Welcome to Frontier Homestead State Park!

We are happy that you have decided to take the fun challenge to become a Junior Curator. There are many activities enclosed for you to do. The museum is here to preserve and protect the history of the people from this region. You can help people to remember, protect, and preserve this exciting history by becoming a Junior Curator. Things to remember:

DO NOT touch the artifacts          DO take pictures
DO NOT climb on the objects         DO ask questions
DO NOT run in the building          DO have fun!

As a Junior Curator you are expected to do your part to keep this park beautiful. Here’s how:
1. Enjoy, but don’t destroy. Look at the objects but leave them where you find them. If you find anyone damaging an object, tell a staff member.
2. Help keep the park clean. If you see any litter pick it up and encourage your family and friends to do the same.
3. Share what you have learned in this booklet with others.

Junior Curator Pledge

I __________________________ promise to help protect the history at Frontier Homestead State Park Museum so future Junior Curators can enjoy it also.

Junior Curator Signature

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WHAT IS A CURATOR?

A curator is someone who takes care of the objects in a museum. We call these objects artifacts. Artifacts are things made by humans many years ago. Things like tools, clothes, furniture, wagons, and even books.

A curator is a detective. Curators must identify artifacts and then find out what they were used for. Curators search for clues to discover how artifacts were made and how best to take care of them.

Like a zookeeper takes care of animals, a curator must take care of the artifacts in the museum’s collection. They must be cleaned and kept in an environment that prevents them from decaying.
How many hands-on activities did you complete at Frontier Homestead State Park today? (see page 5)

What activity was your favorite?

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What did you learn today?

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If you were a curator, what would you like to collect for your museum?

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THE IRON MISSION STORY

When the pioneers came to Utah in 1847 they needed iron to make tools, pans, and other things for daily living. Iron ore was found in Southern Utah, so Brigham Young sent pioneers to settle Parowan and Cedar City in 1850. They built a furnace to smelt the iron ore and make useable iron. The furnace had to be very hot. Water from Coal Creek was used to turn a water wheel which powered the bellows of the furnace. The melted iron sank to the bottom of the furnace while the slag floated to the top. The iron was let out of the furnace and cast or wrought into useful products.

WORDS TO LOOK UP

Bellows  Slag
Cast  Smelt
HANDS ON ACTIVITIES

The following activities can be found in the backyard area of the park. Follow the instructions for each activity. Check off each one you finish.

☐ Branding
☐ Deseret Alphabet
☐ Dominoes
☐ Log Cabin Building
☐ Postcards
☐ Knot Tying

☐ Laundry
☐ Roping
☐ U Load It Wagon
☐ Gold Panning
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Visit the cemetery murals and read some of the epitaphs. An epitaph is written on a headstone to honor and remember someone who has died. Epitaphs could be serious or funny, short or long. Write an epitaph for someone you know or for a fictional character.
LOGO HUNT

Find the logos below throughout the museum. Mark each as you find it.
Quilting gave pioneer women a chance to make something beautiful as well as useful. They would use familiar patterns or make up a new one to create warm blankets. Many patterns had names such as “Noonday Lilly” or “Burgoyne’s Star.” Create your own quilt pattern above. Some lines have been drawn to show common quilt block starting points. You can use them or invent something totally new. What would you call your block?
WORD SEARCH

Basket  Glass  National Parks
Bottle  Goat Cart  Saddle
Branding Iron  Gold Rush  Snowshoes
Cedar City  Grand Canyon  Stagecoach
Checkers  Livestock  Union Pacific
El Escalante  Loom  Wagon
Frontier  

[Word search puzzle with words such as Basket, Glass, National Parks, Bottle, Goat Cart, Saddle, Branding Iron, Gold Rush, Snowshoes, Cedar City, Grand Canyon, Stagecoach, Checkers, Livestock, Union Pacific, El Escalante, Loom, Wagon, and Winchester.]
PIONEER FUN AND GAMES

Pioneer children did not have TVs or video games. They had other ways of playing and having fun. Here are a few for you to try.

**Button Button**
Find a button. Everyone except the player who is “it” sits or stands in a circle with their hands in front of them with the palms together. “It” holds the button between the palms of his hands. He or she goes around the circle placing his/her hands over the hands of each player and secretly drops the button to one person. He/She continues around the circle and after reaching the last player says “Button, button, who has the button?” Everyone guesses in no particular order and the one who guesses correctly is it next.

**Cat and Rat**
Two players are selected, one is the cat and the other the rat. The other players stand in a circle holding hands with arms outstretched and held high. The cat and rat start on opposite sides of the circle. The rat runs in and out of the circle of players, under their arms. The cat must follow the exact course of the rat or he is “crowned” and another cat is chosen. The other players may not help or hinder. When the rat is caught the cat becomes the rat and a new rat is chosen.

**Stick pull**
Find a long stick or a broom. Two players sit on the ground facing each other with their feet touching and knees bent, holding on to the stick, so neither player has both of their hands touching each other. When the signal is given each player tries to pull the other into a standing position. The person who remains seated is the winner.
International Morse Code

In October of 1861 the Overland Telegraph Company completed the telegraph line from Omaha, Nebraska to Salt Lake City. Most of Utah’s settlements did not benefit from the east to west line because they were north and south of Salt Lake City. So, Brigham Young formed the Deseret Telegraph Company to reach settlements from St. George to Idaho. By 1867 the line from Salt Lake City to St. George was complete.

Even though young men were the first trained operators, soon it became a common job for women. Ellen Lunt and her daughter Henrietta were some of the first telegraph operators in the Cedar City area.

Can you answer the questions using the dots and dashes of Morse code?

What year was Frontier Homestead State Park established?

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This Iron County icon, in front of the museum, was delivered to Cedar City in 1936 to use in the iron mines.
Frontier Homestead State Park has many historical buildings. Can you find your way?

Jail to the Nelson Carpentry Shop
Palisade to the School House
Hunter House to the Gold Panning Station

Enter

Exit

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MISSION STATEMENT
FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK MUSEUM COLLECTS, PRESERVES, AND INTERPRETS FOR ITS VISITORS MATERIALS THAT ILLUMINATE THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE IRON COUNTY REGION FROM THE FIRST MORMON SETTLEMENTS THROUGH THE CLOSE OF THE HORSE-DRAWN ERA, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE IRON MISSION STORY AND TRANSPORTATION.

FOR THE PARENT
This workbook is designed to aid the grade school student in understanding the role Frontier Homestead State Park Museum plays in interpreting the history of Southern Utah. The preservation of our cultural resources plays an essential role in the telling of the Iron Mission Story.
When the student finishes the exercises in this booklet he or she will understand why it is important to interpret and protect our heritage. The student will be able to discuss the role they can play in protecting the artifacts that tell their story.
We hope this booklet will enrich your trip and experiences concerning Frontier Homestead State Park Museum.

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