

BLAST FROM THE PAST: Time Capsules

Have you ever thought there might be buried treasure waiting to be found right under your own feet in a time capsule?

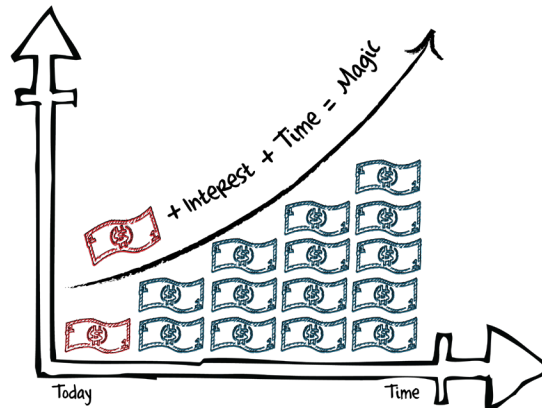
Time capsules are containers that store things like books, newspapers, clothing, and often money, to show what life was like in the past. Coins are especially good for time capsules because they have dates and details about when they were made.

You've seen a dime before...but have you ever seen a 10-cent bill?! A bank in Saratoga Springs opened a 100-year-old time capsule that included rare paper money worth 10 cents!

Time capsules are important to see how people used to live. Today, we might use a credit card or phone app to pay for something, so it's fun to think about a time when Americans thought a "paper dime" made paying easy!

Money stored in a time capsule isn't really meant to be spent! Being rare and a piece of history usually makes things more valuable than when

they were made. So, if you wanted to own your very own 10-cent bill...could you? Yes! Collectors have some bills just like the ones from the time capsule. These days, they cost around \$40...way more than the original 10 cents!



*Investing is like time travel for your money,
the longer you leave it the more it will grow!*

Savings and investment accounts are kind of like a time capsule for your money. Like with a time capsule, keeping money in savings longer makes it more valuable because it earns interest. Opening a time capsule after only 10 years might be sort of fun, but chances are nothing in there is very rare, valuable, or interesting.

Now imagine opening the same time capsule after 100 years! How much do you think it would be worth? The good news is that you won't have to keep your money in savings for 100 years to earn money from interest.

Share with Sparky!

If you could go back in time and invest money in something (a company, invention, artist, or industry), what would you pick and why?

Remember to write your answer below and mail it with your color contest entry or email it to communications@ffcommunity.com

Did you know?

There are different fun slang terms for money? Here are some of them:

1. Greenbacks
(for dollar bills)

2. Moolah

3. Simoleons

4. Dough

5. Scratch

6. Bones

7. Clams

8. Ducats

9. Dosh

(British term)



Make a Time Capsule!

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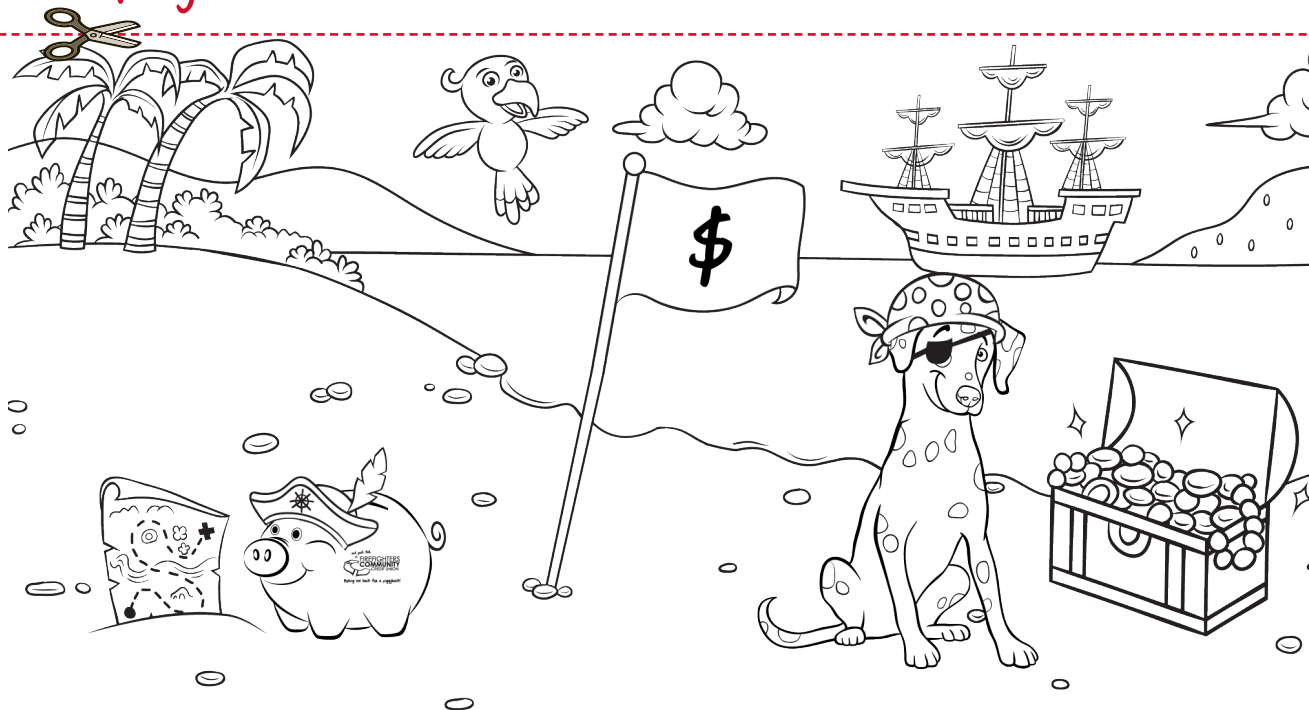
- 1. Choose the container for your items.** Make sure that it can seal as tight as possible and is sturdy enough to protect the items inside against heat, cold, water, sunlight, and more.
- 2. Pick out items that you think are important and that future people would be curious about.** If you choose something digital, try to include all of the extras someone would need to use it, (For example, if you are including an old phone loaded up with music and pictures, include a charger and wall plug). Include something popular from your time, like a toy or game. Include something you enjoy reading. Include an example of what your schoolwork is like. Put an item representing your favorite sports team in. Place a family item like a photo in the capsule, too.
- 3. Choose some money to include.** Coins are good at surviving a long time, but a dollar bill would be interesting to see in the future, too!
- 4. Write a letter describing yourself,** the time you live in, and explain what is important about each of the things you included in the time capsule.
- 5. Seal it up, and put the time capsule in a safe, hidden place.** It may be tempting to bury your time capsule, but that makes it more likely that the capsule will be ruined by weather and future construction. You can easily store your time capsule away indoors, if you pick a cool, dry space. Attics and basements can be tempting as well but come with their own problems, so pick carefully!



CONGRATS! YOU JUST CREATED A TIME CAPSULE FOR YOUR FUTURE SELF!

Coloring Contest

Congratulations to **Benjamin L.** for winning our Q4 Sparky coloring



Celebrate with Sparky and Smokey! Submit your entry **by March 1, 2024** for a chance to win a prize!

(Child) Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

(Parent/Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

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