The Douglas Company, Twenty Mile Camp circled their wagons (SUV’s) and took a 5 day trek through Colorado staying in cabins, to see the DUP Monuments and to visit other DUP Daughters in their Camps. Marj Sanders of the Douglas Company, Twenty Mile Camp Captain, along with Joan Iler of the Jefferson Company, Meadow Lark Camp Captain, joined the trek, which made six daughters in two wagons. (SUV) They stayed in cabins in Sanford, Durango, and Delta, and enjoyed the “Sanford Pageant,” and led the Sanford Parade. There was great food prepared by the town.

Other activities were; cowboy songs and poetry, games for the families, and the Sanford Museum was open to the public. They learned that the San Luis Valley and the towns of Sanford and Manassa, have been celebrating the early Pioneers with parades, pageants, and games for over 137 years.

The daughters traveled on to Cortez where Captain Elaine Hattaway organized a lovely luncheon with the Montezuma Company, Mesa Verde Camp. They sang songs with a ukulele, saw, tambourine and washboard. The daughters took them on a tour of the early pioneer cemeteries of the Mancos area, where the Mormon Colorado pioneers settled. Marj Sanders found one of her ancestors in the cemetery.
As they traveled there were mud slides on Hwy 550, so there was a detour to Montrose to join with Montrose Company. They were late for their cabins and were left out in the cold, until they were rescued by President Lynette Chandler of the Montrose Company, and Thera Sandburg who took them in, and gave them nice warm beds to lay their heads for the night. The next morning they enjoyed breakfast at the Cherise Park, and shared pioneer stories, and sang pioneer songs with Ol’ Time musical instruments. At the Montrose Museum they watched a video about the early pioneer families who settled the valley.

When the wagons were loaded they headed northeast to Cedaredge to have lunch with the Delta Company, where Jacqueline Thompson the Company President gave a presentation about the early pioneers of the Cedaredge area. They picnicked at the ISDUP monument #508, and shared pioneer stories and songs, and toured the “Pioneer Town” Museum.

They finished the trek by visiting the Grand Mesa Company in Grand Junction, The Company President, Carol Shaw gathered the camps to enjoy each others’ company along with Taco Salad, homemade ice cream, music and fun! They finished the trek tied, but ready for a picnic dinner with their families in Parker, to tell pioneer stories and how they circled their wagons each day trekking through Colorado.
Douglas Company, Twenty Mile Camp Jubilee 2017
Visits to ISDUP Monuments in southern Colorado commemorating the early Mormon Pioneer Settlers.

Daughters of Douglas Company, Twenty Mile Camp took a two day Jubilee Celebration to Sanford and Manassa Colorado to visit the Sanford Museum and Daughters of Utah Monuments No. 108 & No. 148. They found they had missed a big celebration in both towns and they were invited to come back next year to be in the Sanford Parade.

We found an interesting old photo of the Manassa "Kitchen Symphony Orchestra in the Sanford Museum. They are unknown ladies, who may have been some of the members of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Blue Spruce Camp started by Lettie Jensen as the first Captain in 1946. This picture gave us inspiration to start our own band with a ukulele, saw, tambourine, jaw harp, wash board, and harmonica.
In our quest to have Camp Jubilees, a leader was assigned to plan an activity. A three year plan was presented to the group.

The first year we would start by seeing the sites of the early Mormon Pioneers in the Denver area, starting with the Cherry Creek Monument #559 in Parker, Colorado. Next, we would visit the Trappers Trail marker in Adams County, see the Arvada Quilt Museum, have lunch afterwards. They would then see the first building where the saints met for church, and finish with a picnic with our families at the pavilion next to the home of the first members who joined the Church in Franktown in 1897. We would sing songs and share pioneer stories.

The second year, we would plan a two day trip to visit the San Luis Valley where the early pioneers came to Colorado in 1883. We would visit the Sanford Museum where the ISDUP Monuments #108 "Sanford Pioneers" on the church lawn, and #148 "Relief Society Hall of Sanford" which is now in the Sanford Museum. We were invited to come next year to be in the Sanford Parade, which they have had for the last 137 years. We would end with a picnic near the home of the first members who joined the Church in 1897.

The third year, we would be in the Sanford Parade, visit the museum and visit other ISDUP Companies along the trail in a five day trip, ending with a picnic with our families and friends.

Cherry Creek Camp Monument #559 Parker, Colorado

It is believed this is the first building where the early Denver saints met at 6th & Galapo in the 1880s'.