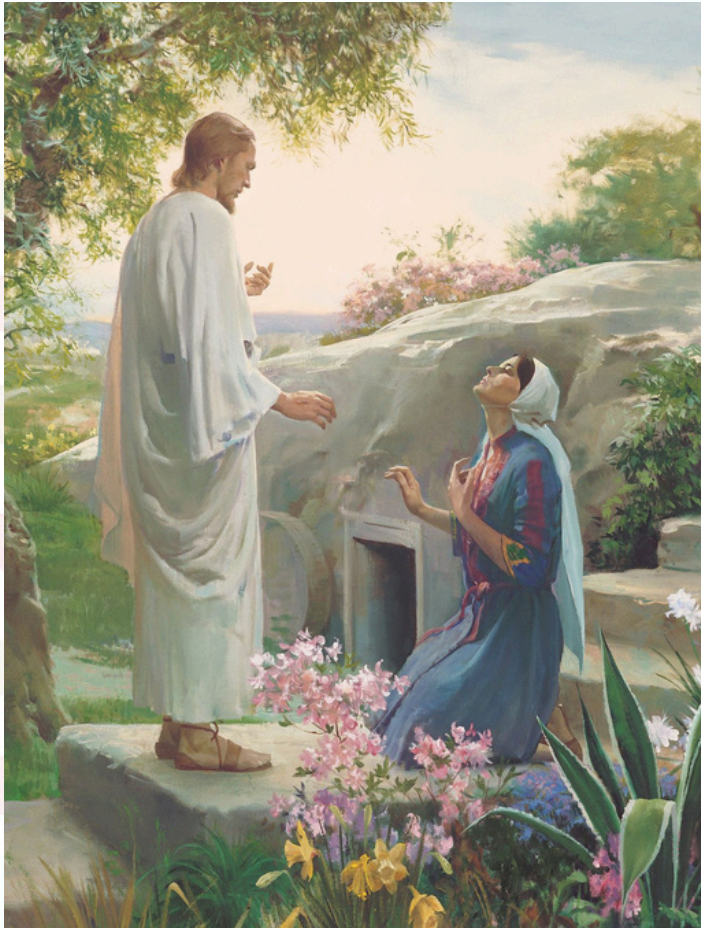


OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025



*Rise up, ye Saints, rejoice!
Let Easter anthems ring!
With all who love Him, lift your voice
In praise of Christ, our King!
For Jesus came to save
And break the chains of sin.
He conquered sorrow and the grave
and new life ushered in.*

Let Easter Anthems Ring, Hymn 1205

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NEW
UPDATE

UTILIZATION OF STAKE CALENDAR UPDATE

Stake leaders have recommitted to utilizing the stake calendar to notify you of upcoming activities and events. You can access the stake calendar through the Gospel Tools app or by logging into your church account online at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org). To sync your ward and stake calendars with your digital calendar, log in to your Church account online (in a web browser), navigate to the calendar, click the settings icon (a gear symbol), and select "Sync." You will then have the option to receive notifications when events are scheduled or changed.

APRIL AT A GLANCE

March 30

- Fast Sunday

April 1

- BYU-I Education Event, see page [7](#) & [11](#)

April 4 - 25

- Easter Art Show, Trail Center, see page [4](#)

April 5 - 6

- General Conference, see details at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)

April 11

- Stake Primary Leadership Training, see page [9](#)

April 12

- Multi-Youth Dance @ Stake Center, see page [7](#)

April 13

- YW Camp Meeting for YCL & Adult Leaders, see page [8](#)
- Why I Believe Fireside @ Trail Center

April 19

- "The Living Christ" Easter Celebration, see page [5](#)

April 20

- Easter

April 27

- Seminary Graduation, see page [7](#)

2025 OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE VISION

CHOOSE *Him*

JOIN *Him*

REJOICE WITH *Him*

I gave unto them their knowledge...[and] agency. And unto thy brethren have I said, and also given commandment, that they should love one another, and that they should choose me, their father.

Moses 7: 32-33



Choosing to follow Jesus Christ and live as His disciple is not a one-time choice. Every day we choose to let God prevail in our lives as we choose Him over competing choices or distractions.

What choices can you make today that will show increased love towards God, His Son Jesus Christ, and others?

Follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

2 Nephi 31:12



As disciples of Jesus Christ, He encourages us to follow Him and labor with Him in His vineyard. When we do so, we become more like Him, and we help others come unto Him. We can abide in His presence more fully and join Him in God's work of salvation and exaltation.

We invite all stake members to

- Have daily experiences worshipping the Lord and studying His gospel.
- “[Worship] in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit.”
- Commit yourself to 1) pray for your ministering families by name every day and 2) have a ministering interview with your RS or EQ presidency quarterly.

And blessed art thou; for because ye have been diligent in laboring with me in my vineyard... behold ye shall have joy with me.

Jacob 5:75



Our Savior Jesus Christ rejoices in His Father's plan. He rejoices in our repentance, and in our service. He rejoices in our sacrifice and consecration. We can share in that same joy *with* Him.

What can you do that would allow you to feel more powerfully this joy that is available to you?

The Council Bluffs Stake of
The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints
presents

EASTER ART SHOW

APRIL 4 - APRIL 25

OPENING RECEPTION
APRIL 4, 7:00 PM

Mormon Trail Center at
Winter Quarters

Saturdays and Sundays
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
or by appointment

More information at
www.EasterArt.org

EASTER ART SHOW

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I view the show?
Saturdays and Sundays from
12:00 pm - 5:00 or by
appointment

**What if I want to bring a group
outside of normal show hours?**
There is a link to schedule an
appointment at
www.EasterArt.org

Is the art for sale?
Not during the show but artists
can be contacted directly after
the show is over

**Is the show appropriate for
kids?**
Families are encouraged to
attend! A scavenger hunt game is
provided to help kids engage
with the art

Purpose of the
EASTER ART SHOW:

Keep Christ at the
Center of our
Easter Celebration

EASTER ART SHOW

OPENING RECEPTION
APRIL 4

7:00 pm Artist Talks
8:00 pm Reception
Children's Scavenger Hunt
Refreshments

Mormon Trail Center
at Winter Quarters


EASTER ART SHOW

CLOSING RECEPTION
APRIL 25

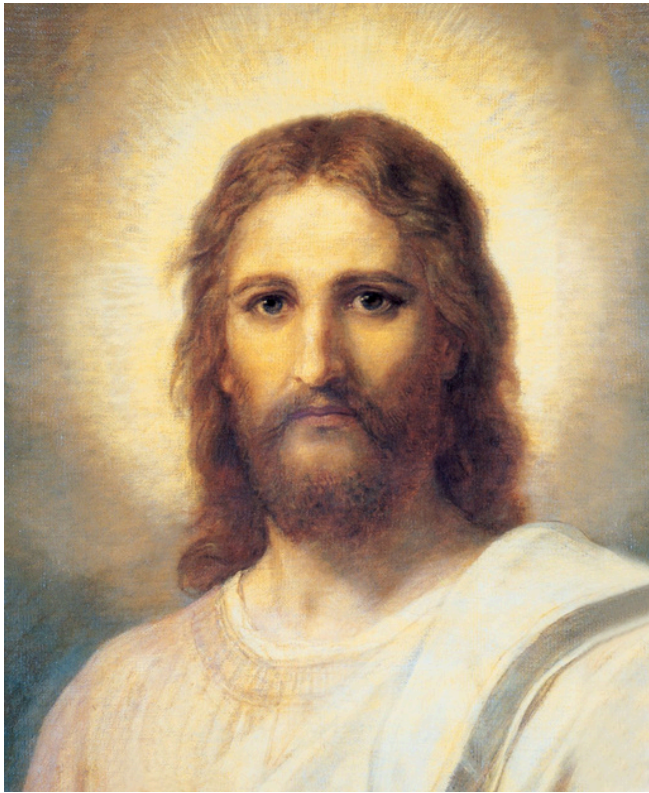
7:00 pm Sacred Art Gift Presentation
8:00 pm Reception
Refreshments

Mormon Trail Center
at Winter Quarters

There are more
Easter events on
the next page!



The Living Christ: Easter Celebration



On Saturday, April 19, 2025, the Omaha Nebraska Stake will host an Easter celebration entitled "The Living Christ" at the Omaha Stake Center. Participants will experience the life, teachings, and resurrection of Christ in a guided presentation lasting approximately 45 minutes. This commemoration is designed for all ages and open to stake members and friends. Sign-ups are encouraged, and are available between 4pm to 7:30pm. Sign up at [this link](#). For more information, please contact your Sunday School president.

USE LINK TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND---

OMAHA AREA SOCIAL MEDIA EASTER INVITATION

In anticipation of the Easter season, please share a time when you've felt the love of Christ as we celebrate the "greater love" of Christ's sacrifice for us.

AYUDENOS A CELEBRAR LA PASCUA



¡EL AMOR ES UN VERBO!

COMPARTE ALGUNA EXPERIENCIA EN LA QUE HAYAS SENTIDO EL AMOR DE CRISTO Y LA COMPARTIREMOS CON NUESTROS AMIGOS.

Para compartir use el código QR



Use this form to submit your response --> [Easter Celebration](#)

Responses will be shared on the Church of Jesus Christ - Omaha Metro Facebook and Instagram pages.

Here are the links to those pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550847232063>

<https://www.instagram.com/churchofjesuschristomahametro/>

HELP US CELEBRATE EASTER



LOVE IS A VERB!

SHARE A TIME WHEN YOU'VE FELT THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND WE'LL SHARE IT WITH OUR FRIENDS.

Share by using the QR Code





PICKLEBALL

Men and women are invited to play pickleball Friday mornings at 10:30 at the stake center. If you have any questions, contact Chelsea Clements at (402) 639-2150.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE FIRESIDE



JOIN US FOR AN

EDUCATIONAL EVENING

Hosted by BYU-Idaho for youth ages 14-18, parents, leaders, and young single adults

Learn what prophets and apostles have taught about education and how you can prepare now to receive those promised blessings.

Apr 1, 2025, 7PM

Omaha Nebraska Stake Center
14680 California St Omaha, NE 68154

MISSION PREP SUNDAYS

Omaha Stake Center
4 pm

SEMINARY GRADUATION APRIL 27 TH

Papillion Stake Center
7 pm
(Seniors need to arrive at 6:30)

Multi-Stake YOUTH DANCE



Hello there, old sport! Didn'tcha hear?
The Omaha Stake is hosting a Multi-Stake Youth Dance!

- Get dolled up in your most modest Roaring Twenties Sunday dress!
- Take a chance to be the Big Cheese in a costume contest!
- Celebrate your sharp attire with a nifty photo booth!

Well, get a wiggle on- we're all waiting for you!



12 APRIL

6-9PM

14680 California Street
Omaha, NE 68154

SYLC APRIL 27 TH

date changed from April 20th to April 27th

NEW

3 pm
Stake Center



HEY, HEY, 12 & 13 YEAR OLDS!

Check out this awesome temple & family history class happening this summer for you!
See page 18!

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Stake YM Summer Camp 2025

May 28 - 31 at Camp Eagle

Stake YM High Adventure

July 15-19th

Stake YW Summer Camp 2025

June 3 - 7, 2025

June 3 YCL's only

June 4 - 7 All YW

FSY DATES

Summer 2025

For Youth turning 14+

1st Session:

Lincoln June 16-21

2nd Session:

Lincoln June 23-28



YOUTH 12 & 13: SUMMER FAMILY HISTORY CLASS

See page 18 for details!

YW CAMP



Please register today at omahastakeywcamp.com.

Registration closes on April 15.

Looking ahead next meetings for adult camp leaders and YCL's:

- April 13. 3-4 P.M. at the Omaha Stake YW room
- May 4, 3-4 P.M. OS YW room
- May TBD (end of May)

**this
month**

PRIMARY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

for all primary presidencies

Friday, April 11th

7:00 PM

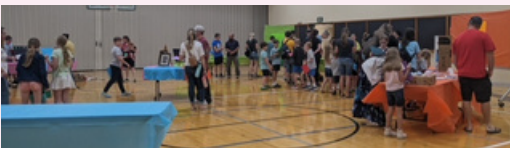
Stake Center

*Come as you are and be ready to
gather new ideas and share your
own!*

Hey, parents and leaders of primary activity age children,
we are doing it again!

2ND ANNUAL GOAL SHOWCASE

coming to you in the Fall of 2025!



We had such a great response to the goal showcase this year that we are gearing up for another amazing opportunity for the kids to show what they are capable of.

Have I done any good?

APRIL 25 - 27, 2025
**GLOBAL YOUTH
SERVICE DAY**

APRIL 11TH - MAY 11TH IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

GYSD reaches millions of youth from 100 countries to serve in their communities. Each year the church supports YSA (Youth Service America) as it encourages youth to serve. Here's a GYSD link if you would like more information on this special day:

[37th Annual Global Youth Service Day -- April 25-27, 2025 | Youth Service America](#)



Our seniors in Omaha are nourished as they gather to learn, socialize, and eat. As Dennis and Vicki Dryden served lunch they felt our senior's global rich heritage. Other service opportunities at the senior center include stocking shelves [Stock our Shelves! - JustServe](#) , donations [Food Pantry - JustServe](#) , delivery [Food Pantry Delivery - JustServe](#) , and instruction [Volunteer Instructors - JustServe](#) .

Doctors needed:

- [Tattoo Removal Program - JustServe](#)

Perfect for Global Youth Service Day (April 26, 2025):

- [Earth Day Clean Up Project - JustServe](#)
- [Earth Day Clean Up Project - JustServe](#)

For Families and Youth:

- Outside cleanup and gardening April 26, 2025 [Florence Mill, Winter Quarters Historic Park, and Arboretum Preparation - JustServe](#)
- Inside cleanup May 10, 2025 [Spring Cleanup - JustServe](#)

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Kansas City, Missouri



Liked by rebeccamcmorgan and 39 others

efysak GET EXCITED!! 🥳 We have the dates for the 2025
Kansas City EFYSA. Put it in your calendars now 📅 and watch
for more info to come! 🎉 #efysak #thinkcelestial

January 16



Singles 36+

April 5 & 6

Let's watch together @
My place!
RSVP
Missy
402-303-2541
Wear PJ's, Eat, bring
your pillow and blanket!
Games in between
sessions!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- April 5 & 6 General Conference
Gather at Missy house if interested RSVP
- April 12: Bowling at Maplewood lanes @3
Pay for yourself
- April 14: Come follow Me@7:00 (Missy)
11027 Martha St Omaha NE
- April 26: Escape room/ murder mystery party
Red potluck dish at 5 at Martha street building
- April 28: Come Follow me@7:00 (Pam)
11027 Martha St Omaha NE



Single 36+
Pay For Yourself Activity
April 12 ,2025
3:00pm Bowling
RSVP
402-303-2541
@ Maplewood Lanes
3030 N 101st st
Omaha NE

RSVP so we can make sure we get
enough lanes!!
Kids are welcome



36+ singles everyone invited

Escape Room/ Murder Mystery
Potluck Dinner

When: April 26, 2025

Where: Martha Street Building!
11027 Martha Street Omaha NE

Time: 5:00 till done

BRING SOMETHING RED FOR POTLUCK

RSVP: 402-303-2541 missy
(217) 619-1444 meg

CALLED TO SERVE



Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the son of God. I have been called of him to declare his word among his people, that they might have everlasting life.
3 Nephi 5:13

Full-time Missionaries Currently Serving

- Elder D. Clark (Bennington) Pretoria S Africa
- Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Portland, Oregon
- Elder K. Hansen (Blair) London England
- Elder T. Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos Aires
- Elder & Sister Card (Columbus) Vanuatu, Port Vila
- Elder & Sister King (Eagle Run) Columbia, SC
- Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) Modesto, CA
- Elder J. Spencer (Elkhorn) Santa Fe, Argentina
- Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) Arcadia, CA

- Sister E. Miller (Elkhorn) Riverside, CA
- Elder C. Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German
- Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Rid) Teresina, Brazil
- Elder M. Blad (Pac Ridges) Kennewick, WA
- Sister E. Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas
- Elder J. North (Old Mill) St George, UT
- Elder S. Wang (Old Mill) Taipei Taiwan
- Elder B. Davis (Pac Ridges) Denver, CO
- Sister J. Hueffner (Pac Rid) Honolulu, HI
- Elder K. McLeod (WQ) Layton, UT

Recently Called Missionaries

- L. Bartlett (Elkhorn) - Start Date 02 Jun 2025 Korea Seoul Mission (Korean)
- P. Omer (Old Mill) - Start Date 16 Jun 2025 México Torreón Mission (Spanish)
- J. Roach (Old Mill) - Start Date 22 Sep 2025 Alpine German-Speaking Mission (Russian)
- L. Dorius (Pacific Ridges) - Start Date 28 Jul 2025 Brazil São Paulo South Mission (Portuguese)
- E. Haughwout (Pacific Ridges)- Start Date 28 Jul 2025 California Anaheim Mission (English)
- E. Call (Pacific Ridges) - Start Date 26 May 2025 Colorado Denver North Mission (English)

SENIOR SERVICE MISSIONARIES NEEDED



There is an urgent need for Part-Time Senior Service Missionaries in the Omaha Area Manager Bishops' Storehouse & Home Storage Center (3 Openings) *If this position is not filled, we may lose our bishop's storehouse.

Other senior service missionary opportunities include:

- Bishops' Storehouse & Home Storage Center Workers (20 Openings)
- Bishops' Storehouse Truck Drivers (12 Openings)
- Omaha Nebraska Mission Office Support (3 Openings)
- Family Services Missionary (14 Openings)
- Military Relations - Offutt Air Force Base (2 Opening)
- Store Clerk - Winter Quarters Distribution Services Center (10 Openings)
- Winter Quarters Temple Clothing and Laundry (22 Openings)
- Temple Administrative Support (2 Openings)

Explore Current Senior Missionary Openings throughout the World
<https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org/srsite/?lang=eng>

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE MISSIONARY WORK

The Lord is hastening His work of gathering in the Omaha Mission. The following 4 individuals were baptized and confirmed members of the church in the Omaha Stake in March and we welcome them with open arms and hearts:

Levi - Fremont Ward

Bernardo - Columbus Branch

Jorge - Winter Quarters Ward

Douglas - Fremont Ward



Areas of Emphasis

- Lessons Taught with Members – Half of missionary lessons should include member participation
- New Member Lessons – Strive to have a member (ministering brother/sister) at each lesson
- Attendance at Missionary Correlation Meeting All organizations represented every week
- Recent Converts to Temple – Help all new converts get to the temple within a week of their baptism
- Recent Converts to Church – Help each convert to attend Sacrament and 2nd hour meetings

Ward Mission Plans

- Each Ward Council is finalizing ward mission plans. The ward mission plans should include specific goals considering the following areas. The ward mission plan should remind us to invite others to “Join Him.”

The Work of Gathering

- Supporting new/returning members
- Supporting the ward missionaries and who they are teaching
- Helping everyone feel welcomed in ward meetings
- Helping ward members find ways to serve and do missionary work



FAMILY SEARCH CENTER HOURS

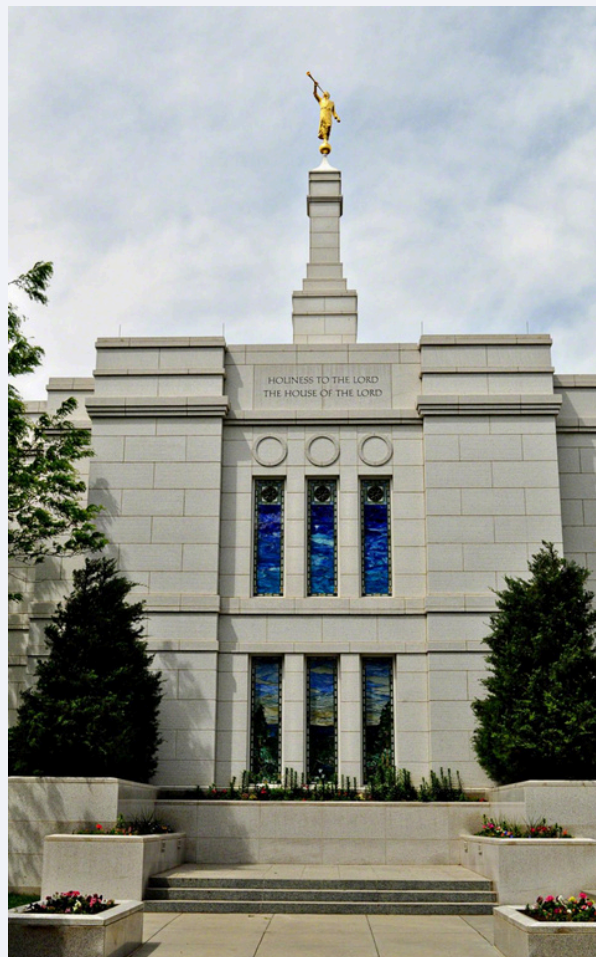
Open every Tuesday
noon-2pm and 7pm-9pm,
or by special appointment

(402) 252-5131
Stake Center

Get free help from a
FamilySearch consultant, or
bring a friend!



TEMPLE RECOMMEND STAKE INTERVIEWS



David Robles

*Please find David's phone number in the
LDS tools app. David schedules
appointments for members of the Old
Mill, Pacific Ridges, Eagle Run, and YSA
Wards*

Matthew Nielsen

*Please find Matthew's phone number in
the LDS tools app. Matt schedules
appointments for members of the
Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn, and
Fremont Wards*

TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY INVITATION

After announcing plans to construct 17 more temples in the October 2024 General Conference, President Russell M. Nelson stated: “My dear brothers and sisters, do you see what is happening right before our eyes? I pray that we will not miss the majesty of this moment! The Lord is indeed hastening His work.” (Reference 1) While all are invited to participate in this work, the prophets and apostles have extended special invitations to the youth. Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shared:

“The Lord has made available in our day remarkable resources that enable you to learn about and love this work that is sparked by the Spirit of Elijah. For example, FamilySearch is a collection of records, resources, and services easily accessible with personal computers and a variety of handheld devices, designed to help people discover and document their family history. These resources also are available in the family history centers located in many of our Church buildings throughout the world.”

“...I invite the young people of the Church to learn about and experience the Spirit of Elijah. I encourage you to study, to search out your ancestors, and to prepare yourselves to perform proxy baptisms in the house of the Lord for your kindred dead (see D&C 124:28–36). And I urge you to help other people identify their family histories.” (Reference 2)

Since January 2018, President Russell M. Nelson has announced plans to construct 185 temples (Reference 3). This is truly remarkable and makes his following statement highly impactful:

“My dear brothers and sisters, construction of these temples may not change your life, but *your time in the temple surely will*. In that spirit, I bless you to identify those things you can set aside so you can spend more time in the temple. I bless you with greater harmony and love in your homes and a deeper desire to care for your eternal family relationships. I bless you with increased faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a greater ability to follow Him as His true disciples.” (Reference 4, emphasis added)

I invite us all to act on the prophetic invitations we have received. For any seeking family history assistance, please speak with one of your Ward Temple and Family History Consultants or come visit the FamilySearch Center! For younger youth, we are excited to offer a Summer Temple and Family History Class at the FamilySearch Center – please see the announcement on the next page.

Creighton Omer

References:

1. [The Lord Jesus Christ Will Come Again](#), President Russell M. Nelson, October 2024.
2. [The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn](#), Elder David A. Bednar, October 2011.
3. Church News, Updated: [100+ announcements and changes in the Church since President Nelson became Prophet](#), January 12, 2025.
4. [Let Us All Press On](#), President Russell M. Nelson, April 2018.

YOUTH SUMMER TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY CLASS

A Temple and Family History Class for younger youth (turning 12 or 13 in 2025) will be held at the Omaha FamilySearch Center on June 24-27! Please see the details below:

- **When is the class?** Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday, June 24-27. The classes will be held each day in the morning and will be 1 hour in length. Exact times will be determined based on the number of registrants and classes needed; up to three class times will be held each day.
- **Who is invited to attend?** Young men and young women turning 12 or 13 in 2025 (birth years 2013 and 2012) are invited to attend the class. See [Learn More](#).
- **What will be covered?** This is a class for beginners and will include instruction and activities in the areas of FamilySearch navigation and use, writing journals and personal histories, research basics, preparing for temple work, and ways to be involved in family history this summer and beyond!
- **Where will class be held?** The class will be held at the Omaha FamilySearch Center which is located on the north side of the Stake Center.
- **How can I register?** Click [REGISTRATION](#). Parents are encouraged to help their youth through the registration form. Registration will close May 25 (or when classes are full).
- **Prerequisites:** Participants need a FamilySearch account and need to know or bring their login and password! Youth are able to create accounts with parental permission. Parents, please assist your youth with account setup. See [Learn More](#).
- **Where can I find more information?** Several questions and answers are found at [Learn More](#). Contact Creighton Omer (Old Mill Ward – see info in Tools) with additional inquiries.



Old Mill Ward young men and leaders kick off their June 2023 Mormon Trail Biathlon high adventure with a baptism session at the Winter Quarters Temple.

Pioneer Storytellers



Sojourn in the Wilderness:

Pioneers' stories of faith, and sacrifice are brought to life, offering a glimpse into the rich tapestry of their lives..

Sojourn in the Wilderness is an exciting project aimed at bringing to life the inspiring stories of the early pioneer members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through captivating animations. This project is designed to create an engaging platform that showcases the determination and resilience of these pioneers but also serves as a valuable resource for their descendants and others who share in the pioneer heritage...

Early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints faced numerous challenges while fleeing mobs in Nauvoo, Illinois. They sought peace and a place to practice their faith while navigating difficult terrains and harsh weather.



Orson Hyde tells of his sojourn in the wilderness..

Upon reaching the Missouri River, the pioneers established Winter Quarters and at least 90 settlements in the Middle Missouri Valley, providing refuge for these brave pioneers. These settlements fostered community support and resource sharing.

After two years, as groups moved west, many pioneers returned to Iowa, establishing settlements that contributed to regional growth.

Today, technology and research illuminate the lives of these pioneers. Platforms like MyHeritage and the scholarly research of Dr. Shauna C. Anderson Young help preserve their stories and celebrate their experiences.



Visit Our *En re* YouTube Library



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrKmuP6Jso8eUo8se2C_NYQ