

Donner Party Hike After Hike Chautauqua* Ghosts of the Donner Party

Dream #1 is Charles Stanton returning from Sutter's Fort with a packtrain of emergency food for the Donner Party still on the trail. Then, Charles, giving his life while guiding the Forlorn Hope to Sutter's Fort.

Dream #2 is William Eddy successfully stumbling/crawling to the Johnson Ranch to get the word out about the starving pioneers at Trokay Lake and then returning and rescuing the Donner girls.

Tamsen Donner is not afraid to speak out on behalf of the women of the Donner Party when the men are about to make a disastrous mistake in choosing to travel Hasting's untested cutoff trail. When the Donner pioneers are hopelessly trapped in the Sierra snow, Tamsen keeps a cheerful countenance yet arranges for the rescue of her three daughters and then makes the difficult decision to stay with her dying husband.

This Chautauqua will be accompanied by original music about the Donner Party from Alice Osborn and Rick Mitchell..

Alice Osborn



Rick Mitchell



Jeremy Lin



Nick Potter



Cori Mitchell

Cast of Characters

Georgia Donner (And musician) - Alice Osborn
Ghost of Charles Stanton - Nick Potter
Ghost of Tamsen Donner - Cori Mitchell
Ghost of William Eddy - Jeremy Lin
Narrator/Musician - Rick Mitchell

*A chautauqua is a traveling show that flourished in the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It provided popular education with entertainment in the form of lectures, concerts, and plays and was modeled after Chautauqua Institution of western New York.

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