

Handcart Trek News

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62 Days to Trek

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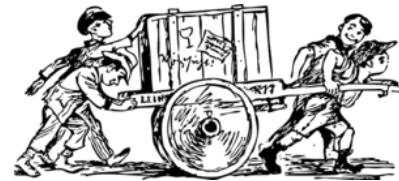
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“Read D&C 136 to prepare for this adventure. Those that were prepared were ready; those that did not prepare suffered much. Youth prepare! Be ready, this experience will be life changing. I testify of this. Pull together, angels will attend you.” -Elder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



Trek Leader Message

There are more Latter-day Saints engaged in Handcart reenactments, on pretty much any given week, May thru September, than were involved in all of the ten handcart companies of early Church history put together. Perhaps the most important comparison between Handcart Treks ancient and modern is the reason why participants made the journey. The early Saints were following the call of a living prophet to gather to Zion. Their travels were the demonstration of their faith, the exercise of the covenants that they had each made to keep the commandments, take upon them the name of Christ, and always remember Him. That begs the question of our modern day trekkers: why are you going on Trek? Is it just because this is what the rest of the youth are doing; is it just because this is the Cartersville Stake Youth Conference for 2017? Because doing something just because “everyone else is doing it” or because it just happens to be the activity of the day; will never be sufficient to bring about an increase in testimony or a deepening of conversion. It cannot yield the kind of change that will bring promised protections and blessings of heaven that you will need to accomplish the things that God has, and will yet, call you to accomplish in this ever darkening world. But if you are approaching Trek by looking for what you can change in your own discipleship: if you are already asking “What can I do to have the Holy Spirit bless me and everyone that I will interact with on Trek?”, then you are already well on your way to experiencing what the Lord needs you to experience. May I suggest a few questions that you can prayerfully consider as you prepare for this years Trek?

- * How will your current commitment to keeping the commandments help you at Trek?
- * How will your current level of covenant faithfulness allow you lift and bless others at Trek?
- * Will those around you know that always remembering Him is part of who you are?
- * What will the evidence be that you have taken upon you the name of Christ as you walk on Trek?

I love the Trek experiences I have taken in my life! Without exception they have effected who I am and how I serve. I pray that each of you will not simply go through a Trek experience this summer, but that your Trek experience will go through you to lift and give meaning to the covenants that you have made! I speak for the entire Stake Presidency, and your Stake and Ward leaders when I say that we love you. We trust you to choose to become what God intends you to become before, during, and after this 2017 Cartersville Stake Trek.

President Mason

Trek Prep

BOOTS (or sturdy shoes with good soles), if you don't have them..... GET THEM NOW!!!!!!

Because you are going to be spending so much time in these shoes, fit is paramount. Here are some things to consider when looking for new boots or walking shoes:

Your feet tend to swell over the course of the day, try your boots on towards the end of the day or after some activity.

If you wear orthotics, bring them when trying on your new boots, and be sure to wear them.

There should be plenty of room in the toe box, but not so much that your foot slips.

Your foot should not feel squeezed on the sides.

You should not feel your heel lift or slip as you walk.

CHECK OUT PINTEREST FOR MANY MORE WAYS TO CHOOSE AND LACE YOUR BOOTS!!!!!!

Upcoming Events

22-April Youth Devotional, Brockett Building

23-April Special Stake Conference

Be Working On Your Family History
and Doing Baptisms For Your Ancestors

Reading Request

Begin or continue reading the Book of Mormon everyday

Keep up with reading assignments in Seminary and Sunday School

Remember the Trail of Faith Challenge



"If you are on the right path, it will always be uphill"
Henry B. Eyring

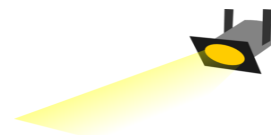
"Just when all seems to be going right, challenges often come in multiple doses applied simultaneously. When those trials are not consequences of your disobedience, they are evidence that the Lord feels you are prepared to grow more. He therefore gives you experiences that stimulate growth, understanding, and compassion which polish you for your everlasting benefit."

Elder Richard G. Scott

Pioneer Story

In 1856, Brother Giles and his family moved to Utah, but before he left his homeland, the Welsh Saints presented him with a harp, which he learned to play well. At Council Bluff, Iowa, he joined a handcart company and headed west. "Though blind he pulled a handcart from Council Bluff to Salt Lake City." While crossing the plains, his wife and two children died. "His sorrow was great and his heart almost broken, but his faith did not fail him." When Brother Giles arrived in Salt Lake City, President Brigham Young, who had heard his story, loaned Brother Giles a valuable harp until his own arrived from Wales. Brother Giles "traveled from settlement to settlement in Utah,...gladdening the hearts of the people with his sweet music."

Trekker Spotlight



Brother and Sister Giddens will be serving as the photographer and videographer for this year's trek. This will be their third trek together. They went as youth and then served later as Ma and Pa. Brother Giddens actually asked Sister Giddens out on their first trek!

Sister Giddens is a massage therapist, while Brother Giddens is an entrepreneur and owns a few small businesses in Cobb County. They have three adventurous boys ages 6, 5, and 4, that keep them very busy. Brother Giddens served a mission in Chile. Brother and Sister Giddens have been married for 8 years.

Dutch Oven Recipe

2 pounds sausage

2 pounds frozen hash browns

8 eggs, beaten with 1/4 water

2 cups grated cheese

In a 12 inch Dutch oven, fry and crumble sausage. Remove cooked sausage and drain on paper towel. Using the sausage drippings in pan, brown potatoes and spread them evenly in bottom of Dutch oven. Place cooked sausage over potatoes. Pour eggs over sausage layer. Sprinkle top with cheese. Cook with 8 coals underneath Dutch oven and 16 on top for 20-25 minutes, until eggs are cooked.

