Historical pamphlets
- Reviews
- Reprints

#### 7. Physical location.

Find out about the physical location of the camp. Has it always been a camp? Is your camp on a body of water? Are there permanent structures? List these including any names or nicknames you've heard to help trigger memories and research.

#### 8. Memories.

Create your own memories by visiting the camp. Take pictures, make sketches or document information you find on-site such as posted photos, old posters and more. Host an event where people can share information about the camp so that their memories can be included with your own.



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#### 9. **Map.**

Create a map of your camp. Ask if there are any maps available or use Google Maps / Earth to start a map of the property. Be sure to include any permanent structures or areas. Label all structures and other features clearly.

#### 10. **Camping types.**

Is your camp primitive or modern? Do you have platform tents or activity buildings that are also used for overnights? Explore the different ways you can utilize your camp.

#### 11. **Camp events.**

What events have been or are hosted at your camp? Who uses your camp on a regular basis? What vintage activities might be fun to host again? Look at events that have been held on the property — yearly activities or even a single special event.

#### 12. **Flora and fauna.**

With a book, master gardener or the equivalent, identify the plants, animals, birds, fish and insects in your camp. Keep a notebook of what you find.

#### 13. **Invasive species.**

Are any of the flora and fauna invasive? Check your area to find out what plants are native and those that are not. Investigate how to curtail the spread of invasive species at your camp.

#### 14. **Earn insignia.**

Have any badge or patch programs been created that support your camp? These might be specific to your camp or featured in an organizational program. Obtain copies of the requirements and / or physical insignia. Is the insignia still earnable? Do the requirements need to be updated? Can you update them?

#### 15. **Collect your information.**

Collect the items you find and create an organizational system so that others can utilize your information. How can you archive this information so it is not lost to time? Explore both physical and digital means.

#### 16. **Share your finds.**

What information do you think others would enjoy knowing about your camp?

To share what you have found out with others and create interest in your camp, see the Enrichment Project badge program “Share My Camp.”

### **Sites to Explore**

[www.mycampexplore.com/home](http://www.mycampexplore.com/home)  
[www.nps.gov/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/index.htm)  
[www.uscampgrounds.info](http://www.uscampgrounds.info)  
[www.forestcamping.com](http://www.forestcamping.com)

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