



RELENTLESS PURSUIT

Dear Parents of the Maple Canyon Stake,

We are excited to announce that our 2026 Stake Youth Conference will be Trek at the Wyoming Mormon Trail Sites on June 22-25. We will visit Rock Creek Hollow, Sixth Crossing, and Martin's Cove. These sites are sacred ground and often referred to as a "temple without a roof".

THIS IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL TREK!

Our stake presidency has felt impressed to provide a Trek experience that focuses more on the spiritual lessons we can learn from our handcart pioneers and not so much on recreating a pioneer experience. Think of it more as a visit to a Church History Site (i.e. Nauvoo, Palmyra). The youth will be well fed, camp in comfort, and dress in modern clothing. Most importantly, they will be invited to spend three days in a sacred setting while seeking personal revelatory experiences. We have designed our Trek to encourage the youth to learn for themselves that their Heavenly Father knows them and loves them, Jesus Christ is their strength, and the Holy Ghost is their constant companion. We encourage you to speak with the youth leaders in your ward to learn more if you are unsure about your child attending Trek this year.

DETAILS

As the stake young women and young men presidencies, we wanted to send out one email that is (hopefully) all-encompassing about Trek. Much of this information might be familiar to you through your ward Trek leaders. You will not likely receive another email from us, so this is the one to read!

If you do not find the answers you need, please reach out to your youth's Ma & Pa, your Ward Captains, or any member of the stake young women or young men presidencies.

When: June 22-25. We will leave early in the morning on the 22 and will arrive home mid-afternoon on the 25.

Who: All Maple Canyon Stake youth ages 14-18 (turning 14 this year – graduating seniors). A plug here for graduating seniors...we want them to come! We need their examples and maturity. We hope they will still come and enjoy this last "youth" experience before starting their next great adventure in life.

Trek Families: Families are formed from adults and youth in the same ward as determined by ward leaders. This is meant to strengthen wards and families as we strengthen relationships within the wards.

Trekking: This Trek is intended to be a positive experience. In planning, we felt strongly about having this be a less strenuous and more faith-building Trek. We will be trekking two of the days, approximately 6 miles each day. Our tent campsites will stay at the same location for the entire duration of Trek. Youth should already be assigned to a ward Trek family. If your youth has not heard from their Ma & Pa, please reach out to your bishop or young women president.

Transportation: Trek families will be driving personal vehicles to transport youth to and from Trek. This is a tremendous savings and will be a great opportunity for the youth to start the four days together.

Food: We have a talented & excited food committee who have planned all meals and snacks for Trek. If your youth is worried about getting enough food, being a picky eater, or having dietary restrictions, please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make meals a success. If your youth has dietary needs, please make sure your youth's Ward Captains have notified our Trek medical and food committee chairs.

Pre-Trek Stake Youth Temple Nights: We have scheduled June 10 & 17 from 5:00-8:00pm for all the youth in our stake to perform proxy baptisms and confirmations. We will be assigning each ward a time slot, and encourage our Trek families to have this experience together.

Packing & Medical: We will have a medical committee attending Trek for the entire duration. If you have medical concerns, please let your Ward Captains know. Your Ward Captains will be getting a Permission and Medical Release form to each youth. Those must be signed and returned in order to attend Trek. A packing list will be sent out in advance to help with packing questions.

Parent Letters: Please provide your youth's Ma & Pa with a letter for your youth to read while at Trek. Your Ward Captains will get you more information about this, but please put it on your radar. This letter is intended to be a letter of love, encouragement, and testimony designed to be read privately at the end of Trek.

Itinerary:

<p>Monday: Rock Creek Hollow Morning: Wards leave for Rock Creek Hollow (6 hours) 2:30pm: Arrive at Rock Creek Hollow 3:00pm: Enter amphitheater 3:15pm: Opening Devotional 4:00pm: Walk in Relentless Pursuit Activity 5:00pm: Drive to Sixth Crossing Campground (80 min) 7:00pm: Dinner 8:00pm: Stake Activity 9:30pm: Family Discussion + Journals 10:00pm: Quiet Time + Lights Out</p>	<p>Tuesday: Sixth Crossing 6:45am: Breakfast 7:15am: Meet at Trailhead 8:00am: Start Trek Loop 2:00pm: End Trek Loop 3:15pm: Leave for Visitors Center 3:30pm: Visitors Center 4:30pm: Return to Campground 5:00pm: Dinner 5:45-7:00pm: Dancing 7:00pm: Return to Campground + Dessert 7:30pm: Combined Ward Activity 9:30pm: Family Devotional + Journals 10:00pm: Quiet Time + Lights Out</p>	<p>Wednesday: Martin's Cove 6:45am: Breakfast 7:05am: Leave to Martin's Cove (65 min) 8:15am: Arrive at Trailhead 9:00am: Start Trek 3:00pm: Return to Trailhead 3:15pm: Visitors Center + Fort Seminoe 4:30pm: Return to Sixth Crossing 5:45pm: Dinner 6:00pm: Letters 7:00pm: Closing Devotional + Dessert 8:00pm: Ward Night 10:00pm: Quiet Time + Lights Out</p>
<p>Thursday: Return to Mapleton 7:15am: Breakfast 9:00am: Leave to Mapleton 11:00am: Latest time to leave campground 3:00-4:00: Arrive in Mapleton</p>		

Ward Captains

Cory & Mindy Johnston (M4)
Zoreatha & Jess Mendenhall (M14)
Michael & Lisa Hulet (M16)
Brett & Christina Waters (M22)
Derek & Carrie Kirby (M25)

Jeff & Rachael Cochran (M28)
Joshua & Marcie Perriton (M34)
Aaron & April Jacob (M37)
Chris & Hayley Carlson (M40)
Daniel & Sarah Lyons (M41+M44)