



The Face of Fillmore

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Most Thursday, Friday and Saturday's throughout the summer months, the Face of Fillmore near the Territorial Statehouse is changed with dozens of tents dotting the shaded park. Building Zion Youth Camp has become a popular youth camp destination for wards throughout the state of Utah, as well as for family reunions.

In many areas there are pioneer treks for the youth giving them the pioneers coming across the plains experience. Building Zion Youth Camp takes this a step farther. What did the pioneers do when they arrived at their destination? How did they go about building their new homes and providing for their families? Many of these questions are answered with hands-on activities for the youth to enjoy. The three day experience is filled with the how-to's of pioneer life including how to card wool, how to make candles, how to saw logs for cabins, how to make bread under primitive situations, how to make rope, and more.

Thursday afternoon is spent setting up camp and getting acquainted with other wards who might also be at camp. Friday is filled with pioneer activities including building log cabins out of giant Lincoln logs like this three story one pictured here with the construction crew posing for a picture: Top row: Brianna Clark, Tracy Murdoch, Rylan Shaughnessy, Nate Lovett, Dakota Hutchings (the designer). Bottom row: Christopher Kammerman, Walker Eads, and Sarn Lovett.



These youth are from the American Fork 18th Ward with Young Men's President Steve Helm and Young Women's President Kimberly Dickey in charge of the camp. Also joining them in the camp was the Hunter Pheasant Brook Ward.

Friday afternoon's warm temperatures were a perfect setting for learning to build a pipeline to get water the pioneer crops. This, of course, ended in a giant water fight, followed by a dip in the East Millard Swimming Pool.

Friday evening after supper and free time, all the youth in camp joined in a dance in the statehouse. Saturday in that same location, they enjoyed a lecture by Carl Camp, director of the museum, and a testimony meeting.

These great camps are hosted by Carl Camp and the staff at the Territorial Statehouse, with help from some of the young people in Fillmore. Hundreds of visitors are provided each summer with the opportunity to enjoy a taste of Fillmore's past.

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