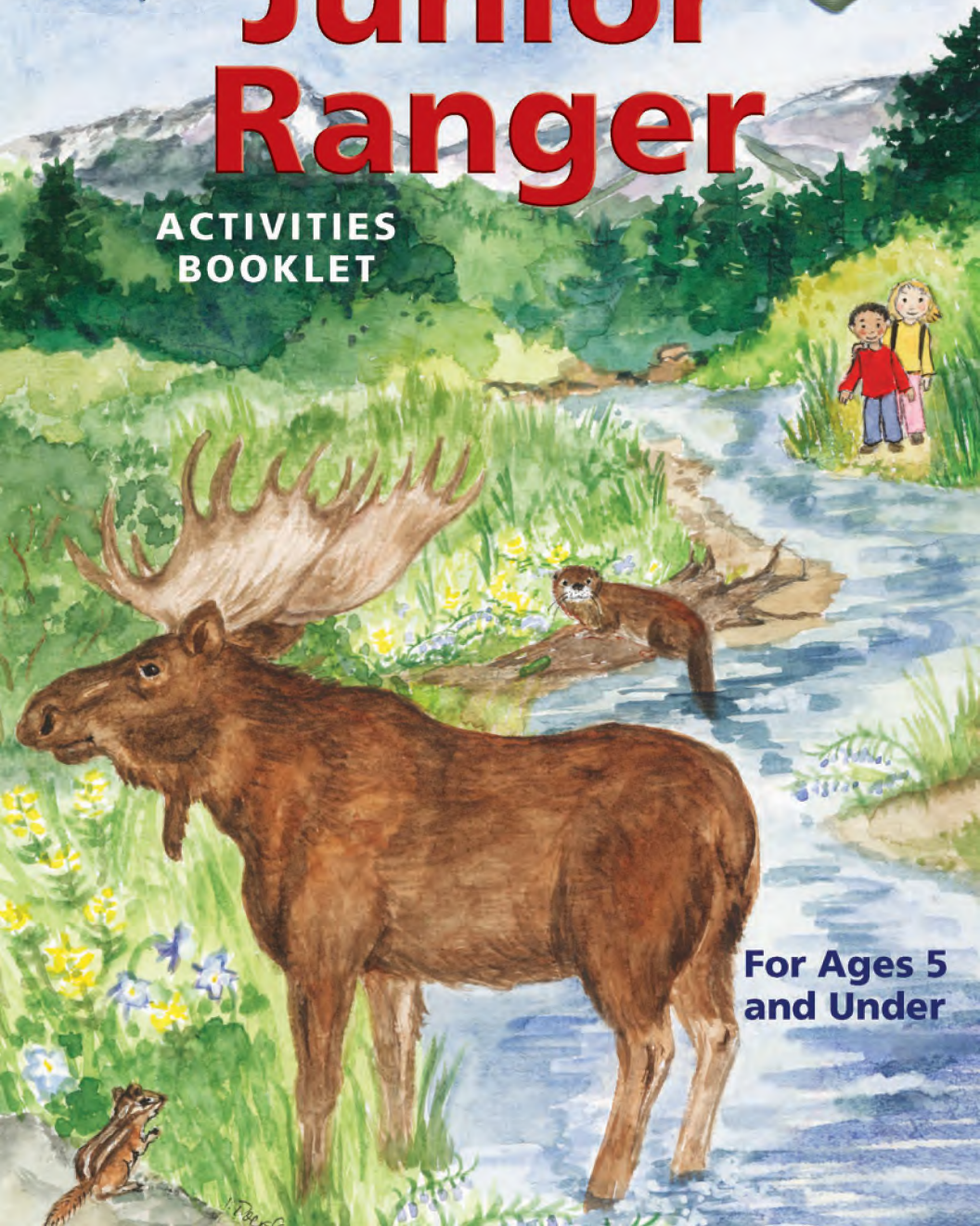


ROCKY MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL PARK



OFFICIAL
**Junior
Ranger**

ACTIVITIES
BOOKLET



For Ages 5
and Under

Your Adventure Begins

High mountains, cold lakes, wild animals and more.
Grab your parents. Let's go! It's time to explore!

Become a Junior Ranger! Here's How

STEP 1

Have fun doing as many activities in this booklet as you can with the help of your family and friends.

STEP 2

Take this booklet to any visitor center and talk to a ranger about what you saw and did in the park.

STEP 3

Ask the ranger to sign the certificate on the back of this book and get your official Junior Ranger badge.

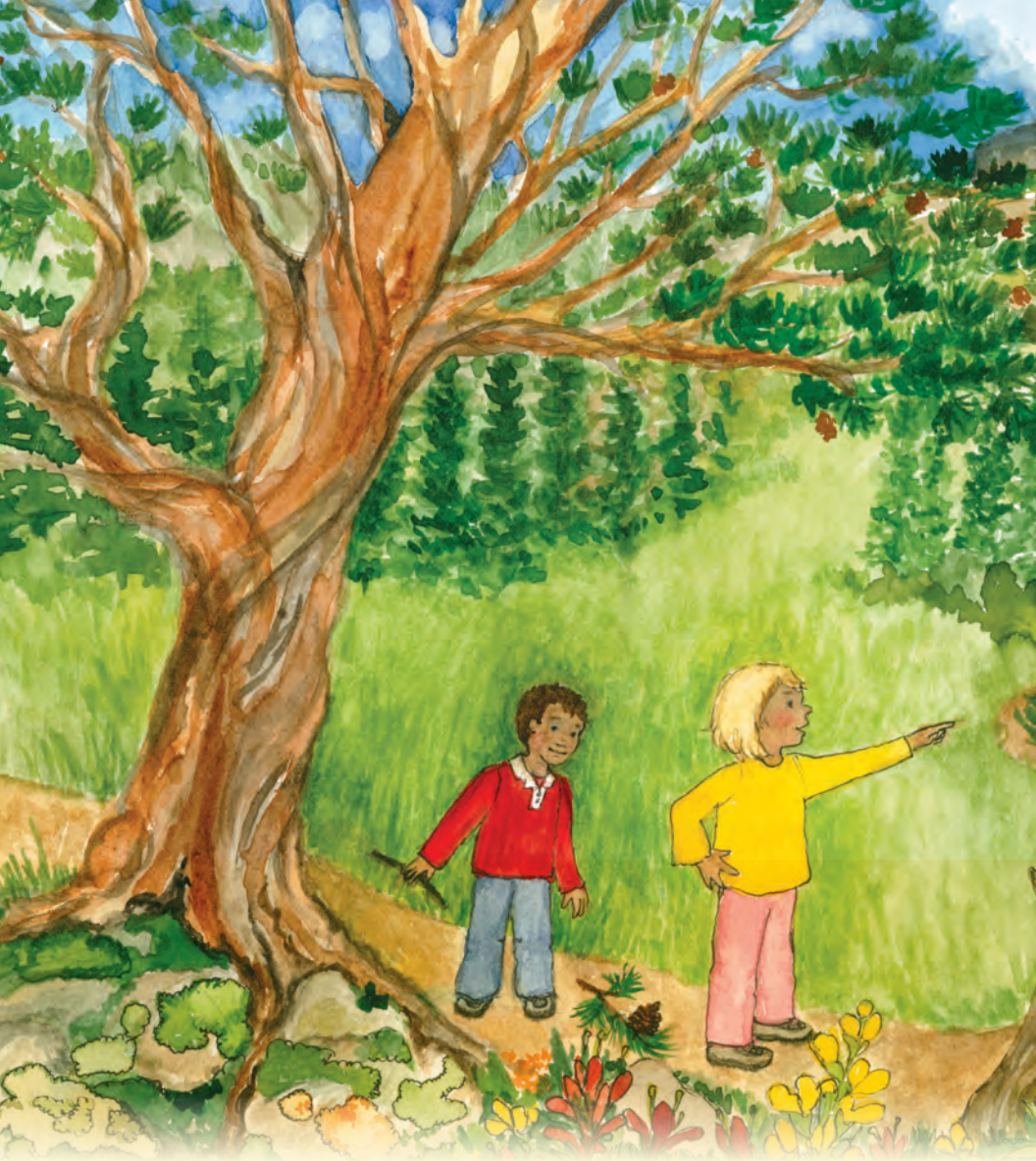
Have Fun!





ACTIVITY 1 What's Out There?

Circle the places, plants and animals you see in Rocky Mountain National Park.



ACTIVITY 2 **Eye Spy**

“I spy something prickly and brown.
It fell from a tree and lies on the ground.” *“It’s a pine cone!”*

Look at the scenery. What catches your eye? Pick out something interesting, but don’t tell! Let others guess what you spotted. Make a list of what you found on the next page.



What did you find?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Hey, Kids! It can rain or snow on any day in the high mountains. Bring warm clothing and rain gear.

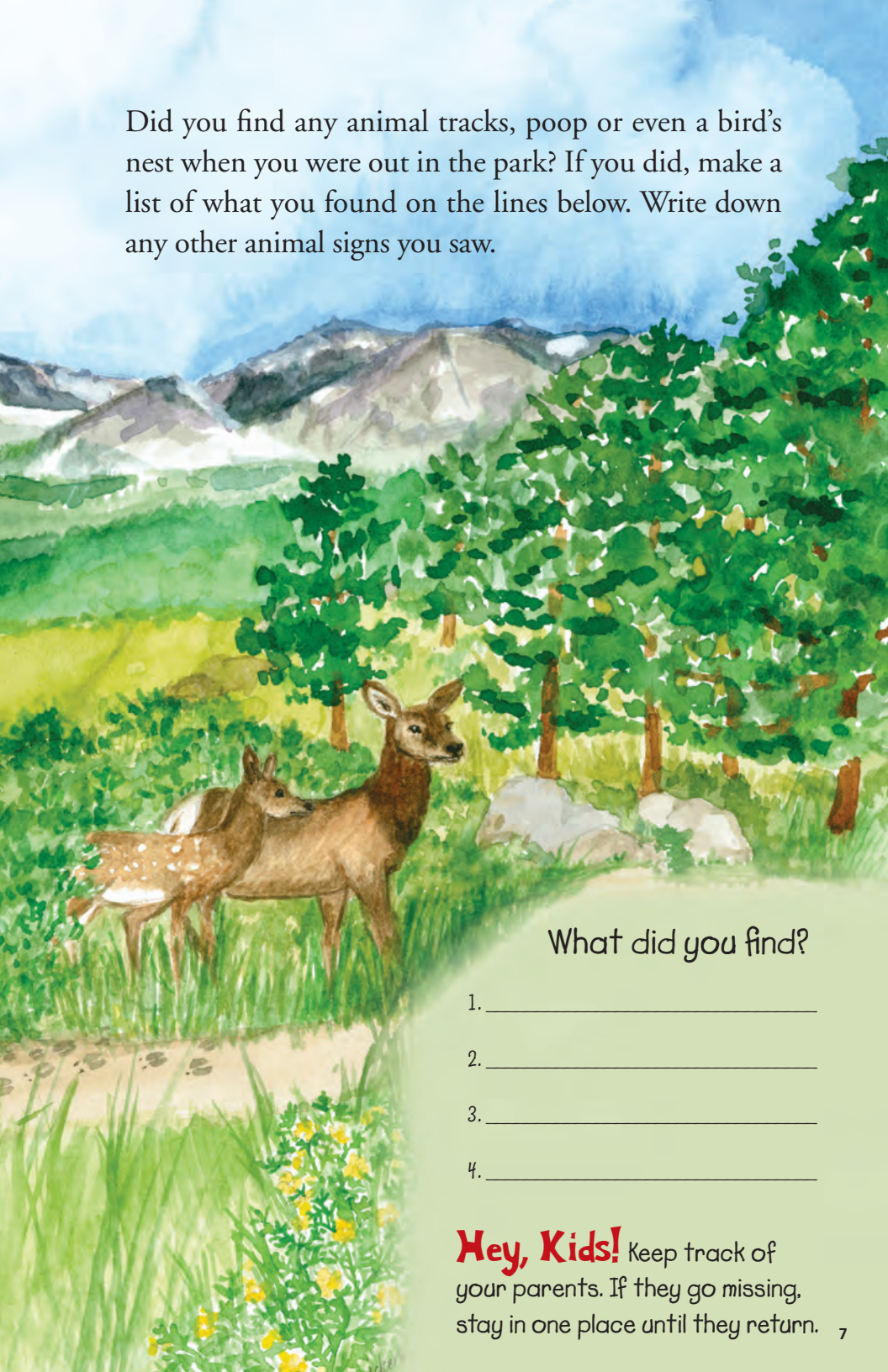
ACTIVITY 3 *Nature Detectives*

You're a nature detective, here's the scoop.

Guess what animals live here by their tracks and poop.



Did you find any animal tracks, poop or even a bird's nest when you were out in the park? If you did, make a list of what you found on the lines below. Write down any other animal signs you saw.



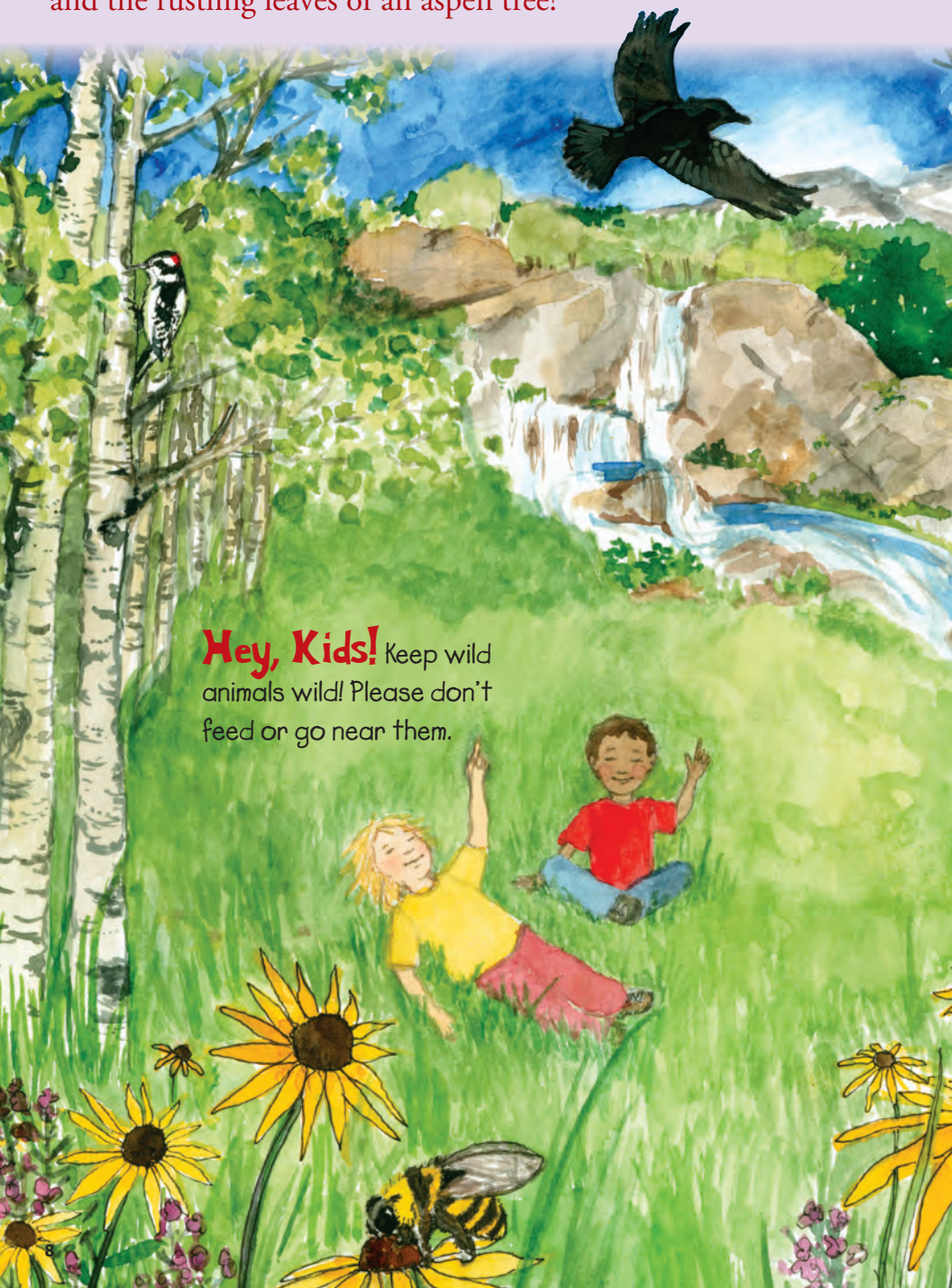
What did you find?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Hey, Kids! Keep track of your parents. If they go missing, stay in one place until they return. 7

ACTIVITY 4 Outdoor Sounds

“I hear the chatter of chipmunks, the buzz of a bee and the rustling leaves of an aspen tree!”



Hey, Kids! Keep wild animals wild! Please don't feed or go near them.

Lie on the ground and close your eyes. Hold up your fist. Each time you hear a new sound, raise a finger. Shout out when all five fingers are in the air. List what you heard when your eyes were closed on the lines below.



Player 1

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Player 2

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Player 3

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Player 4

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

ACTIVITY 5 Scavenger Hunt

Look above, look below, look beside and behind.
See how many treasures in nature you can find.

Write what you find on the next page.





Find something . . .

... prickly _____

... soft _____

... that smells good _____

... that has fallen _____

... moving _____

... that feels rough _____

... orange _____

... an animal eats _____

... tall _____

... blue _____

Hey, Kids! Everything in nature has its special place. Leave it right where it is for all to enjoy.

ACTIVITY 6 Hidden Animals

From bugs to bighorns, what stirs in the breeze?
Find what's hiding in the land above trees.

Hey, Kids!

Lightning is frightening!
Dash inside when
thunderstorms occur.

Hidden in this picture are six kinds of mammals, two birds and two insects you might see way up high in the mountains on the alpine tundra. Circle as many as you can find. Add a check if you see them in the wild.



ACTIVITY 7 *Rockin' with a Ranger*

Protecting people, plants and animals from danger is a day in the life of a national park ranger.

What do park rangers do? Find out for yourself. Join one on a nature walk or talk. The programs are listed in the official park newspaper. Have fun discovering the plants, animals and people of Rocky Mountain National Park.



Program I attended _____

Ranger signature _____

ACTIVITY 8 Draw What You Saw

How cool is Rocky Mountain National Park? Let us know!
Draw pictures or write about your adventures here.



Junior Ranger Pledge

As a Junior Ranger, I will:

- Keep the park clean – never litter
- Protect animals – never feed them
- Protect plants – never pick them

Congratulations

JUNIOR RANGER!

You are an important part of this park.
Stay in touch. Contact us anytime at
romo_junior_ranger@nps.gov



**Look for Junior Ranger
products at rmna.org**



Certificate of Achievement

This certifies that

has met the requirements of a
Rocky Mountain National Park Junior Ranger

Ranger Signature

Date