

Pioneer-to-the-Past Camp this year will follow Dinsmore family members through time & space, learning about the historical eras & places they lived through activities & crafts.

Monday will focus on New Hampshire and New York, homes to James Dinsmore & his future wife, Martha Macomb, from 1790 through 1820. Campers will learn about farming and will take part in a county fair & election. Snack will be switchel and fluffernutter. Possible craft: candle-making.

Tuesday will focus on Mississippi and Louisiana, where the Dinsmore family lived from about 1820 through 1840. Activities will/may include learning about pirates and the various ethnic groups who lived in the area. They will paint a paddle-wheel boat. The snack will be cornbread and molasses.

Wednesday will focus on Kentucky where the Dinsmore family lived from 1840 to 1870. **This is creek day.** Activities will include storytelling, steamboat lore (Mike Fink), a snake-oil salesman, & the tradition of dueling. Snack will include sarsaparilla or near equivalent and peanuts on a pretend steamboat (this will change if there are allergies). Campers will have a picnic and wade/swim in the creek (with shoes on) with their paddle-wheel boat.

Thursday will focus on the Great Plains where Patty (James Dinsmore's granddaughter) lived from 1870 through 1900. Activities will include the Chicago World's Fair, western ranching, a visit to Yellowstone, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and a Native American teepee. Crafts will include making a horse. The snack for the day will be lemonade & "fairy fluff" (cotton candy). **This is the day Dinsmore will provide lunch**—I am thinking beans and ham, corn bread, and hand pies.

Friday will focus on the Southwest where Isabella (James Dinsmore's great-granddaughter) lived from 1910 through 1930. Activities will include re-enacting World War One, visiting the Mickey Mouse clubhouse, and learning the Charleston. The snack will/may be a fortune cookie and Ginger Ale. Craft: Moving cartoon box and kite. Parents will be invited to come at 12:00 for movie presentations & root beer & popcorn.