

General Duties

Facilitate shelter set up and tear down.

Facilitate choosing a shelter spot at each new camp.

Help new participants as needed to get supplies and gear and “learn the ropes.”

Encourage youth to be self reliant and to try new things so they can gain a sense of accomplishment on Wagon Train.

Make sure family is present for all kitchen chores... chores will be listed in the family packet you receive on the first day of Wagon Train. It will also be announced at Family Circle and will be posted in the info board near cookshack.

Monitor the general health and well-being of family members.

Communicate with Wagon Train Leadership, starting with Lead Family Head, then Camp Boss, Wagon Master or medic as needed.

Ask for help! Everyone is really nice! :)

Lunches

Every family needs cooler and blue ice. Most teamsters already have these, ask if they do.

Decide who will be responsible for making lunch each day... it should be same person/people each day.

Assign person/people responsible for refilling water jug each night or morning before trek.

Make sure cooler and fresh water are on wagon before departure. (double check!)

Make sure cooler is returned to camp and unloaded after the trek each day, including blue ice packs into freezer. Delegate to same or different person if desired.

Items included in cooler

Meat and cheese

Peanut butter and jelly

Bread (gluten free if needed)

Mayo and mustard

Two (2 spatulas)

Fruit or snack

Napkins

Blue ice packs

Table cloth/blanket/tarp for sitting

Buttons

A list of buttons, descriptions of buttons, and a chart to keep track of each youth's buttons will be provided in your Family Head packet.

Buttons are our way of acknowledging great characteristics in our youth. Buttons include

- Songbird
- Helping Hands
- Clean Camp
- Journaling
- I'm a Star

Buttons are given each night at Family Circle.

We try to give every youth a button as often as they have been noticed or deserve one.

Adults from all areas of our trek can help family heads in assigning buttons.

Button supplies will be in a blue plastic tote in the gear trailer.

Some special buttons may be made if a unique situation arises. ie. Some years our scout has brought a rope to climb, and he made buttons for each youth who made it to the top.