

# Westbrook 5<sup>th</sup> Ward History 2020

Unit #: 174335

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Approved by:



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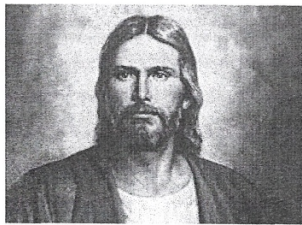
**2020** began with a new block schedule beginning at 9:00, Sacrament first for one hour and then Sunday school and Priesthood/Relief Society at 10:10. This year's study is of the Book of Mormon in both our families and Sunday school. We also begin a new year with new youth programs.

**Feb 15** - Nora and Hattie Bona were born to Joey and Natalie Bona. Healthy twin girls.

**Feb 23** – Phil and Emily Adams moved from 6274 Dusty Cir. They had plenty of family to help so no help was asked of the ward.

## February 9 – Ward Conference

### Westbrook 5<sup>th</sup> Ward February 9, 2020



*“Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.”*

*2 Nephi 2:25*

### Westbrook 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

February 9, 2020

Presiding.....President Paul Starkie  
Conducting.....Bishop Matt Ekker  
Chorister.....Sister Linda Cochrane  
Organist.....Sister Barbara Shelton  
Opening Hymn.....#81 “Press Forward Saints”  
Invocation.....Brother Matt Hofer  
Sacrament Hymn.....#184 “Upon the Cross of Calvary”

#### Administration of Sacrament

Speaker.....Bishop Matt Ekker

#### Primary Children “I Pray in Faith” “I Know My Father Lives”

Speaker.....President Paul Starkie

Closing Hymn.....#134 “I Believe in Christ”

Benediction.....Brother Matt Hofer

Bro. Rex Prescott of the high council read the sustaining vote as follows for the ward:

It is proposed that we sustain: Matthew John Ekker as bishop of the Westbrook 5th Ward, with Kurt Arthur Allen as first counselor and Matthew Devin Hofer as second counselor. Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it. As ward clerk: Michael Ray Christensen as ward executive secretary: Brad L Bona As assistant ward clerk(s): Jerel Jensen Lowe Jerry Bassett Paul. Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain: As the presidency of the elder’s quorum located in the Westbrook 5th Ward: Jess Carter Hansen, president; Bruce Erich Holman, first counselor; and Russell Daniel Redford, second counselor; secretary.

As the presidency of the Relief Society: Megan Elayne Cannon, president; Marianne Rosenlof, first counselor; and Sheri Ann Olson, second counselor; with Bobbi Denise Ellis, secretary.

As the presidency of the Primary: Rebekah Goodwin, president; Debra Alexis Ekker, first counselor; and Julie Turner, second counselor; with Natalie Kathryn Smith, secretary.

As the presidency of the Sunday School: Steven Harvey Paxman, president; Scott Arno Rosenlof, first counselor; second counselor; with \_\_\_\_\_, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women: Erin Alece Johnson, president; Shanna Lee Hansen, first counselor; and Kyrsta Suzanne Redford, second counselor; with Brenda Christine Drake, secretary.

As ward mission leader: Sheldon Reed LaMont As ward temple and family history leader: Bruce Erich Holman. All other ward officers and teachers as now constituted. Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

As president of the priest's quorum: Matthew John Ekker, bishop; with Nolan Matthew Ekker, first assistant; Jaeden Brett Fowers, second assistant; secretary.

As the presidency of the teacher's quorum: Isaac John Turner, president; Samuel Charles Johnson, first counselor; and, second counselor; with, secretary.

As the presidency of the deacon's quorum: Axel Espinosa Bautista, president; Nicholas Gregory Stowe, first counselor; and Blake Arthur Allen, second counselor; with Hiram Scott Patterson, secretary.

As the presidency of the YW 15-18 class: Alyssa Kathleen Hansen, president; Sarah Christina Ekker, first counselor; and Alexis Elayne Cannon, second counselor; with Addison Kathryn Smith, secretary.

As the presidency of the YW 12-14 class: Natasha Paige Barlow, president; Aliana Mishelle Livingston, first counselor; and Taylor Camille Allen, second counselor; with Brooklyn Diane Cannon, secretary. Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

For the information of ward members, the number of members of the ward serving full-time missions is 4, and the number serving in the military is 1.

**February 29** – Baptism of Ben Allen



**March 6** – Adult Fireside/Dinner; Bro. Harper



*Todd Larsen, Gary & Bobbi Ellis*



*Gary & Bobbi Ellis with Bishop Ekker standing behind*





*Brady & Colette Patterson, Alyson Barlow, Russ & Kyrsta Redford*



*Conne & Bob Yeates, Tom Finch*



*Jerry & Maggie Paul, Lind, Ruth & Jarl Jacobson*



*Gary Sheri Shantel Olson, Natalie Smith*



*Donovan, Rebekah & Dominic Goodwin, Gary Olson*



*Sarah & Matt Hofer, Dave & Kim Martinez, Cathy Blumenkrantz, Linda Cochran*



*Brent Ezzie Fili & Fred Malili, Camille & Kurt Allen*



*Natalie & Joey Bona, Brad Debbie & Tiffany Bona*

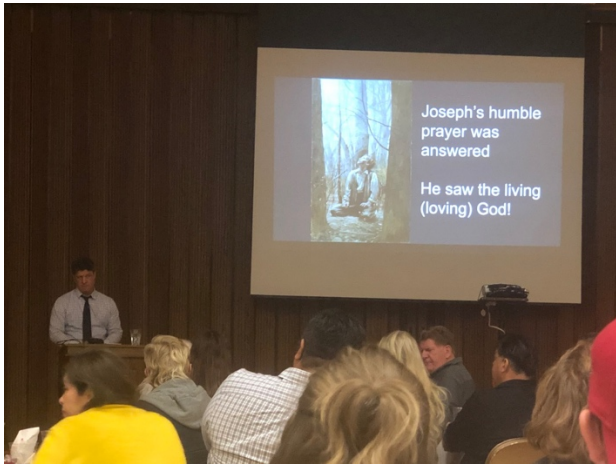


*John & Michele Beverely, Natalie Bona*





*Hunter, John & Michele Beverly*



*Bro. Harper*

March 7 – Daddy Daughter at West Valley skating complex



Riley Barlow Autumn & Afton Garritson Kaidence Ivins Chloe Allred Haylee Cannon



*Tyler Garritson Brian Barlow Zach Turner Matt Cannon*





*Tyler Allred Brady Patterson Kendall Johnson*



Riley Barlow Keirslyn Turner



Kendall Johnson



*Brian & Riley Barlow*





Kaidence & Jeff Ivans



Maggie Johnson



*Maggie & Kendall Johnson*







*Autumn & Tyler Garritson*



Belle & Brady Patterson



*Haylee & Matt Cannon*



Zach & Keirslyn Turner



*Brady & Belle Patterson*









Brian Barlow



*Chloe & Tyler Allred*











*Kaidence & Jeff Ivans*

## **March 11 – Government announces Covid Pandemic**

Church letter:

### **Temporary Adjustments to General Conference, Missionary Training, and Large Gatherings**

As global concerns over the spread of COVID-19 continue to grow, the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are taking additional measures to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

These measures include altering the format of the April 2020 general conference, adjustments to the training of newly called missionaries, and guidelines for large gatherings where COVID-19 contagion is a concern.

Please review the details of these changes in the articles below:

[Adjustments to April 2020 General Conference](#)

[Temporary Virtual Missionary Training Program](#)

[Guidelines for Large Gatherings of Church Members](#)

For all past changes related to COVID-19, [view this article](#). It will be updated periodically as new changes are announced.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

West Jordan, Utah Westbrook Stake

March 11, 2020

RE: COVID-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have met this evening in council and in prayer regarding recent developments in the COVID-19 issues affecting our world and communities.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel the following stake activities:

- Stake Youth Trek Kick-off, Thursday March 12
- Stake Women's Conference Saturday March 14
- Stake Organized Sports Activities

In Addition, all Stake Conference meetings April 11-12 are cancelled as outlined in today's communication from Church Headquarters.

Our concerns lie with each member of our Stake individually as well as for our entire stake community. We urge all members to follow recommendations of health officials in taking appropriate personal measures that will limit the risk of contracting and spreading the COVID-19 virus.

In the coming weeks, regular Sunday worship services will continue as scheduled for the present time.

We love you all and hope you will remember in your prayers all of our brothers and sisters here at home and around the world as this illness continues to affect so many.

Sincerely,

Westbrook Stake Presidency

## **March 12** – Church announces no meetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As promised in our letter of March 11, 2020, we continue to monitor the changing conditions related to COVID-19 throughout the world. We have considered the counsel of local Church leaders, government officials and medical professionals, and have sought the Lord's guidance in these matters. We now provide the following updated directions.

Beginning immediately, all public gatherings of Church members are being temporarily suspended worldwide until further notice. This includes:



- Stake conferences, leadership conferences and other large gatherings.
- All public worship services, including sacrament meetings.
- Branch, ward and stake activities.

Where possible, leaders should conduct any essential leadership meetings via technology. Specific questions may be referred to local priesthood leaders. Further direction related to other matters will be provided.

Bishops should counsel with their stake president to determine how to make the sacrament available to members at least once a month.

We encourage members in their ministering efforts to care for one other. We should follow the Savior's example to bless and lift others.

We bear our witness of the Lord's love during this time of uncertainty. He will bless you to find joy as you do your best to live the gospel of Jesus Christ in every circumstance.

Sincerely,

The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

**A letter from Bishop Ekker:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to make sure each of you received information concerning the changes that have been made in response to the developing COVID-19 situation. Attached to this email is the statement released yesterday by the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles regarding the suspension of all public gatherings of church members, including sacrament meeting. In addition, I have attached an official notice from the Westbrook Stake Presidency with additional instructions.

I have had several members comment to me on the timeliness of the recent changes in the church to a more home-centered and church-supported

program. I bear you my witness that these changes have been inspired. In Doctrine and Covenants 1:17 the Lord himself declared: "Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments."

Elder Gary E. Stevenson, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, further explained in his last conference talk: "We might say that the Lord, who knows 'the end from the beginning,' knows the unique difficulties of our day. . . .The way is simple. Through His servants, God speaks to us, His children, and gives us commandments. We could restate the verse I just quoted to say, 'I the Lord ... called upon my servant [President Russell M. Nelson], and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments.' Isn't that a glorious truth? . . . I marvel at the goodness and compassion of a loving Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, who restored the Savior's Church to earth once again and have called a prophet in our day. The Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ offsets *perilous* times with the *fulness* of times."

The Lord loves us, and as we seek and follow His counsel given to us by our Prophet and leaders we will be blessed and need not fear.

With love,  
Bishop Ekker

**March 13 –**

### **Closures on Temple Square**

All public areas of the following Church-owned buildings in and around Temple Square will close, effective 5:00 p.m. on Friday March 13. The closures will remain in effect until further notice.

- Conference Center
- Assembly Hall
- Tabernacle
- North Visitors' Center
- Family History Library
- Church History Museum

- Relief Society Building
- Church Office Building
- Beehive House
- Church History Library

The construction work on the Salt Lake Temple will continue as planned. At Welfare Square, operations will remain open, but public tours are temporarily discontinued going forward.



**March 15** – Sacrament meeting at home

**March 18** – 5.7 Earthquake

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**April 30** –

- **April 30** - [Notice, 30 April 2020: Camps, Youth Conferences, Treks, and Pageants in 2020](#)

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Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all camps, youth conferences, treks and Church pageants are canceled for 2020.

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**May 17** – A communication from our Elders Quorum president:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,



I am emailing to express our love for you as members of our ward. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We hope that you are able to enjoy the blessings and hope that the gospel brings while we are apart.

One of the key points of the gospel and where we can find hope is in making and keeping covenants with the Lord. Renewing our commitment to those covenants regularly is vital to our progression and happiness.

The method the Savior established for this is the ordinance of the Sacrament. Worthily partaking of the Sacrament brings us renewal and provides us spiritual power in our efforts to repent and get through the trials of life. I am so grateful for this sacred ordinance!

With the current pandemic we have been unable to meet for Sacrament meeting. Under the direction of Bishop Ekker we have been able to administer the Sacrament in our homes if a worthy priest or Melchizedek priesthood holder resided there. For a time we were unable to bring the Sacrament to anyone other than our own families. By the blessings of the Lord that time has now changed.

Under the direction of the Area Presidency, we have been authorized to have eligible priesthood holders enter the homes of other members to provide the sacrament and let them once again renew their sacred covenants. If there are health or safety concerns brothers have been authorized to perform this ordinance using masks and gloves and using bread and water provided by the member.

We wish to provide the blessings of the Sacrament to all those who want them. As such, if you would like to receive the Sacrament and have not been able to please reach out to your ministering brothers or to myself directly and let us know of that desire. We are happy to arrange for it no matter your household circumstances.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you and your families safe! I know that He is the ultimate Director and Leader and that He will guide us in all our needs.

President Jess Hansen

## **May 19** – Letter from the First Presidency

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On March 12, 2020, the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles announced that all public gatherings of Church members were temporarily suspended worldwide due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With this letter, we now authorize some meetings and activities to be resumed on a limited basis using a careful, phased approach. Area Presidencies will work with the member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the Presidency of the Seventy who supervise them in deciding when and where meetings can begin in their area. Using caution and adhering to local regulations, they will inform stake and ward leaders when to function using phase 1 or phase 2 guidelines and when to return to standard practices.

The [enclosure with this letter](#) provides principles and details to guide this process, which may be adjusted by Area Presidencies as conditions require. Within guidelines provided by the Area Presidency and in counsel with his bishops, each stake president will determine the specific timing for resuming ward and stake meetings and activities.

We are grateful for the faith of our members as they have worshipped at home and are grateful for the blessings that will come as we gather for worship and activities.

Sincerely yours,

The First Presidency

**May 30** - Salt Lake City riots

**June 7** – Bishopric Sacrament meeting schedule:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are excited to share further details of our plans to return back to our Sunday worship services. We know there is strength in worshipping together and we are grateful for the opportunity to see each of you. At this time, we have received authorization from the First Presidency, our Area Presidency, and our Stake Presidency to resume monthly Sacrament Meetings in small groups.

Please note there is no requirement to attend an in-person meeting for those of you in high-risk groups or for those who are simply uncomfortable attending group gatherings at this time. If you choose not to participate at this time in these gatherings, you will continue to have the authorization to administer the sacrament (or to have the sacrament administered) in your home setting each week. If you need assistance with sacrament administration in your home, please contact a member of the Bishopric, Elders Quorum Presidency or Relief Society Presidency so it can be arranged.

Under our approved stake plan, each of the units that occupy the stake center (5th Ward, 8th Ward, 9th Ward, and 10th Branch) will have an assigned Sunday each month to occupy the building. **The 5th Ward has been approved to begin our monthly meetings next Sunday, June 14th**, and we will meet once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month until further notice. We will have **two 50 minute sacrament meetings on our assigned Sunday**, and each meeting may be presided over by a different member of the bishopric. This plan allows each member the opportunity at least once per month for all who wish to attend and receive the ordinance of the sacrament at the prescribed meeting time for their group.

#### **Westbrook 5th Ward Sacrament Meeting Schedule\***

**9:30 am to 10:20 am** - Families where the last name of the head of household begins with the letters **A-H**.

**11:00 am to 11:50 am** - Families where the last name of the head of household begins with the letters **I-Z**.

If you have questions about when your family is assigned to meet, please contact Brother Michael Christensen or Brother Brad Bona.

\* May be changed based on emerging guidelines from local and/or church authorities.

## **Sacrament Meeting Guidelines**

In order to make our worship services safe and comfortable, we have put together some additional guidelines listed below outlining the precautions we are asking all those attending to follow. We encourage you to read and discuss these guidelines with your family.

1. Remember Sacrament Meeting attendance is strictly voluntary. If you are uncomfortable, at high risk or not feeling well, please stay at home.

2. All members are encouraged to wear protective masks. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be available in the building for your use.

Strive to maintain the 6-foot distance from others while entering, exiting and moving about the building. Also strive to maintain appropriate distance when seated by those who are not part of the same family group or living in the same home.

Members should enter the building through the south side foyer. Members who require parking for individuals with disabilities may park on the west side of the building and may enter through the west door by the stake offices.

In order to practice safe social distancing, signs will be attached to the pews to show where members can sit. Seating in the chapel will be done in a way to have an empty pew between occupied ones for the safe and orderly passing of the sacrament. Chairs will also be set up in the overflow for families to sit together. Ushers will be present to assist in finding seating if needed.

Since chairs and other seating will be arranged according to safe distancing guidelines, members may remove their masks while seated. However, we encourage members to wear protective masks when moving about within the church building.

The Aaronic/Melchizedek priesthood brethren will be given special training in preparing and passing the Sacrament. We encourage parents with smaller children to assist in handling the emblems of bread and water for their children.

8. While in the chapel and overflow, please prevent smaller children from straying to other areas and to other families.



Please do not congregate in the parking lot or building before/after meetings. Please be mindful that other groups may be exiting or entering the parking lot and building in close proximity to your arrival and departure and we desire to protect each other. Your courtesy in allowing others to exit prior to your entrance will be appreciated.

Since we will be cleaning high touch points throughout the church between meetings, we ask that you vacate the church promptly after the meeting concludes to allow ample time to complete this process prior to the start of the next meeting

We encourage you to bring your own digital hymnbook as printed hymnals will not be available.

We are so excited to be able to gather again as a ward family in our worship, and are pleased with the positive developments in our recovery from the pandemic. May the Lord's blessings continue to be upon you, your family, and our ward family.

With Love,  
Westbrook 5th Ward Bishopric

**July 6** – Tim Livingston family moves from ward

**July 10** – Utah Area Presidency regarding wearing facemasks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are in the midst of a global pandemic unlike any the world has experienced in more than a century. The effects of this escalating health crisis are being felt everywhere, with incidents of COVID-19 infection rising dramatically especially in the United States, including in Utah. Latter-day Saints are not immune. Just today, more than 800 new infections were reported in our state.

A growing chorus of medical authorities has confirmed that the simple wearing of a face covering when in public and when social distancing is not

possible will significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19. This is true both indoors and outdoors.

We note with appreciation the care exhibited by our members in returning to sacrament meetings wearing face masks. Now we ask all Latter-day Saints in the Utah Area to be good citizens by wearing face coverings when in public. Doing so will help promote the health and general welfare of all.

We are most grateful for all you do to minister to one another and to your neighbors. Please join with us now in common purpose for the blessing and benefit of all.

Sincerely yours,

Elder Craig C. Christensen

Elder Randy D. Funk

Elder Walter F. González

Utah Area Presidency

August 1 – Baptism of Ethan Bona and Carter Barlow



**Sept 9** - YM service activity at Janet Rackich residence; cut tree down after high winds storm.



*Bishop Ekker*

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
47 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150-1200

September 11, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Safely Engaging in Church Meetings and Activities

Under the guidance of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Area Presidencies approve meetings and activities in their areas. Local circumstances and regulations regarding COVID-19 vary, sometimes within the same Church area.

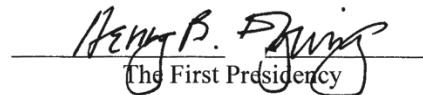
The enclosure with this letter outlines principles and details to help leaders adjust Church meetings and activities in careful ways, according to local needs and circumstances and consistent with local regulations. Using technology and safe in-person practices, many opportunities exist for presidencies and councils to meet, for youth to be encouraged and supported, and for meaningful worship, ministering, and service to occur.

Beginning in November, when assigned by the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and as circumstances and technology allow, stake conferences may be held virtually or with careful social distancing, as appropriate.

We are grateful for inspired patterns of ministering and home-centered Church-supported efforts that allow the Lord's work to move forward in current conditions.

Sincerely yours,

  
Russell M. Nelson

  
Henry B. Eyring  
The First Presidency



## September 25 – Meeting House Technology:

The First Presidency letter dated September 11, 2020, “[Safely Engaging in Church Meetings and Activities](#),” outlines principles and details to help leaders adjust Church meetings and activities due to COVID-19, whether in person or through technology. The following guidelines are provided to help local units make decisions about the use of technology for these meetings and activities.

- **Ensure that technology does not become a distraction.** For sacrament meetings, a one-way streaming solution will avoid inadvertent interruptions that could be caused by those participating remotely. For class, quorum, and other meetings, an interactive two-way solution will support effective teaching.
- **Choose technology that will be easy for remote participants to use.** Whenever possible, take care to avoid choices that would exclude someone from worshipping due to resource constraints or technology complexities.
- **Preserve flexibility by avoiding significant equipment purchases and permanent meetinghouse modifications.** This can be done by focusing on simple solutions that can be adapted as needs, policies, conditions, and technologies evolve.
- **Call one or more assistant technology specialists for each unit,** and ensure that they have adequate training and support. To have access to the Webcast platform that is installed in some meetinghouses, a person’s calling must be recorded in Leader and Clerk Resources (LCR) as a ‘stake assistant technology specialist.’

Additional details on selecting and using technology are in the enclosure to this notice and on the Church’s technology forum, [tech.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/forum](http://tech.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/forum). This forum will be used to share ideas and provide current best practices.

## September 26 – Sacrament meeting in-person meetings:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just a final reminder that weekly sacrament meetings will resume *tomorrow* at 9:00 am. We invite individuals and families who are

able to gather in-person to join us at this time. Our ward will only hold one sacrament meeting per week, with a maximum attendance of 150. We will still follow the recommended guidelines that have been in place for the last three months. For more information on those guidelines, click [here](#).

In addition to gathering for sacrament meeting in-person, we will broadcast that meeting each week for members and families who are at high risk, not feeling well, or uncomfortable attending. These broadcasts will be presented live online, and will not be recorded to view later. The link to join the broadcast is <http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/westjordanutahwestbrookstake>

The sacrament meeting format will be changed slightly to allow for the sacrament to be administered both at the chapel and at the homes of members worshipping remotely. Opening and closing musical numbers and prayers will be offered, and one to two speakers (or member testimonies on Fast Sunday) will occur from 9:00 to 9:30 am. As this portion of the meeting concludes, the broadcast will end and members attending at the chapel will have a sacrament hymn followed by the administration of the sacrament. Following the sacrament, the meeting will end. Likewise, families participating from home are encouraged to administer the sacrament immediately after the broadcast concludes. Members should be finished with both the meeting and sacrament by 9:45 am

In addition to weekly sacrament meetings, classes for youth and adult organizations and quorums will be held remotely beginning Sunday, October 11. Additional information and instruction about the time and accessibility of these classes will be announced soon.

We look forward to gathering with you tomorrow either in-person or remotely, and pray for the Lord's blessings to be upon each of you and your families.

Westbrook 5th Ward Bishopric

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**Oct 11** – Brett Smith is sustained in sacrament as 2<sup>nd</sup> councilor in Bishopric, replacing Matt Hoffer who recently moved from the ward.



*Kurt Allen, Matt Ekker, Bret Smith*

**Oct 13** – Lesson schedules:

## **[Elders Quorum | Relief Society] Lessons for the Next Six Months**

According to a [recent First Presidency letter](#), Area Presidencies approve meetings and activities in their areas.

If you are approved to hold [elders quorum | Relief Society] meetings, here's what you need to know:

### **What Do We Teach?**

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, elders quorum and Relief Society presidencies select a conference message to discuss based on the needs of the members and guidance from the Spirit. On occasion, the bishop or stake president may also suggest a message.

The video, audio, and text of the October 2020 general conference messages are now available digitally and will soon be available in print in the November *Ensign* and *Liahona* magazines.

### **Nov 20 – Covid update**

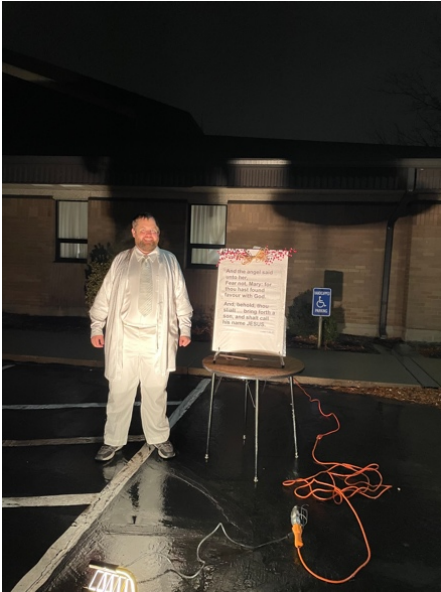
The Utah Department of Health's COVID-19 report for Friday shows 4,588 more confirmed cases – bring the state's total to 170,584 – and 17 additional deaths. 533 people in Utah are hospitalized for the disease.

773 people in Utah have died of COVID-19.



President Nelson invites us to #GiveThanks. He tells us that gratitude will help heal our feelings as we cope with the world conditions. He asked us to use social media for a week to give gratitude to others and then notice how this can heal us. He also said the power of prayer will heal us as we give thanks to our God and pray for others. In closing, he offered a prayer of gratitude for our blessings and prayed for the people of the world.

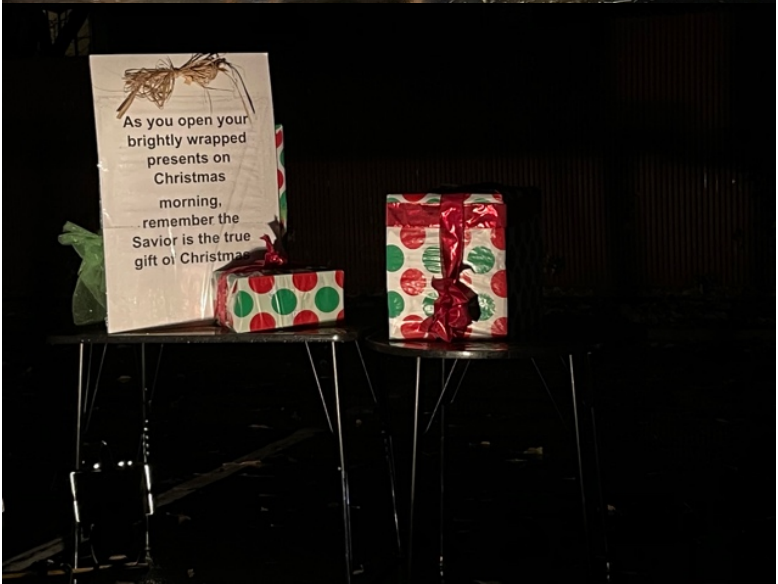
#### December 17 – Ward Christmas Activity



*Russ Redford*











*Kelvin & Sarah Meier*



*Brett Smith, Bishop Ekker, Chyrelle & Kimberlynn Fowers*

# Organizational Histories

## Elder's quorum history for 2020

This year began with enthusiasm for our ministering efforts and organization. We held ministering interviews towards the end of March, enjoying the reports and hearing of all the efforts the brethren were making to love and serve their families. Gary Ellis was called as secretary of the quorum early in the quarter. We continued to meet in President Hansen's home every Tuesday evening at 7:00.

It was March 12<sup>th</sup> when the First Presidency announced that meetings would no longer be held in the buildings. We quickly learned how to do phone conferencing. The districts continued to be contacted for ministering results and updates. As a presidency, we learned of better ways to encourage ministering throughout the ward. Ministering efforts slowed in some ways, yet wonderful caring and serving opportunities continued. We asked the brethren to check more frequently on their families for specific needs, especially if a family felt secluded or lonesome. The ward was going through a learning curve of new techniques in ministering.

Since all ward activities were cancelled including the ward campout, families were spending much more time in family activities. It was reported that families were doing the sacrament in their homes and enjoying the Come Follow Me Sunday school lessons as families. Many of us had to sharpen our technical skills with Zoom as we turned to electronics for our instruction.

We were sad to say goodbye to some families as their lives took them elsewhere. The Livingstons, Hofer's, Dave & Kim Martinez and Allred's were just a few families to leave us this year. The quorum came out to help these families load up and say goodbye. We used masks to stay safe from the virus and tried to social distance whenever possible.

The Elders quorum was given the assignment to be responsible for two of the booths at the Christmas Nativity drive-through. Russ Redford dressed as an angel at the first booth and the missionaries man the other booth, one of which was Elder Nolan Ekker who was serving his MTC training at home. He acted as Joseph. The activity was successful with many vehicles driving through the display during a cold and wet winter night.

Many conversations followed the 5.6 earthquake, Covid-19 pandemic, the city riots, powerful wind storms throughout the valley, the change in church meetings and the national elections. It's been indeed an unusual year. Many families were affected by the virus, some of which were the Paxman's, Beverley's, Jacobson's, Patterson's, Ney's, Goodwin's and others. We worked through the ministering brothers to see after the family's needs. Many simple, yet profound miracles were given during the year.

## **Young Women:**

2020 was, of course, a very different year for the young women, as it was for us all. We started the year with New Beginnings, covering the new goal setting program and singing the year's theme song together, and in February we went to RootsTech with the young men, which was a madhouse. So many people--so much chaos!

Then--came March. When church was cancelled, we were all in shock for a while; as we came out of it, we tried different things to engage our girls. The leaders took turns dropping off small items for the girls as a way of keeping in touch and letting them know we were thinking of them. We tried activities where something was dropped off and we each did it on our own and texted a picture of the results, and we tried activities where you did something like service and texted what you had done. Attendance and participation varied but were never ideal.

When we were finally able to meet in person again, attendance picked up for those activities (especially those combined with the young men), but in-person meetings still weren't the norm. Our class presidents and some members of their presidencies were stalwart and always present, but we still worried about losing girls.

Overall, 2020 was difficult because of that, but it also brought out some amazing qualities in the girls that stayed strong and consistently participated. We're hoping to move forward with enthusiasm in 2021!

--Alyson Barlow

## **Relief Society Ward History 2020**

March 18 an earthquake hit that morning. As a Relief Society presidency we immediately started the text messages to have ministering sisters check on one another. The sisters in this ward went into action and we started receiving information on how each sister was doing. It was truly amazing to see the sisters respond with so much love and concern and report back so quickly.

We weren't allowed to go church due to Covid but that did not stop the worship within homes and families. Come Follow me took on a more personal meaning and confirmed to many of the power of a living prophet who knew what we would need.

During this year there were times of hardship, even finding toilet paper was a challenge to some. So many acts of giving happened this year. Food and other necessary items were dropped off to many. The sisters in our ward made hundreds of masks for the church.

Relief Society class starts up again, we learned how to virtual meet by using zoom. It is wonderful having so many women log on and participate our attendance increases during this time.

## **Primary 2020 History**

This year started off like every other, it included planning many activities like the primary talent show that the kids love and something new a water activity to name a few. We had a new bulletin board featuring the Book of Mormon with some of the stories that we would learn about this year. We had our baptisms and Primary program scheduled and we were ready to go!

By March everything changed. Covid caused the cancellation of all activities and church at home began. Primary as it was before covid would not resume during 2020.

We had to come up with other ways to reach out to the children.

In April we took gold fish crackers or Swedish fish around to the kids with a tag that said:

“You are o’FISH’ally missed in Primary.

We took flower seed packets to the teachers with a tag that said:

“From small seeds large testimonies grow.

Thank you for helping our primary children blossom.

In August we took the kids back to school cookies with a tag that said



“You are one smart cookie”

In October we handed out conference coloring pages and Rice Krispie treats.

In December we took around a jar of M&M's with the M&M's and Christmas poem.

The best thing that happened in Primary 2020 were the baptisms of 6 of our primary children!

Ben Allen was baptized in February.

His baptism was before covid so there were no restrictions he had a many people attend including family, friends, and ward members.

Hayden Bona and Carter Barlow were baptized in August

This was very different because of the restrictions of no more than 20 people allowed to attend. This included close family as well as a member of the Bishopric and a member of the Primary Presidency everyone else could watch virtually.

Jamison Patterson was baptized in December along with primary convert baptisms of Jaylynn and Valerie Watson.

By December there were even more restrictions on who could attend, at this time it was only immediate family living in the household and a member of the bishopric with extended family watching virtually. As a primary presidency we were not allowed to attend. That was really hard but we did our best to let them know that we were proud of their decision to be baptized.

We are planning for next year but have learned that we need to adapt to current circumstances. We look forward to and pray that we will be able to get back into a primary setting sometime in 2021.

## **Ward Mission:**

*Max and Judith Watson Family:*

Lloy Romrell and Kelvin Meier (ward missionary) were given the ministering assignment for this family early in the year. They enjoyed visiting them in their home and discussing the doctrine of the church, as well as Max's occupation as construction worker. Max is currently employed as a worker on the SL Temple remodel/renovation, and has had a few special spiritual experiences in his daily work on that project. The family has a desire to come back into full activity in the church, but covid-19 has presented its challenges. When regular church meetings were cancelled, Br. Romrell and Br. Meier took in the sacrament to the family in their

home every Sunday for several months, until services were once again allowed on a limited basis. The oldest daughter, Cassare (14), has been previously baptized, and it was the parents' request that Jaylynn (11), and Valerie (10) be baptized when ready to make the decision to do so. Along with visits from the full-time Sister Missionaries, we focused on getting them ready for that ordinance. In the tailend of the year 2020, on December 5th, Lloy was asked to baptize Jaylynn, as well as speak on the Holy Ghost, while Kelvin was given opportunity to speak on Baptism and baptize Valerie. Sister Judith Watson and Cassare served as witnesses; Br. Kurt Allen presiding at the baptism. It was a beautiful beginning to start bringing the family closer on their spiritual road back to our Heavenly Father. They were all excited and dedicated to following our Savior. Now that church attendance for Sacrament Meeting is possible, they have been attending in person. Both Br. Romrell and Meier will continue to help and encourage them to live the gospel, and gain their own relationship with Jesus Christ, step by step. Both Brother and Sister Meier will follow-up with the Sister Missionaries for the follow-up baptism lessons in 2021 for Jaylynn and Valerie, and continue to friendship the family.

*Mark and Linda Neff:*

Linda and Mark Neff quietly moved into our ward during the time when Covid-19 had stopped church meetings. Mark is a non-member. Linda had been a less active member for many years and now desires to step back on the covenant path. The Sister Missionaries started meeting with her on-line. When we were able to start meeting again as a ward, Linda started attending. The Sister Missionaries invited Kelvin and Sarah Meier (ward missionaries) and Russ Redford (Elders Quorum Presidency) to join a Zoom discussion group every Sunday to discuss the "Come Follow Me" lesson of the week. We got to know each other as friends.

Linda is looking forward to going to the temple. She looks forward to meeting more ward members. Linda and Mark are wonderful additions to our ward family.

## **Westbrook 5<sup>Th</sup> Ward Young Men History 2020**

## **Westbrook 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Leadership History**

### **Bishops**

Gale Searle '84

Scott Rosenlof '89

Bruce Holman '94

Glen Johnson '99

Brad Bona '04

Lloy Romrell '09

Matt Ekker '16

Darrell Meier '88

Chris Emmons

Joe Linford

Kelvin Meier

David Goddard

Craig Pendleton

Glen Johnson

Sheldon LaMont

Lloy Romrell

Scott Rosenlof

Jerry Paul

Ryan Stowe '16

### **H. P. Group Leader**

Jarl Jacobson '84

Gaylan Luke '87

Steve Neff

### **E. Quorum President**

Bruce Despain '84

Todd Barrett

Brian Garner

Bruce Holman '89

Sheldon LaMont

Glen Campbell

Joseph Bradley

Brett Fowers

Kurt Allen

Jess Hansen '16

Jess Hansen '18 recalled

**Relief Society President**

Elaine Hendrickson '84

Sarah Meier

Jolene Brown

Danette Crawford

Teresa Anderson

Janet Willes

Debbie Luke

Diane Romrell

Anne Paxman

Corey Neff

Debbie Woolsey

Debbie Ekker

Sarah Meier

Megan Cannon

**Primary President**

Paula Osgathorpe '84

Ann Garner

Lisa Barrett

Diane Romrell

Connie Hal

Cathy Blumenkrantz

Stephanie Monson

Laura Dixon

Martha Armstrong

Debbie Ecker

Launa West

Michelle Bell

Tiffany Bona

Rebekah Goodwin '19

**Young Men President**

Ken Allred '84

Richard Hendrickson '87

Jeff Terry '88

Doug Mechling

Todd Crawford '90

Lloy Romrell

Monte Searle

Gaylan Luke

Brent Sabey

Scott Rosenlof

Brad Bona  
Rich Simpko  
Kelvin Meier  
Gary Olson

Moysh, Scott  
Matt Cannon  
Matt Hoffer  
Joey Bona '16

**Young Women President**

Collett Ashcroft '84  
Monique Nielsen '87  
Shawna Faulkner '88  
Sherry Price '90  
Debbie Luke  
Anne Paxman  
Janet Willes  
Jill Owen  
Debbie Woolsey  
Dee Bulkley  
Debbie Bona  
Melanie Tripp  
Erin Johnson

**Scout Master**

Ken Allred  
Dave Goddard  
Scott Rosenlof  
Jerry Paul  
Gary Olson  
Jess Hansen  
Moysh, Scott  
Ken Bulkley  
Brett Fowers  
Kendall Johnson  
Dennis Blumenkrantz  
Andrew Cross  
Joel Potter  
Jason Tomlinson



**Mission Leader**

Gordon Gudmundson '87

Brian Woolsey '89

Gilbert Fortune '90

Daryl Meier

Kelvin Meier

Craig Pendleton

Steve Paxman

Gaylan Luke

John Roberts

Brad Bona

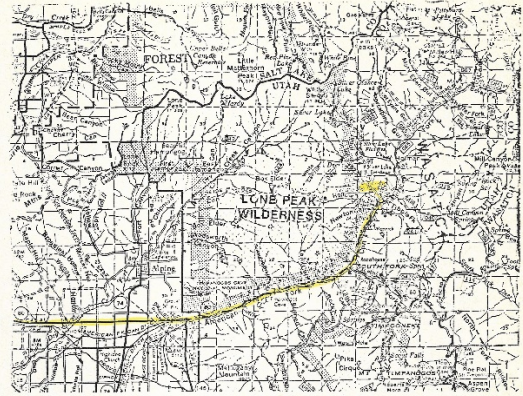
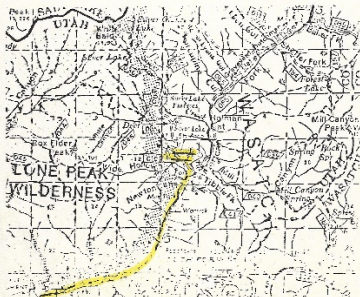
Bruce Holman '15

Sheldon LaMont '18

The old 51<sup>st</sup> ward met the first time after being separated from the 22<sup>nd</sup> ward, on April 29, 1984. We met in the Dixie valley chapel until the new stake center was finished in late 1985.

**Previous Year's Father's & Son's:**

Take I-15 to Alpine Exit, up American Fork canyon.

Father's and Sons  
 July 27<sup>th</sup> + 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Granite Flat Campground  
 Bring your own Dinner  
 (Dessert provided)  
 Breakfast Provided  
 Come and have a  
 Fun Time.  
 Games and Activities  
 until noon.  
 1990

1991  
 Rain-out  
 Fathers + Sons Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> + 7<sup>th</sup>.

Budget		Activities	
Buns	10.00	Campfire program	
Chips	10.00	ham Burgers	Softball
Bunch	5.00	sloppy joe mix	Balloons launch
Corn on Cob	10.00		
Marsh Mallow	5.00		
Dessert	10.00		
French Bre.	10.00	12 loaves	Pan Cakes
Milk	15.00	7 gallons	Hot Sauce
Bacon + Saus.	25.00	12 Packages	
Choc. Milk	5.00		
O.J.	10.00		
Syrup	4.00		
Ketchup	3.00		
Coffee	15.00		
Butter	4.00		
Water Mallow	15.00		
Balloons	10.00		
Candy	10.00		
	<u>156.00</u>		

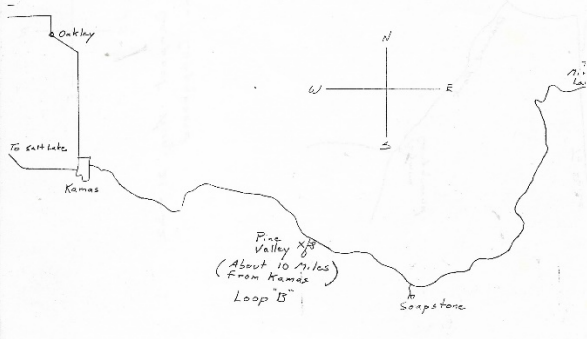
Fathers & Sons 1992

Friday & Saturday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Pine Valley Camp Ground Loop B

Friday night - Bring your own dinner  
There will be after dark activities

Saturday morning - Ward will provide  
Breakfast.

There will be games & fun!!  
Bring baseball mitts!



Fathers & Sons 93

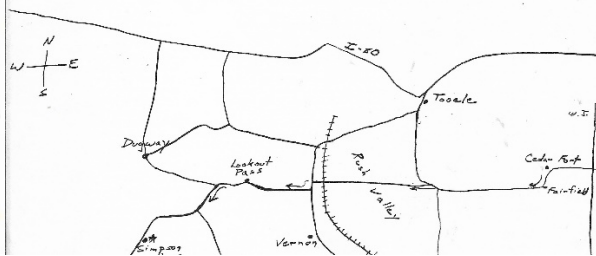
When June 4 & 5

Where Simpson Springs Campground!

Bring your own dinner & the  
ward will provide breakfast.

Bring extra water, bug spray & baseball mitts!

See you there!



FATHER'S AND SON'S  
1995

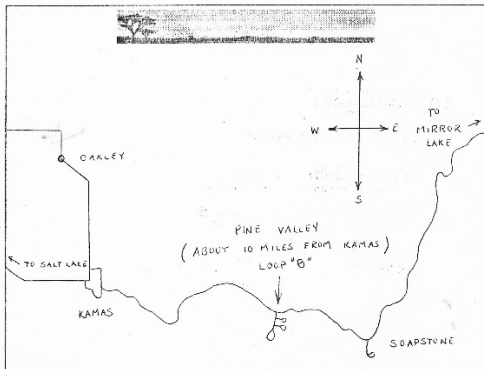
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
JUNE 23rd and 24th

PINE VALLEY CAMP GROUND  
LOOP B

FRIDAY NIGHT-BRING YOUR OWN DINNER.  
THERE WILL BE AFTER DARK ACTIVITIES.

SATURDAY MORNING-WARD WILL PROVIDE BREAKFAST.

THERE WILL BE GAMES AND FUN!!!  
BRING BASEBALL MITTS AND BATS

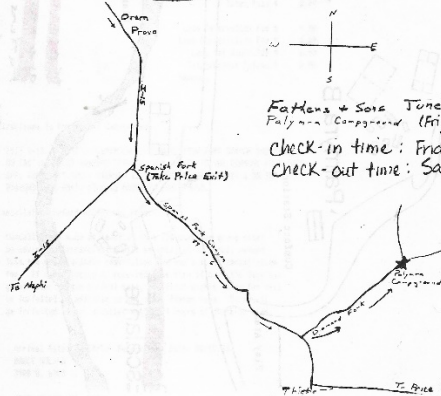


5<sup>th</sup> ward  
**Fathers & Sons**

1994

Come Join  
the Fun

\* We'll be serving breakfast  
Saturday morning.



Fathers & Sons June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Springs Campground (Fri. & Sat)

Check-in time: Friday at 2:00pm  
Check-out time: Saturday at 1:00pm



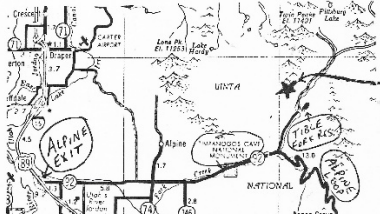
**FATHERS  
&  
SONS**  
1997

**ITS TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR OUR  
ANNUAL FATHERS AND SONS!!!!**

**WHEN: JUNE 20-21**

**WHERE: STONE MASON  
(AMERICAN FORK CYN.)**

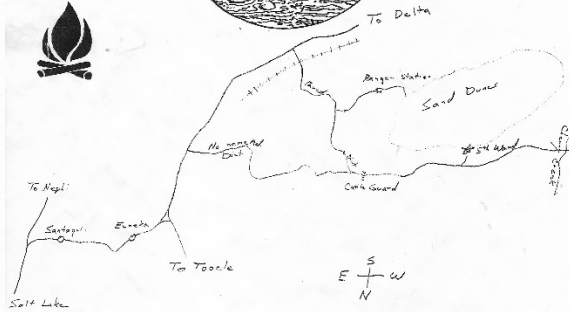
**BRING YOUR OWN DINNER!  
BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED!  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!**



**Westbrook 5th Ward  
Father & Son's Campout  
Sept. 16th & 17th**

**Little Sahara Sand Dunes**

Bring your own dinner  
Breakfast provided  
Fun - Games - Dune jumping





**Westbrook 5th Ward Aaronic Priesthood-Father & Son Outing**  
"Links of the Priesthood Through Time"

**Friday, May 18th:**

5:00-8:30 pm	Arrive, Set-up camp & have dinner
8:30-9:15 pm	Campfire Aaronic Priesthood program
9:30 pm-11:00 pm	Capture the flag on the dunes
11:30 pm	Lights out

**Saturday, May 19th:**

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00-10:00 am	Three rotating workshops of 20 minutes each
10:00-12:00 pm	Free time at the dunes
12:00 pm	Pack up & head for home when your ready

Please consider preparing your Priesthood line of Authority to present to your son(s) prior to attending or while at the camp out. The camp will focus on the importance of the Priesthood and knowing and having our Priesthood line of Authority.

**Assignments:**

Bishopric - Map, Fri. night campfire program, Sat. morning breakfast.  
Young Men - Night games on the dunes, Signs for directions to the campsites, Sat. morning workshops, bathroom facilities.

**Deacons Quorum Assignments:**

- Signs to give directions to campsites (look in the Church shed first).
- Workshop #1 - "Reaching out to help other Quorum members" a.k.a. "Toss the Bird"

**Teachers Quorum Assignments:**

- Bathroom facilities.
- Workshop #2 - "All the Quorum working together is important to succeed" a.k.a. "Group Juggling"

**Priests Quorum Assignments:**


- Night games materials.
- Workshop #3 - "Links in our line of authority" a.k.a. "Human Ladder"

**ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK**

**2003 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Aaronic Priesthood - Father & Son Outing**

**Antelope Island State Park  
White Rock Bay - Site #1  
May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**"Come help us find Buried Treasure"**



Directions - North on I-15 to exit 335 (Antelope Drive) and turn left (West), stay on Antelope Drive until you come to the causeway ranger station. Follow the included map to White Rock Bay Campsite #1, this site is to the North of the other campsites. **You must be in the park before 10:00 pm.**

What to bring - \$2.00 per person and \$2.00 per each vehicle which you will pay at the causeway ranger station, dinner if you choose for Friday evening, camping gear, mountain bikes, binoculars, or day hike items, drinking water, sun screen, hats, bug spray and a camp lantern if you have one that you would let us use on Friday.

What we will be doing - Arrive when you can on Friday and set up for camping. You can arrive early in the day if you wish. Friday night we will have a camp fire if permitted and our traditional game of capture the flag after dark.

Saturday the Ward will provide breakfast and then we will hunt for buried treasure which rumor has it was buried on the island by the pirate "Old Pegleg Holman" who used to sail the lake and pirate the brine shrimp boats. (anyway, that's what I thought a Salt Lake Tribune reporter told me!)

Then after that you are free to bike, hike & explore the island for the day.

**STATE PARK RULES & REGULATIONS**  
Rules help us protect the Island's natural resources, keep users safe and assure public access. Please respect these regulations so everyone may continue to enjoy the Island.

- + Wildlife, plants, minerals, cultural and all other natural features in state parks are legally protected. It is unlawful to remove, alter, destroy or harm them.
- + All trails can be closed by management of any time for fire, ice, emergencies or other special circumstances.
- + Respect closed areas, open trails are designated with trail markers.
- + Off trail use is **PROHIBITED**. Off trail use impacts wildlife, critical habitat, creates unwanted trails and erosion. All users must stay on designated trails.
- + All trail users must be off trails at posted times.
- + No motorized vehicles are allowed on trails except for emergencies.
- + Horse trailers are to park at designated trail heads.
- + Dogs must remain on a leash and under physical control at all times.
- + Fires are prohibited except for in designated areas.
- + Seasonal fire closures will be posted.
- + Dogs and horses are not allowed on the beach.
- + Camping outside of designated campground is prohibited.
- + Homes prohibited to Budget Bay campground.
- + Entrance fees must be paid for park use.
- + Park hours are posted and are enforced.
- + Leave no trace, pack out all trash.
- + Speed limit in the park is 25 mph and 40 mph on the causeway. These are enforced.

**♦♦CITATIONS WILL BE GIVEN FOR VIOLATIONS♦♦**

2005

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