



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Abraham Lincoln Council
Red Feather Bldg.
730 East Vine St.
Springfield, Ill.

February, 5, 1951

Mr. Hodson A. Abbott
Corner Brown Ave. and 1st St.
Minden, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find information on our Illinois Lincoln Trail Hike. Scouters may take the Lincoln Trail and will receive a medal after they have met all requirements that the boys must make. When Scouts make the hike a Scouter for about every eight boys should be along too. Any registered Scout or Scouter may take the hike.

If you decide to make the Lincoln Trail, fill out the application blank enclosed it with essays and fees (\$1) per person, and send it to us about three weeks prior hiking date, so that our Headquarters will have time to send you maps and credentials.

The Lincoln Trail Cabin is in need of repair; so during cold weather it would be wise for you to make arrangements through Division of Parks and Memorials, Armory Building, Springfield, Illinois to use the CCC Building or side for your tents if you wish to camp out. Lincoln Trail ~~has no facilities for just eight people - \$7 per night per person.~~ Get your application and reservations in early to avoid disappointment; Lincoln Trail Participation will be heavy from now on through next fall.

Since Scout Headquarters is now located in south part of the city, we have made arrangements for hikers to finish at the Lincoln Theater, 329 South 5th St. The boys are to give their signed credentials to the girl in the ticket booth.

Will be waiting to hear from you. Good luck with your plans.

Scoutingly yours,

Betty Large

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Service Secretary

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE OF FACILITIES
IN CONJUNCTION WITH LINCOLN TRAIL HIKE OR VISITS
TO LINCOLN SHRINES AT NEW SALEM PARK AND AT SPRINGFIELD

I. LINCOLN TRAIL HIKERS

- A. Hikers can camp out on camp site set aside at New Salem Park.
1. Reservation and permission to be secured from Division of Parks and Memorials, Armory Building, Springfield, Illinois. Be sure to give name and address, Unit No., Number participating, town, Council and address and the DATE. Permission will be issued from Division of Parks and Memorials if approved. Tentage required.

B. LINCOLN TRAIL HIKE CABIN AT NEW SALEM PARK. (for hikers only)

1. Cabin equipped with bunks, mattresses, fireplace, etc. No bedding.
2. Capacity — 8 hikers.

3. RESERVATIONS: Made through
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RED FEATHER BUILDING
730 E. Vine St.
Springfield, Ill.-

Be sure to make reservations at least two weeks in advance, longer time, better.

4. Charge: 25¢ per Scout per night.
5. If application for reservation is approved, directions, etc., will be sent.
6. BE SURE to give name of Leader, Unit Number, Address, Council and address. Number of Scouts involved, date of proposed hike.

II. TROOP TRIPS AND TOURS TO SPRINGFIELD AND NEW SALEM

- A. Camp site for equipped troops at New Salem Park
Get permission from Division of Parks and Memorials (as above)
Be sure to give required information.
- B. CCC Barracks Building. No bunks (but a roof).
Get permission from Division of Parks and Memorials
Be sure to give required information.
No Charge
Be sure to have adequate leadership
Limit use of knife and hatchets to minimum.
- C. At Springfield.
Hotel, tourist camp and YMCA situation difficult to get rooms.
Groups should make own arrangements if this type of accommodation is desired. COTTON HILL PARK—Seven miles out on Lake Springfield—Camping over night only—water and toilets. For permission—write to Supt. City Water and Power Department, City Hall, Springfield, Ill. Phone 5731.

COUNCILS WILL PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE TO ANSWER INQUIRIES ON TRIPS TO SPRINGFIELD AND LINCOLN TRAIL HIKE.

For further information, write to:

Boy Scouts of America
RED FEATHER BUILDING
730 E. Vine St.
Springfield, Ill.

Phone 2-6413

LINCOLN TRAIL HIKE APPLICATION

TROOP NO. _____ of the _____ Council
would like to take the Hike _____ (Date) and hereby makes application
for Lincoln Trail Hike credentials for the Scouts and Scouters listed below.

Signed: _____ Scoutmaster

Address: _____

REQUIREMENT:

1. Any Scout or Scouter duly registered and who is at least Second Class Rank may take the Hike. Many Troops, however, reserve this privilege for their Senior Scouts—fifteen years of age and First Class. Absolutely NO CUBS.
2. Each Scout and Scouter to read one of the books recommended in folder and prepare a book review before taking the Hike. The review should be about 300 words, neatly written in ink or typewritten, and on one side of the paper only.
3. The leader of the group to properly fill in the blank below and secure permission from your own Local Council before sending this application to Boy Scout Headquarters, Springfield, Illinois. (Essay and fees should be sent in with the application.)
4. The cost of the Hike. A \$1.00 fee for each Scout and Scouter is to be attached to this application. This fee covers the cost of the medal, etc.,
5. Leadership. One adult leader for every 8 to 10 Scouts should accompany the group.
6. Health and Safety. Many troops follow the sound practice of securing a signed waiver from the Scout's parents before taking the Trip. Careful instructions should be given each Scout on Highway Hiking, care of feet, caution against sun and wind burn.

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	RANK

COUNCIL APPROVAL - The above application has been reviewed by this Council and the leadership approved.

(Signed) _____
Scout Executive