

cabin devotions

Create a journal for each camper by photocopying the pages and binding them together. The journal entries provided are from a journal of a young lady who attended the second youth camp in Nauvoo, 1929. We believe that the activities described by this camper are very much like the ones that took place the year before during the 1928 Camp Nauvoo. This journal was obviously provided by the camp because it has a leather cover with CAMP NAUVOO stamped into the front. It is bound together with a strip of tied leather.

Each night before lights out, read the journal entry together, laugh and visit about the differences and similarities of youth camp in 1928 and this year's youth camp. Ask at least one camper to pray, then encourage campers to climb into bed and take a few minutes each night to write in their own journal.

Be sure to include extra pages in the journal for pictures and notes from friends.

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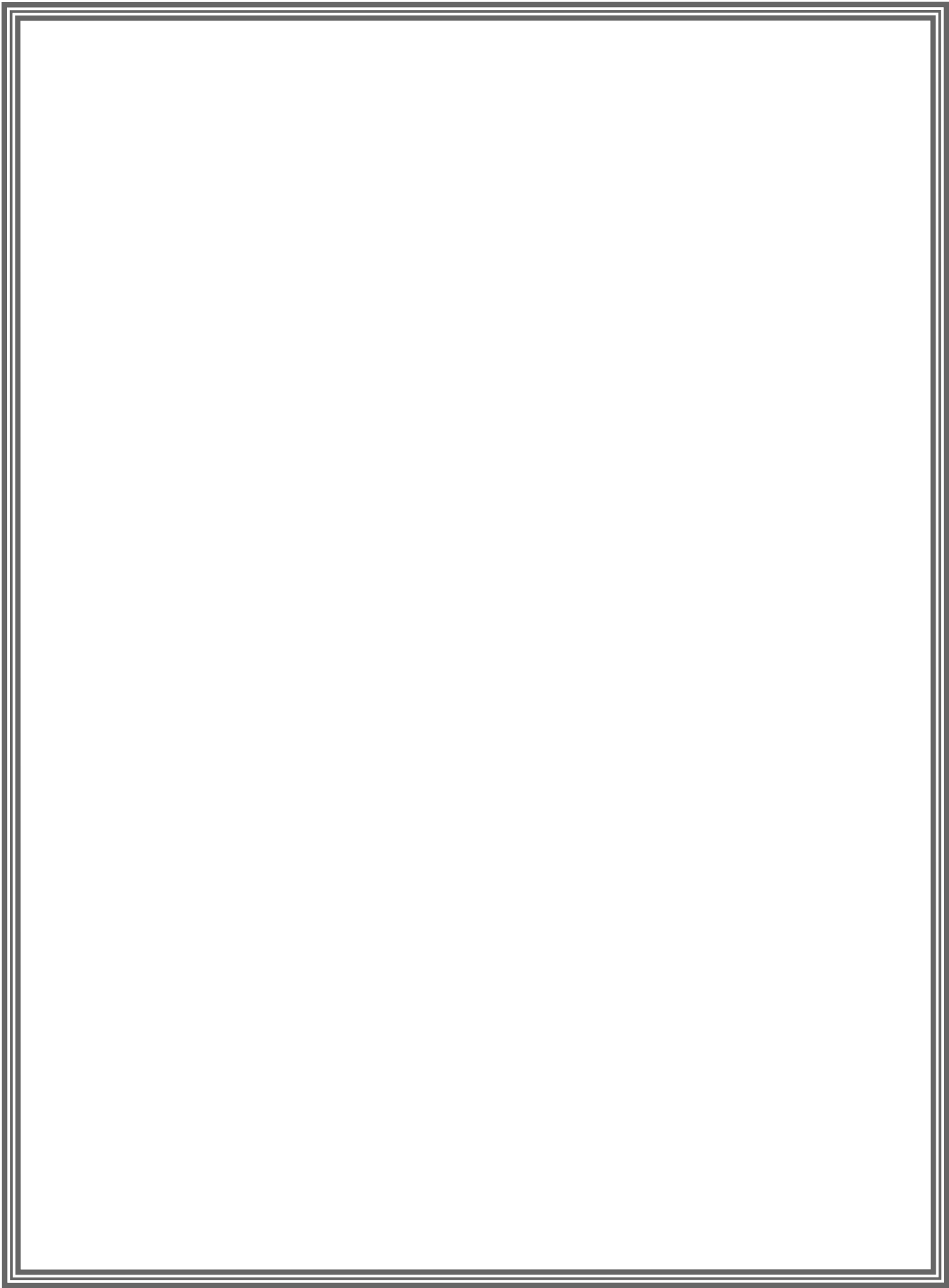
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**EMBRACE THE CALL,
LIVE THE MESSAGE**

this journal belongs to

In celebration of youth camps in the Community of Christ church, this journal contains excerpts from a camp journal of one of those early campers.

May this be an inspiration to you to record your thoughts and experiences from this week so that in years to come these memories can bring joy to yourself and others.



Camp Nauvoo, June 17, 1929

Dear Diary,

We got up at the ring of an old bell. After breakfast we went to town and bought us a crate for \$.05. It was an orange crate and we took off one side and nailed it to the end. We covered it with a towel and it made a fine dresser with two shelves. We also bought some folding cups, stamps, postal cards and got our blankets from the post office.

Dinner was served on the lawn. We had sandwiches, cake, bananas, and a pickle. After rest hour we played volleyball and it was so much fun! Judy is a keen director. After supper we got out in front of the Homestead and played leap frog, crack the whip and rolled down the hill. After an assembly we went to Aunt Lu's room and Anne distributed Health Charts. Well, I sure had a good time today.



Date _____

Camp Nauvoo, June 18, 1929

Dear Diary,

This morning we had a meeting in the assembly tent and Mr. Seigfried told something about historic Nauvoo. Then we went on trip. We saw Brigham Young's house, Lucy Smith's house, site of old match-factory, site of Nauvoo Temple, an old Catholic school and brewery made from rock of Nauvoo Temple, David's look out and Sydney Rigdon's old home. He was the first postmaster at Nauvoo and in the door was a slit in to which the people used to put their out-going letters.

After lunch we hiked down to the pier and the launch...We had planned to go boat riding Tuesday night but it poured down rain so we had a keen program in the assembly tent. We sang about the days of the week and it surely was a cute song.

Monday—wash day
Tuesday—string beans
Wednesday—soup
Thursday—roast beef
Friday—fish
Saturday—pay day
Sunday—church

Then Vera Sheehy played a joke on the boys. She claimed that she was giving a play and needed some masculine helpers. After she got them up there she said that she was "gathering nuts" and here they were. We sure did laugh. "Bones" alias Joe Gordon played the piano and Ruth Taylor gave a reading. Well, we went to bed at what seemed to be the end of a perfect day.

Date _____

Camp Nauvoo, June 19, 1929

Dear Diary,

I awoke at six o'clock as usual and the girls were shivering and scrambling into their suits and camps [for the morning dip in the Mississippi river]. After breakfast we had an assembly and all of the directors were introduced. They are all keen especially Judy and Anne.

This morning we had a nature study hike under Mr. Mortimore. We really hiked to David's Chamber; sat on the grass for about a half an hour listening to Mort and the "skeeters." (The "skeeters" do more than just buzz). Then we went down into the chamber, it is very low and there are three successive waterfalls. When we came up, Mort told us about the different types of clouds. After that we just walked home because we were tired and it was about 12 o'clock.

The afternoon passed with rest hour etc., and that night we had our postponed boat ride. We rented a launch for \$4.00 an hour and was it worth it? Boy; I'll say it was! We drew numbers and the "ones" went the first hour and the "twos" went the second hour. I was a two and what fun we had! Judy and Gene went on our boat. We sang all the songs we knew and on the way back a group of us walked the 3/4 of a mile singing "John Jacob Jingleheimer Smith." ...Hurried to bed to get our eight hours of required sleep.



Date _____

Camp Nauvoo, June 20, 1929

Dear Diary,

We had flag-raising and breakfast as usual and at assembly Gene made a keen talk. After assembly our first class in handicraft. I'm making a tray of reeds, they sure are good-looking. Mrs. Woodstock is a good teacher. The next class was music and we had the most fun. I sure do like the music class! In the safety first class "Sticky" told us about accidents which were unnecessary. After rest hour I helped Clare in the kitchen. I like her. After supper we took our films to town and then I came back and washed dishes! Whew. We had about 75 people in Camp. At camp-fire everyone introduced his neighbor and then Rocky explained "sea-scouting." We sang some songs and the boys closed the meeting by saying the scout prayer. After we got in bed a big excursion boat went up the river. It was the largest boat I've ever seen. The reflection in the water was beautiful and there were 3 decks.



Date _____

Camp Nauvoo, June 21, 1929

Dear Diary,

I got up this morning at the usual hour—6:00 a.m. I went down and took an exercise. After this we had flag raising and Mr. Mortimore took a picture of us. After breakfast we had an assembly and "Sticky" told us about Duke's uncle and one of Harold's relations. Duke's uncle scoffed at his brother's confirmation as he was not a member of the church....now his uncle is a member of the church. Harold's relation went West at Gold Rush and met a member of the church. He was converted and came back and a hundred of his relatives have been converted on his account.

This morning we went on a nature study hike which took us a little north of David's chamber. We found geods...After rest hour we played volley ball and it sure was fun. Mr. Mortimore took the directors to Ft. Madison and I was left in charge of the kitchen. This is necessary when there are so many hungry kids around.

Charles came in with a cut foot so I bandaged it up for him. Such fun! During the past two days the boys have made a boat and a raft. After flag lowering Peg was chosen to christen the boat....In the evening we played group games such as Flying Dutchman, Horse & Cart, Spokes, Last Couple Out, King, Queen, etc. The girls sang the first verse of a "Perfect Day" and at closing we sang "Youth's Prayer."

We saw the most beautiful moonlight that I have ever seen. It was surely pretty across the water.


Date _____

Camp Nauvoo, June 26, 1929

Dear Diary,

Awoke and scrambled out of bed, took a dip and had an assembly of girls after breakfast. Mrs. Woodstock talked, had music hour, and went on hike and got us some agates. Walked down to landing & boarded the launch, crossed the river & lunched up high on Bluff Park—Montrose, Iowa. Had rest hour & went swimming in the old beach—Lingerlonger Beach. Walked back on R.R. tracks & enjoyed hamburgers for supper. We boarded the launch for home after a perfect day. We rocked the boat and had lots of fun.

After flag lowering, (at which time 3 boys got camp spats for taking the boat out at breakfast) we had Prayer Meeting; bore my 1st testimony and we went quietly to bed.



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