

# Sandpoint Stake Primary Newsletter

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## Calendar

February 24 : Bonners Ferry 1st Ward Conference

March 12: BSA District Dinner. 6 pm @ Stake Center. Cost of dinner is \$8. All is welcome.

March 24: Bonners Ferry 2nd Ward Conference

April 20-21: Stake Conference

April 20: 4pm Stake Leadership Conference

April 28: Priest River Ward Conference

[Link to the Full Calendar](#)

This newsletter is to assist Primary Presidencies as they instruct Music Leaders, Activity Day and Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs.

## Come Follow Me:

### Contact Families in Many Ways

A key to family participation in the new Come Follow Me program is for the family to know which lessons are being taught in Primary. At Westmond, we discussed the value of using many methods. We all need repetition and everyone has their own preference of how they'd like to receive news and schedules.

Here are some ideas:

Email/text: A quick weekly note from the Primary Presidency and/or teachers

Ward Primary Newsletter: Make your own newsletter and distribute it in both hard copy and email. Consider mailing it to families you don't see often.

Facebook Page: If your ward has a Facebook page, add a lesson reminder there. TIP: Be sure you have written permission from parents before posting children's pictures, and never use their names on the internet.

Ward Bulletin: Is the Sunday School/Relief Society/Elder's Quorum lesson schedule posted already? Just add the Primary schedule to it.

Ward Communication Specialist: To help get all the news out, Newport has a ward communication specialist! The specialist contacts each auxiliary presidency to gather what they would like included in the monthly newsletter. All members are encouraged to update their email addresses in the LDS Directory at [lds.org](http://lds.org) because that is their main contact for communication of all ward news. Internet permission is obtained for pictures of children.

## Plan for Activity Days & Scouting

If you haven't yet, now is a good time for presidency members to meet with leaders to determine a long-range plan for Activity Days & Scouting. It could be for the next quarter, six months or through 2019.

When activities are planned in advance, it allows you to consider the advancement needs of the children, time to gather donations, and an excellent program.

Let's make this final year the best one yet! Sample planning forms are available online. Here are four items to focus on as you meet with Activity Day leaders and Cub and/or 11 Year Old Leaders:

- A brief, stated Gospel purpose in every activity (like a cubmaster minute)
- Tracking achievements and requirements (the presidency needs a record, too)
- Budget (small, so ask parents/ward members for donations of supplies they already have)
- Sharing Event (every 6 months) or Pack Meetings (monthly)

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## Ward/Branch Conferences in 2019

This year during ward conferences, Primary will continue as usual during second hour, with members of the Stake Primary Presidency sitting among the children. Immediately following Sunday meetings, plan to stay for Presidency training and council with the Stake Primary Presidency. See the [letter from the Stake Presidency to Bishops](#) and [an outline of stake visits and training](#) at our local website. Just scroll down to Stake Visits and Training.

<https://www.sandpointstakecommunications.com/primary-presidency.html>

## Music Idea & Video

<https://www.sandpointstakecommunications.com/primary-music.html>

See the video of Sister Richards with the Newport children as she reviewed *Keep the Commandments* with variety and actions:

- Stand for any words that begin with S
- Clap for Keep
- Rub hands together for Commandments

## Visits at Blue & Gold Banquets

Please let us know when your pack is holding their Blue & Gold Banquet. District and stake representative would like to attend.

### Adult Recognition Dinner BSA David Thompson District March 12 Nominations due Feb 12

This is for all adults who work with cub scouts and scouts including Primary Presidencies and Bishopricks. Get the flyer. You can nominate adult leaders from your pack to be recognized during the dinner. Get the nomination form. You can also make your own



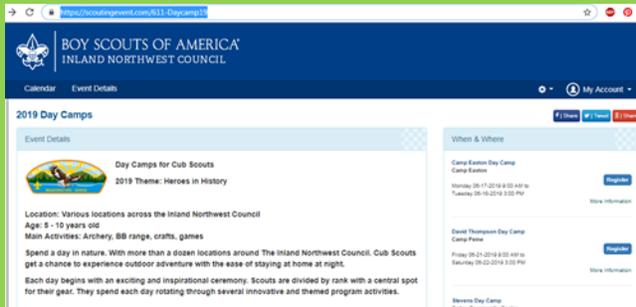
awards to hand out to leaders you have seen doing awesome things for our youth. Make plans now to attend and register online here

\$8/person includes Fiesta dinner!

# HEROES in HiSTORY CUB DAY Camp

June 21-22 at Camp Peine

Registration is now available for cub day camp! Please let parents know about this awesome opportunity for their boys and begin recruiting them as drivers and walking volunteers. Gail Bryan, camp director, would like to visit your pack meeting to build anticipation.



## April 13 District- Pinewood Derby

Please let parents know that families and all cub scouts are invited! There will also be Craftmanship trophies this year. Entry fee is waived for champions from each unit. [See details in flyer.](#)



## Roundtable Changes!

Roundtable is changing and will no longer be held monthly, but when it is held, it will be amazing! May 9 is the next Round Table and there is a possibility the scouts may be teaching cubs skills while leaders go to break-out sessions. Watch for more details.

### SANDPOINTSTAKECOMMUNICATIONS.COM

This is the link to our Stake Website. Our leaders have asked us to use it as a resource for you. So that is exactly what we have created. Go to [Sandpointstakecommunications.com](http://Sandpointstakecommunications.com) and head to the Primary Resources. Under this you will find everything you need for you calling. Whether your calling is in the Presidency, Scouts, Activity Days or Music, there is Info for you! Click on your tab and you will be lead to information about you calling. There are ideas, the latest news and links to the Church website. Check it out!! It is new and improved and easy to navigate!!

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