

Eyre



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TREK

How Firm A Foundation

Family Journal

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Brichelle Eyre

Reina Eads
Morgan Christy
Dallin Larsen
Tiahna Cipriano
Brittany Lindberg
Maccabe Hinckley
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Darren & Brichelle

Pioneers We Honored and Remembered on Trek:

**Daniel Matheson
Mary Spencer Flint**

To Our Family:

From Pa:

Brichelle and I had the greatest group of kids. All of them were hard workers and never complained. None of them knew each other when trek started but they seemed like a group of best friends when it all came to an end. I was grateful for the impression each person made on me and other members of our family.

Josh was very talkative and was able to help all of us have good conversations. Tiahna had one of the most beautiful voices I've ever heard as she brought the spirit to our family when she sang hymns every day. Maccabe was very dedicated to stay with us and persevered through sickness. Morgan was very nice and polite to everyone the whole week. Dallin was a work horse when we pulled the handcart, set up camp, and cleaned up dinner. Reina was very positive and never complained even though she had a blister covering the heel of her foot while hiking 30 miles. Kole worked so hard during the hiking part of trek that he needed to sleep when we would stop. Brittany was filled with energy and made me laugh many times when she told funny stories. I also had fun giving each person a nickname-Sleepy (Kole), Ox (Josh), Memory Man (Dallin), Mack Attack (Maccabe), Songbird (Tiahna), Gazelle (Brittany), Cutesy (Morgan), and Queeny (Reina).

From Ma:

To my favorite Trek Eyre Family. I feel extremely blessed to have crossed paths with all of you. You are all amazing people and I love all of you very much. You were all team players and pulled your own weight. Each one of you played an important part in our family. I hope you will take this incredible experience and cherish it forever. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to share trek with you.

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What We Learned on Trek:

From Pa:

I learned about many pioneer stories I had never known of before this experience. It gave me a glimpse of what the real pioneers went through. I can't imagine what they actually experienced with the hardships of bad weather, starvation, lack of good equipment and clothing, losing family members to death, and many more things they went through that I never will. I learned that the only way the pioneers were able to make it across the plains with their given trials was to have a deep foundation and testimony in the Savior. I believe that their faith and blessings given to them from God are what helped them overcome their trials.

From Ma:

I learned an incredible love for my pioneer ancestors and all those many pioneers who sacrificed so much to come to Zion. What a blessing it was for me to walk the path of my ancestors. It was a very humbling experience.

Our Testimonies:

From Pa:

I know this church is the Savior's restored church on the earth that was created for our day. I know The Book of Mormon is an inspired true book of scripture written by prophets of God. I know this trek experience is an event each of us has been allowed to have in our lives to help strengthen us for the trials we will go through now and in the future. A friend once told me that great people learn by experience but greater people learn by the experiences of others. The scriptures are filled with experiences of those that both kept and disobeyed the commandments of God and they tell the story of blessings that were imparted to the obedient and tragedies of those who disobeyed. I pray that each trek child of mine will obey the commandments, read the scriptures and follow the words of our living prophet so they can have the blessings of God in their lives and avoid pitfalls created by the adversary. I know if each of "my children" will do these things, they will have a long, happy life filled with joy and blessings.

From Ma:

I have a testimony of this gospel. I know it is the only true church. I am grateful for a living prophet who leads and guides this church today. I am grateful for temples and the blessings that come from it. I am grateful for Joseph Smith and the many sacrifices he and others made to restore the gospel. I am grateful for my family. What a blessing they are to me in my life. I am grateful the Lord has blessed me with this trek experience in a different way. It has strengthened my faith and humbled me to remind me that the Lord has a plan for each of us.

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Joshua Christensen

**Pioneer Name I Honored and
Remembered on Trek:**

To My Family:

What I Learned on Trek:

My Testimony:



Dallin Larsen

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

John Carling

To My Family:

You guys are so awesome I had a great time being on trek with you guys. You guys were so much fun to be around. Ma and Pa you were really fun and had cool games and activities my favorite was the memory game it was cool to see how far Tiahna and I got. All you guys are cool people thanks for being with me on trek.

What I Learned on Trek:

On trek I learn about the pioneers and their hardships, it gives me more respect for what they did to get to Zion. I can't believe that my great great grandpa did all that to get here, must have been really tough. I also learned that heavenly father will help you do hard thing if you just ask him. I now know that he wants to help us but we need to knock on his door first. I loved it and had a great time.

My Testimony:

I know that my heavenly father loves me and cares about me. I know that this is the true church and that we can feel Christ's spirit every day of our lives if we invite it. I know that the Book of Mormon is true and that all of the prophets in it were ordained of god. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that through him the only true church was brought back to the earth. I know that Thomas S. Monson is the living prophet today and that his words lead us through these dangerous last days. I know that Heavenly Father helped the pioneers cross the plains to get to Zion. I love this church and I love Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father. I know that we can repent of our sins through the Atonement that Christ gave to us in the Garden of Gethsemane. I am very glad I had the opportunity to go on trek and hope that I will keep the spirit of it always.

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Reina Eads

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Jane Anne Fowler

To My Family:

You were the best parents a girl could ask for. Pa you were just so funny and you helped us with everything we needed and also so humble;) and Ma, you were just so sweet, you cared about each and every one of us and wanted to help whenever you could, you are so strong and amazing, I look up to you! I loved you guys so much like you were my real parents. You made Trek the best experience a girl could ever have.

What I Learned on Trek:

What I gained from Trek was how strong those pioneers really were. Before this experience I never would have guessed what they had went through, and even now I only experienced a glimpse of what they did go through. Some came from so far just to; no not just to, but to want to, be able to be with their families forever and other reasons. I think they are amazing. Our ancestors are amazing.

My Testimony:

One of my favorite experiences on Trek was not only the amazing devotionals, but the women's pull. Before the women's pull a sister talked to all the Young Women about how if anyone is going to help us up that hill it's going to be family, ancestors, etc. She said that God would not just send down any angel but a special angel for you. After that I couldn't help from balling all I could think about was my little brother Jonathan who had passed away when he was 5. When I got to the top of that hill I knew that my brother and other family members that were no longer with me, had helped me throughout that, and I know when we are going through trials that we need to look ahead not just at what we see at the moment we need to look to the celestial kingdom, to our heavenly father, that is our goal. Similar to looking at the top of that hill, It seems far and you don't want to focus on it, But it's much better to focus on where you're going then looking at the ground and not knowing if you're gonna get there. To get to our goal we need to realize the big picture. We need to realize we are not alone. I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ can help us there, and other family members, and friends; with us or not with us, can also help us to our ultimate goal, and I know that those pioneers did walk those many, many miles, and because of them I can know the truth also. I love my ancestors and my family, and I know I want to be with them in the celestial kingdom along with my other family members who have made it there, and I know I can make it there too if I simply focus on doing what's right. I say these thing in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Maccabe Hinckley

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Ira Nathaniel Hinckley

To My Family:

I am very happy that you were the family that I was assigned to because you were nice and fun to talk to.

What I Learned on Trek:

That even though I may not be feeling my best I can still do hard things.

My Testimony:

I have a testimony that even when things don't look good having people with a positive attitude will help you out.

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Brittany Lindberg

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Jerusha Smith

To My Family:

Thank you so much for the amazing experience! I had such a great time and wanted to stay longer! I had felt so loved by our family and I am glad that I was put into your family! Thank you for being so caring and gentle! Pa: I loved how you made it a point to make sure that everyone had everything that they need and that everyone was taken care of. I also am glad that I had you as my pa for the amazing sense of humor you have.

Thank you for making trek a positive experience, finding the good in everything and everyone and making us all laugh.

Ma: Thank you for being so caring and being our mother bear for the week. I felt like you were my second mother. I talked to you and came to you for things that I usually only talk and ask from my real mom. I was so glad that I was able to feel so loved in our family. I love you, your beauty and your amazing love and care for everyone around you. I love you both and will forever remember the experience I had and the way you cared for me. Thank you for being the best ma and pa anyone could ever dream of having!

What I Learned on Trek:

I learned many things on trek. Though some of them might have been the things that weren't the point of trek such as how to survive windstorms and how to set up a tent using a tarp, I also learned other things that changed my life. I learned that despite our imperfections, we can all do amazing things. In my life, there have been many things that have impacted me and how I live daily. My grandma died in 2010 after a courageous battle with breast cancer, a brain tumor and many other complications that were caused by these illnesses. When she died, I lost my hero and my source of light and example of what I wanted to aspire to. During trek, I learned that what I went through was nothing compared to what the pioneers had to endure just to be able to worship how they wanted to and to have the opportunity to be sealed to their families. I know I take for granted many of the things I have in life. I am grateful for the things that I have and the struggles that the pioneers endured to give me the opportunity to be sealed to my family.

During the women's pull, I had the opportunity to see the strengths of the girls that are in our stake. I saw girls pulling their own carts with one hand and reaching ahead to help push the cart in front of them with the other hand. This showed me that we are all capable of having Christ's light with us and

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helping others. While everyone else was crying and marveling over what they had just done, I was thinking of how far we had come and how little it was compared to what the pioneers endured. When my parents came over, my dad hugged me whispered in my ear that he was proud of me. My mom then hugged me and I burst into tears at the love that I felt and I could feel the presence of my grandma. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to go on trek and to experience the things that I did. I am grateful for the pioneers and all they did for us.

My Testimony:

I have a testimony of this gospel and the scriptures. I know this church is true and that those that restored were men of God and true prophets. I know that the pioneers came across the plains despite the hardships they knew they would have to endure. I know that they were willing to do anything to know of the true gospel. I have a testimony that they were helped by angels and by our Savior Jesus Christ and that He made it possible for them to make it through the freezing days and nights and keep walking through snow to Zion. Trek has shown me of the many miracles that the pioneers experienced. One of my favorite moments on trek was the reenactment of James carrying his little brother Joseph into camp. Daniel carried will in the reenactment and the reverence with which they acted out the care of the 2 brothers made everyone cry. The reenactment was amazing, but it was what Bishop Schmutz said afterwards that touched me the most. He said that that day as Daniel was walking, he picked up a rock and carried it throughout the day and when we got into camp, he walked to the memorial of the James and Joseph and placed it by James's name. I was amazed at the love and reverence that Daniel showed towards the boy he would be representing that night. I am grateful for the pioneers and their sacrifices. I am grateful for our Savior and all he did for the pioneers and all that He does for us. I will forever remember my trek experience and all the amazing things that happened.

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Kole Davis

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

To My Family:

What I Learned on Trek:

My Testimony:



Morgan Christy

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

Louise Wintsch

To My Family:

Thank you so much for making my trek experience so amazing! I had such a good time and I am so glad that I had you guys as a family! Trek was such an amazing experience and you guys made it so much better! Thanks for everything! Trek was awesome!

What I Learned on Trek:

I learned on trek that we can all do hard things. I also learned how many hardships the pioneers had to endure. We only experienced a little part of what they had to go through, it was amazing walking through the places where they walked. The pioneers had to go through so much and they had many hardships. I can't imagine how hard it would have been for them in the winter with all of the snow and the ice. I also learned that no matter what the lord will never leave our sides and he will help us through all of our trials.

My Testimony:

I know that no matter what we have done in our lives, if we call upon the lord he will have mercy upon us. The lord will always be there for us no matter how far we may wander. I know that the lord will help us through every day and that he never leaves our sides no matter what. I know that Christ suffered for us and I know that he knows exactly how we feel. I know that families can be together forever and that our prayers are answered, even if they aren't answered in the way we expect them to be answered. I know that if we are faithful and endure to the end we will be blessed.

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Tiahna Cipriano

Pioneer Name I Honored and Remembered on Trek:

To My Family:

What I Learned on Trek:

My Testimony: