

Colorado River State Historic Park

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Become a **Junior Ranger** at **Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park!** Pledge to do your part to help protect the history of the park for everyone to enjoy! Get your Junior Ranger booklet at the park, complete it, and bring it to a Park Ranger for review. Then receive your **Junior Ranger Button!** Enjoy this sample activity. We hope to see you at the park.

Knowing the Code

Junior Ranger Activity: Before our modern day internet or even phones, people communicated using the telegraph. The telegraph allowed people to communicate over long distances using beeping sounds that traveled through telegraph wires, just as sound travels through our telephone wires today. Joesph Henry invented the telegraph and Samuel Morse created the language of short and long beeps to represent letters and numbers.

The first military telegraph in Arizona was located here on the grounds of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot. Use the Morse Code below to discover what was on the Quartermaster’s supply order list.

Morse Code Key

A = . _	T = _ _
B = _ . . .	U = _ . . _
C = _ . _ .	V = _
D = _ . .	W = . _ _ _
E = .	X = _ . . _
F =	Y = _ . _ _
G = _ _ .	Z = _ . . .
H =	1 = . _ _ _ _
I = . .	2 = . . _ _ _
J = . _ _ _	3 = . . . _ _
K = _ . _	4 =
L = . _ . .	5 =
M = _ _	6 = _
N = _ .	7 = _
O = _ _ _	8 = _ _ . . .
P =	9 = _ _ . . .
Q = _ . _ .	0 = _ _ _ _ _
R = . _ .	Comma = _ _ . . .
S = . . .	Period =



Quartermaster Supply Order List

1. _ _ _ . . _ _ _ . _ _ . . .

2. _ _ _

3. _ _ _ _

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4.

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Did you know?
The Colorado River has been, and still is, an important source of water for people, animals, and plants.



Rocky Ringtail



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