

Sandpoint Stake Primary Newsletter

June 2018

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Calendar

June:

14: Day Camp Orientation. 5-6 pm. Turn in forms and pick up shirts!

14: Roundtable, 6 pm. At the Stake Center. There will be a combined training on "Scout Book"

24: Troy Branch Conference

29-30: Cub Scout Day Camp @ Camp Piene

July:

22: Libby Ward Conference

[Link to Calendar](#)

"...as we participate in family history and temple work today, we also lay claim to "healing" blessing promised by prophets and apostles."

Dale G. Renlund, April 2018

[\(click here for list of blessings\)](#)

Ideas for Prioritizing the Temple & Family History in Primary

[Click here for more in the 2018 & 2017 newsletters.](#)

Music: Purposefully include one song about the Temple or Family History every week during Music Time.

Games: Ancestorguru.com, Relative finder, Memory are fun ways for little ones to do Family History. Include in Activity Days and Scouting. Send information home to families as ideas for FHE and Sunday activities.

Give an Ancestor talk about where a child's ancestors came from as a Family History show and tell.

Senior Primary: As they get older, help Primary children to begin indexing, searching for ancestors, reading journals, and writing it in their own journals in Activity Days, Scouting, and Sunday lessons.

Activity Days Conference Survey

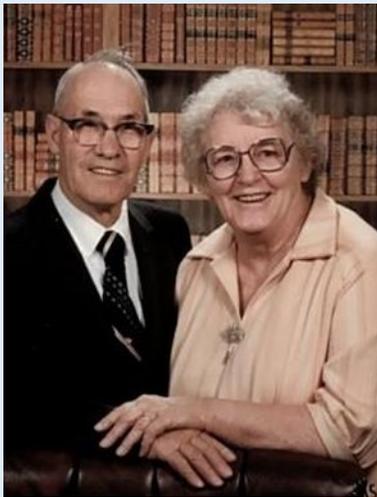
Please complete this [short survey \(click here\)](#) to help us identify your needs and desires for the Sept 15 Activity Days Conference.

Secret Ancestor or Temple

The Westmond Ward presidency is considering including a “Secret Ancestor” periodically instead of one of the talks. Parents would provide a story, item, and/or picture, and the children could guess which child was related to this ancestor. (Ancestors can include parents and grandparents, as well as relatives further back.) An alternative method is to periodically replace one of the talks with an Ancestor Spotlight by a child.

A similar “secret temple” method could be used to talk about the various temples around the world on occasion. Music including “I Love to See the Temple” and “Family History, I am Doing it” can be incorporated regularly.

Purposefully relating the temple to the monthly and yearly themes in Primary is another way to help the children understand how the gospel leads us to the temple. For instance, talking about temporal family history can help children understand the spiritual family history of our 2018 theme, “I am a Child of God”.



Cub Day Camp June 29-30 at Camp Peine

[Click here for flyer.](#)

Orientation will be just before the June Round Table. Come from 5:00 to 6:00 pm to turn in [Health & Medical forms \(click here\)](#) and pick up t-shirts on Thursday, June 14. Then stay for Round Table featuring Scoutbook, the new advancement tracking with potluck dutch oven after.



Touching the Temple

For the past 2 years our Bishop has encouraged our ward to “Touch the Temple” monthly. This can mean to look at a picture of a temple, learn about a temple, actually touch a temple, do family history work, including: finding a name, logging into family search, adding your picture and family onto your tree in Family Search. So, this last spring break, my family chose to go on vacation to Utah. We toured the church sites and visited the Salt Lake and Jordan River Temples. My children LOVED seeing all the temples and actually being able to “touch” the temple. This was a great way to solidify the monthly teaching we had been working on.



Prepare for Ward Conference

Make sure the presidency, teachers, and nursery leaders know the changes in schedule. No talks need be assigned so that parents may also be in Sunday School. Before going to President Ballard’s 2nd hour lesson on the temple, the presidency needs to help settle the children in Primary and Nursery. For 3rd hour, Primary teachers should meet their classes in the Primary room. Prepare for training by [reviewing a sample training agenda and more details \(click here\)](#).

Council in Presidency Meeting

Was at least one member of your presidency able to attend the Relief Society 1st Sunday Council Meeting and the Teacher Council Meetings in May? It is valuable to rotate until each member of the presidency has attended each at least once.

Did you try the [council method \(click here\)](#) in your May presidency meetings? Keep trying and studying this approach.

Come to Presidency meeting prepared to council together to seek revelation from the Lord, then volunteer for assignments to report back on be-



Changes to Scouting, Activity Days, and more

[Click here for statement.](#) Effective [Jan 2020.](#)

Note that the *Scouting Handbook* has been updated, and is now titled [Scouting Guidelines \(click here\)](#). It...should be used until December 31, 2019.



Youth Protection Training (YPT)

New Feature: The Youth Protection Certificate is now automatically emailed to you!

The new YPT is so beneficial that some wards are considering having a parent's meeting to view YPT together. Remember, the hour long new YPT must be completed by Sept 30 for 2018 for all scout leaders. [Click here for step by step details](#) or log in at my.scouting.org

Friday Merit Badges at Encampment

A list of Merit Badges is coming for the 11 year old boys to choose from on Friday, August 10. These would be merit badges, like fingerprinting, that only take one day. Come at 7:00 am for breakfast and be ready for a productive day. [Click here for more information.](#)

The usual 11 year old Day Camp will not be held in June 2018 as boys and their leaders attend Encampment, a once in a lifetime opportunity.



JTE Reminder To Discuss Budget

Add budget discussions to your Committee Meeting agenda! It is important that den leaders know what they can spend and counsel about other resources for projects and achievements. Think about asking families for donations of old school supplies, etc. for upcoming projects.

This idea is from the Spring Journey to Excellence (JTE) discussions Sister Kopsa and your unit commissioner have with the Key 3 (Bishopric Representative, Primary Presidency member, Cubmaster, Committee Chair) [using the JTE forms found here.](#)

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