

- The camp has a spring that serves the entire camp. No additional drinking or cooking water is needed. Please do all you can to conserve water so that everyone has access to what they need.
- Pregnant women and those with high blood pressure or breathing difficulties are strongly discouraged from attending the camp.
- Dress standards for safety and protection have been established as long pants (no shorts), full length shirts (to cover the midsection) with short or long sleeves, and footwear that is comfortable and will protect your feet. Standards outlined in "For the Strength of Youth" should be followed.
- Be good friends and neighbors. Not only to the neighboring wards and stakes, but to neighboring private property owners.
- Plan and administer your camp program in a way that will not interfere with the other groups at and around camp. Be mindful of others sharing your camp area when using sound equipment. Remain in your assigned camp and common areas. Walk around—not through—other camps.
- We recommend a head count be taken at breakfast, lunch, dinner and at lights out. If someone is missing notify camp hosts immediately.
- Stake leaders are fully responsible to see that each campsite is cleaned and checked off prior to any ward leaving the camp. All garbage and trash is to be removed along with all personal belongings, etc. Please see that the camp is in better shape than when you came.
- Stake leaders are fully responsible to **see that each of the restrooms are cleaned and checked off with the camp host prior to leaving camp.** Bathrooms should be mopped along with toilets, sinks and mirrors cleaned. All garbage is to be removed and new trash liners in garbage cans. Also, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers filled along with new sacks in the sanitary napkin containers replaced.
- The Camp Evaluation form needs to be filled out and returned to the camp host prior to leaving camp by the stake leaders. You will receive this form from the camp host when you check into camp.
- Any suggestions for improvements or for items that are broken and need fixed should be brought to the attention of the camp host.

General Information About Little Thunder Camp

- Camp is closed Sundays and Mondays. No camp activities will be scheduled.
- Church Service Missionaries will serve as camp hosts for the camp. For interest in this service mission please contact the Washington Utah Buena Vista stake: 435-668-6003.
- Weather on the mountain varies greatly. This is a mountain camp. There are insects and wildlife in the great outdoors. Come prepared, be safe, and enjoy!

Additional Resources

- Please refer to the camp website for additional information at www.camplittlethunder.com
- For questions, email the Camp Maintenance and Support Coordinator: info@camplittlethunder.com

CAMP LITTLE THUNDER 2012 YOUNG WOMEN CAMP GUIDELINES

We ask stake presidencies and bishoprics to counsel with local leaders and teachers on the divine nature of children and to ensure their spiritual and physical safety.

Little Thunder Camp is a mountain facility developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It provides a setting in the mountains away from the world where the Young Women program can be implemented. The purpose of Youth camp is:

- to help young women recognize and appreciate their identity as a daughter of God;
- to teach young women to feel and recognize the Spirit;
- to prepare young women for their future roles; and
- to help young women keep their baptismal covenants.

Required Young Women Camp Guidelines

Transportation and Parking

- Stakes and wards are responsible to provide transportation. (See Church Handbook 2, 13.6.24).
- Each driver must be a licensed, responsible adult 21 years of age or older and should carry a reasonable amount of liability insurance. (Church Handbook 2, 13.6.9)
- Always obey safe driving laws and practices, speed limits, and the wearing of seatbelts. Mountain driving requires extra caution and may be treacherous. Please slow down.
- Limited parking space is available at Little Thunder; please carpool as much as possible.

Participants

- Leaders and young women are strongly encouraged to arrive on time and stay for the entire duration of the camp. Please limit late arrivals, early departures, extra traffic and travel.
- Children, infants, nursing babies, young men (under 21), and single men are not permitted in camp when young women groups are in camp.

Safety & Security

- Our Heavenly Father has entrusted parents, leaders, and teachers to care for and protect the children and youth of the Church.
- The safety of the young women is the responsibility of the stake/ward leaders.
- "Those who oversee activities should protect themselves by carrying reasonable amounts of liability insurance."
- Young women should be in tents by 10:00 pm. Lights should be turned out and young women quiet by 11:00 pm.
- Excessive noise should be avoided. For example, groups screaming and yelling etc. We are not alone on the mountain and neighbors do complain.
- Emergency communications should be planned for by priesthood leaders; however excessive travel for cell phone calls and texting should be avoided.
- There are no public phones in camp.

- Each stake should plan to have a trained emergency medical person for the duration of the camp. This individual should be trained in CPR and be prepared to treat typical camp related ailments and injuries. The nearest hospital is in Cedar City.
- In the event of a fire all campers should assemble at their respective pavilions and await instructions from the camp hosts. Do not return to campsite areas until instructed to do so. Do not leave camp unless instructed to do so by the camp hosts.

Fires, Cooking & Fuels

- **Fires are permitted in designated fire rings ONLY.** Fires must be attended at all times or extinguished completely. No candles, lighter fluid, or fireworks of any kind are permitted. Firewood is provided. DO NOT bring firewood from home. Priesthood leaders may want to bring a wood splitting tool. Fire restrictions may require temporary termination of all fires in camp. Leaders should review fire prevention guidelines with the young women at the beginning of camp. (See Young Women Camp Manual, p.32-34.)
- Propane stoves, lanterns and heaters are only to be used outside of bunkhouses & tents. Briquettes may be used for cooking only in designated fire areas. Discard used briquettes in the fire rings and extinguish them properly.
- Fires are NOT permitted in hiking trail areas at any time for any reason!

Activities

- Plan to administer your camp within the camp boundaries. **Activities offsite are not permitted. This includes hiking.**
- Plan activities that are safe and have minimal risk of injury and illness. Observe safety precautions at all times during activities.
- Ensure that at least two adult supervisors are present at all activities.
- Two or more Melchizedek Priesthood brethren should be present in addition to female adult leaders.
- Use the buddy system.
- Parents, including those who are leaders, are not to bring their younger children to camp. This detracts from the girls and the experience they are having.

General Conservation and Safety

- Preserve natural vegetation. Do not pick wildflowers or foliage.
- Water conservation is encouraged at all times. Make sure water is shut off after use.
- No pets allowed on the camp sight.
- Archery and fire-arms are not permitted in any camp area. Personal radios, CD players, and cell phones are not permitted for young women.
- Bicycles, skateboards, roller-blades, **ATV's, and recreational vehicles of any type are not permitted.** Camp hosts are permitted use of ATV's.
- Riding outside of motor vehicles or in the back of pick-up trucks, trailers, etc. is not permitted.

Stake/Ward Responsibilities

1) Priesthood Leaders:

Each stake, if coming as a stake, (or ward, if coming as a ward,) should have two (2) Melchizedek Priesthood leaders in camp at all times. If coming as a stake, **please do NOT** have two (2) priesthood leaders per ward. There is limited space for priesthood leaders and too many detract from the overall purpose of the camp. (Additional priesthood leaders may be invited as needed to meet the specific purposes and objectives of the camp such as, workshops, speakers or other activities where the assistance of priesthood leaders is desired.)

- The main responsibility of Priesthood leaders is to assist Young Women leaders with the physical safety and spiritual nature of camp. Priesthood support for the adherence to camp guidelines is crucial for the accomplishment of these objectives.
- **Priesthood leaders should abide by all camp guidelines and dress standards.** No shorts for girls, no shorts for priesthood. Priesthood leaders at camp should not bring family members with them. Their focus and attention should be on the Young Women program.
- **Priesthood leaders are to stay in tents or a separate bunkhouse** rather than with their wives or at the same campsite as any of the girls. Priesthood leaders may share a tent. Trailers/campers are not permitted.
- Priesthood leaders must be married and 21 years of age or older. No young men or single men are permitted during Young Women camp.
- We would encourage you to have one (1) camp site designated for ALL priesthood leaders to stay in while at camp.
- Priesthood leaders are not to be in Young Women bunkhouses or tents, unless a priesthood blessing is being administered.

2) Young Women Leaders:

- A minimum of two Young Women leaders is required from each ward. We recommend you have one leader for every eight young women.
- Young Women leaders are responsible to ensure that participants adhere to all camp and church procedures and guidelines.
- Youth may not stay in the tent or bunkhouse room of an adult leader unless the leader is her parent or guardian. Adult Young Women leaders may share a tent or bunkhouse room. Trailers /campers are not permitted.
- **Upon arrival, check in with the camp hosts.** Please be prepared to provide numbers of individuals that will attend with your unit.
- Restrooms should be checked twice daily for needed supplies and **cleaned once daily** by each stake/ward.
- Bathroom tissue, paper towels, and hand soap are provided by the camp. However, shampoo, shower soap or other personal hygiene items will need to be provided by the girls/leaders if needed.

Additional Guidelines for Young Women Camps

- No dumpsters or garbage service exists at the camp. All garbage including discarded food must be carried **off** the mountain. See that your camp is cleaner than when you found it.