Junior Pony Express Rider

Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum

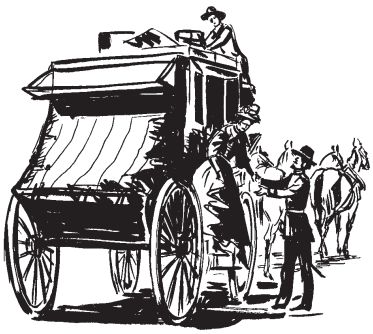
Welcome to

Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum

To become a Junior Pony Express Rider, you will investigate many different places in the park as you do the activities in this booklet with your family and friends.

We recommend you start in the museum and then visit Stagecoach Inn. When you have completed this booklet, bring it to the museum. A staff member will give you an official Camp Floyd wooden nickel.

The mission of Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum is to preserve, protect and interpret the historical resources in this area. Participating in the Junior Pony Express Rider program is a great way to learn about and help preserve the history at this park. Have fun and enjoy your visit.



Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn -

from civil war to western lore

Use these words to complete the following story

John Carson
400
Buchanan
Horse
General Albert Sydney Johnston
Civil War
1898

Camp Floyd was established in July 1858 by the U.S. Army under the command of _____ _____. The army of more than 3,500 military and civilian employees was sent by President _____ to stop a perceived Mormon rebellion.

Soon after their arrival, troops settled the Cedar Valley area where _____ buildings were constructed. The army left Camp Floyd in July 1861 with orders to return east for the _____ emergency. All that remain today are the military cemetery and one commissary building.

In nearby Fairfield a two-story adobe and frame hotel was built in 1858 by_____. The "Carson Inn or **Stagecoach Inn**" became the first stop on the overland stage route south of Salt Lake City.

A Pony Express Station was also located in Fairfield, where riders would get a fresh _____ and continue on his way west or east.

The old Fairfield school house was built in _____ and classes were held until 1937. The school house was restored including the bell tower with the original bell.

MUSEUM

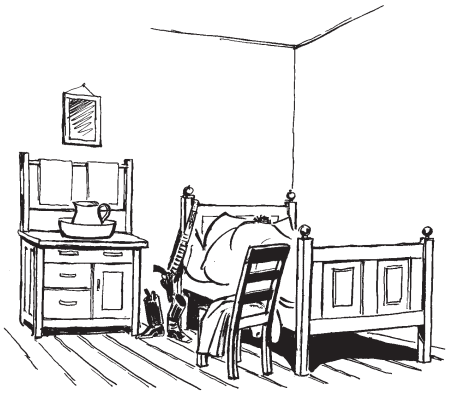
IN THE MUSUEM, FIND ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Who was the Governor of the Utah Territory in 1857? _____
2. How much did an adobe brick cost? _____
3. How much does the cannonball weigh? _____
4. What place in Utah was named by the soldiers at Camp Floyd?
   _____
5. Name two games soldiers played. _____
6. What kinds of food did the soldiers eat at Camp Floyd?
   _____
7. The handle on the toothbrush was made of? _____
8. Why did the army leave Camp Floyd? _____

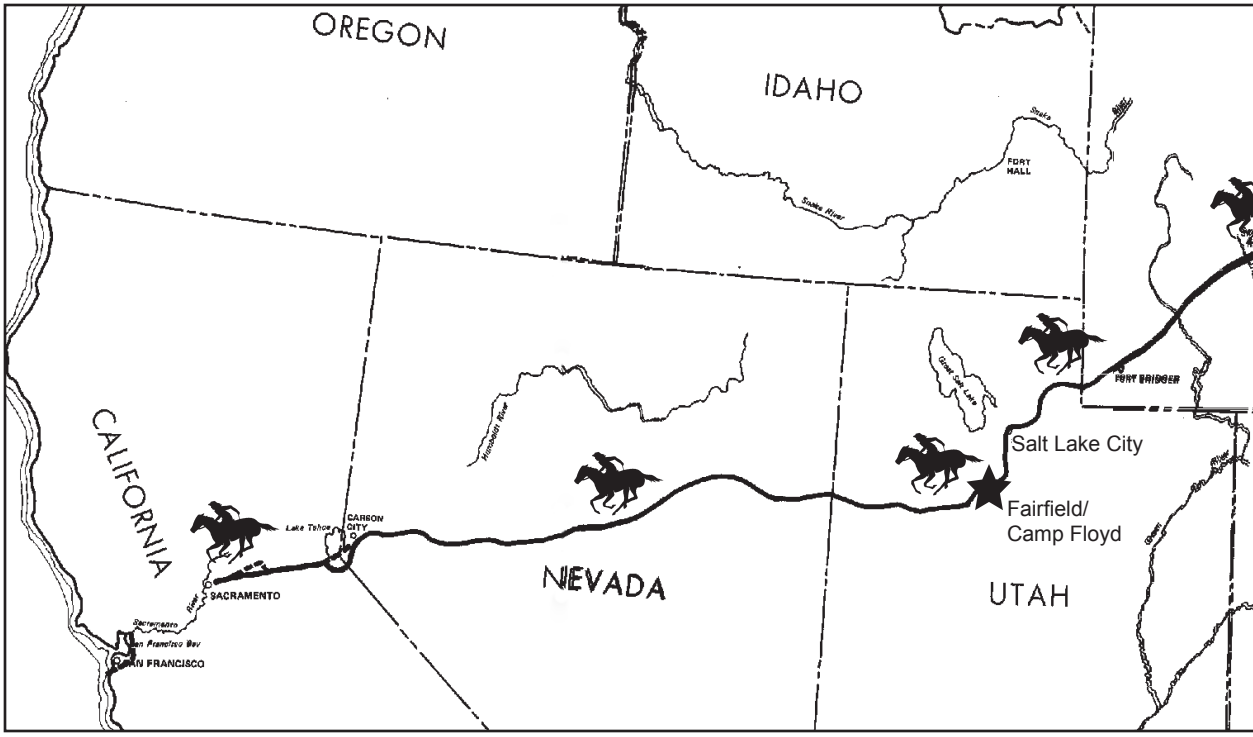
STAGECOACH INN

As you go through the Inn, find the following items and check the box.

- ❑ Spinning Wheel
- ❑ Bathtub
- ❑ Chamber Pot
- ❑ Wash Basin
- ❑ Bullet Hole in Wall



Draw a picture of one of the items



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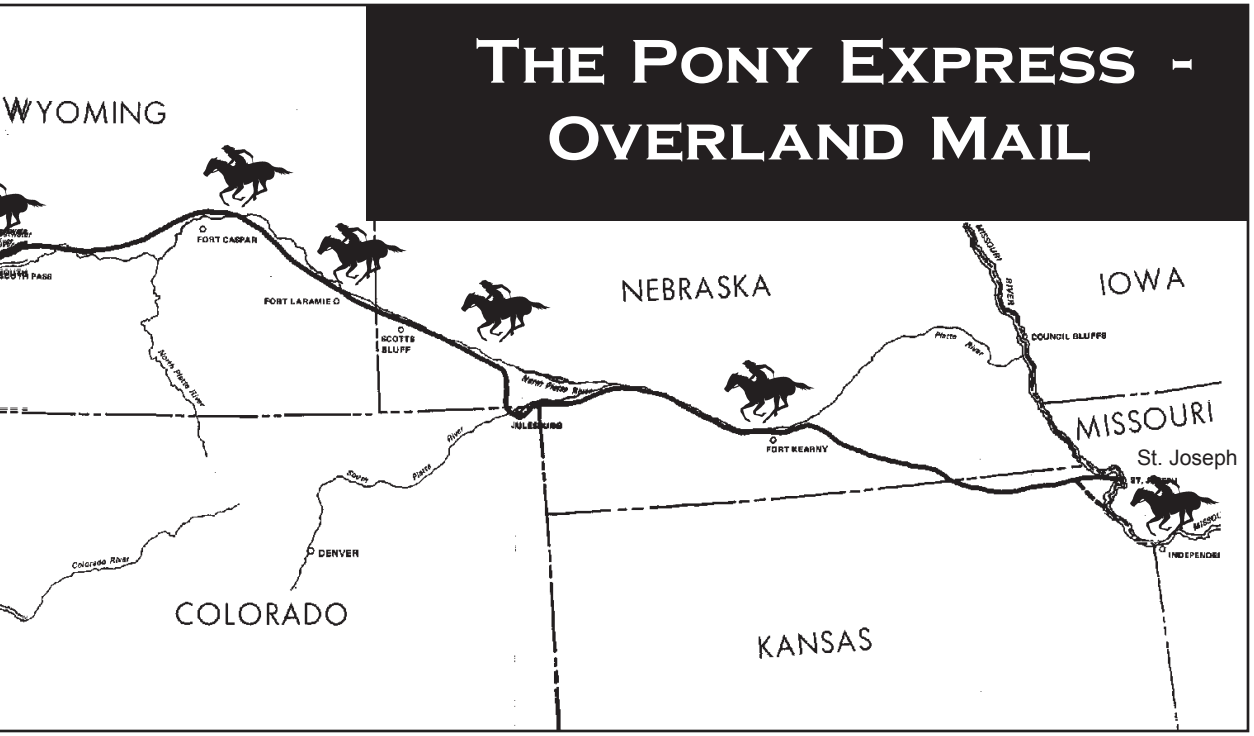
The Pony Express started in April 1860 and headed west from St. Joseph, Missouri, and east from San Francisco, California. This overland mail service lasted only 19 months until the advent of the telegraph system.

The **FAIRFIELD/CAMP FLOYD STATION** was located one block northeast of the Stagecoach Inn. The Pony Express Station was probably a small adobe structure. Pony Express riders occasionally stayed overnight in the Stagecoach Inn.

The Pony Express - Overland Mail



Write a letter telling about your favorite activity or object at Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park.

Dear _____

_____

_____

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From _____

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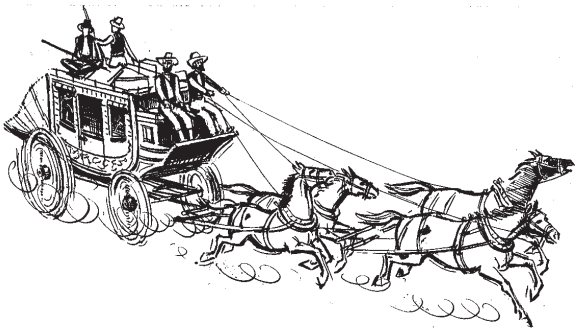

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SOLDIER
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CAMPFLOYD
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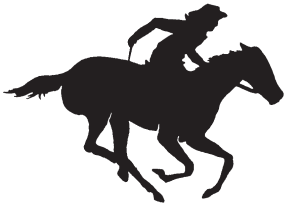
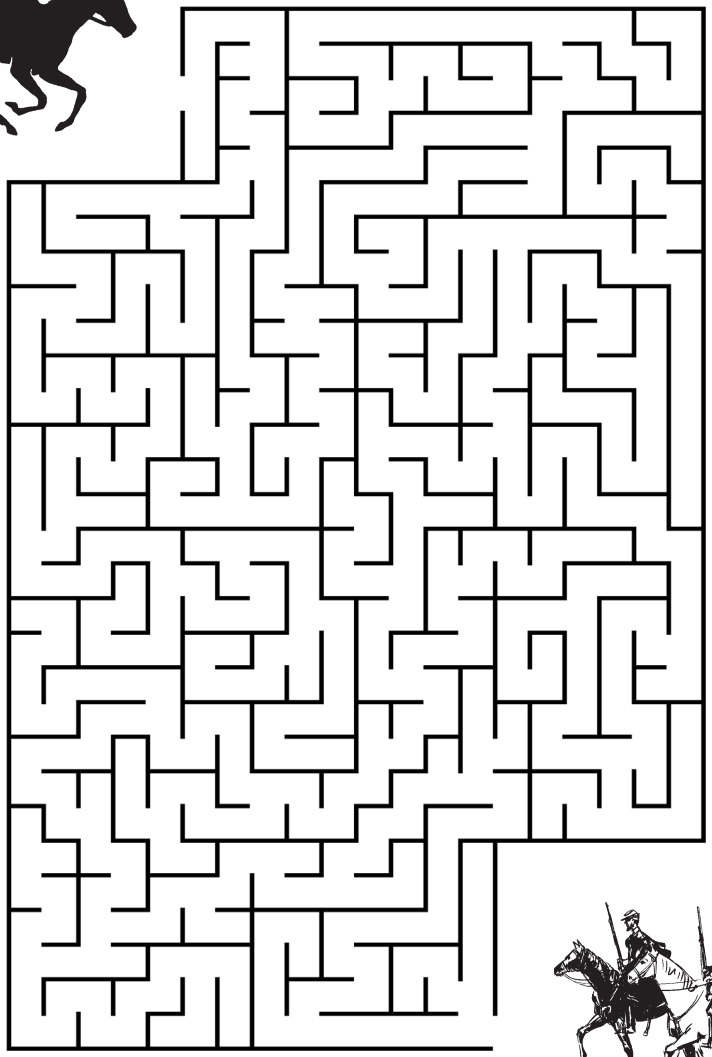
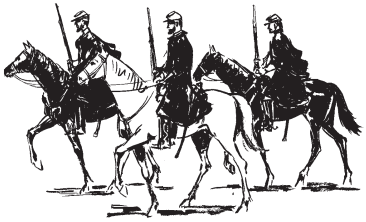
TRAIL

Help the pony express rider deliver mail to Camp Floyd through rain, snow, wind and lightning.







Camp Floyd

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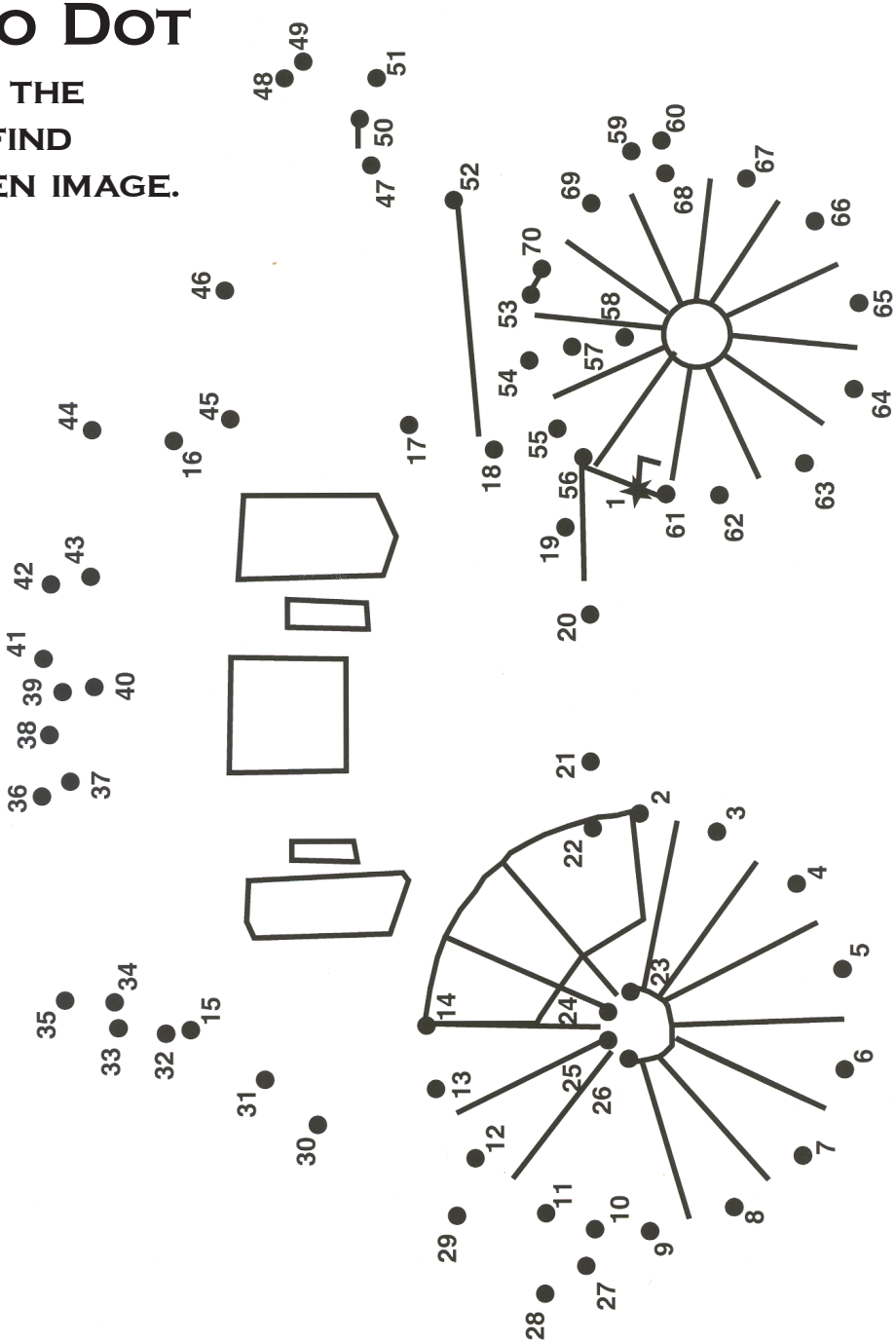

Pony Express Facts

- **St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California**: 1,966 miles
- **Number of stations:** 165 stations from Missouri to California - 28 stations were in Utah.
- **Number of horses:** 420
- **Number of riders:** 195
- **Average speed:** Ten miles per hour
- **Average time:** 10 days
- **Fastest time:** 7 days 17 hours - Lincoln's Inaugural message
- **Distance per rider:** 60 to 120 miles each
- **William C. "Buffalo Bill" Cody:** Rode 322 miles in 21 hours and 40 minutes using 21 horses.
- **Home stations:** 75 to 100 miles apart
- **Swing stations:** 10 to 15 miles
- **Station personnel:** Two agents, one station keeper and one assistant
- **Rider salary:** $50 to $125 per month
- **Dates of operation:** April 3, 1860 to October 24, 1861

Source: Historic Resource Study, Pony Express national Historic Trails, Anthony Godfrey, Ph.D., August 1994