ACCOMMODATIONS—

A major part of Scouting is over-night camping. We therefore do not provide any cabins or shelter. Tents are to be brought and used by the hikers.

The camping area is located on the Southeast side of Lake Storey, just off route 150 north of Galesburg.

Pure water and sanitary facilities are available. Cooking fires are to be of charcoal only.

Tent camping will make the Carl Sandburg Trail a better SCOUTING EXPERIENCE.

Although we prefer hikers to spend the night, nearby troops may make this a one day experience.

REQUIRED READING—

Scouts preparing to take the Carl Sandburg Trail must read: Sandburg's auto-biography, “Always the Young Strangers”; or “Prairie Town Boy”, and one of the poems from any of the following books:

1. Chicago Poems
2. Corn Huskers
3. Smoke and Steel
4. Slabs of the Sunburnt West
5. Goodmorning, America
6. The People, Yes

HIGHWAY HIKING SAFETY—

1. Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic; stay off pavement, lawns etc.
2. Wear two (2) pairs of light woolen socks and comfortable leather shoes.
3. Carry tape, gauze, and antiseptic and care for blisters immediately.
4. Take frequent short rests.
5. Guard against wind burn and sun burn. Also guard against headache on bright days by wearing sun glasses.
6. Never take a chance with your life.

A MESSAGE TO SCOUTS:

Carl Sandburg, ardent admirer of Abraham Lincoln, has two of his books on the required list for the Illinois Lincoln Trail Hike; “Abe Lincoln Grows Up” and “Abraham Lincoln, the Prairie Years”.

We recommend, in conjunction with the Carl Sandburg Trail, the hiking of the Illinois Lincoln Trail, to become better acquainted with the two foremost leading citizens of the State of Illinois.

Stephen Vincent Benet said of Carl Sandburg; “He came to us from the people whom Lincoln loved because there were so many of them, and through all his life, in verse and in prose, he has spoken of and for the people. A great American, we have just reason to be proud that he has lived and written in our time.”

Good hiking,
INAUI LODGE

THE CARL SANDBURG TRAIL

To The Boy Scouts Of America:

Carl Sandburg’s recollections of his early life is more than an autobiography. It is a story of America written in a way a boy can easily understand.

It is a story of a quiet mid-western town, but it shows a story of a children’s vanished world in the United States. It makes an adult reader recall his youth, yet gives a new insight into a quickly passing way of life.

Reading of mid-western America at the turn of the century awakens an interest and makes the reader remember his playing a part in a still growing America.

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Carl Sandburg Trail

Carl Sandburg, American poet, was born January 6, 1878, in Galesburg, Illinois, the son of Swedish immigrant parents. As a youth, he worked at odd jobs through the Prairie states before going to Puerto Rico as a soldier in the Spanish American War. After his return to Galesburg, he worked his way through Lombard College and edited the college newspaper.

His first poems, which began appearing in 1904, went unnoticed. However, in 1914, he entered a poetry contest, and his poem "Chicago" won recognition. In 1918 he served as an editorial writer for the Chicago Daily News, and while he was there he developed more clearly his understanding of the American working-man's character and aspirations.

He won his first Pulitzer Prize for his six volumes on Abraham Lincoln and his second for his "Complete Poems".

Carl Sandburg exemplifies the American way of life. From a son of poor immigrant parents, he rose to a well known, well loved dignitary. We, therefore, dedicate this trail to Carl Sandburg.

This outstanding example of ability and perseverance led the Order of the Arrow of Prairie Council to propose that all Boy Scouts be encouraged to make the hike and visit the sites familiar to Carl Sandburg during his youth.

An award will be made to participating Scouts. The award will consist of a medal bearing the likeness of Carl Sandburg and a Swiss embroidered patch.

REQUIREMENTS—

WHO MAY QUALIFY?
Any registered Scout, who holds at least the rank of First Class, may qualify. Registered Explorers and Scouts may also qualify.

Scouts, Senior Scouts, Explorers, and Scouts must wear complete uniform. In winter, while wearing jackets, neckerchief must be visible. During June, July, and August, official Scout or camp T-shirt may be worn. All Order of the Arrow members may wear their sash. Experience shows that older Scouts have the most success with long hikes. (Hike must be completed in one day.)

HOW TO MAKE APPLICATION—
Applications to hike the Carl Sandburg Trail should be made by the authorized adult leader of the unit with the approval of the Unit Committee. Approval should be procured from your local council through the Scout Executive. Application blanks are available from the address on the front of this folder. A National Tour Permit form must be procured from your local council, for all units outside the Prairie Council.

APPLICATION INFORMATION—
When proper approvals have been vouched for on the blank, unit leaders should fill out blank with list of prospective hikers. Hikers should then be instructed to read the autobiography of Sandburg, "Always the Young Strangers" or "Prairie Town Boy", and to present a neatly written or typed book report of at least 300 words. They should also select one of Sandburg's poems from the reading list and write their own interpretation in at least 100 words on the back. Be sure that each book report and poem interpretation has the name, unit number and address on it. Be sure to have your hikers complete the book reports and poem interpretations before making the hike.

FEES—
Registration fee for the hike is $2.50 per person. This includes the Sandburg Medal and Swiss embroidered emblem. Medals and emblems are not for sale and will not be replaced. Registration forms, book reports, and poem interpretations should reach the Prairie council office at least two weeks before making the hike so that participation forms can be forwarded to you in plenty of time. No credit will be given for hiking without credentials.

If the date registered is already filled we will notify you of the next available date. It will be advantageous if you list a second choice of date on your application. We reserve the right to limit the number of hikers on a given day. In case of cancellation by applicant, all but 25¢ of each registration fee will be refunded. If substitutions are made on hike list, fees may be transferred. A 25¢ camping fee is charged per person for non-hikers.

PREPARATION FOR HIKE—

1. There should be one adult for every eight to ten boys making the trip. Scouts need not make the hike, but can be in charge of arrangements and checking. However, only Scouts who actually take the hike, meet the fee, and submit the book report, and poem interpretation, can receive the patch and medal.

2. Be sure that proper application has been made and that credentials are received before making the hike.

3. Parent's permission should be received in writing for boys making the hike.

4. Unit leaders should see that thorough instructions and training are given in highway safety and courtesies, personal first aid, hiking preparation and techniques, before taking the hike. Hikers must stay off the pavement on highways, laws, etc.

5. Hikers should be given information on foot care and hiking equipment. Proper clothing for use in bad weather should be listed as essential.

ON THE TRAIL—

About a mile and a half west of the entrance to the Lake Stacey Camp Grounds is a stone marker showing the approximate site of old Log City used by the founders of Galesburg when they built the city. On Fremont Street at Hutchinson is the new Galesburg Senior High School. Up to 1959 the old Junior High School on South Street, which Carl Sandburg attended, was still in use for the high school overflow students. At the corner of Academy and Main in Hope Cemetery is the Civil War Soldier Statue dedicated by Robert Todd Lincoln in the 1890's. Carl Sandburg was present for the ceremony. At the Southwest corner of the Square is the site of the Old Congregational Church, the steeple of which was a hiding place on the Underground Railway. On the Court House lawn is the statue of Mother Bikordyke of Civil War Nursing fame. A block South is Old Main, scene of the Lincoln-Douglas debate. Across the tracks on Third Street is the birthplace of Carl Sandburg. Farther North and East on Knox Street is the site of Lombard Junior High School, formerly Lombard College. At Farnam and Main is the site of the circus grounds where Carl Sandburg watched the performances. On the Northeast side of North Street, near Cherry, is the Old George Washington Gale home. Some of the original home still remains within the present structure. Many other points of interest might be listed, but all these mentioned are on the trail. The length of the trail is 16 miles.