If you are going to Soldier Hollow to see cross country or biathlon events, read "The Western Experience" activity sheet before your visit. Then see if you are able to answer the questions on your return.

Cowboy Camps
Cowboys will camp with a chuck wagon, a-frame tents, horses, Dutch oven cooking, music and storytelling.

- Draw a picture showing what cowboys are wearing.
- Ask: How did the "cowboy" get his name? While visiting the camp, ask the cowboys where the word "cowboy" came from.

Pioneer Homestead
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a pioneer? Several families will demonstrate what it was like living in the early days of Utah.

- Notice the log cabin. A real "100 year old" cabin was moved to Soldier Hollow for the Western Experience. How does the pioneer home differ from your home?
- Name at least three items that we buy in stores that the pioneers had to make themselves.
- Name at least three animals that were kept on a homestead. What were the animals used for?

- Pioneers brought their possessions with them when they moved. The covered wagons held items necessary for life with little room left over for special possessions. What necessities might be in the wagon? If you could add five things to the wagon, what would you bring and why?
Mountain Camp Rendezvous

Fur trappers roamed the mountains of Utah. Often, they traveled alone, and occasionally, they brought their families. The trappers learned a lot about wilderness living from Native Americans. Trappers had to provide the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter.

- What did the trappers use to hunt for food and fur-bearing animals?
- Without matches, how did the trappers start fire for food and warmth?
- It is easy to find nice warm clothes in stores. The trappers had to make their own clothes. What did they use and how did they make clothing warm enough to survive the winter?
- Trappers moved a lot as they hunted. Describe and draw a type of shelter that would provide warmth and safety and would be easy to assemble.

Native American Life

The Native Americans have changed their way of life over the past 100 years. Learn about Native Americans from displays and crafts.

- List five facts that you have learned about Native American life.

Animals

Animals played an important role in the settlement of the west. Domesticated animals provided food, labor and clothing. Wild animals also provided necessities of life.

- Name both domesticated and wild animals seen during your visit to Soldier Hollow.
- After listing the animals, write the ways in which they were used by people.