

Scouts BSA Summer Camp  
Soaring to New Heights



2025



# LEADER GUIDE

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# Exploring Magic

Dear Scout Leader,

Thank you for choosing Camp Bunn!

The council and camping committee are very proud of Camp Bunn and are working hard to ensure the summer camping experience offered to your Scouts is exciting and rewarding.

The Camp Bunn program has been designed to support the aims and methods of Scouting to teach our youth to be responsible citizens and community leaders. Camp provides this opportunity with exciting and unique adventures during the week. Encourage your Scout(s) to participate and take advantage of all Camp Bunn offers.

The information needed to prepare your troop for summer camp is included in this leader guide, including programs on the provisional troop and high adventure programs. Additional forms, such as the merit badge registration sheets will be available by the end of February.

Every year program features are added, removed or modified at our camps. Most of these changes are a direct result of feedback from Scouts and leaders who attend camp each year. To continue making our camps the very best, we will be asking for your feedback about our activities and programs.

Thank you for spending a week with your "Scouting family." We will do our best to give your Scouts a week of outstanding program.

On behalf of the Abraham Lincoln Council Camping Committee -



Camp Director

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# 2025 SUMMER CAMP

## ADVENTURES



Staff Week: June 8-13  
Week 1: June 22-28  
Week 2: July 6-12



### Weekend Adventure Series

Aquatics: July 18-20  
Ecology and Outdoors: July 25-27  
Range and Target: August 1-3  
STEM (Camp Illinek): August 8-10



[www.alincolnscouting.org/outdooradventure](http://www.alincolnscouting.org/outdooradventure)





# MERIT BADGE LINEUP



## **Waterfront and Aquatics Adventure Weekend**

Swimming, PWC/Motorboating, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Canoeing

## **Outdoor Skills and Ecology Adventure Weekend**

Basketry, Leatherworking, Woodcarving, Backpacking, Hiking, Camping, Cooking, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival, Scout Quest (Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class Requirements, Indian Lore

## **Shooting Sports and Target Adventure Weekend**

Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Open Shooting

## **Eagle Quest and Target Adventure Weekend**

Communications, Sustainability, Emergency Prep, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World

## **Nature and Ecology and Outdoor Adventure Weekend**

Reptile & Amphibian, Animal Science, Fish and Wildlife Mngt., Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation, Astronomy, Plant Science, Bird Study, Geology, Fishing, AND OPEN Remote Boats!

## **Other, STEM and STEM Adventure Weekend**

Climbing, Horsemanship, Robotics, Welding, First Aid Cycling, Music, Digital Technology, Space Exploration AND Remote RC car track (twice the size)

# WEEKEND ADVENTURE

## PRICING

### Early Bird Registration Fee

Coming with Troop: \$75

Provisional Troop: \$150

Adults: Free



### Regular Registration Fee

Coming with Troop: \$100

Provisional Troop: \$175

Adults: Free



Meals for Troops will be on their own except Saturday Dinner. This is to help keep the cost low and to allow Troops to work in the Patrol Method.

The provisional Troop will have Camp Provided Leadership according to YPT policy. Youth will still need to bring a tent, and personal gear. The higher cost is to cover those extra leaders needed and food. There will also be a mandatory virtual meeting orientation the Saturday before each weekend.



# 2025 at Camp Bunn

Camp Bunn promises to be a very busy place for your scouts in 2025. This week long experience can be a fun-filled, challenging and exciting time for your Scouts with time to work on advancement and enjoy the more than 600 acres of woods, streams and fields at Camp Bunn.

This portion of the guide book is intended to acquaint Troop Leaders with the facilities and programs of Camp Bunn. It is also intended to aid the Troop in making plans for the great adventure of a week-long summer camp. Outdoor adventure attracts youth to Scouting. The promise of camping and hiking – the traditional methods of the Scouts BSA program – are what beckons new Scouts and holds seasoned Scouts to the Scouting program, not the four walls of a meeting room.



- **Welding Merit Badge**
- **Horsemanship Merit Badge**
- **Cycling Merit Badge**
- **RC Racecar Track**
- **Inflatable Water Obstacles**
- **New Eagle-required Merit Badges**
- **Jet ski program, includes Motorboating Merit Badge.**

**SUMMER CAMP IS AN EXTENSION OF YOUR HOME TROOP PROGRAM.**

# 2025 Camp Sessions

**Camp Bunn will offer two regular sessions this summer.**

- June 22-28
- July 6-12

*\*\*The Merit Badge Schedule will be posted and live for sign-up by March 1, 2025. Please note all merit badges and other programs being offered are in this guide.*



Welding



Great friends

## Arrival & Departure



Troops are responsible for the necessary transportation of their Scouts to and from Camp Bunn. Troops should plan to arrive on Sunday between 1 -2:30 p.m. (please not before). Departure should be planned prior to 10 a.m. on Saturday. If these guidelines cannot be met, please inform the Camp Director at least two weeks in advance of your scheduled week.



# Sunday Check-in Schedule

1. Upon arrival, park ALL vehicles in the designated lot.
2. The Troop's camp Scoutmaster then checks in at the Administration Building with the updated Troop roster, camper release forms, and health forms. The Camp Director, or designee, will then finalize and collect the balance of fees for adults, youth, and any family night reservations. They will receive a packet of program information at check in.
3. Health forms will be reviewed by the health officer. All prescription medications will be kept with the adult leader at camp under lock and key with the exception of those that need to be kept on the person for immediate medical needs.
4. Troops will be assigned a guide from the staff who will assist in the remainder of the check-in process, such as swim check, camp tour and campsite setup.
5. Only TWO vehicles at a time, per campsite, will be allowed to go to the campsite to unload equipment. The car passes are temporary and only good as long as you are actively unloading equipment. You will likely want to trade the passes within the unit if you have more than two vehicles with equipment.
6. The field uniform is requested for the dinner meal.
7. A meeting of all Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders will be held at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building
8. Flag retreat at 8:15 p.m. will be followed by the opening campfire at the Firebowl.



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# Deposit & Registration

Your non-refundable Camp Bunn Summer Troop Camp deposit of \$100 is "Step 1" of the registration process. When you complete "Step 2" of the registration process (closer to camp), \$100 will be credited toward paying your camp fees.

## **Youth Registered by:**

March 1st: \$395

May 1st: \$425

After May 1st: \$460

Adults: \$120 no matter when registered by, unless your unit attended Promo, then all leaders are free.

**There is no additional fee for the program and ice.**





# Cancellation & Refund Policy

Any cancellation of an Abraham Lincoln Council Summer Camping Program registration, made in writing at least 30 days before the start of the program session, will be approved.

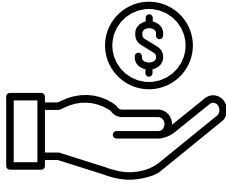
Refund requests for cancellations must be made in writing and submitted to the Council Camping Committee through the staff advisor. Please email [Pete.Carteaux@Scouting.org](mailto:Pete.Carteaux@Scouting.org). Requests received more than 30 days after the first day of the event will be rejected. Refunds will be subject to a service fee and, where applicable, may be prorated to cover fixed expenses incurred on the individual's behalf.

Refund requests will be reviewed by the committee at the first meeting following the conclusion of the summer camping season. Refunds may not be granted for additional purchases made in conjunction with a registration. Approved refunds will be issued to the entity that submitted the event registration by check or EFT. Refunds may be applied to a future ALC summer camping program and will not be assessed a service fee. Service fees for Abraham Lincoln Council Summer Camping Program: 20% of fee for all programs.



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# Trading Post



The Trading Post has always been a popular place for campers, staff and visitors. It is well stocked with T-shirts, mugs, and souvenirs. The store has many camping needs and necessities available. A variety of snack items, such as candy and ice cream, are also available. (Scouts typically spend around \$150 a week in the Trading Post). Hours will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Trading Post.



# Lost & Found

A camp lost and found box will be in the Administration Building. Please remind each Scout to mark their personal effects with their name and unit number and to remember to take care of and safeguard their property. Camp Bunn is not responsible for lost or stolen property.



# Health & Medical Records



Every Scout and Leader MUST have an annual physical and health history completed on the BSA ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD form. This form can be found at your local BSA office and on our council website ([www.alincolnscouting.org](http://www.alincolnscouting.org)).

Any adult leaders staying at camp less than 72 hours must have a completed part A and B of the health form.

All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

It is helpful for each troop to have a notebook with all physical forms alphabetically filed in plastic sleeves.

Any food allergies or other food related issues, such as vegetarianism, must be sent in a letter to the Camp Director and Commissary Supervisor before the week of camp. Our Commissary Supervisor will be available to meet with Scouts, their parents, or Leaders regarding any food concerns.

## Health Lodge & Emergencies

### **Non-emergency Health Lodge hours**

- 9-10 a.m.
- 1-2 p.m.
- 7-8:30 p.m.

The Camp Health Officer handles camp injuries and sickness. If medical care is needed, the Scout will be taken to Carlinville Hospital for treatment, with the assistance of the Troop Leadership. Each Troop should provide first aid supplies for use in the campsite. All first aid treatment must be reported to the Health Officer. The camp physician will see non-emergency illnesses during his regular office hours.

# Camp Tours

If this is your first experience at Camp Bunn, a camp exploration tour led by your camp guide will be held on Sunday. This tour will familiarize you and your Troop with the layout of Camp Bunn and the location of program areas.



## Telephone

The camp telephone is for business and emergency use only. Parents should call camp only in an emergency. The telephone number at camp is (618) 778-5273. Please let parents know that it will take time to locate their Scout or Leader because of the distances at camp.



## Mail

Mail will leave camp each day. The outgoing mailbox is located at the Trading Post. Mail will be delivered to the troop at the noon meal.

<b>Camper's Name</b>	
<b>Troop #</b>	
<b>Camp Bunn, BSA</b>	
<b>5259 Camp Lane</b>	
<b>Hettick, IL 62649</b>	



# Visitors

Visitors are welcome to visit camp, but they must sign in at the Administration Building upon arrival.

Visitors are also welcome at camp on Friday night for dinner with their troop, but they do not need to sign in. The cost is \$5.00 per person, under 5 years old is free. The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature a special camp-wide retreat ceremony and campfire. The evening will conclude with the Order of the Arrow recognition ceremony.

## Food Service

All food service is cooked in the commissary and provided in the pavilion. Please note the statement on page 13 regarding allergies and special diets. The Food Distribution Program is available to all eligible participants without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.





# Equipment



Camp Bunn provides	Troops will provide
Wall tents	Troop, patrol, American flag
Patrol dining fly	First Aid kit
Garbage disposal service	Lanterns
Floor boards for tents	Merit badge applications and/or forms
Patrol table	Advancement charts & records
Patrol box	Mess kits & utensils (optional)
Cooking Gear	Cots, air mattresses
Charcoal	Transportation
	Any special troop needs
To request items, see equipment request form in appendix.	

Damage to Camp Loaned Equipment – Each unit will be responsible for the camp equipment that is provided for their use. Any damage to equipment because of abuse, whether willful or due to negligent or imprudent practices, will be billed to the unit.





# Keeping Track of Scouts

We encourage troops to be aware of where their scouts plan to be in camp. Many troops do this with an in/out board. A board is easily constructed of cardboard and string. Various areas of camp (i.e., Waterfront, Shooting Sports, Trading Post, etc.,) can be designated. Each scout has a clothespin with their name on it, and the clothespin is moved from the "in campsite area" to the place on the board where the scout plans to be.

## Pre-Camp Meeting

Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders are highly encouraged to attend our Pre-Camp meeting on May 4, 2025. Since that date is so close to Cinco De Mayo, we will have a taco party. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. in the Administration Building at Camp.

**Please RSVP by email to Joy at [dysonjoy60@gmail.com](mailto:dysonjoy60@gmail.com).**



# Order of the Arrow



The Order of the Arrow is the Scouting America (Scouts BSA) National Honor Society. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is "To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition".

The Order of the Arrow exists primarily as a service organization, and especially emphasizes cheerful service in the camping phase of Scouting. On Friday morning, there will be an opportunity for Order of the Arrow members to give cheerful service to Camp Bunn. Appropriate projects have been identified for this purpose.

Scouts and Scouters elected to the Order of the Arrow PRIOR to summer camp will be recognized on Friday evening at the camp-wide campfire. Those not "Called Out" prior to camp can be "Called Out" Friday evening if arrangements are made before Friday with the Order of the Arrow liaison on camp staff. Out-of-council troops may have their members called out only if they have written permission from their home lodge.



Illinek Lodge will host an ice cream social for all Arrowmen on Tuesday night. Illinek Lodge members wishing to do their Brotherhood transition will have that opportunity at camp. Arrowmen from another council may only complete their Brotherhood in their home council. If an Ordeal member wishes to do this, they should plan to bring their Order of the Arrow Handbook with them to prepare for the questioning. More information regarding this will be passed out at the troop leaders meeting on Sunday night at camp.



# Camp Policies

## Procedures to leave camp during a session

*Please note Camper Release Authorization Form is in appendix. Please have these forms for all youth under 18, as there could be an unexpected need for a Scout to leave camp.*

If a camper, under the age of 18, will be leaving camp during the week, they must have a written statement from their legal parent or guardian containing the following information.

1. Permission of the legal parent/guardian to leave camp.
2. The date/time the Scout will be leaving.
3. Where the Scout will be going.
4. Who will pick them up from camp, or who, from camp, will take them to their destination.
5. When/if they will return and with whom.

***ALL campers (youth and adult) will use the sign-in/sign-out box located on the wall outside the Administration Building when leaving and returning to camp.***

## Vehicle policy

Because of safety considerations, vehicle traffic at camp must be kept to a minimum. Personal vehicles of leaders, staff, campers and visitors are restricted to the parking lot. Vehicles towing troop trailers and/or trucks carrying gear for the troop will be permitted to drive to the troop site and unload (**with written permission**) of the camp director only, but they must be returned to the parking lot as soon as possible. Smaller vehicles carrying gear, for only one or two Scouts, will be unloaded in the parking lot and heavier gear transferred to the troop truck or camp vehicle. All Scouts will walk to their campsites and will be encouraged to carry what personal gear they can. (This can be a helpful challenge. If the Scouts bring it, they can carry it.)

***Scouts MUST NOT be transported to camp in the back of a truck or other means not designated for passenger transport. For more information, see The Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 34416, found on the National website.***



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## Liquid fuels

Liquid fuels may be used for stoves and lanterns under the direct supervision of a qualified adult. We recommend the use of wood, charcoal or propane for cooking. National standards do not permit the storage of liquid fuel on troop sites. All liquid fuel is to be safely stored and locked up in the central camp location. Liquid fuels must never be used as fire starters. Camp Bunn will provide charcoal, if requested.

## Tobacco products

It is the responsibility of Scouting America to protect the health and safety of the young people in the program. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better without tobacco in any form, and prohibit the use of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vaping, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco/smoking.

All camp buildings are smoke-free zones. The use of any of the above listed products by anyone under the age of 18 is not permitted.

## Controlled substances

Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property. All prescription drugs must be kept under lock and key by the Scout leader. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medication to be carried by a camper, leader, parent or staff member for life-threatening conditions, including bee stings, heart medications and inhalers.

## Firearms, fireworks and ammunition

1. NO firearms or bows are allowed to be brought to camp.
2. NO ammunition is to be brought to camp, including reloads.
3. NO fireworks are permitted in camp.

## Troop leadership

Each troop in camp **must always have** at least two adults, 21 years or older, in camp. Additional troop leaders, minimum age of 18, are also welcome to attend camp. We recommend at least one adult for every eight Scouts attending camp. Best scenario is when the troops' regular leadership attends. In the event that a substitution of the unit's leadership is necessary, there should be an overlapping period in order to maintain continuity and adult supervision over the Scouts at all times. Leaders should sign in/sign out and *must have a health form on file at the Health Lodge.*

# Discipline

The unit leader and/or adult camp leaders are responsible for the discipline and order of their own troop. The camp staff will not assume the responsibility for unit discipline unless the leaders are not present at the time of the problem. During merit badge time, if a Scout is deemed disruptive by the counselor/instructor, the Scout may be asked to return to their leader. If this occurs, the staff member will notify the program director of the situation, and the unit leadership will be notified as soon as possible. After notifying the unit's camp leader, if the situation is not corrected, the Scout/s may be required to leave camp. In the event that a Scout or troop is asked to leave camp due to disciplinary reasons, no fees will be refunded.

# Uniform

The official Scout field uniform is required at flag raising and lowering, and the evening meal. During the day, suitable t-shirts or camp shirts may be worn. Shirts, close-toed shoes and trousers or shorts must be worn anytime a Scout leaves the campsite. Troop "uniform of the day" is a great way to build patrol spirit.

# Scouting America guidelines on youth protection

1. **TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP:** Two registered adult leaders are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
2. **NO ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT:** One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited. In situations that require a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youth.
3. **RESPECT PRIVACY:** Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimming suits or taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires.
4. **SEPARATE ACCOMMODATIONS:** When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult, other than that of his/her own parent or guardian. Different genders are not permitted to sleep in the same tent or should be in the tent of those of the opposite gender.

**For further information about youth protection and the barriers to abuse, see:**

**<http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection>**





# Miscellaneous summer camp policies

- 1.The cutting of any live tree or removal of bark is strictly prohibited.
- 2.Any area marked with a yellow parameter rope is off-limits, except for designated camp personnel.
- 3.Campers and leaders are requested only to enter the administration building (staff lounge) upon invitation.
- 4.Staff living areas are off limits to campers.
- 5.Swimsuits must be modest.
  - a. Males: tight-fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms, short enough to allow exposure are not permitted.
  - b. Females: bikinis are not allowed. Modest tankini or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate.





# Timetable of Preparation

A successful week at summer camp requires plenty of advanced planning by the Troop committee and leadership. The following checklist should be helpful in making your plans. Check off as finished.

## THREE TO FOUR MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

by April 1

- Scoutmaster, troop committee, youth leaders review the Camp Bunn Leaders' Guide.
- Individual Scout savings plan for camp secured from each Scout's family.
- Begin transportation plan.
- Two-deep leadership confirmed for week at camp.
- Equipment needs determined by quartermaster and troop committee.
- Committee checks with parents of all Scouts who are not yet signed up for camp.

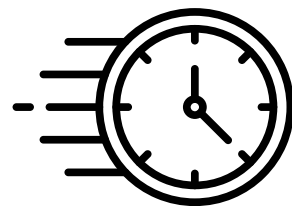
## ONE TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTING

by May 1

- Senior Patrol Leader gives final instructions to Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC).
- Senior Patrol Leader reviews personal equipment list with troop.
- Scoutmaster and youth leaders begin program-planning procedure for camp.
- Review each Scout's request for program.
- Confirm transportation arrangements.
- Final payment for each Scout and adult leader attending camp is due to the Council Office with troop roster and equipment request (by May 15) to avoid late fees.

## TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Are all Scouts registered?
- Check on final transportation arrangements.
- Inventory and label all equipment.
- Program needs and plans are complete.
- Finalized Troop roster, merit badge worksheets, and Equipment Request Forms (if not previously sent in or if changes are needed) sent in to either the Council Office (or Camp Bunn if sent after May 30).



## ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Senior Patrol Leader holds final Patrol Leaders' Council meeting.
- Collect all medical forms and camper release forms.
- Troop Committee meets to check last minute details.

## DAY OF DEPARTURE

- Troop Committee supervises the Troop's departure based on plan.
- Make sure parents have mailing address and emergency phone number.
- Update Troop roster, balance of fees due, Camper Release Authorizations, and medical forms are in the camp leader's hands.





# What a Scout Should Bring to Camp

## Individual Equipment

- Pack, duffel bag
- Cot
- Waterproof ground cloth
- Sleeping bag or 2 to 3 blankets
- Pillow
- Air mattress/Sleeping pad
- Complete summer uniform
- Underwear
- Socks
- Pants, including at least 1 pair of long pants
- Shirts
- Swimsuit, "see policies" and towel
- Comfortable shoes, hiking shoes or sneakers
- Towels & washcloths for bathing
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap/shampoo
- Deodorant
- Comb/brush
- Other necessary toiletries
- See specific program for any program needs
- Insect repellent
- Sun Block
- Bug repellent
- Scout Handbook
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Pen, pencil, and paper
- Handkerchiefs
- Raincoat or poncho in case of rain
- Cap or hat with brim
- Money for Trading Post
- Sweater or light jacket

## Optional Equipment

- Mess kit, cup and utensils
- Pocketknife (Totin' Chip)
- Canteen
- Watch/Alarm clock
- Sunglasses
- Repair kit: needles, thread, etc.
- Bible, Testament, or Prayer Book
- Camera

**Please mark all items with Scout's or Scouter's name and Troop number. Send whatever prescription drugs a Scout or Scouter need to take while at camp but understand that all such drugs need to be in an original labeled container and checked by the Health Officer upon arrival at camp. A completed Medical Form, signed by a parent or guardian, MUST accompany each Scout or Scouter to camp.**

# Program Features

## Miscellaneous summer camp policies

The Sunday your troop arrives at camp, there will be a 7 p.m. meeting for Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders. Program opportunities, scheduling, and camp procedures will be presented, followed by a question and answer forum.

## Program director

The Program Director will work with you to establish a quality program for the Scouts in your troop. The Program Director will coordinate the camp program staff and inter-troop activities and the Scoutmaster meetings.

## Program opportunities

We have some opportunities to consider, as you plan your Troop's week at camp, not including our merit badge program and our staff will be happy to work with you to set them up. Contact the area manager of your desired program if your troop would like to work on something as a unit. Examples include:

- Lashings and Pioneering in Outdoor Skill
- A troop swim at the Waterfront
- Nature hikes from Nature City

## Adult leader challenge

We have an Adult Leader Challenge for all Leaders that wish to participate. The challenge is to:

1. Visit all program areas and participate in one activity in that area.
2. For all areas visited, you will receive a sticker. For each activity you complete, you will receive another sticker. (Fishing only gets you one sticker, fishing more than once is encouraged but to keep it fair you only get one sticker for the first time fishing).
3. Turn in your sheet with stickers on Friday at lunch.
4. Prizes will be given at the Firebowl Friday evening.
5. HAVE FUN!



# Program Planning

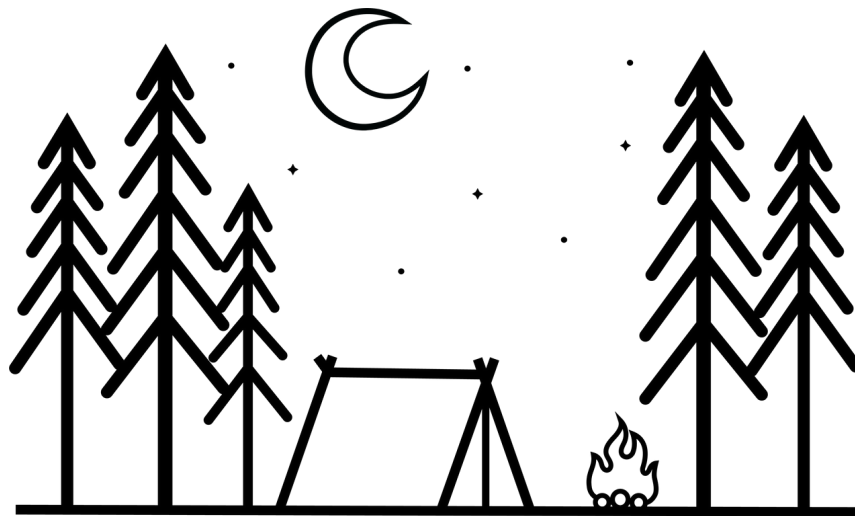
## Do's and Don'ts of program planning

### DO

1. Allow patrols to plan and carry out some things they thought of and want to do.
2. Have enough scheduled to keep everyone busy – BUT...
3. Allow for and suggest some time when a Scout can “go and do with a pal”.
4. Be sure there are personal achievement, advancement possibilities, and fun in the program.
5. Keep in personal touch with what's happening in the patrol; get verbal patrol reports each day.
6. Set a tone that will give your Troop real class. Insist on good manners, good fellowship, clean sportsmanship, clean fun, and clean camp.
7. Make the patrol method work by expecting it to work.

### DON'T

1. Allow too many activities to be scheduled. Camping should not be an exhausting experience.
2. Be alarmed if things happen that are not in the schedule – some circumstances warrant changes in plans.
3. Judge the success of the camp by the number of merit badges earned.
4. Give Scouts a title and a camp leadership job, and then do all the leading yourself.
5. Permit a violation, an error in operation, to persist or continue. “Stop the show” – correct it immediately. A Scout camp is a training camp. Be kind but firm, when necessary.





# Merit Badges to be Offered at Camp

## Camp Advancement Policies

*The number of merit badges earned at camp should not be the criteria for judging the success of a camp program or of a Scout's individual advancement. The emphasis should be on quality learning and the total camp experience. All Scouts are expected to have the merit badge book in their possession and to have read it before coming to camp. All camp advancement procedures shall be in line with the policies as outlined by the National Council of Scouting America. **Please note that all merit badges are subject to change due to staffing or other restrictions beyond our control.***

### **The steps to earning merit badges in camp are as follows:**

1. The requirements for all merit badge work in camp are the National Council requirements as published. No change or substitution of any requirement will be allowed, and each requirement must be completed before the counselor will approve, date, and initial.
2. Prior to camp, the Scout and Scoutmaster should discuss the merit badge opportunities and decide which merit badges they will work on at camp.
3. Scoutmasters should fill out the merit badge registration form prior to coming to camp. This must be completed through the online form at least two weeks before coming to camp. The link to the form will be sent after you register. This will enable the Program Director to schedule your troop and keep the class size reasonable. *In the event of classes reaching their size limits, the order in which they register will be used (email is instant and you will get a confirmation).*
4. The Scout meets with the appropriate counselor at camp to review the requirements and develop a program to work on and complete the requirements.
5. The Scout works with the counselor during the week to do the necessary work. The initiative, for all merit badges must rest with the Scout.
6. Upon checking out, the camp Scoutmaster will be given the signed merit badge forms with the completed items marked. The Scoutmaster should check to see that they have all completed and partial merit badges for all of their Scouts before leaving camp.
7. Out of council troops needing to use merit badge cards may do so. They will be responsible for bringing the appropriate cards with them to camp, as these will not be available at Camp Bunn.

Different Scouts progress at different rates, please consider this when giving permission to your Scouts to attend a merit badge. Some badges are designed for the older Scouts, while others are more action oriented and are great for younger ones at the same time, a first-year camper may be an outstanding shooter and be able to earn the Rifle Shooting merit badge, while a fourth-year camper may have discovered an interest in handicrafts and leatherwork. The key is that the Scouts come to camp and enjoy their time, while accomplishing achievements. *Scoutmasters should confirm a Scout's pre-camp accomplishments with the area director.*



# Camp Bunn Program

## Aquatics

### Merit badges

- Canoeing
- Lifesaving
- Rowing
- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Motorboating
- Small-boat sailing

### Certifications

- Aquatics Supervision
- Mile Swim
- Safe Swim Defense
- Water Rescue
- Instructional Swim
- Paddle Craft Safety
- Safety Afloat

## Facilities

The 80-acre Lake Freesen offers tremendous resources for all kinds of water fun. Certified lifeguards and instructors staff the waterfront. Canoes, rowboats, sailboats, and a motorboat, along with all the necessary safety equipment are available. The motorboat is for training and staff use only.

## Program features

Scouts **MUST** be swimmers to participate in the Canoeing, Motorboating, Rowing, and Small-Boat Sailing merit badges.

**Open Boating, Canoeing and Sailing** – Bring your troop, patrol or just you and a friend, to explore the lake just for fun and practice.

**Mile Swim** – Earn your Mile Swim patch – just the thing to cool off on a hot summer afternoon.

**Small-Boat Sailing** – See program materials specific to this program for more information. Scouts must be preregistered. Registration is encouraged, with a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the first day of your camp session for each Scout enrolling in this program. A Registration Form is on the last page of the program booklet and is also available on the Council website: [www.alincolnscouting.org](http://www.alincolnscouting.org). \*\*Class will be held for 3 hours each afternoon with a maximum of 8 Scouts. If registration exceeds that number, a morning class of 8 additional Scouts will be added. Registration will be reviewed by the Sailing Instructor and the Aquatics Director. It may be necessary to limit participation due to equipment, staffing, and the number of registrations received.

# Eagle Quest

- Emergency Preparedness
- Citizenship in the World
- Environmental Science
- Cycling
- Citizenship in Society
- Communication
- Citizenship in the Nation



**Cycling Merit Badge** – A week long working class. The Scout **MUST** provide their own bicycle and bike helmet. Scouts must be physically capable of completing a series of bike rides culminating in a 50-mile ride on Friday. Rides will be held early in the morning and in the evenings. Scouts must also supply a bicycle repair kit with an extra innertube and tire.

The **New Camper Program** will also be held in the Eagle Quest program area. This program will be concerned with the advancement program for new Scout, getting them from Tenderfoot through First Class rank requirements. Totin' Chip will be taught in the axe-yard, while the ropeyard will have knots and lashings.

## Outdoor Skills (Scoutcraft)

### Merit Badges

- Backpacking
- Basketry
- Hiking
- Camping
- Cooking
- Indian Lore
- Leatherwork
- Pioneering
- Wilderness Survival
- Wood Carving



### Program features

Demonstrations – Different skills such as Dutch oven cooking, backpacking, and lashing.

## Ecology (Nature)

### Merit Badges

- Astronomy
- Bird Study
- Fish & Wildlife
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Reptile & Amphibian Study
- Soil & Water Conservation
- World Conservation Award

### Program features

**Astronomy** – The merit badge cannot be completed at camp. See requirements in the pamphlet for details.

**Ecology** – Come look over the displays and exhibits and visit with the staff.

**Fishing** – Fishing is open when the campers wish to do so. Our ecology staff can help when needed. Eye protection (example is sunglasses, goggles and prescription glasses) is required

# Shooting Sports

## Merit Badges

- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun Shooting



## Program features

**Troop Shoots** – Take advantage of the archery and rifle range. This is a good opportunity for relaxing fun or challenging competition.

**Open Shoots** – Here's a chance for just a Scout and their buddy to take advantage of the rifle and archery ranges. The instructor will be glad to give individual instruction if needed.

**Shotgun & Rifle Shooting** – Will be operated as an evening program. This program is designed for Scouts at least thirteen (13) years old. The shotgun area is located next to the archery range.

# S-T-E-A-M

## Merit Badges

- Animal Science
- Digital Technology
- First Aid
- Geology
- Music
- Plant Science
- Space Exploration
- Welding

# Advanced Scouting Adventures

## Merit Badges

## Certification

- Climbing
- C.O.P.E.

## Program features

**C.O.P.E.** – Project C.O.P.E. will be offered each week at camp if a minimum of nine (9) Scouts sign up. This BSA program is designed to test and strengthen one's faith in self and others with a series of Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences. Unit leaders must screen Scouts for participation. In accordance with National BSA policy, the minimum age requirement to participate in C.O.P.E. is 13. Long pants are recommended.

**Climbing Tower** – Take the challenge to climb on our climbing wall. Safety and education is stressed. "Climb on Safely" program is offered for those youth and adults who wish to take advantage of the latest safety training.

**Climbing Merit Badge** – Scouts taking this badge during the scheduled merit badge times will need to leave room in their schedules for open climbing time where they will complete their required climbs. Due to the class only being three hours long, only skills will be taught during the instruction time.



# Additional Program Features

**Opening Night Campfire** – This is the Staff's time to entertain you as a group.

**Visitors Night and Recognition Campfire** – On Friday night, families are invited to camp to visit campsites, enjoy a delicious dinner with their Scout and observe the evening campfire, where units and individuals will be recognized for their individual accomplishments. The Troops will entertain us, and the evening will close with the Order of the Arrow Recognition Ceremony.

**Non-Denominational Service** – This is held on Wednesday evening at the Camp Chapel. All program areas are closed during this time.

**Sailboat Regatta** – Each Friday, a Sailboat Regatta will be held for Scouts who have been at camp that week. If Scouts are not current participants in the Sailing Program, or alumni of Camp Bunn Sailing, they will have to demonstrate their ability to the Sailing Director before participating. "Ringers" are not welcome. After camp, each week's winners will be invited to participate in a final regatta to compete for part of a \$1000 college scholarship. The date of the final regatta will be announced during camp.

**Sports and Challenges** – Camp Bunn offers plenty of room for volleyball, softball, soccer, and gaga ball. Also available is Ladder Ball, Corn Hole, Jenga and Connect 4. Check all equipment out from the Trading Post. You may want to challenge another patrol or troop.

**Personal Water Craft (PWC)** – Limited to Scouts 14 years of age and older. Class schedules are yet to be announced. Each class will be for one hour. Scouts will not be able to attend a Merit Badge directly before or after their PWC session.

- Due to Illinois law, Scouts under 18 will need to have passed a Boater's Safety Course. Eligible courses are available online or in live courses.
- Youth members will need a release form, signed by their parents and a copy of their Boater's Safety Certificate.
- Every attempt will be made to fit interested 14-year-olds, with their troop, in to this program. Please register in the special section on the camp website.



# Program planning

There will be a complete schedule of all merit badges available online by May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The merit badges mentioned in this guide will be the merit badges that we offer. We have several volunteers that work with us and we need this time to figure their schedules out on when merit badges will be offered.

Different Scouts progress at different rates, please consider this when giving permission to your Scouts to attend their Merit badge. Some badges are designed for the older Scouts, while others are more action oriented and are great for younger ones. At the same time, a first-year camper may be an outstanding shooter and be able to earn the Rifle Shooting merit badge, while a fourth-year camper may have discovered an interest in handicrafts and leatherwork. The key is that all Scouts come to camp and enjoy their time, while accomplishing achievements. *Scoutmasters should confirm a Scout's pre-camp accomplishment with the area director.*





# Eagle Hour

The Eagle Hour is a program where we will be offering some help with Eagle Required Merit Badges. This is an extra time where we can offer help with any of the required badges that a Scout may be working on. This is above and beyond the time in Merit Badge Sessions. The sessions will be in the evening from 7-8 p.m. and will be held at an announced location in camp. Activities that are scheduled during that time will take precedence. We hope this can help Scouts finish up some of their most pesky badges.



## Adult leader training opportunities

**Climb on Safely** – This training is required for units wanting to do climbing and rappelling.

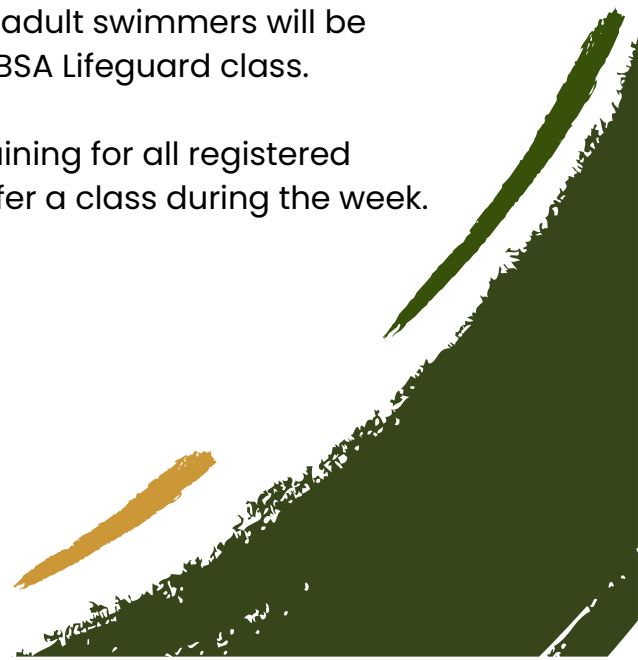
**Leave No Trace Orientation** – Scouts are the number one users of the outdoors, whether front country or backcountry. This orientation gives you the basic elements necessary to ensure that we continue to be advocates of the outdoors and are welcome everywhere.

**Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat** – This training is required for units wanting to take their Scouts swimming, boating, canoeing, basically any water activity.

**Trek Safety** – This training will cover the recommended procedures for organizing and carrying out outdoor treks. It is not intended to teach specific skills. It will cover the basics the seven points of Trek Safety and some of the resources available.

**Swimming Water Rescue and Paddle Craft Safety** – This training will be a step up from regular Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat where adult swimmers will be able to take the course in the mornings working with the BSA Lifeguard class.

**Youth Protection Training** – This training is a required training for all registered leaders and needs to be done every two years. We will offer a class during the week.



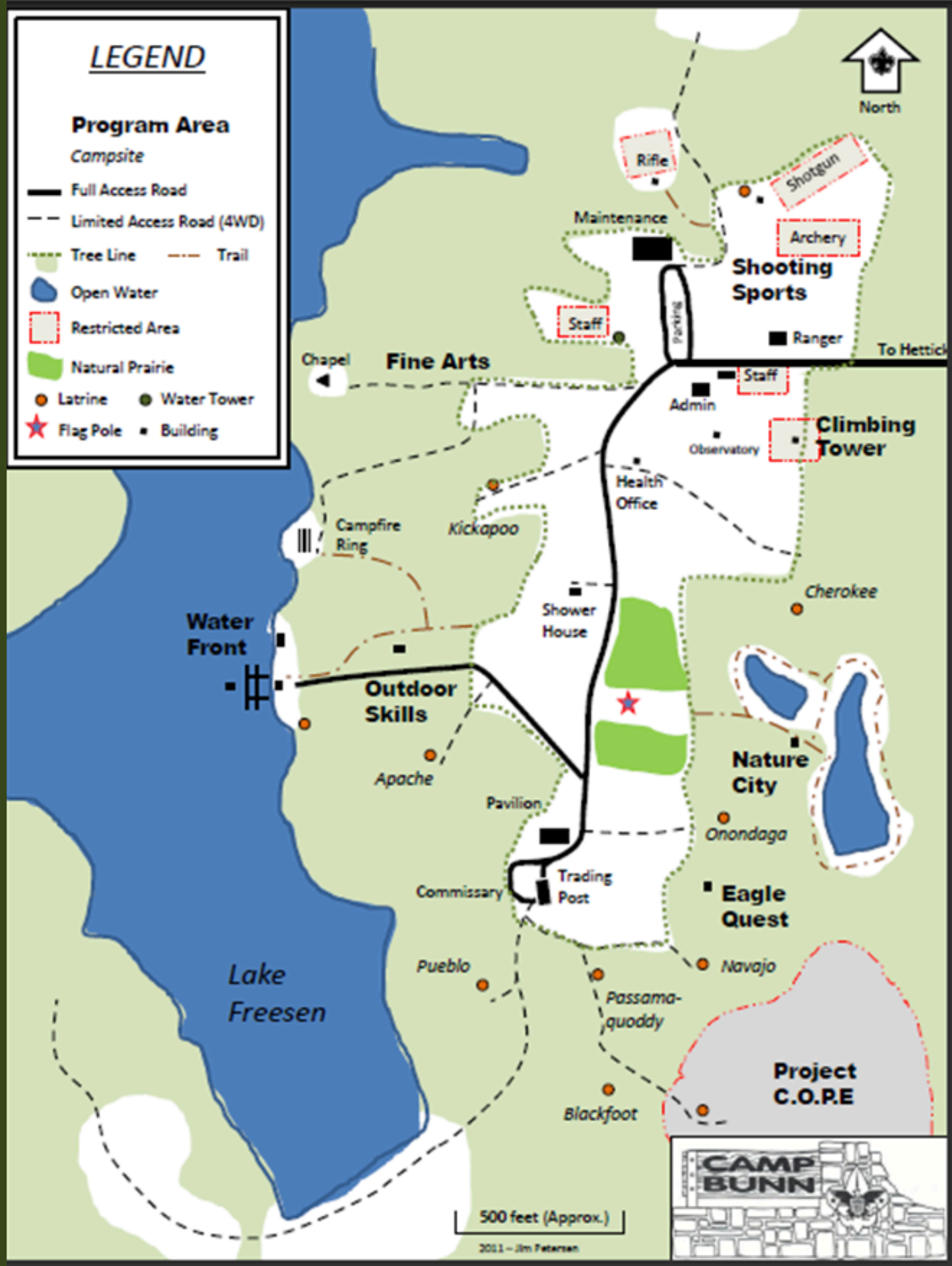
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## LEGEND

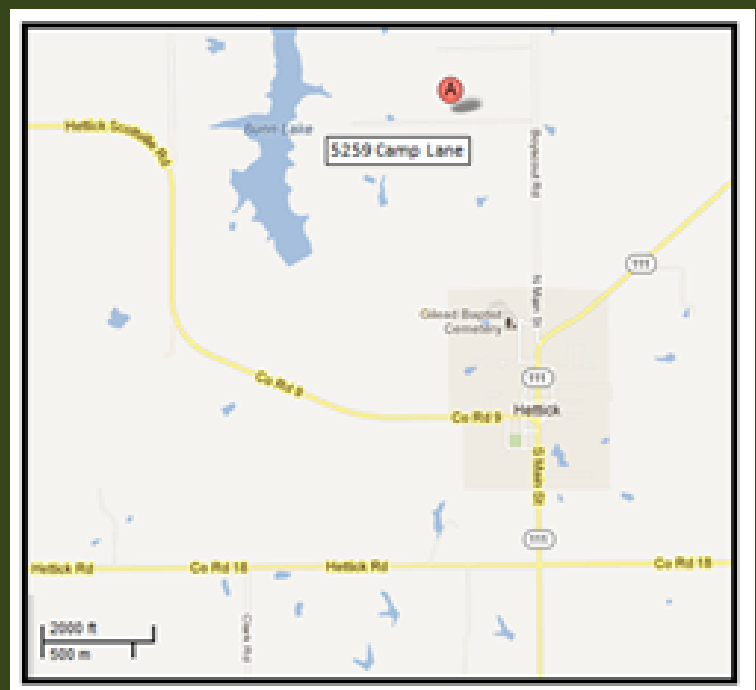
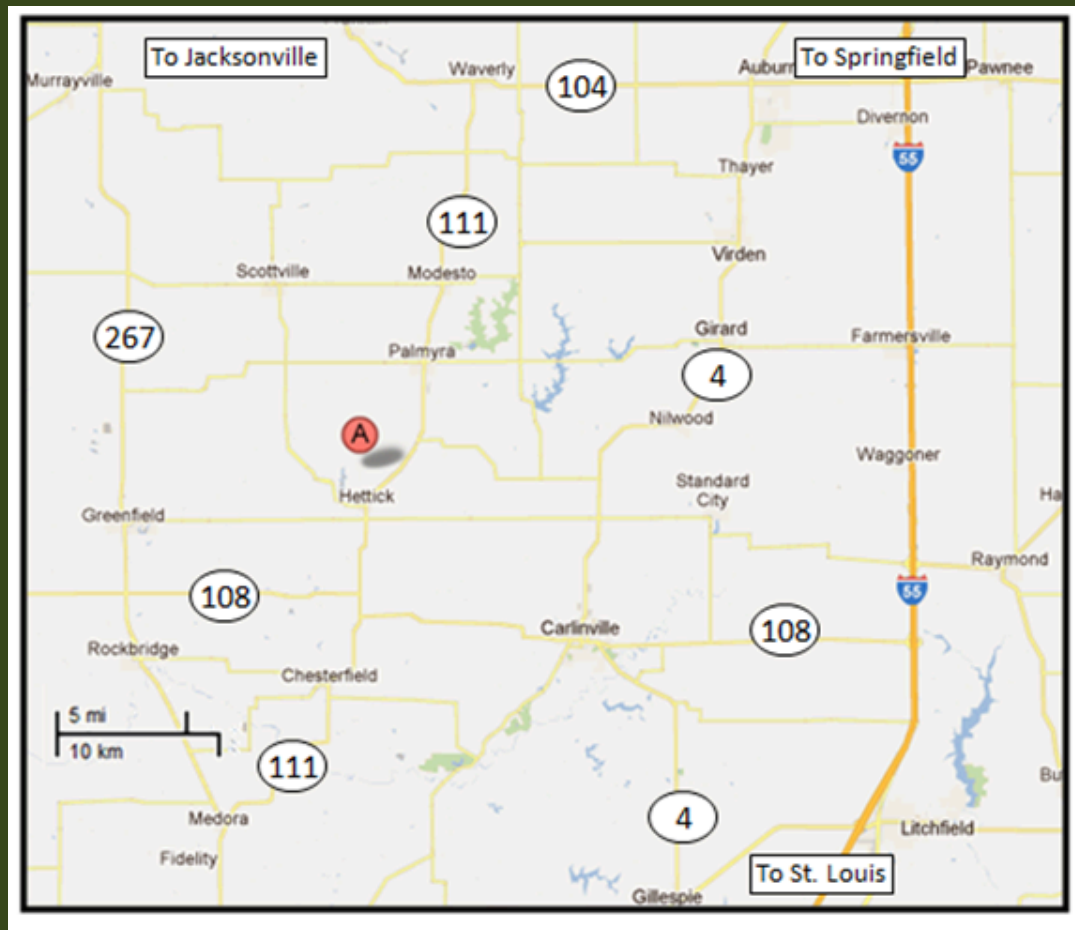
### Program Area

#### Campsite

- Full Access Road
- - - Limited Access Road (4WD)
- Tree Line
- Trail
- Open Water
- Restricted Area
- Natural Prairie
- Latrine
- Water Tower
- ★ Flag Pole
- Building



# Maps to Camp Bunn



# CAMP BUNN FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

Dear Parents,

The Abraham Lincoln Council and Camp Bunn Staff would like to invite the parents, relatives, and friends of your Scout to our Friday night Family Celebration.

The celebration consists of Dinner, Flag Retreat, and a Campfire program including the Order of the Arrow Recognition Ceremony.

Families, relatives, and friends are urged to come and enjoy a delicious dinner with their Scouts. Dinner is served in the Rotary Pavilion at 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. On high volume weeks, troops will have a scheduled time to come to the pavilion to eat.

The price of the dinner is \$5.00 per person.

Please use the form below to order meals. It helps the camp if your Scout can give this information to their Scout leader when the unit checks in at Camp Bunn on Sunday of your camp week.

Those Scouts and Leaders attending camp will not incur any additional fee for the Friday night Family Celebration.

Yours in Scouting,  
Abraham Lincoln Council Camp Bunn Committee

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Please cut on the dotted line and submit this portion to your Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Camp Leader.

The family of \_\_\_\_\_ will have \_\_\_\_\_ adults and \_\_\_\_\_ children eat dinner with Troop/Crew \_\_\_\_\_ for the Friday night Family Celebration. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and you may pay for your meal tickets at the camp Trading Post or send your payment with your troop's summer camp leader.

Advance reservations are a must to ensure an adequate quantity of food. Please give this form to your unit leader prior to the group's arrival at camp.

Meals are served rain or shine. Be Prepared. Thank you for your support of Camp Bunn and the Scouting program.



# CAMP BUNN

## BADEN-POWELL HONOR PATROL AWARD

### Requirements

Enter date, when completed

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Patrol has a patrol flag, song, yell or call.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Troop must attend camp Chapel Services Wednesday, evening at 7 p.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camp as a patrol while in camp.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol must attend all formation at flag pole.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol must do a good turn project, camp involvement, conservation or campsite pioneering project, which has prior approval from the maintenance director or Ecology-Conservation Director.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advancement - each patrol member does one of the following:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Advance one rank while at camp, or
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Earn at least two (2) merit badges while at camp.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol passes campsite inspection each day and continues to improve the campsite through the week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol meets one of the following:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 75% of the patrol are swimmers by the end of their week at camp.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The patrol cooks all their meals in their campsite for the week.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Conducts a flag ceremony or leads a song or cheer at mealtime.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The patrol holds a least one campfire with a patrol from another troop.

*All requirements must be completed in full. This score sheet must be turned in to the Administration Building before 12 p.m. Friday afternoon in order to receive the award at the Recognition Campfire.*

Approved by:

Troop #

Patrol

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patrol Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Patrol Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster

# CAMPER RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

(Please read policy statement at bottom. PRINT all requested information)

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attending Camp \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorization is granted to adult employees, staff, volunteers, and camp staff of the Abraham Lincoln Council, Scouting America for the release of the aforementioned individual. In addition to the parents or guardians signing this form, only those individuals listed below are authorized to remove the aforementioned individual from camp during their period of camping.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Planned Absence Leaving – Day\_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Returning – Day\_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_ Note:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Release of Campers

For the safety of our youth, campers may only be released to an authorized person as listed on the "Camper Release Authorization Form" held on file in the Camp Office. The form must be completed and turned in with the camper's Health & Medical Record at the time of check-in. Only the camper's parent or legal guardian may complete and sign this form.

Each camper leaving camp shall notify his Unit Leader and the Camp Office as to the estimated time of departure. The camper shall wait at the Administration Building for the appropriate adult providing transportation to arrive.

When the adult arrives, the camp administration will verify the name on the "Camper Release Authorization Form" and ask to see a photo identification card (i.e. – Driver's License, State Identification Card, Military Identification Card, etc.)

# UNIT ROSTER FOR CAMP BUNN

Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION \_\_\_\_\_  
DATES \_\_\_\_\_  
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PATROL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SCOUT RANK	YEAR AT CAMP	MED EXAM	ALLERGIES
1.						
2.						
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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SCOUT RANK	YEAR AT CAMP	MED EXAM	ALLERGIES
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LEADERS:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	POSITION	YEAR AT CAMP	MED EXAM	ALLERGIES
1.						
2.						
3.						

# CAMP BUNN

## PWC PROGRAM

### PARTICIPATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Camp Bunn (Abraham Lincoln Council) will be conducting a program for Personal Water Crafts (PWCs) during Summer Camp. This program is conducted under the approval of Scouting America. Scouts will be instructed on how to ride and drive the PWC. Scouts will be taught PWC safety, drive on the training course, and then have open ride time in a designated area at Camp Bunn. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Camp Instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release Scouting America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of the participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program:**

1. Complete a Boater Safety Class taught prior to the arrival at Camp Bunn (link: <https://www.boaterexam.com/usa/illinois>)
  2. Wear all safety gear at all times on or around the equipment
  3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the training during class
  4. Follow the instructions of the Camp Staff Instructor(s)
  5. Maintain control of the PWC at all times and remain within the speed determined by the Camp Instructor(s)
  6. Is 14 years of age as of the start of the class and will be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards
- Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.



Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for survey purposes only: \_\_\_\_\_