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TREK

How Firm A Foundation

Family Journal

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Dave & Kathy

Pioneers We Honored and Remembered on Trek:

**James Hurren
Sarah Goode**

To Our Family:

You kids are wonderful! You all were so positive, happy, and willing to do whatever was needed. We feel so privileged to have been able to be your ma and pa. It says something about you that you all were able to get along, be loving, compassionate and develop relationships with each other without complaining or murmuring. (For which we loved you even more!) Thank you for bringing your unique personalities to our family. "Joyful" Johnny- our big brother and quiet strength, "Brilliant" Bretton- our helper, "Dopey" Drew and "Jokey" Josh – our twins and activities coordinators, "Loveable" Lauren and "Marvelous" Marissa our big sisters and our examples, and "Interesting" Izzy- our little sister and friend. (Remember you gave yourselves those names!)

Things we'll never forget.....

The animal game (Seal!), our bus driver- Jose Paul Speedy Gonzales Rogriguez? (Who knew a school bus could pass a Semi going 80 mph in the canyon!), Chicken and Rice, Farkel, Lauren being scared of moth's, Women's Pull, Rocky Ridge, Sagebrush, Pioneer clothes, Crossing the Sweetwater, Wind, Chicken and Rice, the amazing devotionals and re-enactments, long bathroom lines, running into camp, testimony meeting, Chicken and Rice, "all in favor of continuing on", the pioneer stories, "Tiny Wings" and machine gun crossings, our wonderful family, Rock Creek Hollow and oh, did we mention the Chicken and Rice!!!!

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What We Learned on Trek and Our Testimony :

We learned you can do hard things if you put your mind to it, Heavenly Father knows and loves each of us. The pioneers could never have done it alone and after going over Rocky Ridge ourselves we know they didn't. God and his angels were with them as they are with us when we face our most difficult trials. As we pushed the cart it was important to stay focused and alert so as not to step in a badger hole and be injured. So as in life, we must be alert and stay focused on our ultimate destination to be with God again and ever be wary of the dangers Satan may place in our path. If we do happen to be injured, loving family will support us and help to bring us home as our family did when Ma was injured. When you feel cold turn to the sun, and when you cannot feel the warmth of the spirit in your lives turn to the "Son". And no matter what... "Just Keep Stepping!"

We love you, Ma and Pa Cutright

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Jonathan Putnam

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

To My Family:

What I Learned on Trek:

My Testimony:

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Lauren Underwood

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Lois Judd

To My Family:

I just want to say thank you so much for being the best family ever! We had so much fun together and became so close that at the last day I was super sad to leave everyone! I know that we were all truly meant to be together and I'm so glad we were!

Ma and Pa, thank you for everything you guys did! You were truly amazing and always knew what to do in times of trouble or need! You were so prepared with every possible thing you could think of possibly needing on trek! I'm so grateful for all you did for not only me but for our wonderful family! Thanks again and I can't wait to have our reunion!

What I Learned on Trek:

I learned that walking 36 miles is a lot harder and farther than you make it seem in your mind. I learned that the pioneers truly were strong and such an inspiration to us for their courage and determination to come to Zion. I learned that we should be much more grateful for everything we have and that nothing should be taken for granted! Not even clean, dirt-free food!!

My Testimony:

I know that this is the true church and that the gospel is real! I know that we have a living prophet and that Joseph smooth restored the church! I'm so grateful for my savior and all he has done for me. This experience also strengthened my testimony and appreciation for our ancestors and the pioneers and all they went through to come to the Salt Lake Valley! I know our savior, Jesus Christ lives and that he watches over us! I love this gospel with all my heart! In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Marissa Stagg

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Emma Billings Holt

To My Family:

Thank you so much for making me feel comfortable to be myself from day one! I really felt like I had a family away from home. It was such a neat experience and I wouldn't want to do it with anyone else!

What I Learned on Trek:

The pioneers aren't so different from us—we go through the same type of stuff. Yes, their trials were mostly physical, and ours spiritual\emotional. But we both can learn through our trials to rely on God. God will help us with our trials, just as he did for them. Even though there still will be hardships along the way, we can get through it with God's help.

My Testimony:

I know the church is true. I know the pioneers did not sacrifice and die in vain. I am very grateful for the temples we have and how close we are to them. I know I will be with my family forever, and I'm so grateful for that. I know the book of Mormon is true; I have a testimony of the power of the atonement. I know there is a life after this, a more perfect and happy life. I'm so grateful to be a member of this

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Bretton Steiner

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Charles Jameson

To My Family:

Thank you everyone for coming on Trek with a great attitude. It made the experience all the better! I have had a great time becoming friends with all of you! Thank you Ma and Pa for helping us become an unbreakable family on Trek! I still think that I had the best family!

What I Learned on Trek:

I learned that we can do anything if we have faith. I didn't think it would be easy to do trek, but with faith and the rest of the family, pushing the cart wasn't really that bad. In fact, it seemed easy. Knowing that our cart weighed over 100 lbs, I knew that we had angels helping us. And maybe they were our ancestors.

My Testimony:

Going on this trek has taught me that pioneers truly did hard things. I have a greater appreciation for my ancestors who crossed the plains as pioneers. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for them. They had to have enormous faith to cross the plains in horrible weather. They kept going despite the pain, even until death if necessary. This amount of faith is an amount that we all need to have for the last days.

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Joshua Vandrimmelen

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Charles Shumway

To My Family:

Ma, Pa, and Family thank you all so much for all of the effort and hard work that you guys put in to make our trek so wonderful. I have never felt the spirit so much in all of my life. I had such a great time playing games with you guys and I still want a rematch in Farkle! Pa I will never forget your awesome seal in the animal game that was awesome! All of you changed my life

so much for the better. Whenever I have hard times or struggles with something I will remember this trek with you guys and know that I have a heavenly father that loves me and knows me personally. Girls you were all so amazing during the womens' pull and you all showed how much strength you really have. Ma thank you so much for letting us pull you the last couple of miles on trek that was a great experience. Pa thanks for letting me and Drew carry you across the river. Bretton thanks for you happy attitude and great big smile and your snoring and that great game of Battleship was awesome! Jonny you were so funny and I loved you always being positive (except for when you had to go to the bathroom really bad, I will never forget that!) you were a lot of fun to talk to on the trail and you always knew how to make us all laugh. Drew thanks for being such a great friend not just on trek but in my entire life, and thanks for teaching the rest of the family how to play the animal game. Marissa thank you so much for being awesome on the trail I will never forget the great testimony you gave during our family testimony meeting that was so great. Lauren you were a lot of fun to be with on the trail you are such a funny person and you are such a hard worker and a great player at Farkle ;). Izzy thanks for being so nice to everyone and laughing at my stupid jokes and always being willing to listen to everyone and coming up with the game random questions. Ma and Pa you guys were so great bringing all of the fun games giving us spiritual thoughts putting so much effort into making this trek so memorable I know for a fact that I wouldn't have all of these great memories and experiences if it wasn't for you two. Thanks everybody for making this trek totally unforgettable.

What I Learned on Trek:

I learned so much about myself on trek. I learned that even though I thought 36 miles in 3 days sounded easy it really isn't and you have to work hard for everything that you want in your life. Just like the pioneers had to work to be able to get to Zion we have to work to walk 36 miles in 3 days. Nothing is easy but nothing is impossible with the lord's help. The pioneers are so much more real because of trek before they were just stories but now they are so much more.

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My Testimony:

I have a testimony of the gospel. I know it is true with all of my heart. My testimony was strengthened by all of your guises testimonies at the family testimony meeting and with President McKay's testimony and prayer that was truly amazing to experience. Although all of those experiences are over now I can still think about them and feel the way I did when I was there experiencing them. I want to testify that the atonement of Jesus Christ is real and no matter how badly we have sinned nothing can keep you from being forgiven of that through the atonement we will be forgiven and our weaknesses can be made our strengths. God is a very forgiving and gracious person and he knows us all very well.

Thanks for making trek great.

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Isabelle Crosby

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Sarah Ann Smith

To My Family:

I have always wanted older siblings, and I got some on Trek. I couldn't ask for anyone better. It is amazing how fast everyone was able to become friends and work together. At first I was really nervous, then everything fell into place and it was like we had always been friends. Ma and Pa, thank you for looking out for me and everybody, thank you for family devotionals and being supportive and understanding about everything. Thank you everybody for being yourselves.

What I Learned on Trek:

We are stronger than we think we are. We can go down and get right back up. We can make the most of situations. We can do hard things, I can do hard things. Attitude is everything. In doing, being in action, you grow closer to your Heavenly Father. When you spend three and a half days with random people you have no choice but to make them your friends, and not random people any more. I learned about my friends and neighbors ancestors who came across the planes with my ancestors, who paved the way for others and who developed the land where we live. I learned lifelong lessons walking a couple miles across Wyoming.

My Testimony:

We have supporting leaders, teachers, friends, neighbors, and we have our Heavenly Father and his son Jesus Christ. We have families, all there to support, and to lead and guide us. I am so grateful for them and for the opportunities that I have been given to learn. I know Jesus Christ lives, and loves us. I know that this is the true Church. I know that life is not going to be easy but we can do hard things and we will always have someone there to guide us. Amen.

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Drew Hathaway

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Paul Coffard

To My Family:

Thank you guys so much for such a wonderful experience! Trek was definitely one of the best if not the best thing I have done this summer! I am so happy I was able to go through this experience with you guys! I am so grateful for everything you did for me and this family! Thanks again for everything! Trek is something that I will remember forever. and now, that I was able to meet you guys, I know I will remember you forever also!

What I Learned on Trek:

There are so many things that I learned on trek. The most important thing was probably this, you can do hard things, and if you believe in yourself, you can do impossible things you couldn't even imagine you could have done before! you are stronger than you know or what you think you know and if you believe in that, you can do anything.

My Testimony:

I just want you to know that I know this gospel is true, and that trek has definitely made me become a better person. Trek has strengthened my testimony immensely as well. I believe in Jesus Christ and I believe that President Monson is a true prophet; I believe that trek is a life-changing experience and that it will help you to grow and to be the best person you can be. I know that families are the greatest blessings on this earth, so treat them well! I am grateful for the missionaries and what they do for this church.

Thanks for everything!