

Handcart Trek News

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135 Days to Trek

Cartersville Stake (cartersvilleyouth.org)

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2017 Mutual Theme:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

James 1:5-6

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“Read D&C 136 to prepare for this adventure. Those that were prepared were ready; those that did not prepare suffered much. Youth prepare! Be ready, this experience will be life changing. I testify of this. Pull together, angels will attend you.” -Elder Giddens, January 2005



Trek Leader Message

Every year, Latter-day Saints throughout the world put on bonnets or wide-brimmed hats, tennis shoes, sunglasses, and work gloves. They leave their homes for a few days so they can pull loaded wooden carts up and down hills and maybe even through streams.

Bewildered onlookers might see this combination of past and present and ask a question: Why?

Actually, trekkers would do well to ask this same question. Why? Why are they going on a trek? Even more important, why did the early pioneers do what they did?

Why were early Latter-day Saints willing to walk more than a thousand miles, with either handcarts or ox carts? When they faced trials, why did they keep going? Why did they help each other along the way? When the Willie and Martin handcart companies were stranded in severe snowstorms, why did strangers in the Salt Lake Valley leap to action to save them?

Their answers reach beyond explaining “Why”. Like the pioneers, we can have an impact beyond the Western plains, We can inspire others by our efforts to follow the Savior every day.

Mark Fleming, Trek Master

Trek Prep

In order to get the most out of Trek, all of us are going to have to prepare. Surely, the physical preparation is part of that. We are all going to have to be in great shape. However, we all must spiritually prepare as well. As a stake leadership, we would like to challenge each of you to prepare spiritually in two different ways. First, we ask that each of you make a special effort to keep up with your scripture reading for both Seminary and Sunday School. This would mean reading The New Testament and The Doctrine and Covenants. Second, we ask that each of you start doing genealogy research on an ancestor who has not had their temple work done. Research their story, learn about who they were, who was in their family and do all that you can to become part of their life. Then prepare their name for temple work, and take that name with you to a temple baptism trip. We know this will be a challenge with all of the other things going on in your lives. However, we promise you that those of you that prepare spiritually, will have a richer, more meaningful experience as you draw closer to those who went before you, and as you draw closer to your Savior.

Elder Brett Cannon, 2009

Upcoming Events

- 18-Feb Deacon/Beehive Social; Hadaway
Multi Stake Dance; Powder Springs
- 11-Mar Mormon Prom

Reading Request

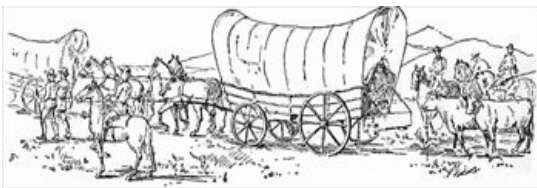
Please ponder on Elder Giddens quote
Read Doctrine & Covenants 136
Keep up with reading assignments in
Seminary and Sunday School



“The Spirit has confirmed to me the important responsibility we have to see that the legacy of faith of our pioneer forefathers is never lost. We can derive great strength, particularly our youth, from understanding our church history.”

-Elder M. Russell Ballard

-Ensign, Nov. 1995, pg. 6



Pioneer Story

Robert and Anne Parker were traveling with their four children: Max-12, Martha Alice-10, Arthur-6 and Ada-1. One day, little Arthur sat down to rest, unnoticed by the other children. A sudden storm came up and the company hurriedly made camp. Finding that Arthur was gone, an organized search began. It continued a second day with no results. Ann Parker pinned a bright shawl around her husband’s thin shoulders and sent him back on the trail alone to look for their child. If he found him dead, he was to wrap Arthur in the shawl. If he found him alive, he was to use the shawl as a flag to signal her. Ann and her children took up their load and struggled on with the company, while Robert retraced the miles of forest trails, calling and searching and praying for his helpless son. At last he reached a mail and trading station where he learned that his child had been found and cared for by a woodsman and his wife. He had been ill from exposure and fright, but God had heard the prayers of his people. Out on the trail each night, Ann and her children kept watch, and when on the third night, the rays of the setting sun caught the glimmer of a bright red shawl, the brave mother sank in a pitiful heap in the sand. The family slept well for the first time in six days.

Trekker Spotlight



Dave Giles and his wife Cheryl, will be one of the “MA’s and PA’S” for Trek this year. Bishop Giles has been Bishop of the Etowah Valley Ward since August of 2016 and was Bishop of the former Cartersville Ward from August 2014 to August 2016, but who’s counting ;) Sister Giles is currently serving as a Counselor in the Etowah Valley Ward YW Presidency and has served multiple times in Primary, YW, and RS Presidencies. They are the parents of 5 boys and have lived in the Cartersville area for 12 years and in Georgia for 18 years. Sis. Giles is a self-proclaimed “adrenaline junkie” and has enjoyed skydiving, zip-lining, roller coasters, hiking and loves the outdoors. She loves animals and you might find her at Petland holding puppies or playing with the birds. Bishop Giles was a Scoutmaster for many years before being called into the Bishopric and he loves all things Scouting. He also loves spending time with his family, traveling, the Oakland Raiders, and still can be found many a Wednesday night playing basketball after Youth Activities. After serving a full-time mission in the Atlanta Georgia Mission (or GAM), Bishop Giles traded off going to school and working full time and got a BS degree in Business Systems (computers) and works as a System Engineer for a small software company based in UT. Sister Giles attended Ricks College (BYU-I) for 2 years before getting married and raising her family, she LOVES being a stay-at-home mom.

Dutch Oven Recipe

Dutch Oven Cobbler

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 2 cups favorite pie filling
- 1 egg
- Water, milk or one 12 oz can of 7up

Use a 10” Dutch Oven. Pour your favorite filling into the Dutch Oven. In a separate bowl, mix the yellow cake, egg and enough liquid to make the batter the consistency of pancake batter. Pour the cake mix on top of the filling. Place lid on the Dutch Oven.

Bake with coals on top and bottom for approximately 15 minutes. Remove oven from fire and continue cooking from top only for an additional 10-20 minutes or until the cobbler is golden