



Abraham Lincoln Council



Volunteer & Scare Scene Units Guide Book

October 23-25, 2026

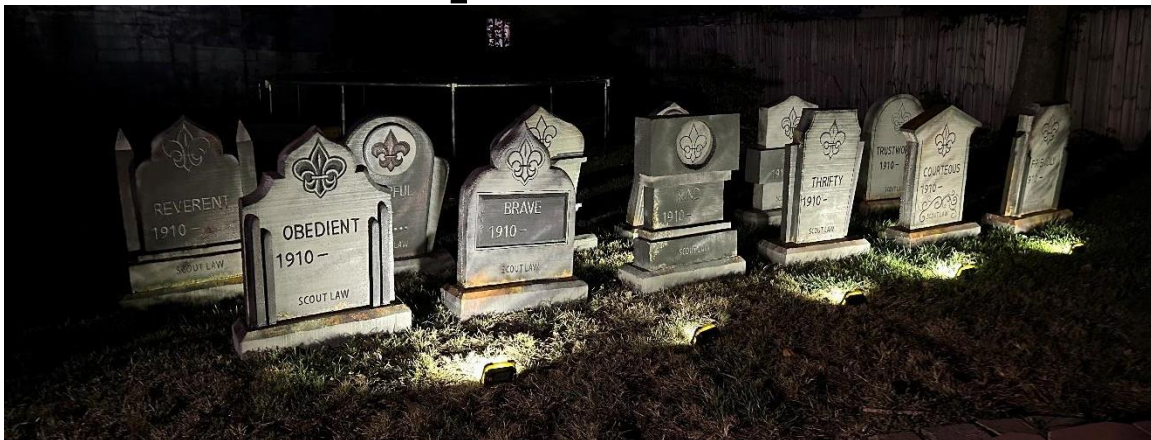
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Welcome to Camp Illinek Ghostwalk!



Important Phone Numbers and Contact Information

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General Schedule

Join us for some spooky trails and Halloween scenes!

Enjoy hot chocolate, apple cider, and treats.

Friday

After 5:00 p.m.

Camp Arrival - Check in with Ghostwalk Team

Setup scenes and Enjoy Camp

11:00 p.m.

Quiet Time at Campsite

Saturday

anytime – 5:30 p.m.

Setup scenes

5:30 p.m.

Setup Welcome area and Snack area

6:00 p.m.

Scare Team Rally in Activity Field

6:30 p.m.

Report to scenes and volunteer locations

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Ghostwalk

9:00 p.m.

Volunteer & Scare Unit Gathering at Indian Village

11:00 p.m.

Quiet Time at Campsite

Sunday

anytime – 10:00 a.m.

Cleanup & Departure - Check out with Ghostwalk Team



Who Can Attend

Weekend Volunteers and Scare Scene Units and those that are camping should be members of a Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post.

Ghostwalk - anyone!

Cost: \$3 each

Packs and Guests will be guided through the spooky hallows of Camp Illinek followed by fellowship with drinks and treats.

Guides step off every 10 minutes. Limited scare hikes available for those weary of the woods.

Scare Scenes

Units are invited to set up interactive and static Halloween scenes throughout Camp Illinek.

Site assignments will be assigned on a first come basis.

Units are responsible for their own props and manning interactive scenes.

Trail Guides will escort guests through camp every ten minutes, so expect up to 10 groups to pass by.

Scenes are required to follow all Scouting America safety guidelines and should be Scout appropriate.

Scene Location Options

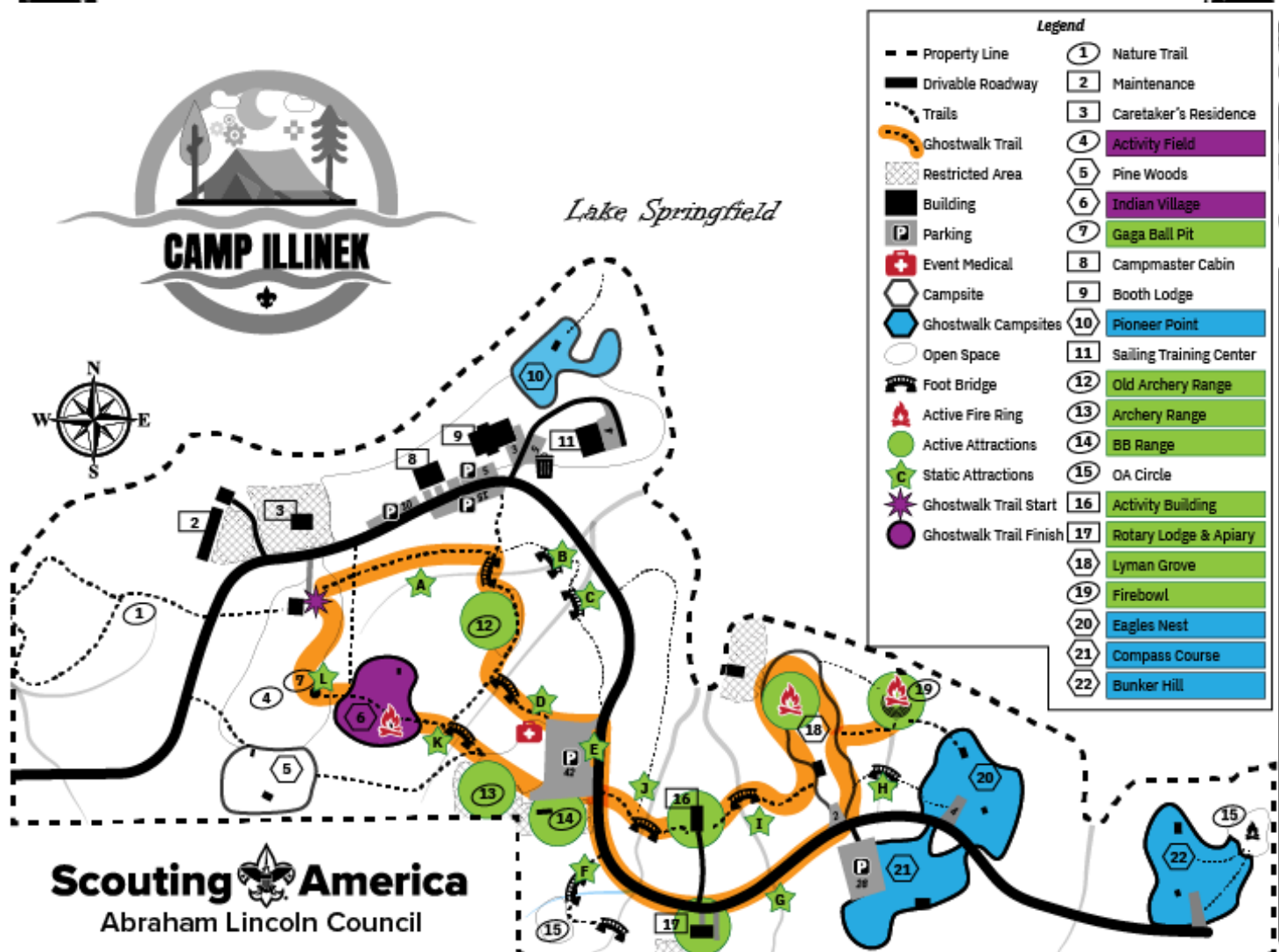
Active Scenes may interact with the guests on the trail and/or have actors putting on a show.

Static Scenes do not interact with the guests and may be located off the trail.

Trail Position	Map Location	Location	Scene Type
1	A	Trail	Static/Active
2	B	Off Trail Bridge	Static
3	12	Old Archery Range	Active
4	C	Off Trail Bridge	Static
5	D	Trail	Static/Active
6	E	Trail, Beware of the Woods Signs	Static



7	F	Trail	Static/Active
8	17	Rotary Lodge & Apiary	Active
9	G	Trail	Static/Active
10	H	Off Trail Bridge	Static
11	19	Firebowl, includes fire	Active
12	18	Lyman Grove, includes fire	Active
13	I	Trail	Static/Active
14	16	Activity Building	Active
15	J	Trail	Static/Active
16	14	BB Gun Range	Active
17	13	Archery Range	Active
18	K	Trail	Static/Active
19	L	Trail, Thank You Signs	Static



Camping

Camping is available for either both Friday and Saturday nights or Saturday only at no cost (2026 only).

Units will be camping with other units in Compass Course, Eagles Nest, Pioneer Point, and Bunker Hill. Site assignments will be provided two weeks before the event.

Units are responsible for their own meals and camping equipment.

Units will share trash removal responsibilities for the weekend. Assignments will be posted at each campsite.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various positions.

Trail Guides will entertain the guests with a story of the woods while guiding them through the trail. First Class or above requested.

Setup Crew will assist with setup of lights, signs, caution tape, tables, canopies, and chairs.

Welcome Table Workers will greet guests, register unpaid guests, distribute wristbands, and manage trail groups.

Fire Tenders will be responsible for fires (safety and tending) at Indian Village, Firebowl, and Lyman Grove.

Parking Attendants will manage parking of guests.

Hospitality at Indian Village will assist in handing out refreshments.

Medical Officer will be located in the Range and Target parking lot during the Ghostwalk. EMT certification requested.

Parking Campers

During the evening event, all campers will be asked to park in the Compass Course parking lot or at Eagles Nest and Bunker Hill. Limited parking will be available at the Range and Target Parking Lot. No parking will be permitted upfront next to Campmaster, across from Booth Lodge, or at the Sailing Center. This includes those camping at Pioneer Point.



Once parked, we kindly ask the vehicles to remain parked as much as possible. Vehicles are not to be used as shuttles between activities. A parking permit is included at the end of this guide. Please print, complete, and place visibly on your vehicle's interior dashboard for the duration of camping.

Guests of campers who are spending the evening should arrive before 6:30 p.m. and park at the Range and Target Parking Lot. Departure will be discouraged until after the last Ghostwalk group has finished.

Ghostwalk Guests

Guests will be directed to park at upfront next to Campmaster or across from Booth Lodge.

Check In and Check Out / Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Campers

Camping units need to check in with one of the Ghostwalk Team upon arrival. There is no designated Camper registration area.

Medical forms will be held with the Medical Officer for the weekend and returned at check out.

Units will share trash removal responsibilities for the weekend. Assignments will be posted at each campsite.

Camping units who need to leave early must sign out with one of the Ghostwalk Team.

Please let the Ghostwalk Team know when you depart.

The Ghostwalk Team will be staying in Campmaster and is available anytime. Send them a text or give them a call.

Ghostwalk Guests

Guests will be directed to the Welcome Tent in the Activity Field to check-in or register before beginning their guided walk.



Other Information

Campfires:

Build fires only in designated fire pits. Put out all fires with water before leaving your campsite or before going to bed. Use only downed, dead wood for fires. All campfire rings will be provided with a bucket for water, a shovel, and a rake.

Do not cut down any trees.

Campsites:

One of the team will direct you to your campsite and parking during check-in. You may be camped with several other different Units. Please choose two campsite representatives to oversee the general order and cleanliness of the campsite. Campers are expected to keep their campsites neat and orderly. They should also make sure that campfires are properly doused whenever the campsite is unoccupied. Due to the active raccoon population, food should never be consumed in tents or left out while unattended. This includes food left in trash bags. Non-potable water and latrines are located close to each campsite.

Remember: Scouts practice Leave No Trace Camping.

Each campsite will have two picnic tables. Please remember: each camper must provide their own tents and camping gear.

Chemical Fuels:

Any unit using chemical fuels (i.e. propane, butane, kerosene, white gas, etc.) requires an adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels. Equipment should always be inspected and handling (including storage and use) be supervised by a qualified adult in the storage.

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.



Discipline:

The leader is responsible for the discipline of the youth in his or her group. The Ghostwalk Team will not assume responsibility for discipline unless the adult is not present at the time of the problem. Team members will notify the Team Director of any problems. After notifying the leader, if the situation is not corrected, the leader and his or her group will be asked to leave camp. Refunds will not be made in such cases.

Equipment:

Each unit should bring their own tent(s) and at least one flashlight or lantern. Rain gear, decent outdoor shoes, sun protection, and headlamps are also helpful and recommended.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, storm shelters are provided at Camp Illinek in the basement of the Sailing Training Center. The Ghostwalk Team will direct participants to an appropriate shelter location should it become necessary.

Every effort will be made to have a safe experience. Should inclement weather require, any or all parts of the activities may be cancelled or modified.

Leaving Camp:

If an emergency should occur, making it necessary for a leader, guardian, or Scout to leave camp, he/she must check out of camp **with a member of the Ghostwalk Team**. Upon returning to camp, he/she must check back in.

Meals:

No beverages nor meals will be served.

Refreshments will be available after the Ghostwalk at Indian Village.

All meals are to be provided by each participating unit. Meals should be balanced, and meet the nutritional requirements of attendees, with reasonable accommodations for any food allergies. Reasonable efforts are to be made to reduce excess sugar and fat, provide whole grains and adequate fiber when appropriate, and provide fruit or vegetables at least twice a day. All food should be properly stored and secured while at camp. Except during meal or snack time, food items should be secured in a trailer or vehicle to prevent animal damage. Ice chests should be kept out of the sun, and checked to ensure proper temperatures.

- **Keep it cold:** Bacteria are slow to grow in temperatures below 40 degrees F or above 140 degrees F. The temperature range in between is known as the danger zone where bacteria can multiply



rapidly. Since a heat source is usually unavailable to transport foods, it's best to start with perishable foods chilled or frozen, then packed with plenty of ice, frozen gel packs, or frozen juice boxes.

- **Keep it clean:** Start with clean hands by utilizing soap and water or disposable wipes before handling food. Wash fruits and vegetables before cutting them on a clean surface. Avoid cross-contamination by never allowing raw meat, poultry, or their juices to come into contact with fresh or prepared foods. Keep all raw and cooked meat, poultry, or fish separate and always wash hands properly after handling. Use only a clean water source to wash hands, dishes, and fresh fruits and vegetables. If water is not available, properly using hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol can help to reduce the number of microbes in most situations. But hand sanitizer does not eliminate all germs. Correct hand washing remains the best way to prevent illnesses from being transmitted.
- **Cook it thoroughly:** It can be difficult to determine doneness of meat and poultry as color is not a good indicator. Meat can harbor dangerous bacteria. A digital meat thermometer should be used when cooking meat, poultry, and fish to verify minimum cooking temperatures. A chart of the United States Department of safe minimum internal temperatures is provided below.
- **Dispose it properly:** All food related waste should be disposed of properly using trash bags (provided by the unit). Dumpsters are provided at Camp Illinek near the Sailing Trainer Center, and near the campground host area at New Salem State Park. Food should not be thrown into the woods or left for animals to eat. When opening food products it is recommended to never completely tear apart packaging, therefore converting a single piece of trash into multiple pieces.

Product	Minimum Internal Temperature & Rest Time
Beef, Pork, Veal & Lamb Steaks, chops, roasts	145 °F (62.8 °C) and allow to rest for at least 3 minutes
Ground Meats	160 °F (71.1 °C)
Ground Poultry	165 °F
Ham, fresh or smoked (uncooked)	145 °F (62.8 °C) and allow to rest for at least 3 minutes
Fully Cooked Ham (to reheat)	Reheat cooked hams packaged in USDA-inspected plants to 140 °F (60 °C) and all others to 165 °F (73.9 °C).



Product	Minimum Internal Temperature & Rest Time
All Poultry (breasts, whole bird, legs, thighs, wings, ground poultry, giblets, and stuffing)	165 °F (73.9 °C)
Eggs	160 °F (71.1 °C)
Fish & Shellfish	145 °F (62.8 °C)
Leftovers	165 °F (73.9 °C)
Casseroles	165 °F (73.9 °C)

Medical:

Each unit is required to provide a current BSA Health History form (parts A & B) for all participants (youth and adult). Medical forms will be held with the Medical Officer for the weekend and returned at check out.

Trained first responders will be available continuously on call at Camp Illinek. At Camp Illinek, an AED is available in Booth Lodge.

Any participant requiring medical care must be documented with the Ghostwalk Team.

Medical Officer:

All accidents, illnesses, and injuries, no matter how minor they may seem, **are to be reported to the Medical Officer**. The Medical Officer will have the items necessary to treat the problem or will make the necessary referral. If medical care is needed, arrangements will be made for transport to the nearest hospital or care center.

Medications:

The parents and adult leaders are responsible for the administration and monitoring of all medications. Medications shall be secured in a lockbox (or vehicle) and properly labeled by a pharmacy with frequency and dosage information. The responsible adult shall maintain a log of all medications administered at camp.

Camp Illinek has a qualified Medical Officer on duty at all times. Our camps have an agreement with nearby hospitals for emergency care services.

Mobile Devices:

Personal electronic devices such as phones, tablets, or gaming devices are subject to limitations. Campsites are not equipped with electricity; camp buildings are NOT intended as charging stations. At no time should an electronic device interfere with or distract others from full participation in camp. Devices should be silenced during activities.



Individuals are responsible for the care of the device at all times. The Abraham Lincoln Council is not responsible for any devices.

Payment Schedule: It is preferred that all fees be paid in full at the time of Registration.

Prohibited Items: Possession of the following items is prohibited at all times while on camp property:

- Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
- Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
- Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values

Anyone found in possession of these items will be asked to leave immediately.

Pocket Knives: Adults and Youth in Troops/Crews/Ships/Posts (with Totin' Chip) may bring and carry a pocket knife.

Cub Scouts and youth guests are asked not to use, carry, or bring pocket knives to camp.

Refunds: **No refunds will be considered after October 18.** All refunds are subject to certain conditions:

1. All requests will be subject to a case-by-case review by the Abraham Lincoln Council Camping Committee.
2. The balance of the fee may be refundable by written request only, prior to October 18.
3. The balance will be refunded for only three reasons:
 - a. The illness of a Scout prevents the Scout's attendance at Ghostwalk.
 - b. Illness or death in the family of the Cub Scout prevents the Scout's attendance.
 - c. The family's moving from the local council area makes the Scout's attendance impractical or impossible.

Scouts Own Service: Services will be the responsibility of the Units.

Showers: The central shower building has separate facilities for adults and youth. BSA Safeguarding Youth policy requires that adults and youth not share shower facilities. The building also has several separate individual shower facilities; these are available for use by anyone. Please be considerate in sharing these showers.



Smoking:

Smoking is not permitted in any buildings or tents. We also ask that adults refrain from smoking in camp program areas. The BSA smoke-free policy states that: **All buildings or facilities under the control of the local council are to be designated as nonsmoking facilities. Smoking outside the entrance/exit doors is NOT permitted at any location. In addition, all Scout functions, meetings, or activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis with permitted smoking in areas located away from all participants.** This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

Social Media:

Photo Release: Permission is given to the Council to use and publish photography, film, electronic representations, and/or sound recordings made of self or child in Medical Form Part A. If you would not like for your child to be included in pictures taken at this event, please fill out the Photo Release Refusal form and turn it in at check-in.

[Photo Release Refusal](#)

Sharing Photos: Parents/guardians are not permitted to post pictures that include other children unless they have received permission from the other child's parent or guardian to do so. In the event that a picture is taken that includes another child (without permission), please blur out or crop the other children out before posting on any social media sites. Parents/guardians are allowed to share and download any pictures that the council has taken and posted on their social media or website.

Telephone:

Camp Illinek no longer has a camp pay phone. Various leaders, including the Ghostwalk Team, have cell phones available for emergency use. While cell phones are not restricted from camp, the campers are discouraged from casual use at camp because this is meant to be a fun-filled and tech-free experience for the Scouts. The camp experience is intended to be one of recreation by getting into a different environment away from distractions.

If a camper must be contacted regarding an emergency, please call Jill (217-891-8278), Suzie(217-415-8309), or Tori (217-670-5390).

Trading Post:

The Trading Post will not be available.



Transportation: Parents are prohibited from driving to and from campsites and activities. The Ghostwalk Team specifically requests that all vehicles, once parked at the location specified at check-in, not be used for casual transport. If you are leaving camp, temporarily or permanently, you must **check out with a Ghostwalk Team member**.

Trash: Units will share trash removal responsibilities for the weekend. Assignments will be posted at each campsite.

Uniforms: Official Scout uniforms are not required. A Scouting t-shirt (your Unit's Class B shirt or any Scout-appropriate t-shirt) is suggested during setup. There is no laundry service available.

Valuables: Spending money and other valuables is the responsibility of their owner. The Abraham Lincoln Council is **NOT** responsible for lost items. A "lost & found" box will be located in Campmaster.

Water: Potable drinking water at Camp Illinek is available from Booth Lodge and the shower houses. Each campsite has faucets with non-potable water, suitable only for hand washing and, if boiled, cooking. Hand soap is provided at all sinks and campsites.

Drinking water will be made available at multiple locations during setup and at the Medical Station at the Range & Target Parking Lot during the walk..

Water Activities: No water activities will be provided.

Youth Protection: All Safeguarding Youth Guidelines will be in effect during the camp, as it is during all Scouting activities. Accordingly, please ensure tenting accommodations are in compliance. Any youth tenting together shall be of the same gender and no more than two years apart in age.



While at camp, we ask that all scouts observe the following to better preserve our council property.

Leave No Trace Principles:

Plan Ahead and Prepare
Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
Dispose of Waste Properly
Leave What you Find
Minimize Campfire Impact
Respect Wildlife
Be considerate of Other Visitors

The Outdoor Code: *As an American, I will do my best to –*

*Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Be conservation minded.*



FOOD SAFETY COOKING CHART

Measure With Food Thermometer

Minimum Cooking Temperatures and Holding Times

165°F (Hold for 15 seconds)

Poultry—chicken, turkey, duck, goose; whole, parts, or ground
Soups, stews, stuffing, casseroles, mixed dishes
All stuffed meat, including poultry, fish, and pasta
Leftovers (to reheat)
Food, covered, cooked in microwave oven (hold covered 2 minutes after removal)

155°F (Hold for 15 seconds)

Hamburger, meatloaf, and other ground meats; ground fish
Fresh eggs shelled, cooked, and held for service (such as scrambled)

145°F (Hold for 15 seconds)

Beef, corned beef, pork, ham—roasts (hold for 4 minutes)
Beef, lamb, veal, pork—steaks or chops
Fish, shellfish
Fresh eggs shelled, cooked, and served immediately

140°F (Hold for 15 seconds)

Ham, other roasts—processed, fully cooked (to reheat)
Fruits and vegetables that are cooked

Cooling

Cooked food should be cooled from 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F to 45°F within 4 hours. Cool foods in shallow pans (3 inches deep or less).

Cooked chicken parts should be one-deep on trays. Spread out the trays in a refrigerator or freezer. **Do not** cool food in cooking pots.

Hot Holding

Cooked food may be held at 135°F or above for an indefinite time for service.

Cooked food may be held up to **4 hours** below 135°F and then must be **discarded**.

Thawing and Storage

Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator. Keep meats and fish on the lower shelves of a refrigerator.

Do not allow meat juices to drip on other food.

Thermometer Testing

Food thermometers should be tested at least once a week, using ice-water slush. The food thermometer must indicate 32°F. If not, adjust the thermometer, if possible. Otherwise, the inaccurate thermometer must be discarded and replaced.

Hand Washing

Hand washing is very important to food safety. Hands should be washed under warm running water using liquid soap and using a nail brush, if possible. Rub hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Dry with a disposable paper towel. Hands must always be washed after using the restroom and before and after food is handled.

This food safety chart must be prominently displayed in every camp kitchen and used as a resource by all food preparers. It is based on FDA and USDA codes for food service. Local codes prevail if they are stricter.

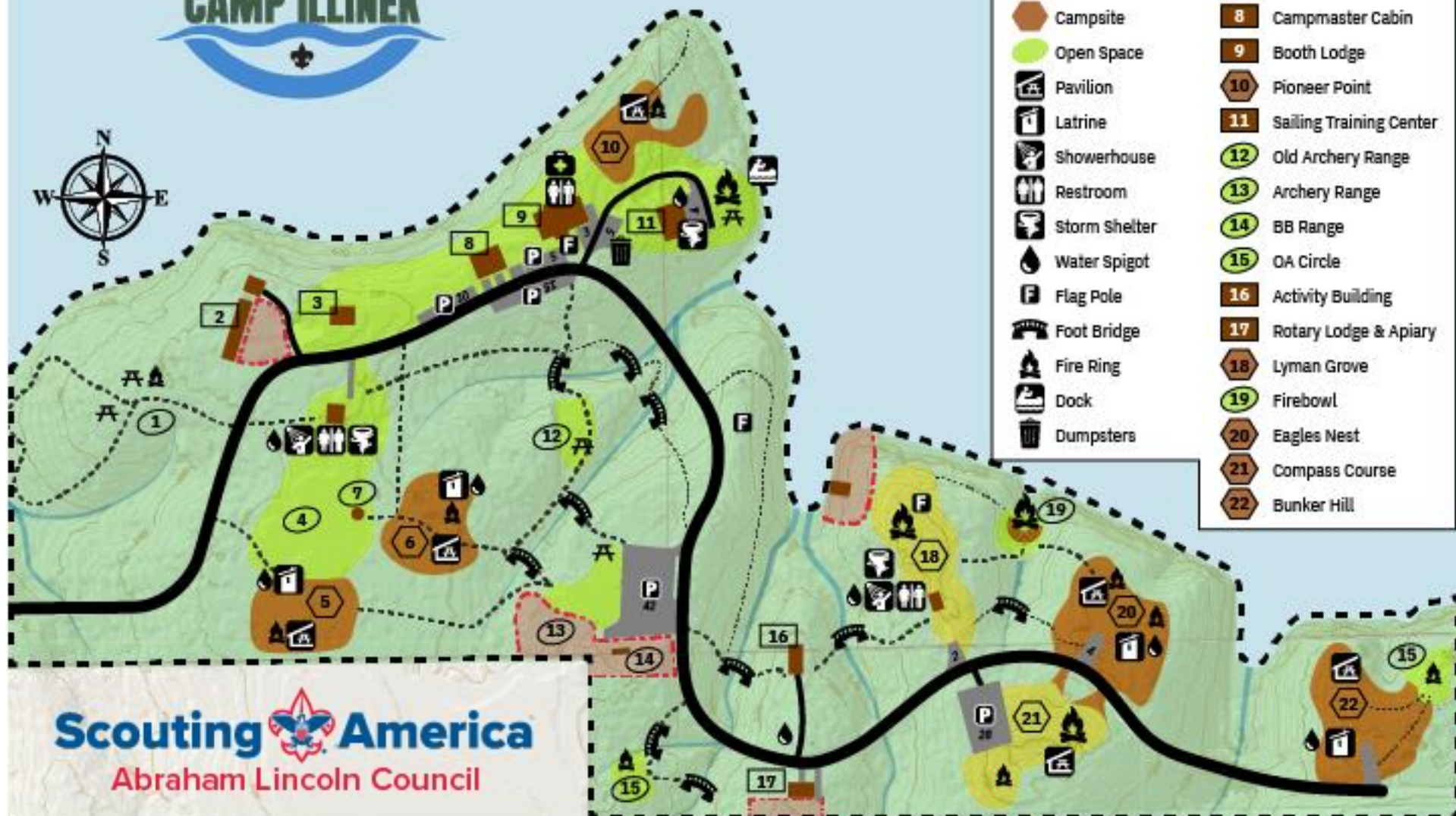


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CAMP ILLINEK GHOSTWALK

2026 CAMPER PARKING PERMIT

(Please print, complete, and place on dashboard)

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Name

Unit
