

# Building Zion Youth Camp

## Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum

### Fillmore-Utah's First Capitol

This fun filled camp is designed for youth groups and their leaders. Youth groups spend three days and two nights gaining insight into the challenges early settlers faced as they accepted the call, not just come to Zion, but to **build it**. Through Brigham Young's own words they learn about his vision of coming West, settling Utah and building Zion. They learn about the efforts and sacrifices he and the early saints made to build it. This camp makes an excellent LDS Youth Conference for wards and small stakes.

Youth and leaders together race to saw logs and build log cabins, reminiscent of settlers racing to build shelters before winter. Learn about the importance of water in Utah with water activities that may end up in a water fight. Tour the museum and learn of early settlers. Make bread and cook in a wood burning stove. Learn the thrift of pioneers through a quilt service project. Earn "tithing script" redeemable in the museum gift shop, by completing pioneer trades and tasks. Play Rounders and other pioneer games. Learn reels, marches, polkas, schottisches and even the risqué waltz, at the highlight of the camp, an Old Time Dance complete with dance cards.

Youth gain insight into pioneer life while enjoying many comforts of today, including a swim in the pool every afternoon and their own cool, comfortable clothes. The park provides plenty of lawn for tents, picnic tables, water and clean restrooms. Youth groups are responsible for tents and all meals.

The \$30/youth fee includes a drawstring backpack, water bottle and all activities. Leaders are free and have the option to purchase the backpack and water bottle in the gift shop if they desire.

This camp helps youth envision Brigham Young's view of the saint's potential in their new home in the west. It is an excellent next year compliment to a "Handcart Trek" or as a stand-alone youth conference to learn about early Utah life.

Dear Youth Group Leader,

In 1851, Brigham Young, with the goal of building Zion in mind, chose Fillmore as the Capitol of the new Utah Territory. He then called several men and families to come and build the capital building and city. We are excited that your group has chosen to come, learn and experience more about why “Building Zion” was important to the early Utah settlers and how they did it. We have a fun program planned for you.

The Territorial Statehouse Park is located in the center of Fillmore and you will be camping on the grass in the Park. The Park provides picnic tables, water, refrigerators, power and restrooms. There are no hook ups, but RVs are welcome to park on the street. Depending on the size of your group there may be one or two additional groups here. Each group will have their camp site and is responsible for all food, meals, camping needs and chaperoning. We recommend propane stoves and grills along with Dutch ovens. We have portable fire pits available for campfires, if desired. There is a multipurpose building that has a small kitchen that can be shared.

The fee is \$30.00 per youth, with no charge for leaders. Please pay \$300 to reserve your camp, then the remaining amount while at camp.

Each person needs to fill out, sign and bring an Informed Consent/ Photo Release Form to camp.

We provide full days of active, hands on programs along with some free time. Some groups hold additional meetings and activities, some groups don't. That is up to you. We do have more private areas in the park if you would like. We also have a volleyball pit, basketball court, roller skating and plenty of grass for ultimate, soccer or whatever. By Saturday morning both youth and leaders are pretty well worn out. We have a short closing meeting and you have the opportunity to hold final group meetings before you pack up and head home.

The county pool (indoor/outdoor) is adjacent to the park and scheduled for swimming each afternoon during the heat of the day. There is some access to the showers in the mornings.

We will be talking about the importance of water in Utah during our Water Challenge and playing water games which will likely end in a water fight. Encourage everyone to dress appropriately.

The highlight of the camp is the Old Time Dance. Occasionally youth and leaders are concerned about it. This is dancing like they have never done before, even if they've danced on trek. We will use dance cards, games, instructions and fun youth volunteers to make it a great time. The youth will discover why the pioneers loved to dance. We've been instructed by previous campers to warn the girls to wear good, sturdy shoes. Flip flops, heels and even bare feet just don't cut it for this kind of energetic dancing.

All activities are leader friendly and we've seen that the youth love to have the leaders involved, so join in any chance you get.

The \$30/youth fee includes a drawstring backpack, water bottle, swimming and all activities. During the Building Zion Challenge the youth receive “tithing script” that is redeemable for \$3.00 in the gift shop. They may want to bring extra cash. Since leaders are free, they don't receive “tithing script”, the backpack, or water bottle, but are welcome to purchase them in the gift shop.

Fillmore is small, but has several stores along with fast food and gas stations to serve your needs. If you have any questions call (435 743-5316), email ([carlcamp@utah.gov](mailto:carlcamp@utah.gov)) or check out our websites <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/territorial-statehouse>, <http://www.fillmorecity.org>, or Facebook page.

We look forward to meeting your group.

Carl Camp, Territorial Statehouse Museum Curator

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## Tentative Schedule

### Day 1

12:00 (approximate) Check in & tent set up  
1:30 Welcome & Introduction to Statehouse (top floor of museum)  
2:00 Rounders (lawn in front of museum)  
4:00 Swimming (pool next to museum)  
6:00 *Supper*  
7:00 Pioneer Games (near log cabins)  
8:30 *Optional group meeting* and/or Free Time activities  
11:00 Curfew

### Day 2

#### *Breakfast*

9:00 Building Zion Discussion (top floor of museum)  
9:30 Museum Tour & Building Zion Challenge (near log cabins & rock schoolhouse)  
12:00 *Lunch*  
1:00 Cabin Building Challenge (near log cabins)  
2:30 Water Challenge (wear clothes that can get wet)  
4:00 Swimming  
6:00 *Supper*  
7:00 *Optional group meeting* and/or Free Time activities  
9:00 – 11:30 Old Time Dance (in the Legislative Hall where Brigham Young & others danced)  
12:00 Curfew

### Day 3

#### *Breakfast*

9:00 Closing meeting in Statehouse  
9:30 *Optional group meeting*  
Clean up & check out

Note: Groups are responsible for all meals.

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Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum  
50 W. Capitol, Fillmore, UT 84631  
Phone (435) 743-5316, Fax (435) 743-4723  
Registration Form (2013)

Please return this form with your \$300. down payment. Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Youth Group \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City or Town) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact Person's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Youth (example 12-18 yrs, 14-18 yrs) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Number of Youth (will only pay for the number that come) \_\_\_\_\_

This program is best at 60-80 youth. If your group is smaller than that, we will accept registration of other groups for the same date.

If you want to register a larger group, please contact us.

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

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Fee- \$30/youth, leaders-free

Please update this information if you leadership changes.

Payment Information: Payment of \$300. to secure registration. Make checks payable to:  
Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum. Balance paid at arrival at camp.

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## Rules & Regulations

- Territorial Statehouse State Park is listed on the Utah and National Register of Historic Places and will be treated with respect at all times.
- The Statehouse is a museum and is therefore a hands off, don't touch, please look environment. We meet on the top level of the statehouse each day and for the dance, please walk through the building with respect.
- Don't play in the elevator.
- The museum is open to the public during business hours, be respectful to other visitors.
- The cabins and schoolhouse are also historic buildings, but we do hands on activities in them, please participate, but respect the buildings and activity stations.
- Use safety equipment & caution when using wood working and rock working tools.
- Adult supervision of youth is required at all times for the duration of the camp.
- No smoking, tobacco, alcohol, or drugs permitted inside any building.
- No personal firearms or edged weapons are allowed in on site.