

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Outreach Ideas



Introduction

By creating and then sharing outreach experiences with one another, ideas are fostered for activities and ways to preserve pioneer history and promote interest in DUP.

Ideas for Possible Activities:

- REACH OUT to elementary schools (i.e., the 4th and 7th grade Utah history students).
- Present an assembly, share a story, or offer classes about pioneers at schools, museums, or libraries.
- Compare schools then and now, (i.e., slates vs. pencil and paper, or Deseret Alphabet vs. standard).
- Invite or encourage visits or tours of DUP, Utah, or local history museums and historic homes.
- Host an open house; display historical collections of dolls, clothing, artifacts, etc.
- Enter a pioneer-themed float, covered wagon, or handcart, etc., in a parade.
- Organize a children's neighborhood parade centered on pioneers.
- Have a poetry or pioneer ancestor writing contest for family, community, or DUP.
- Sell pioneer cookbooks or any DUP books at local events. (See ISDUP.org → Leadership tab → Company or Camp Treasurer Responsibilities → #6 Fundraisers.)
- Participate in celebrations for state/national holidays.
- Entertain and teach at local celebrations and events, such as county fairs, rodeos, or community festivals, etc.:
 - Tell pioneer stories
 - Play pioneer games
 - Provide pioneer crafts
 - Have music – live or on CD
 - Teach the Virginia reel
 - Sell food – bread, jam, pies, cakes, etc.
 - Make butter or ice cream
 - Dress-up (in pioneer costumes)
 - Have a pie or watermelon eating contest
- Sponsor and/or participate in a 5K run/walk.
- Plan and participate in a theatrical skit/play at a public venue.
- Offer historic map(s) and walks within a community.
- Teach research skills for pioneer ancestry databases (i.e., Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org).
- Make a quilt. (*If for donation or income make sure it is in accordance with information provided by ISDUP Treasurer regarding fundraisers or raffles. See ISDUP.org → Leadership tab → Company or Camp Treasurer Responsibilities → #6 Fundraisers and #7 Raffles.*)
- Upgrade or help clean a cemetery; copy names off tombstones and list in a book, on the Internet, or for a local cemetery.
- Contribute toward a pioneer statue, memorial, or marker (ISDUP.org → Home tab → Markers).
- Honor an ancestor by placing a DUP plaque or marker on their headstone or by ordering a DUP headstone medallion (ISDUP.org → Shop tab).
- Place articles in local newspapers or newsletters about local pioneer historical items of interest.
- Advertise pioneer-themed events through social media, newspaper, bulletin boards, or flyers.
- Create a portable exhibit or booth for a family history fair or other event.
- Partner with Sons of Utah Pioneers for get-togethers.

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Ideas for Possible Activities, Continued:

- Share personal pioneer stories with family and friends.
- Volunteer to conduct or coordinate a pioneer-themed event for activity day girls and boys or young women's and young men's groups.
- Encourage young men and young women to make pioneer games as kits for schools as activities or service projects.
- Play pioneer bingo.
- Sing Primary songs in July to celebrate the pioneers.
- Make homemade honey pioneer taffy from an authentic pioneer recipe.
- Contact your local town newsletter. Submit a story of a pioneer who made a difference in that community.
- Search out DUP markers, graves, museums, or cabins, etc., as part of a family vacation.
- Assist youth in making pioneer clothing for participation in pioneer trek, a parade, or other event.
- Prepare a Family Home Evening about ancestors – assign an ancestor to each family member a week in advance. Choose and report five interesting facts about that ancestor.
- Enlarge a photo of an ancestor. Cut into puzzle pieces. Place under the dinner plate of each person in your family. During dinner, tell a story about that relative. As you clear off the plates, everyone notices a puzzle. Together they construct the puzzle as you reveal, "This is who we were just talking about."
- Put on a pioneer puppet show.
- Enlist assistance of young men and young women with scanning DUP documents.
- Have an old-fashioned quilting bee in remembrance of the importance of quilts to the pioneers. (Could relate the story of the Panguitch Quilt Walk.)
- Talk about examples of pioneer gratitude.
- Watch a pioneer-era movie such as *Sweetwater Rescue*, *Ephraim's Rescue*, or *17 Miracles*.
- Prepare and share family pioneer recipes.
- Make homemade Christmas gifts without going to the store. (What would the pioneers have made?)
- Re-enact an ancestor photo with members of the family.
- Compare Christmas then and now by recreating a pioneer Christmas.
- Learn how to preserve heirlooms and artifacts.
- Research and collect information to write a family history.
- Record your thoughts as you research and read your ancestors' journals.
- Compare the differences in courtship from then to now.
- Make homemade valentines. (Visit the ISDUP Museum in SLC and see the valentine case in the basement.)
- Discuss how we can show love for our ancestors.
- Discuss the occupations of your ancestors. How do they differ from occupations today?
- Teach a pioneer era skill such as tatting, crocheting, embroidering, or sewing.
- Make arrangements to go to a living farm to experience pioneer farm life.
- Discuss the similarities, likes, or dislikes you recognize in your ancestry.
- Talk about plant dyes that were used in making fabrics, art, etc.