

Community Activities: *Pioneer Connections*

Crossroads of the West Council connection activities are designed for Scouts to complete in their own community. These activities can be completed in Scouting units, with family members, or individually at a pace of your choosing.

In partnership with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP), this activity worksheet helps Scouts connect with their own pioneer heritage or the pioneer legacy of the state where they live.

Complete the requirements and earn the pioneer connections activity patch.

Complete all of the following:

1. Visit any DUP museum and learn about the history of that museum. There are over 100 Daughters of Utah Pioneers museums located throughout Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. To find a DUP museum, click on the link at www.utahscouts.org/pioneer. If a DUP museum is not near you, visit your community's historical society or museum.
2. Sign the museum register.
3. Interview your DUP museum volunteer. Ask them what America means to them, what they think is special about this country, and what American traditions they feel are important to preserve.

Complete five of the following:

- Before visiting the museum research on the internet (with parent or guardian permission) about the heritage and traditions of pioneers in the Intermountain West. Write five things you learned and share them with your museum docent.
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- Identify three items in the museum that interest you during your visit. Discuss these items with your museum docent, parent, or Scout leader.
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- Describe to your family or Scout leader what you learned at the museum about how pioneers lived.
- Learn about a pioneer activity or game. Play the game with your den, pack, troop, or family.
- Find out about your genealogy. Complete a three-generation family tree.
- Interview a grandparent and find out about their childhood. Discuss with them the differences and similarities between now and your grandparents' childhood.

- Identify a family heirloom or item that has been passed down for several generations in your family. Discuss the history of this item with your family and why it is important to your family.
- For entertainment, pioneers would sing songs, dance, and recite poems or stories. With your family, den, pack, or troop, sing a pioneer song, or recite a pioneer poem.
- Find out about Utah, Idaho, or Wyoming pioneer. Share something interesting you learned with your family, den, pack, troop, or museum docent.
- At the museum you visit, look at the clothes that pioneers wore. Draw a picture of pioneer clothes and discuss with your family, den pack, or troop how they are different from what you wear.
- With your family, find a recipe from your heritage. Find out why this recipe has been passed down. Help make the recipe with or for your family.
- Pioneers were not easily able to shop at stores. Learn a pioneer skill by helping your family or Scout unit to make butter from cream (recipe found below).
- With your family, den, pack, or troop discuss, plan, and complete a service project where you can accomplish more by working together. (This requirement connects to the symbolism of the pioneer connections patch. The beehive symbolizes teamwork and unity, the rope symbolizes working together, the square knot reminds Scouts to be of service to one another, and the oxen yoke symbolizes that by working together, burdens are easier to manage).

To make butter:

A clear container with a tightly fitting lid

1/2 cup Heavy cream

Pinch of Salt

Add cream and salt to container. Make sure the lid is fitted tightly. Shake the container until the liquid cream turns to a solid. Scouts can pass the container around their den or troop taking turns shaking. It takes about 7 to 10 minutes of shaking to turn cream into butter.

This activity will complete the following for Scouts:

Citizenship in the Nation 2a

American Heritage 2a, 2b, 2d, 4a, 4b, 4c,

American Cultures Parts of 1, 2, and 3

Second Class 2a

First Class 1a

This activity will complete the following for Cub Scouts

Lion: Lions Honor 5

Wolf: Council Fire 4, Marble Madness Belt Loop

Bear: Paws For Action 2a,b

Webelos: Art Explosion 1

To purchase your patch, visit www.utahscouts.org/pioneer. \$2.50 per patch