Pioneer Trail Camp
Young Women Camp Guidelines
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Pioneer Trail Camp is a facility developed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It provides a church historical setting away from the world where the Young Women program can be implemented. The purpose of Young Women camp is:

- To help young women recognize and appreciate their identity as a daughter of God;
- To teach young women to feel and recognize the Spirit;
- To prepare young women for their future roles; and
- To help young women keep their baptismal covenants.

(Young Women General Board Workshop, Fall 2003)

*Note: This document does not define the Young Women camp program. Rather, it is intended to define guidelines that have been established specifically for Young Women camps at Pioneer Trail Camp. In addition, The Church Handbook of Instructions, The Young Women Camp Manual, and For the Strength of Youth should be followed when attending the camp.

Required Young Women Camp Guidelines

Participants
- The camp will accommodate up to 200 campers. There are seven campsites with space for up to 69 tents. (Pioneer Trail Camp Council)
- Leaders and young women may arrive as early as 7:00 a.m. but no later than noon on Monday, and should depart Friday evening by 5 p.m. Any exception to these times must be cleared at the time your reservations are made. Young women and leaders are strongly encouraged to arrive on time and stay for the entire duration of the camp. Please limit late arrivals and early departures. (Pioneer Trail Camp Council)
- Children, infants, nursing babies, young men (under 21), and single men are not permitted in camp when young women groups are in camp.

Reservations and Camp Fees
- Reservations can be made by contacting Brother Gene Cutler at reserve@pioneertrailcamp.com. Home phone: 440-639-5102, or Cell phone: 440-520-0954.
- Camp fee is $18.00 per person per week. Checks should be made out to Akron Ohio Stake and mailed to Brother Gene Cutler at 946 Tradewinds Cove, Painesville, Ohio, 44077.
- Swimming is available at Hiram College. There is a maximum of 50 swimmers in the pool at a time. Contact Anita Stocz at 330-569-6116 to
make reservations. Make check payable to Hiram College. Address is Hiram College, P.O. Box 67, Hiram, Ohio, 44234, attn. Anita Stocz, Special Events.

Transportation and Parking
- When driving private vehicles, after unloading, drivers will be asked to park in the parking area for the duration of the camp. No driving or parking on grassy areas.

Safety & Security
- The safety of the young women is the responsibility of the stake/ward leaders.
- “Participants in Church activities should be covered by personal accident and health insurance.” (Church Handbook of Instructions, p.277)
- Young women should be in their tents by 10:00 p.m. Lights should be turned out and young women quiet by 11:00 p.m.
- Stake leaders may wish to bring cell phones for emergency or stake use; however, cell phones have limited reception and are therefore not reliable for in-camp communication.
- There are no public phones in camp.
- “Make sure that a nurse, doctor, or person with mature judgement and first-aid experience is in camp for the entire time.” (2002 Young Women Camp Manual, p. 91) Medical staff is not provided.
- Emergency procedures are in place for the safety of all. Emergency procedures will be explained by the camp host during the Monday orientation.
  - Severe weather and tornadoes. In the event of severe weather or tornadoes, the shower and rest room buildings are tornado safe and built to withstand winds of up to 400 m.p.h. Everyone should seek shelter in the toilet stalls, showers, and storage rooms of these two buildings. The siren in camp will sound off if weather in the county is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately. The Lodge is NOT a place of safety.
  - You may want to bring a weather radio.

Fires, Cooking & Fuels
- Fires are permitted in designated fire rings ONLY. Fires must be attended at all times or extinguished completely. No candles, lighter fluid, or fire works of any kind are permitted. Firewood is provided. DO NOT bring firewood from home or from another county. A hatchet or axe to split supplied firewood is recommended. Local fire restrictions may require temporary termination of all fires in camp. Leaders should review fire prevention guidelines with the young women at the beginning of camp. (See 2002 Young Woman Camp Manual, p.32-34)
- Fires are not permitted in hiking trail areas at any time for any reason!
- You may cook at each pavilion using the fire ring, barbeque stand or you may bring propane camp stoves. Propane stoves and lanterns are not to
General Conservation and Safety

- Nails, screws, tape, tacks, and staples are not permitted for use in or on the pavilions, buildings, or lodge. Magnets are permitted on the metal doors. 1X4 stringers will be attached to the beams in the Lodge and the pavilions so that tacks and staples can be used for decoration purposes. This is the only wood that can be used for decorating.
- Preserve natural vegetation. Do not pick wildflowers or foliage.
- Water conservation is encouraged.
- No pets are allowed.
- Pranks are not allowed.
- Heaters of any type (electric, propane, gas, kerosene, etc.) are not permitted in tents.
- Individual radios, CD players, MP3 players, electronic games or any other electronic devices and cell phones are not permitted for young women.
- Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, ATV’s and recreational vehicles of any type are not permitted.
- Riding outside of motor vehicles or in the back of pick-up trucks, trailers, etc. is not permitted.
- Do not bring weapons, sheaf knives, fireworks, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products.

Stake / Ward Responsibilities

1) Priesthood Leaders

- Each stake, if coming as a stake, or ward, if coming as a ward, should have 2 Melchizedek Priesthood leaders in camp at all times.
- The main responsibility of Priesthood leaders is to assist Young Women leaders with the physical safety and spiritual nature of camp. Priesthood support for the adherence to camp guidelines is crucial for the accomplishment of these objectives. (Pioneer Trail Camp Council)
- Priesthood leaders should abide by all camp guidelines and dress standards. “Priesthood leaders at camp should not bring family members with them. Their focus and attention should be on the Young Women program.” (Pioneer Trail Camp Council)
- Priesthood leaders are to stay in tents, not with their wives. Priesthood leaders should provide their own tent and sleeping supplies. Trailers/campers are not permitted.
Priesthood leaders should be married Melchizedek Priesthood holders. No young men or single men are permitted during Young Women camp.

Two additional priesthood leaders are recommended to accompany campers at off-site activities. The additional leaders may go home as soon as the group rejoins the stake/ward. Two priesthood leaders must stay at the base camp.

2) Young Women Leaders

- A minimum of two Young Women leaders is required from each stake/ward. Camp management recommends one leader for every six young women.
- Young Women leaders are responsible to ensure that participants adhere to camp procedures and guidelines.
- “When staying in tents, youth may not stay in the tent of an adult leader unless the leader is his or her parent or guardian. If Young Women leaders and young women share other overnight facilities, such as a cabin, there must be at least two adult women in the facility.” (2002 Young Women Camp Manual, p. 90)
- Ensure that check-in and check-out procedures are followed. Upon arrival, a check-in form will be filled out by the Stake Camp Director. Before departure she will check the camp for damages that occurred during your stay. The cost of vandalism, including graffiti and broken or lost equipment, will be assessed to the responsible stake.
- A mandatory orientation meeting for all campers will be held in the Lodge on your first day of camp. The resident care taker will conduct this orientation.
- Restrooms should be checked twice daily for needed supplies and cleaned daily by each stake/ward. All floors (including stalls) should be swept; toilets, sinks, and showers scrubbed; mirrors shined; and equipment returned to storage. All floors should be scrubbed when you do the final cleaning at the end of the camp week. Cleaning supplies, including gloves, are provided. Sanitary supplies should be deposited in cans or bags, NOT in the toilets!

Additional Guidelines for Young Women Camps

- “Dress standards for safety and protection have been established as Capri length or longer pants (no shorts), full length shirts (to cover stomach area) with short or long sleeves, and closed-toe footwear that is comfortable and will protect your feet. Modest one piece swim wear is needed for the pool at Hiram College. No tankinis. You may not wear shorts or tee shirts in the pool at Hiram College.” (Pioneer Trail Camp
Standards outlined in “For the Strength of Youth” should be followed.

- The buddy system is strongly recommended.
- Be good friends and neighbors.
- Plan and administer your camp program in a way that will not interfere with the residents living in the vicinity of this camp.
- Be mindful of others sharing your camp area when using sound equipment.
- Walk around, not through, other camp sites.
- Camp security recommends a head count be taken at morning and evening flag ceremony and a tent check made at bedtime.

**General Information about Pioneer Trail Camp**

- Camp is closed Sundays. No camp activities will be scheduled.
- Restroom supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, and hand soap are provided by the camp. Cleaning supplies for the Restrooms are provided. Soap is not supplied in the showers. Glass containers should not be used in the restrooms or showers.
- Cooking supplies, including cooking utensils, and towels are NOT provided.
- Food and supplies may be transported to camp in private vehicles. After unloading, drivers will be asked to park in the parking area for the duration of camp. Do not drive or park in or on grassy areas.
- Weather in Ohio changes constantly. Be prepared.
- Garbage must be bagged and transported daily to the garbage bin located by the pole building behind the Johnson Home. There will be a once weekly pick-up of the trash. Leave no trash in camp at night. Leave no trash in camp at the end of your camp stay. Overflow trash can be taken to the trash bin behind the Hiram Chapel.
- This is a woodland camp. There are ticks, snakes, bees, poison ivy, and other insects and plants. There are deer and other small wildlife. Keep food in closed plastic totes to avoid night raids by raccoons. Be alert and observe safe hiking practices (*2002 Young Women Camp Manual*, p. 52).
- You may want to bring garden hoses, extra tarps, garbage can liners, and power strips.
- Any of the farm land adjacent to the Pioneer Trail campsite is private property. Please do no trespass.
- Speed limit on gravel road is 10 m.p.h. Speed limit on gravel road in camp is 5 m.p.h. **You must open and close the gate by the big red barn each time you enter or leave camp!!!**
- You must schedule visits to John Johnson Farm and any LDS church sites in Kirtland you wish to visit. **Historic Kirtland:** 7800 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland, Ohio, 44094, Phone: 440-256-9805. **John Johnson Farm Home:** 6203 Pioneer Trail, Hiram, Ohio, 44234, Phone:
330-569-3374. The LDS sites can also be found at www.mormon.org.

**Kirtland Temple**: 9020 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, Ohio, 44094, phone: 440-256-3318 or on the web at www.kirtlandtemple.org, or temple@ncweb.com.

- If you wish to do a service project, contact President Bryan Laubaugh at blaubaugh@wadsnet.com, phone: 330-334-7000, cell: 330-730-2483.
- Local towns and stores in the area are found at this link: http://www.hiram.edu/visitors/gettingtohiram/areaattractions.html

**Pioneer Trail Camp website**:
http://www.pioneertrailcamp.com