



Scouts BSA Summer Camp
AMERICA 250

2026



LEADER GUIDE

Camp Bunn
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Camp Director's Letter

Dear Scout Leader,

Thank you for choosing Camp Bunn for your summer adventure in Scouting! The camp staff and volunteers, along with countless others from the Abraham Lincoln Council, are very proud of Camp Bunn and are working hard to ensure the summer camping experience offered to your Scouts and Venturers is exciting and rewarding.

The Camp Bunn summer program is designed to support the aims and methods of Scouting by teaching responsible citizenship and leadership in a beautiful outdoor setting. Whether it's swimming in Lake Freesen, conquering the heights of our climbing tower, or learning a new knot in our Outdoor Skills area, Scouts and leaders will enjoy a top-notch Scouting experience while at Camp Bunn. With this summer's celebration of our national Semiquincentennial, our Duty to Country will be a driving theme throughout the week, too, so be prepared to salute America for our 250th birthday!

This leader guide has lots of information to help you prepare for your summer adventure. Every year program features are added, removed or modified based on feedback from those who attend camp each year, so please read this guide carefully as some information may have changed. Some program features are still being developed and will be announced as we get closer to the summer season.

Thank you for making Camp Bunn a part of your Scouting experience this summer. Myself and the rest of the camp staff will do our best to give your Scouts a week of outstanding programming and lifelong memories.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Holtgrave". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Camp Director
kyle.holtgrave@gmail.com

2026 at Camp Bunn

Camp Bunn promises to be a very busy place for your Scouts this summer. 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.

2026 Highlights



- **Aquatics Program that Includes Motorboating Merit Badge and Waterfront Inflatables!**
- **STEAM Activities including Welding Merit Badge and Bugling!**
- **Horsemanship & Cycling Merit Badges!**
- **Free time activities such as RC Racing and Patriotic Adventures including a new Patriot Award!**
- **Friday Carnival!**

SUMMER CAMP IS AN EXTENSION OF YOUR HOME TROOP PROGRAM.

Camp Bunn Program

Program Opportunities

The summer program at Camp Bunn is a chance to make lifelong friends while learning new skills, trying new adventures, and even earning a few merit badges and other Scouting America awards along the way. A lifetime of experiences can be crammed into a week at summer camp, so please review this section of the leader guide with your unit.

The main part of the day is dedicated to merit badge opportunities offered in camp and offsite. By camping in the great outdoors, Scouts also gain valuable experience in self-reliance and problem-solving. Spontaneous activities will also be offered throughout the week to encourage team-building and to have fun. Friday afternoon will feature a patrol challenge to round out the end of our session together at Camp Bunn.

A complete schedule of merit badges offered this summer will be available online by May 15th. Scouts will need to sign up for classes once the system is open. Class sizes are limited and some have minimum participation standards. The Program Director will work with you to create a quality program for your Scouts.

Other program opportunities can be arranged to meet the needs of your unit. Examples include:

- Lashings and Pioneering in Outdoor Skills
- Troop Swim at the Waterfront
- Night Hike with the Nature City staff

Adult Leader Challenge

Scouts aren't the only people who get to have fun at Camp! An Adult Leader Challenge is one way for leaders to enjoy their time with their Scouts. Prizes will be given at the Firebowl Friday evening.

The challenge is to:

- Visit each program area
- Ask the program staff how to earn a sticker from that program area
- Collect as many stickers as you can on your Adult Leader Challenge card
- Turn in your card to the Program Director on Friday at lunch
- HAVE FUN!

Merit Badge 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.

Program features

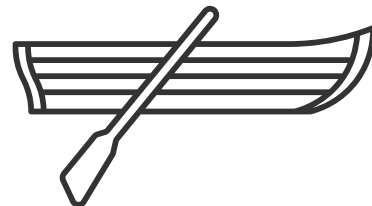
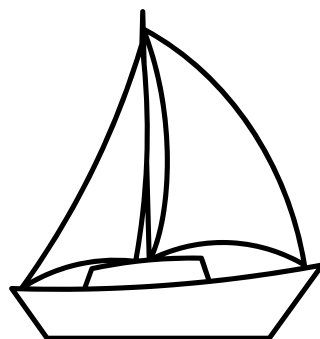
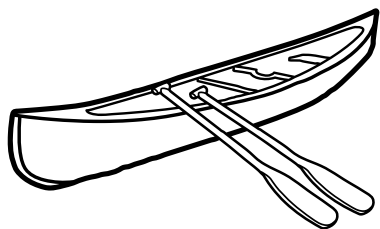
Open Watercraft – Bring your troop, patrol, or just you and a friend to explore the lake on some of the camp's watercraft equipment. Come just for fun or to practice your skills!

Open Swim – Cool off in Lake Freesen at the end of the day! Don't forget your buddy!

Mile Swim – Ask the Aquatics staff how to earn your Mile Swim patch – just the thing to cool off on a hot summer afternoon!

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

Swimming Merit Badge is required before working on most requirements for the Lifesaving Merit Badge.



Eagle Quest

Merit Badges

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

Program features

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 **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Scouts must also supply a bicycle repair kit with an extra innertube and tire.

Outdoor Skills (Scoutcraft)

Merit Badges

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



Program features

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

Ecology (Nature)

Merit Badges

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



Program features

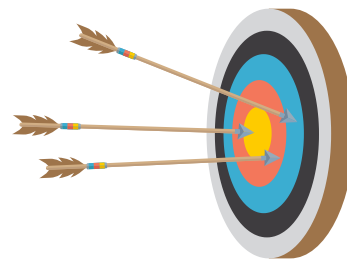
Ecology – Come look over the displays and exhibits and visit with the staff.

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

Range and Target Activities

Merit Badges

- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun Shooting



Program features

Troop Shoots – Take advantage of the archery or rifle range for an 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 Merit Badge – It is recommended that Shotgun Shooting merit badge work be for older Scouts or those who have experience shooting. Open Shotgun Shooting and Open Rifle Shooting are available for all Scouts.

C.O.P.E. & Climbing

Merit Badges

- Climbing

Certification

- 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. C.O.P.E. 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 Scouting America 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.

S-T-E-A-M

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math

Merit Badges

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| • Bugling | • Digital Technology | • First Aid | • Geology |
| • Music | • Astronomy | • Space Exploration | • Welding |

Astronomy – scheduled as weather permits

Bugling – Scouts should bring their own instrument

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Additional Program Features

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

Family Night – On Wednesday evening, families are invited to camp to visit campsites, enjoy a delicious dinner with their Scout, and see some of the camp activities in action. The evening will conclude with a ceremony from the Order of the Arrow, Scouting America's National Honor Society.

Scouts Own Service – A non-denominational service is held on Thursday evening at the Camp Chapel. Scouts will also learn about Duty to God and various religious activities that are available in Scouting America.

Friday Patrol Challenge – Friday afternoon offers the opportunity for Scouts to participate in various activities set up around camp. You might have to scramble if you find out that the British are coming!

Friday Night Campfire – The camp session closes with a campfire at the Firebowl on Lake Freesen. Scouts provide entertainment through skits, songs, and run-ons.

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) – For Scouts age 14 and older, Camp Bunn offers a Personal Water Craft activity on Lake Freesen. Scouts will need to complete the Illinois Boater's Safety Course before camp and have earned the Motorboating merit badge. A separate release form must also be completed (see Appendix).



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 achievements, 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 or 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. Always follow Scouting America policies with discipline.

REMEMBER...

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. Remember that advancement is only one of the methods of Scouting, not the only method!

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.

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 emphasizes cheerful service to the camping program of Scouting America. 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 Wednesday evening as part of Family Night. Those not "Called Out" prior to camp can be "Called Out" then if arrangements are made before lunch 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 and Lodge candidates on Wednesday night after Family 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 their Brotherhood transition, they should plan to bring their Order of the Arrow Handbook with them to prepare for the ceremony.





Sunday Check-in Schedule

Check-in time is between 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM in the Administration Building. Please park in designated areas until move-in instructions are received from the Welcome Wagon team.

The Scoutmaster will verify the unit roster with the Welcome Wagon team and turn in all Annual Health and Medical Records to the Camp Health Officer. Family Night tickets can be purchased at this time. Camper Release Authorization forms can be turned in as well.

Scouts should gather outside the Administration Building to meet their Troop Guide for an orientation to Camp Bunn and for details about the schedule for the afternoon.

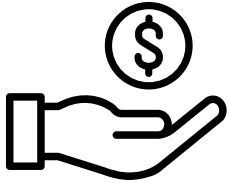
While the Scouts are meeting with their Troop Guide, the Health Officer will review medical forms and prescription medications in consultation with the Scoutmaster. All prescription medications should be given to an adult leader in the unit and kept under lock and key except medications that need to be kept on the person for immediate medical use such as a rescue inhaler.

Once unit check-in at the Administration Building is complete, your Troop Guide will escort the unit to your assigned campsite. To minimize impact on the camp environment, vehicle traffic will be strictly regulated by the Welcome Wagon team. Vehicles must remain on designated surfaces at all times.

Once at the campsite, please set up camp and return all vehicles to the parking lot. All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot before Evening Retreat. Your Troop Guide will escort the unit to the waterfront for swim checks and will give your unit a tour of the camp. Once swim checks are complete, Scouts have free time until Evening Retreat.

Our first camp activity is Evening Retreat followed by supper in the Dining Pavilion. Scouts should wear the official Field Uniform and bring their unit flag to the Parade Deck for our flag lowering ceremony.

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 \$100 - \$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.



Camp Tours

If this is your first experience at Camp Bunn, your Troop Guide will be happy to lead a camp exploration tour with your unit on Sunday. This tour will familiarize you and your Troop with the layout of Camp Bunn and the location of camping, administrative and 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.

Camper's Name

Troop #

Camp Bunn, BSA

5259 Camp Lane

Hettick, IL 62649

Visitors

Visitors are welcome to visit camp during a session. All visitors must check in at the Administration Building upon arrival and sign a visitor logbook. A special visitor's badge will be issued once visitors are signed in. Visitors must check out prior to leaving the camp by turning in their badge and noting the time in the visitor logbook.

Wednesday night is Family Night and a great time for visitors to come to Camp Bunn! Families can come for our Evening Retreat ceremony on the Parade Deck and then join their Scout's Troop for supper. Select activities will be available after supper, and all are invited to the Firebowl for a special presentation by the Order of the Arrow. Please see details on the Family Night form in the Appendix of this guide.

Food Service

The kitchen crew at Camp Bunn is committed to providing a delicious and well-rounded meal experience for everyone at camp. Meals are prepared in the Commissary and served in the Dining Pavilion. Campers will have several menu options at meals, including a salad bar at lunch and supper. Special dietary needs must be communicated to the Camp Director at least three weeks prior to your session.

Snacks and other treats are available in the Trading Post. Complimentary bags of ice are available from the Commissary upon request and are subject to availability.



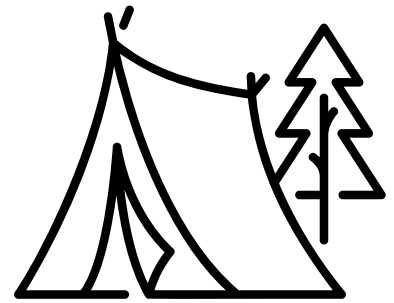
Registration

Your summer adventure starts by reserving a campsite for your unit. The reservation fee is \$300 and includes two adult reservations for the session. This reservation fee is non-refundable but is transferable.

Registration is completed through Black Pug, the Council's registration portal for Scout activities and is accessed through the webpage noted below. Camp fees are determined by date.

Youth Registered by:

- March 1st: \$395
- May 1st: \$425
- After May 1st: \$460



Adults:

- First two adults are covered by your campsite reservation fee
- Additional adults are \$150 each

Discounts!!!

- Have the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader attend the Summer Camp Program Kickoff and receive complimentary registrations for all adults attending with the unit!
- There are no other program fees for registered Scouts or Adults!

<https://alincolnscouting.org/sbsacamp>



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 camper cancellations must be made in writing and submitted to the Council Camping Committee through the Staff Advisor, Pete Carteaux. Please email Pete at Pete.Carteaux@Scouting.org.

Requests received less than 30 days prior to the start of the session are at the discretion of the Staff Advisor.

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 Abraham Lincoln Council summer camping program and will not be assessed a service fee. Service fees for Abraham Lincoln Council Summer camping programs are 20% of registration fee.



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Annual Health & Medical Records



Every Scout and Leader MUST have an annual physical and health history completed on the Scouting America ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD (AHMR) form. This form can be found on the council website <http://alincolnscouting.org>.

Any Scout or Adult staying at camp less than 72 hours must have a completed part A and B of the health form. Part C must be completed for everyone staying in camp 72 hours or more. The 72 hours need not be consecutive. For Part C of the AHMR to be valid, it must be signed within the past year during the entire camping session.

Any food allergies or dietary restrictions must be sent in writing to the Camp Director three weeks before your camp session. Our Commissary Supervisor will review all dietary needs and will be available to meet with Scouts, their parents, or Leaders regarding any food concerns.

Part A of AHMR should also have current information on adult authorization for taking youth to and from events.

Health Lodge & Emergencies

Non-emergency Health Lodge hours

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

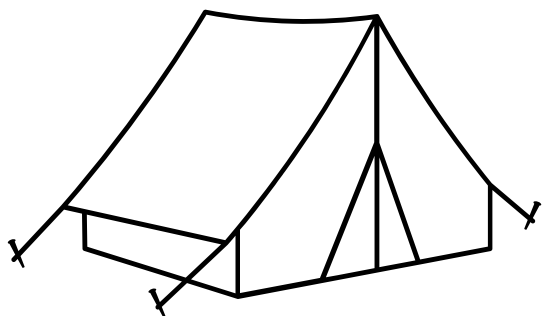
The Camp Health Officer handles camp injuries and sickness. If medical care is needed, the Scout will be taken to Carlinville Hospital for treatment with the assistance of the Troop Leadership. Each Troop should provide first aid supplies for use in the campsite. All first aid treatment must be reported to the Health Officer. Any medical needs after hours should be brought to the attention of a staff member.



Equipment



Camp Bunn provides	Troops will provide
Campsite	Troop, patrol, American flag
Pavilion	First Aid kit
Patrol tables	Lanterns
Campfire ring	Merit badge applications and/or forms
Cleaning supplies	Tents (unless requesting Camp Bunn tents)
Toilet paper	Mess kits & utensils (optional)
Garbage disposal service	Cots, air mattresses
Canvas tents available upon request	Transportation
Ice <i>(as available from the Commissary)</i>	Any special troop needs



Damage to Camp 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.



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
- Specific program needs (see program guide)
- 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 Annual Health and Medical Record, signed by a parent or guardian, MUST accompany each Scout or Scouter to camp.

Keeping Track of Scouts

Unit leaders and other adults helping for the session must 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 (e.g., Waterfront, Shooting Ranges, 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

Units are encouraged to have a pre-camp meeting with the Camp Director and other available staff prior to their session. Arrangements can be made by contacting Kyle Holtgrave at kyle.holtgrave@gmail.com.



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, and 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 the week at camp.
- Equipment needs determined by the quartermaster and troop committee.
- Scouts have their Annual Health and Medical Record updated by their family physician.

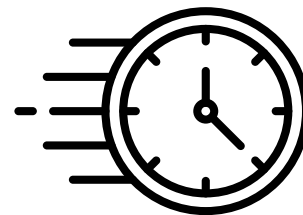
ONE TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTING

by May 1

- Senior Patrol Leader gives final instructions to Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC).
- Senior Patrol Leader reviews personal equipment list with the 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 and merit badge worksheets on Black Pug.



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.
- Camper Release Authorization forms and Annual Health and Medical Record forms are in the camp leader's hands.



Camp Policies

Procedures for leaving camp during a session

A Camper Release Authorization Form is in the Appendix. Please have these forms for all youth under 18, as there could be an unexpected need for a Scout to leave camp. Names on the Authorization Form should not conflict with information on Part A of the Annual Health and Medical Record.

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 for the Scout to leave camp
2. The date/time the Scout will be leaving
3. Who will pick them up from camp, or who, from camp, will take them to their destination (be sure these names match the information on the AHMR, see p. 19)
4. 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

For the safety of all in camp, vehicle traffic on camp property must be kept to a minimum. All personal or unit vehicles are restricted to the parking lot during the session. Limited access to campsites will be granted during move-in and move-out times. The speed limit is 10 miles per hour once inside the camp gate, and vehicles must remain on designated surfaces to minimize the impact on camp property. Pedestrians have the right of way on all camp roads and trails. Any unsafe vehicle movement or usage should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

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 available on the National website.

Chemical fuels

- An adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment should always supervise youths involved in the storage, handling, and use of chemical fuels and equipment.
- Operate and maintain chemical-fueled equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions and in facilities or areas only where and when permitted.
- Using liquid fuels for starting any type of fire—including lighting damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial campfires or displays—is prohibited.
- No flames in tents. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel—including tents or teepees that feature or support stoves or fires; and any chemical-fueled equipment or catalytic heaters.
- Store chemical fuels in their original containers or in containers designed for immediate use. Securely store any spare fuel away from sources of ignition, buildings, and tents.
- During transport and storage, properly secure chemical fuel containers in an upright, vertical position.

Firearms, fireworks, and ammunition

Scouting America policies require that only council-own firearms and ammunition may be brought onto and used in camp. Bows and other projectile devices are prohibited, as are fireworks of any kind. Scouts may bring a pocketknife if they have earned the Totin' Chip and have the certificate in their possession.

Troop leadership

All adults, identified as those who are 18 years old or older, must be registered members of Scouting America in the position for which they are serving. Registration as a merit badge counselor does NOT satisfy this requirement.

Each troop **must always have** at least two adults, 21 years or older, in camp. At least one registered adult female leader age 21 or older, in addition to any male adult leaders age 21 or older, must be present for any unit that has female members.

A supervision ratio of at least one adult for every eight Scouts attending camp is recommended. Leaders who are under the age of 21 should not be counted in this ratio.

In the event that a substitution of the unit's leadership is necessary, there should be an overlapping period in order to maintain continuity of adult supervision over the Scouts at all times. Leaders should sign in/sign out and *must have an Annual Health and Medical Record on file at the Health Lodge.*

Discipline

Adult leaders in camp are responsible for the discipline and order of their troop. The camp staff will not assume the responsibility for unit discipline unless leaders are not present at the time of the problem. Safety of all participants must be the highest priority. During program time, if a Scout is deemed disruptive by the activity leader, the Scout may be asked to return to his or her leader, and the activity leader will notify the Program Director of the situation. The Program Director will notify unit leadership and the Camp Director as soon as possible. The Camp Director will meet with unit leadership to develop a plan for the Scout to be able to return to the activity. Scouts who are unable to maintain proper discipline and participate safely in camp programs will be dismissed from the session without refund.

Uniform & clothing

Scouts should wear the official Field Uniform for flag ceremonies and the evening meal unless otherwise announced. Dress for comfort during the day. Safety and courtesy should be the main considerations when deciding what to wear and should follow any activity guidelines. Closed-toe shoes are the footwear of choice. A Troop “uniform of the day” is a great way to build patrol spirit!

Scouting America guidelines on youth protection

TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP: Two registered adult leaders are required on all trips and outings, including summer camp. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring sufficient leadership is provided for all activities. Camp Bunn does not provide adult leaders for units during your camping session.

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.

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 may intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires.

SEPARATE ACCOMMODATIONS: Youth and adults, males and females, must have separate accommodations. Scouts of different genders are not permitted to be in or sleep in the same tent. Tentmates must not be older than 2 years apart from each other. Spouses may share a tent. A parent or guardian may share a tent with their own child if they are of the same sex.

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

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

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. The Camp Director will designate appropriate smoking areas upon request. 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, marijuana, 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. Prescription medications must be in their original containers. All medications must be used in accordance with prescription or label instructions.

Miscellaneous summer camp policies

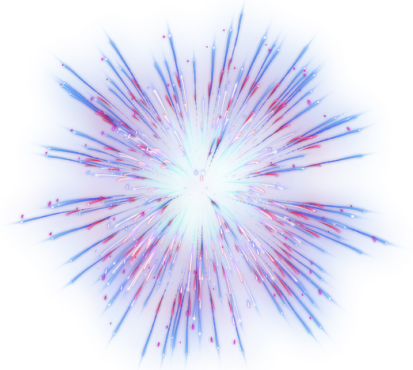
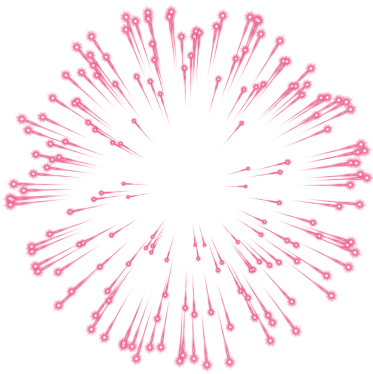
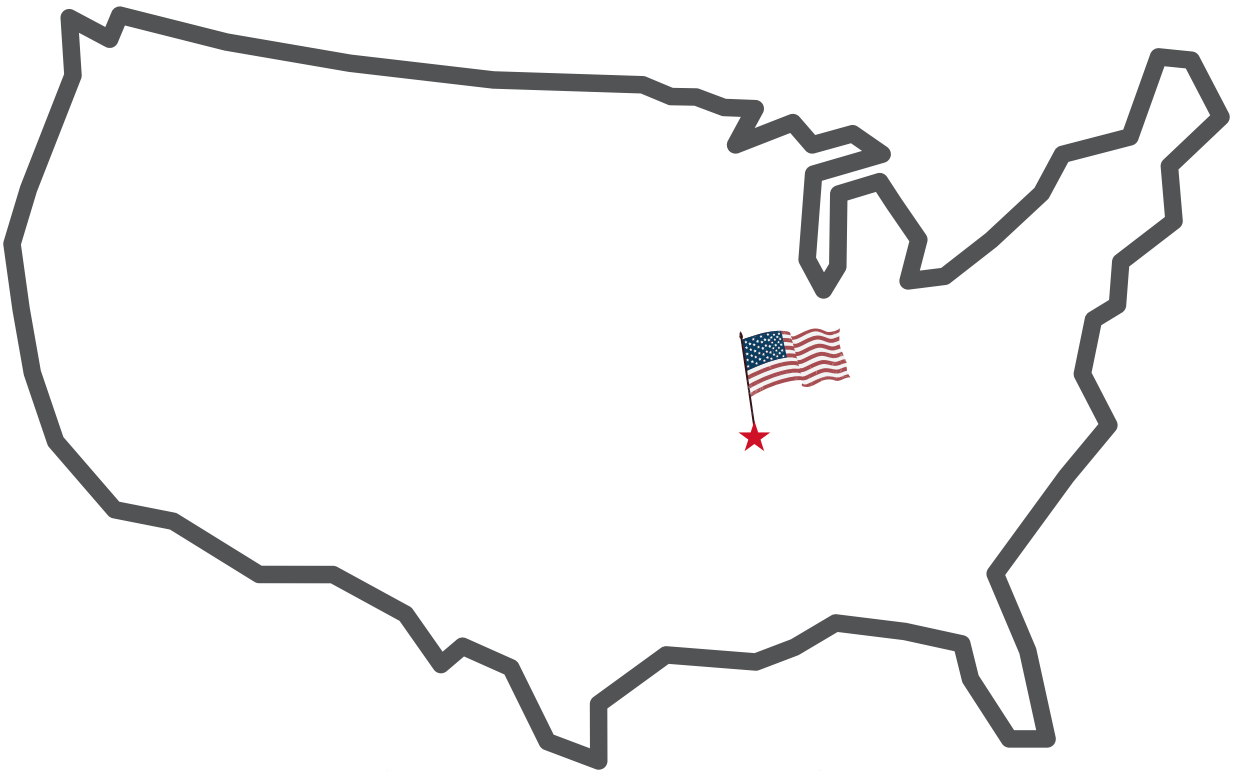
1. The Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles should be followed at all times. Cutting of any live trees or removal of bark is strictly prohibited unless part of an organized conservation project for the camp.
2. All camp attendees must respect barriers created by fences or activity area gates and only enter these areas with permission from qualified staff.
3. The Administration Building is also the camp staff lounge and should only be entered upon invitation by a staff member.
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.

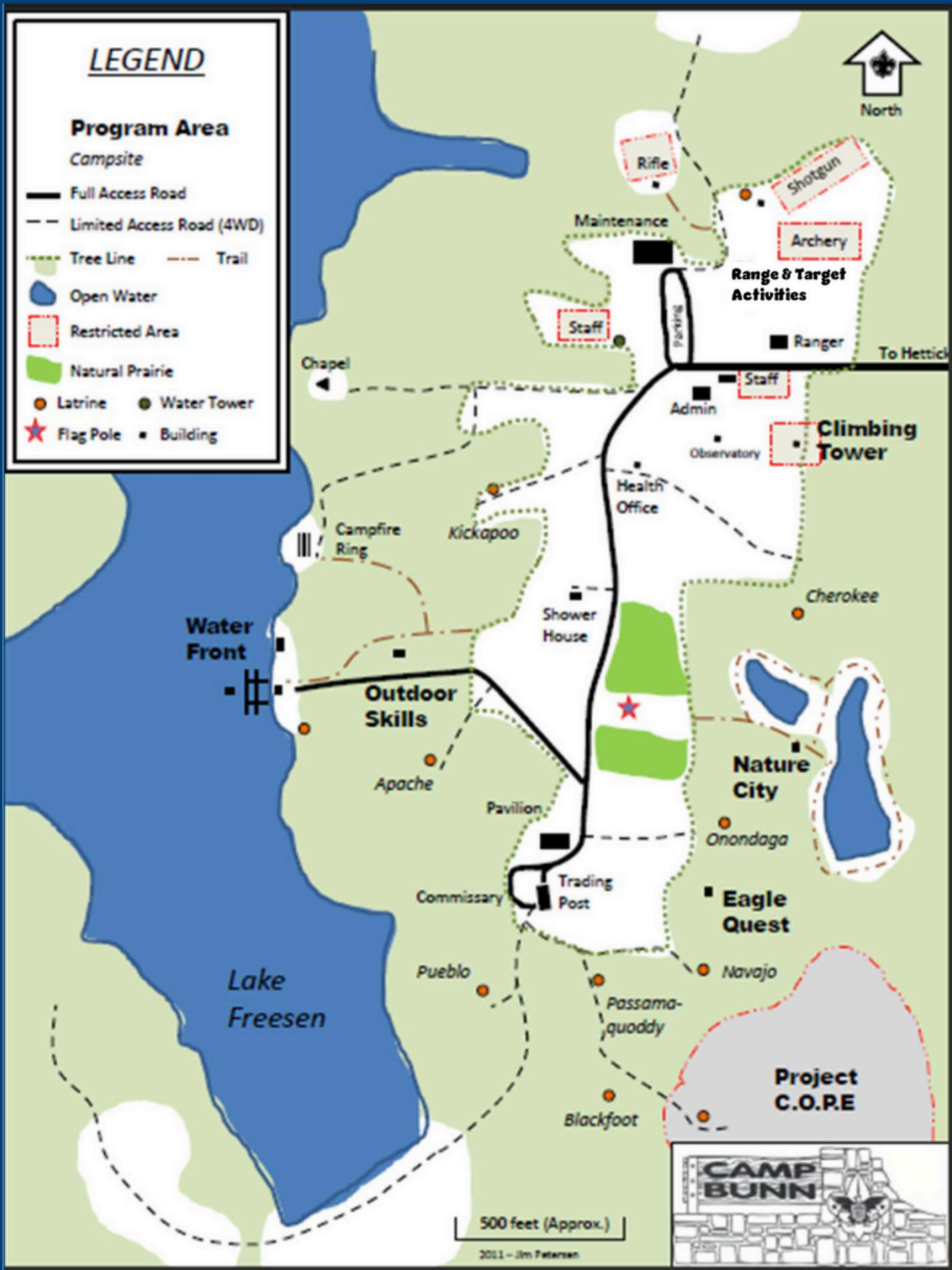
Accessibility at camp

The camp experience should be open to all, but the staff and administrators recognize that the natural environment can create a multitude of barriers for some. Every reasonable accommodation will be made to help Scouts enjoy the beauty and wonder of the summer camp experience. Please bring any questions, needs, or concerns to the attention of the Camp Director.

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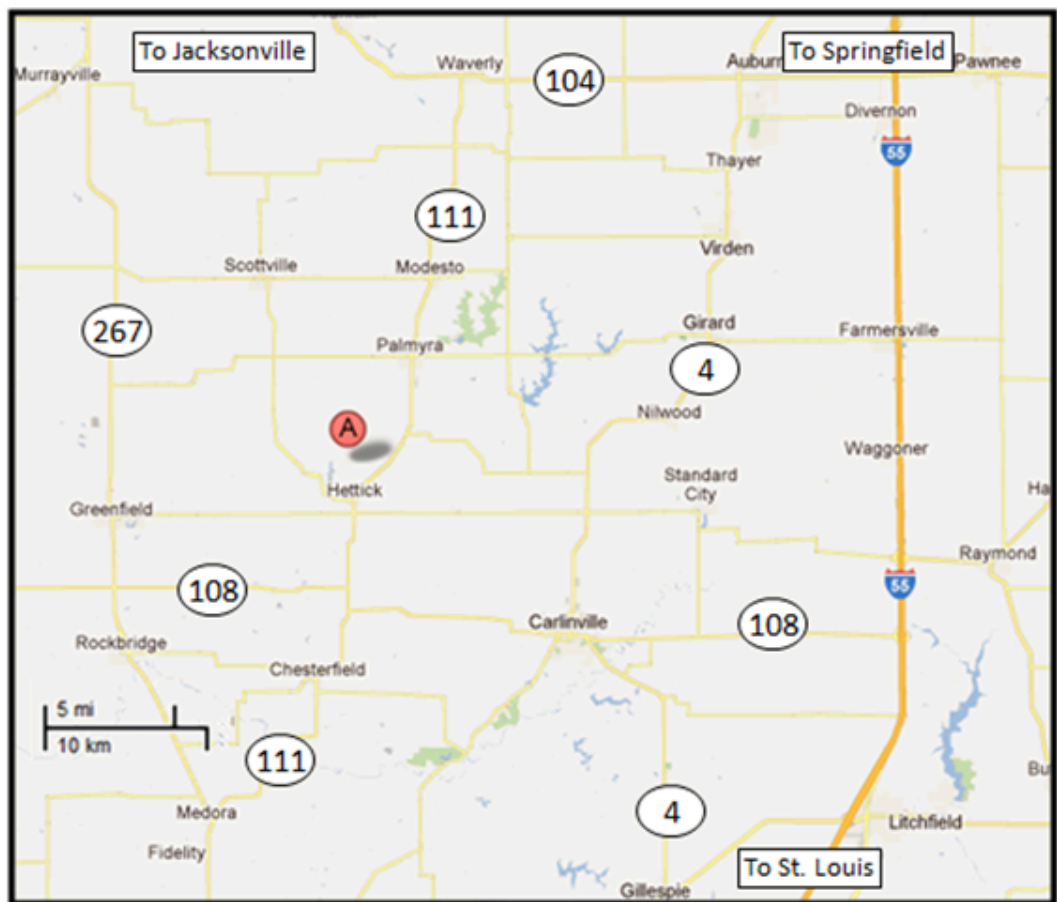
**Happy 250th Birthday
America from Camp Bunn!!!**





Maps to Camp Bunn

5259 Camp Lane, Hettick, Illinois



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 Wednesday night Family Night celebration. This celebration consists of Evening Retreat, Dinner, Program Open House, and a Campfire Program hosted by the Illinek Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

The gate is open for Family Night guests at 5:00 PM. Please sign in at the Administration Building upon arrival. Staff will be there to greet you and give directions. Dinner is served in the Rotary Dining Pavilion after Evening Retreat at 6:00 PM, rain or shine.

The price of the dinner is \$5.00 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Advance reservations are a must to ensure an adequate quantity of food. You may pay for your meal tickets at the Camp Bunn Trading Post upon arrival or send your payment with your troop's summer camp leader. Please let the Camp Director know if there are any dietary restrictions.

Please use the form below to order tickets for Family Night. Scoutmasters are asked to have a final number at check-in on Sunday. Tickets will be distributed Wednesday afternoon.

Scouts and Leaders already registered for the session will not incur any additional fee for the Family Night 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.

Scout's name: _____ Unit: _____

Number of Family Members: _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Family Members Age 5 and Under: _____ = **FREE!**

Any dietary restrictions? _____

*Please return this completed form and payment to your Scoutmaster.
Scoutmasters, please turn this form in during check-in on Sunday afternoon.*

CAMP BUNN BADEN-POWELL

HONOR PATROL AWARD

Scouts are encouraged to highlight their Scout Spirit by earning the Baden-Powell Honor Patrol Award while at Camp Bunn. Similar to the National Honor Patrol Award, the Baden-Powell Honor Patrol Award recognizes Patrols or entire Troops that exemplify the spirit of Scouting in various areas.

Requirements

Senior Patrol Leader initial when completed. Adult leader or staff member verify and initial as well.



- _____ Have a patrol flag, song, yell, or call
- _____ Attend Scouts Own Service
- _____ Camp as a patrol while in camp
- _____ Attend all flag ceremonies in uniform
- _____ Meet with Camp Director, Program Director, or Camp Commissioner
- _____ Do a good turn project, camp involvement, conservation, or campsite pioneering project that has been approved by the Camp Ranger
- _____ Each patrol member does one of the following:
 - Advance one rank while at camp
 - Earn at least two (2) merit badges while at camp
- _____ Patrol passes campsite inspection each day and continues to improve the campsite throughout the week
- _____ Patrol does two of the following:
 - 75% of the patrol are swimmers by the end of the week
 - Cook 3 meals in the campsite during the week
 - Conduct a flag ceremony
 - Lead grace with the camp before one meal

All requirements must be completed in full. This score sheet must be turned in to the Program Director at lunch on Friday in order to receive the award at the Recognition Campfire.

Approved by: _____

Troop: _____

Patrol Leader

Patrol: _____

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 _____

Authorization is granted to adult employees, staff, volunteers, and camp staff of the Abraham Lincoln Council, Scouting America to release the aforementioned individual only to those individuals listed below on this form, or those listed on Part A of the Scout's Annual Health and Medical Record form.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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 Annual 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 or her 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 (e.g. – Driver's License, State Identification Card, Military Identification Card, etc.)

CAMP BUNN

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (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, ask that my child, _____, be allowed 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 to safely participate in the Personal Watercraft 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 Instructors
5. Maintain control of the PWC at all times and remain within the speed determined by the Camp Instructors
6. Be 14 years of age at 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
7. Earn the Motorboating merit badge either prior to or during the camp session



Participant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Print Name _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

(optional for survey purposes only)

SHARE THE ADVENTURE BRING A FRIEND

If YOU bring a FRIEND to any camp, YOU only pay half and they get to come for FREE! Your Friend has to be there a minimum of one day of the event/camp, but is invited to attend the entire time. This is good for ANY EVENT or CAMP. Code can only be used 1 time per friend but can be used more than once for all events and camps. When registering yourself and your friend, use code **"FRIEND"** to receive your scholarship automatically. Your Friend cannot be currently registered in Scouting America.

**NOW OPEN TO
IN AND OUT OF
COUNCIL UNITS**

**50% OFF FOR YOU AND
FREE EVENT/CAMP FOR
YOUR FRIEND!**





2026 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS



Staff Week: June 14-20

Week 1: June 21-27

Week 2: July 5-11



www.alincolnscouting.org/outdooradventure

