

Class Suggestions

Crafts

Day 1: Building Community

Make pottery, do sand castle sculptures or T-shirt or umbrella painting.

Day 3: Restoration Principles

Choose crafts that give campers opportunities to practice some lost arts. Ideas include candles made from beeswax, dipping candles, or sand mold candles. Sheets of beeswax come with directions for adding wicks, rolling, and shaping. Dipping requires close supervision. Sand molds are made by creating imprints in damp sand and pouring melted wax into the mold while something holds the wick in place.

Experiment with sheets of craft tin. The sheet is laid on a block of wood. The pattern is traced through the paper into the soft metal. The design is then punched out by dots using a hammer and nail. The finished design can be shaped into a cover for a candle.

Note: In the early 1800s families had individual designs for their lamps. Neighbors could tell who was coming to visit at night by the pattern formed by the candle light coming through the dots.

Drama

Day 3: Restoration Principles

Choose an event from early church history to portray

Camp Log

Day 3: Restoration Principles

Writers can prepare a newspaper as it might have appeared in the early days of the church. Another possibility might be fact-based interviews with famous people from history about their beliefs or passions.

Nature

Day 1: Building Community

Work together to do outdoor or solar cooking projects.

Do nature or solar print photography.

Make nature crafts such as sea shell creations or bead necklaces.

Day 3: Restoration Principles

One of the emerging principles of the restoration is our feelings about stewardship, especially as it relates to the earth. Plan a class that evaluates the camp grounds with an eye toward protecting the environment. Examine the wildlife, the flora and fauna, use magnifying glasses.

Music

Day 1-5: Camp Theme Song

Use “The River Is Here” as the theme song for the week.

Day 3: Restoration Principles

Learn some folk songs that might have been popular in the early 1800s. Add dance and rhythm.

Water Activities

Day I: Building Community

Base games on the River of Life theme. Use water balloons, water squirters, water bottles.

Plan a water carnival at the pool or lake.

Don't forget boating, canoeing, swimming, or fishing contests.