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Hello!

I am taking this opportunity to send you information about this year's camp at the Dinsmore Homestead. Below are details about our camp and the prices; attached to this you will find a brief description of what the focus will be for each day. If you have a child that has aged out of camp but still wants to have fun, please look through the counselor choices—we are happy to have the extra help! I think the best aspect of this camp is having so many return campers, even as they transition to counselors. Thank you for all your support in the past and we hope to see your child(ren) here again this June or July.

Take care and thank you,  
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Pioneer-to-the-Past Camp: Session One: June 15—June 19; Session Two: July 13—17

- camp will run from 9:00 am through 1:00 pm
- this camp is for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- snacks will be provided each day
- lunch will be provided one day
- the cost is \$115 for members & \$130 for non-members, with \$10 off for each additional siblings

We have four levels of volunteer & semi-volunteer counselors at our Pioneer-to-the-Past camp:

1. A Full Counselor will have completed the first year of high school & will be expected to lead some activities on their own & provide assistance with young campers during crafts & lunch. They will be expected to familiarize themselves with all campers & mingle with all groups. A Full Counselor will be able to deal with small emergencies (bee stings, using sun block, etc.) and will need to be responsive to the needs of the camp leaders. They may be asked to participate in/lead some dramatic presentations for the young campers.
2. A Junior Counselor will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade & must have completed one session as a Freshman Counselor. They will be expected to be a responsible leader of small groups & maintain friendly & helpful relations within their group, ensuring that all campers are enjoying themselves. If they note problems with any campers, they will notify the nearest camp leader. During crafts and lunch, they may be assigned to a small group and should make themselves available for any task that camp leaders or Counselors need. They will not be responsible for leading games or dealing with small emergencies and will be able to participate in camp activities through their leadership activities. However, Junior Counselors will not be able to participate in all crafts. There is no cost for this position.

3. A Freshman Counselor will have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade & will be expected to be a responsible leader or co-leader of small groups, assisting younger campers and ensuring that a good, safe time is had by all. They will be able to participate in all camp activities & most crafts but will assist younger campers in doing this. Freshman Counselors will be available to help the camp leaders or Counselors when needed but they will not lead activities. This position is meant to encourage older children to get to know some of the younger campers without shouldering too much responsibility. The goal is for the Freshman counselor to work with the younger children by example and word of mouth. They may be assigned to a small group of campers each day in an effort to allow them to practice cooperative and interpersonal skills. At times they will be expected to role-play for the younger campers & to be good sports & have fun with all activities. The fee for Freshman Counselors is \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members.
4. A Buddy Camper will have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade but still enjoys the fun of camp. As ½ camper and ½ counselor-in-training, they may be assigned to small groups and expected to act as leaders of those groups, helping the younger counselors have fun while being safe and polite to all around. They will be expected to help the older counselors and the camp leaders. But in most other ways they will be the same as campers & take part in all activities & crafts. They may also be asked to take a leading role in some activities which will require them to be a good sport in front of the younger campers—this will be for the younger campers' benefit and the cooperation of the buddy campers' will be important! The cost is \$55 for member; \$60 for non-members.

In this packet you will find a registration form and a behavior/release form. Please return these with your check & please email me if you have any questions or concerns about the camp. Please note: Dinsmore is on Facebook and I do occasionally post pictures of our events, but I do not include names. If you would rather not have your child's picture appear on Facebook please indicate that on the behavior/publicity form.

Thank you for all of your support!

P.S. If you have more than one child attending camp, you can still use the same form for all of them, just indicate which child has allergies, etc.