

Ingersoll Scout Reservation Summer Camp Planning Guide

Scouting America
W. D. Boyce Council

2027 Edition











Welcome from Camp Awesome, a.k.a. Ingersoll Scout Reservation!

Whether your unit is a regular at Ingersoll Scout Reservation, you are considering our camp for the first time, or you are returning after an absence, we invite you to be a part of the ISR summer camp tradition. We call ISR *Camp Awesome* because it offers Scouts exciting, unique opportunities and challenges that add up to a one-of-a-kind outdoor experience for Scouts of all ages.

We are publishing troop planning information in two parts.

Planning Guide: This is it! These pages contain information you need to make reservations at ISR and to familiarize you with policies, check-in procedures, key dates, emergency procedures, and more. Take some time to review this guide and share with other leaders in your troop so everyone can prepare for an awesome week at camp.

Program Guide: Look for the 2027 Program Guide to be published on December 8, 2026. It will include detailed information about merit badge offerings, the first-year Brownsea Island program, outposts, online merit badge registration procedures, prerequisites, daily schedules, adult training opportunities, the Order of the Arrow, swimming classifications, plus other program features!

We hope this publication schedule gives you the information you need, when you need it, to plan for and enjoy your ISR experience. If there is anything we can do to help you have a successful week, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As summer camp approaches, we'll continue posting more news and reminders on our website https://wdboyce.org/ingersoll/ and Facebook/Instagram @IngersollBSA.

Thank you for choosing Ingersoll Scout Reservation! See you at camp!

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Scouts BSA Summer Camp Weeks

Week 1: June 13 - 19, 2027
Week 2: June 20 – 26, 2027
Week 3: June 27 – July 3, 2027

Key Dates

Financial Aid Forms Due – April 1, 2027
Online Merit Badge Selection – April 1, 2027 ($100 Deposit per youth required)
Family Night RSVP Available — April 1, 2027
Early Bird Deadline – April 15, 2027
All Fees are Due – May 15, 2027





Summer Camp Fee Schedule

All fees must be paid in full by May 15, 2027. Fees can be paid in person at the Peoria Service Center, by mailing a check, or online. **Early Bird Fees are due by April 15, 2027. Fees paid after April 15 will be charged the regular price. All registrations received after May 15, 2027 will incur an additional late fee.**

Youth Fees

Early Bird Youth Fee: $390

Regular Youth Fee: $420

Late Youth Fee: $435

Adult Fees

Regular: $185

Late: $210

Visitor Fees: $40.00 per day

Individual Meal Tickets: $12.00 per meal (Please pay for meals when you check-in at the Camp Office)

Family Night Meal Ticket: $15.00 for Wednesday Family Night Dinner.

Financial Assistance

Registered youth members who cannot pay the full cost of attending Summer Camp may apply for partial financial assistance. The fund assists deserving Scouts to attend camp with a percentage of the cost based on need. It is not intended to provide the total fee.

To apply for financial assistance please go to https://wdboyce.org/assist/ and fill out the Financial Assistance Application. The information requested is confidential and necessary to help determine the percentage of need for each applicant. Applicants must be currently registered members of the W. D. Boyce Council, Scouting America.

For full consideration, the Financial Assistance Applications must be received by April 1, 2027.



Refund Policy

The W. D. Boyce Council Refund Policy is intended to cover emergencies beyond your control while protecting the council's pre-paid program expenses based on registration numbers.

The transfer of fees, without penalty, to another Scout or Scouter attending the same program may be requested.

All refund requests will be reviewed by the Volunteer Program Committee after the summer camp season. All such requests are subject to a 15% service charge. All program fees collected on-site are non-refundable. Refund Request forms are available through the W. D. Boyce Council Service Center or online at www.wdboyce.org. Refund Request forms received less than 7 days prior to the start of your week at camp or after your week will not be considered.

Unit Reservations

To reserve a campsite, go to https://scoutingevent.com/138-2026ISRSummerCamp and make a $250 deposit. Troops that make a deposit but do not attend camp forfeit their $250 deposit. All summer camp correspondence and registration materials should be sent to the Peoria Scout Service Center, 614 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, IL, 61603.

If your unit cannot fill the campsite you select, you will share a campsite with another unit if necessary to accommodate all units attending during that week of camp.

Shared Campsite/Leadership Policy

Male and female troops may not share the same campsite. Linked troops may request to share adjoining campsites, but each troop must provide its own separate leadership. Family troops may only share a site with other family troops.



Campsites

At Ingersoll, we offer a variety of campsite options to suit your Troop's needs. All campsites include a latrine, bulletin board, flag pole, dining fly or pavilion, picnic tables, and fire ring, and are located in close proximity to one of the three shower houses. All showerhouses have individual shower stalls and hot water. For campsites without cabins or platform tents, units are requested to bring their own tents.



North Ridge

Located on hilly terrain, North Ridge campsites overlook Lake Roberts and are close to the Range and Target Activities and Eco-Con program areas. All North Ridge campsites include platform tents, with (2) folding cots in each.

Powderhorn - 28 (includes 14 platform tents)

Arrowhead - 30 (includes 15 platform tents/pavilion)

Diamond Hitch - 32 (includes 16 platform tents/pavilion)

Gunflint - 20 (includes 10 platform tents)

South Ridge

Situated in the center of camp, South Ridge campsites are located near Scoutcraft, STEM, the Fish Shack, and the Lakefront program areas.

Conestoga -34

Musket - 24 (includes a pavilion)

Tomahawk - 40

Doublebit - 18 (includes 9 platform tents)

Buckskin - 24 (includes 6 four-person cabins)

West Ridge

These sites are closest to the Dining Hall and Scoutcraft program areas, with large open areas for tent camping.

Kickapoo - 32

Sauk - 36 (includes a pavilion)

Tonkawa - 20

Kaskaskia - 38 (includes a pavilion)

Winnebago - 40 (includes large pavilion)

Illini - 32 (includes a pavilion)

What to Bring to Camp

Every Troop should take a few minutes to determine if they have everything necessary for a quality week at summer camp. The following is a suggested list of items to take to camp. Consult the Scoutmaster's Handbook for a more detailed list.

The Scout uniform builds individual and unit pride. The Scoutmaster's attitude toward wearing the Scout uniform will be reflected in the dress of his or her Troop. Scouts are encouraged to wear their Field Uniform to and from camp with pride, as well as at evening flag ceremonies and campfires.

Personal Packing List

- ⬜ Bedding or sleeping bag
- ⬜ BSA Field Uniform
- ⬜ T-shirts or Casual Shirts
- ⬜ Jeans/Long Pants
- ⬜ Sweater or Sweatshirt
- ⬜ Heavy Shoes or Boots
- ⬜ Sneakers or Moccasins
- ⬜ Raincoat or Poncho
- ⬜ Pajamas
- ⬜ Insect Repellent
- ⬜ Sunscreen
- ⬜ Underwear
- ⬜ Socks
- ⬜ Towels
- ⬜ 2 Swimming Suits (one for lake, one for pool)
- ⬜ Wristwatch
- ⬜ Flashlight
- ⬜ Scout Handbook
- ⬜ Merit Badge Books
- ⬜ Personal hygiene gear
- ⬜ Medical form (Parts A,B,C)
- ⬜ Copy of Insurance Card
- ⬜ Paper, pencil, and pens
- ⬜ Old Shoes (that can get wet)
- ⬜ Canteen or water bottle

Optional Equipment

- ⬜ Work Gloves
- ⬜ Compass
- ⬜ Camera
- ⬜ Sewing Kit
- ⬜ Hat
- ⬜ Sunglasses
- ⬜ Musical Instrument
- ⬜ Stamps and Envelopes
- ⬜ Religious books
- ⬜ Pack or duffel
- ⬜ Foot powder

Troop Equipment

- ⬜ Troop Flags and Pole
- ⬜ Lanterns
- ⬜ First Aid Kit
- ⬜ Locked Medication Dispenser & Log Book
- ⬜ Axe Yard Equipment
- ⬜ Lashing Rope
- ⬜ Alarm Clock
- ⬜ Trash Bags
- ⬜ Program Reference Materials
- ⬜ Games
- ⬜ Merit Badge Books
- ⬜ Props for Campfire
- ⬜ Water Containers (3 to 5 Gallon)

Final Checklist

This checklist will be helpful in assisting Unit Leaders in making a final recap before embarking for camp.

- ⬜ Current BSA Health and Medical Record forms for all Scouts and adult leaders, completely filled out and properly signed
- ⬜ Roster of Scouts/Adults with addresses and phone numbers
- ⬜ Transportation coordinated
- ⬜ All fees paid
- ⬜ Unit Camping Equipment
- ⬜ Unit Program Equipment
- ⬜ Unit Records as needed
- ⬜ Sufficient adult leadership
- ⬜ Parents aware of all plans
- ⬜ Emergency phone numbers with the unit at camp, and camp contact information

Check-In and Required Paperwork
Arriving at Camp

Please plan to arrive at Ingersoll between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Troops that are going to arrive after 3 p.m. should notify the Camp Administration. **No Staff will be available to handle early arrivals. Please do not arrive before 1 p.m.**

Transportation and Parking

Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of its members to and from camp, and to make sure that all vehicles meet BSA insurance requirements. Transporting Scouts or Adults in the bed of a pickup truck or trailer (whether it is covered or uncovered) is against the policy of Scouting America.

Parking at camp is only in the main parking lot near check-in.

Vehicles are not to be parked in the campsite during your stay. Trailers can be dropped off in your campsite during the check-in process and picked up at the end of the week.

To maximize safety and keep traffic in camp to a minimum, only camp vehicles will be allowed to operate within camp during the week.

Check-In



Upon arrival at Ingersoll, you will be greeted at the front gate by an ISR Staff member who will welcome you to camp and show you the way to the parking lot. At the parking lot you will meet your Site Guide, who will guide your Troop through the Check-In process. At check-in, the Unit Leader will finalize paperwork, including payment of any balance due, health forms, update last minute program changes, and schedule time for aquatics orientation.

The rest of the troop will take their gear to the campsite. Gear in a trailer can either be pulled by your own truck with an ISR Staff member riding along to make sure the roads are clear, or the ISR Ranger can pull your trailer to your campsite with a camp truck. If you don't have a trailer, the ISR Ranger may be able to use the camp truck to transport gear from the parking lot to your campsite.

Once you are checked-in and your gear is on the campsite, the Site Guide will help the troop set up and take you on a camp tour. Units will go through aquatics orientation, dining hall orientation, a shooting sports safety briefing, and storm shelter procedures.

Aquatics Orientation

Even if Scouts have completed their swim checks prior to camp they must visit the Aquatics Staff for the Aquatics Safety Orientation and get buddy tags made at the Pool. This is also the time that Scouts can complete their Swim Check if needed. Remember that a shirt and shoes with a covered heel and toe must be worn at all times in camp.

Health Forms

All participants, both youth and adults, staying in camp for longer than 72 hours must complete the Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, & C and submit a copy of insurance cards (front and back), and be registered members of Scouting America. Adults must have current Safeguarding Youth Training.

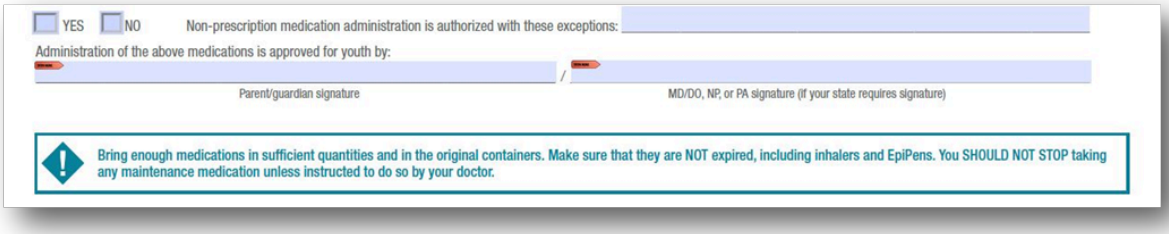
The Health Officer will collect health forms at check-in. The forms will be returned to the unit with the unit's Check-out Packet. Those staying in camp less than 72 hours only need Parts A & B.

Here are a few commonly missed parts of the Health Form:

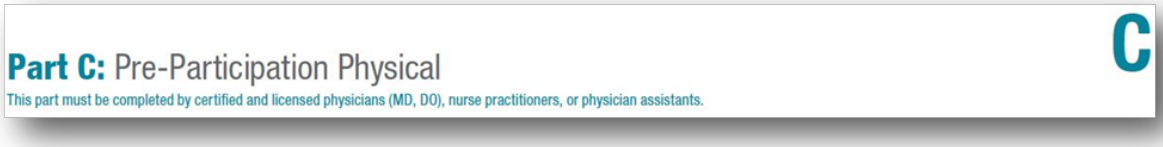
Part B first page, asks for copies of Insurance Card (Front and Back) attached with the Health Form



The second page of Part B asks if non-prescriptions medications administration is authorized. This requires a Parent or Guardian Signature.



Part C must be filled out completed by a certified and licensed physician (MD,DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant on this form.





While at Camp

Commissioner Service



After your Site Guide finishes helping you check-in, a Commissioner will be your main resource for campsite needs. The Commissioner will stop by your campsite each day to see how things are going and make sure you have all the supplies you need. If there is something broken or missing in your site, please report it to your commissioner.

Unit Leader and SPL Meetings

A Unit Leader Meetings will be held at announced times in the Wilderness Training Center (WTC)*. Unit Leaders will get the opportunity to ask questions and get updates on special events going on in camp.

Senior Patrol Leader meetings will also be held at announced times at the Dining Hall.

**See Daily Schedule for times, location subject to change*



Day Visitors

Day visitors should park in the parking lot and check in at the Camp Office. Please note that the camp wide speed limit is 15 MPH.

If a day visitor wants to eat in the Dining Hall, a meal ticket must be purchased from the Camp Office, for $12.00 per meal.

Day visitors must check-in at the Camp Office upon arrival and check-out at departure. There are no facilities at Ingersoll Scout Reservation to allow day visitors to stay overnight.

Wireless Internet

Ingersoll has high-speed internet available at various areas throughout the camp. We ask that all internet users be courteous of others and help conserve bandwidth, especially when streaming video content.

Cell Phone Service

There is limited cell phone service at camp. With that said, Verizon and AT&T are the cellphone providers with the most reliable service available throughout camp.

Family Night



We are excited to invite all parents and family members of participating Scouts to come out to camp on Wednesday evening. This is the perfect opportunity to spend time visiting with Scouts in your Troop and enjoying an evening at Ingersoll.

- Families are welcome to arrive after 5 p.m. to join us for dinner at the Dining Hall.
- Families visiting camp can purchase meal tickets online for $15 per meal.
- Following dinner, families will get a chance to hear from the staff and get to learn about the exciting things the campers have experienced during the week.

The Order of the Arrow (OA) callout ceremony will be one of the highlights of the evening. Families are invited to join their units and participate in the OA callout following dinner.

Trading Post



Ingersoll operates a Trading Post that stocks many items such as camp souvenirs, craft kits, pocket knives, toiletries, ice cream, and other snacks. We recommend that Scouts bring $30 - $50 to spend in the Trading Post. This would generally pay for program supplies, Ingersoll souvenirs, and some snacks throughout the week. The Trading Post accepts cash, checks, and credit cards.

Flag Ceremonies

The camp will assemble for Flag Ceremonies in the morning and evening. Scouts and Leaders are expected to attend evening flag ceremonies in full Scouting Field Uniform. (Activity Uniform is recommended for morning flag assembly). Units will have the opportunity to show off cheers and run-ons during Roll Call at most flag ceremonies. Scouts are encouraged to be creative, but longer skits and songs are better suited for meals or Closing Campfire.



Subscribe to In-Camp Text Message Alerts

Ingersoll uses the **Remind** app to allow camp administration to quickly send alerts and information to adult leaders during their stay at camp. This free service (carrier rates may apply) will be used to communicate important reminders, inform of any schedule adjustments, and to provide direction in case of inclement weather or other emergency.

The free app can be downloaded in the iOS App Store or Android Google Play Store — visit https://remind.com/apps for the links.

A special join code specific to your week of camp will be provided to the primary unit leader shortly before your arrival at camp. We encourage you to distribute the code to all adult leaders. You will not be able to use the app until you have received the join code.

Postal Mail



Scouts may receive mail while at camp. Send mail to:

Ingersoll Scout Reservation
Unit(#), (Scout's Name)
33 Knox Rd. 650 E
London Mills, IL 61544

- Please be sure to include the Unit Number on all mail. This will make it much easier to route the mail to the participant.
- All mail can be picked up by Adult Leaders in the Camp Office.
- To ensure Scouts receive mail or packages at camp, it is a good idea to send them before your week of camp begins.

Unit Leadership in Camp

Each unit is required to have at least 2 registered adult leaders in camp at all times during the entire week. Small troops that share leadership with another troop must have chartered org rep approval of shared leadership. As per Scouting America policy, all adults staying overnight must be registered members of Scouting America and have completed Safeguarding Youth Training. Two registered adult leaders 21 or older must be with the unit at camp. There must be at least one registered female adult 21 years of age or older for every girl troop.



Under the troop system of camping, the unit leader is in charge of the troop at all times. Organization and discipline are the responsibilities of the unit leader. The camp staff will work with the unit leadership as advisors. Discipline of Scouts is to be reported to the Camp Director. Should a call need to be made to parents to pick up a Scout, the Unit Leader must first consult with the Camp Director.

Ingersoll fully enforces the Safeguarding Youth Training policies set by Scouting America. Violations of these policies will not be tolerated. Offenders may be asked to leave the property and the appropriate authorities will be notified.

Special Dietary Needs



At Ingersoll, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our campers. We have systems in place to ensure that all Scouts and Leaders who have special dietary needs or food allergies are accommodated at camp.

We can store supplemental food in our Dining Hall kitchen, prepare a modified menu, or work with Scouts, parents, or leaders to provide meal alternatives.

When naming Scouts and Adults on Black Pug (the Online Merit Badge Registration system) it will ask if each Scout or Adult has any Special Dietary Needs — this is where you will explain any needs, allowing our Food Service Team to prepare for your week at camp.

In Case of Accident or Emergency

Ingersoll has a Health Lodge that is accessible 24 hours a day and managed by staff members trained in handling accidents and illnesses. There are also local hospitals and clinics nearby in the event of an injury. If this kind of treatment is required, the Scout's parents will be notified by telephone, and their wishes concerning treatment will be respected. If such a trip is required, we ask that two of the Scout's leaders drive the Scout to the hospital in compliance with Safeguarding Youth Training guidelines. This also allows the Health Officer to still be in camp to treat any other potential injuries. If necessary, the Camp Office will call emergency services.



Camp emergency procedures will be covered at the opening leader's meeting and during the Camp Tour on Check-in Day.

Health and Safety

We want every Scout to have a fun and exciting stay at Ingersoll, but safety is always our top priority. Please take note of and share these policies and procedures with your adult leaders and Scouts to ensure a fun and safe experience.



A few helpful tips for a safe camping experience:

- BSA Policy always prohibits transporting passengers in the back of trucks or trailers.
- Wear closed-toed shoes at all times (except in the pool area).
- Carry a water bottle with you at all times.
- Always use the buddy system: Two or more Scouts go everywhere together.
- Fires should always be attended to and completely extinguished. Do not create new fire rings.
- Follow Totin' Chip safety rules when using knives and axes. Fixed blade knives are not permitted in camp.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET, diluted vanilla, or Permethrin.
- Always wear sunscreen and sun hats for protection from the sun.
- Carry a flashlight if you expect to be walking after dusk.
- Shake out clothing and shoes before wearing them.
- Keep food out of tents at all times.
- Be able to identify poisonous plants such as poison ivy, oak, and sumac.
- Be able to identify snakes. Though uncommon at Ingersoll, venomous snakes such as copperhead, cottonmouth, timber rattler, and massasauga are native to Illinois.
- Wildlife should be admired from a distance. Wild animals can be dangerous when agitated.
- Check for ticks and tick bites daily.

Heat Alerts

Hiking, Camp Wilderness Outposts, Climbing, Mountain Biking/Boarding, along with any other activities deemed strenuous, may be limited or canceled on days when temperatures reach or exceed the high 90's coupled with high humidity. During these times Scouts, Leaders, Staff, and Visitors are reminded to drink plenty of water, which is available at campsites, program areas, and activity areas. Anyone feeling the effects of too much heat should go immediately to the Health Lodge for a check-up.

Lost and Found

Clothing and equipment should be clearly marked with your last name and troop number. The W. D. Boyce Council is not responsible for security or loss of personal items. During camp, Lost and Found items are kept at the Camp Office. If anything is missing after your departure from camp contact the W. D. Boyce Council Office at (309) 673-6136. At the end of August, all items in the Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity or thrown away.



Check-Out

On Saturday morning, your Site Guide will arrive at your campsite to deliver breakfast and assist with the check-out process. Once a Commissioner has inspected and cleared your campsite, arrangements will be made with our Ranger staff for transporting your trailer/gear back to the parking lot. A leader will also need to stop by the office once the campsite is cleared for final checkout, where you will receive your check-out packet containing advancement records, camp patches, and medical forms. This is also a great time to make one last stop at the Lost and Found to ensure nothing gets left behind.



Camp Staff



Serving as a member of the summer camp staff can be a fantastic learning and growing experience for young leaders. Summer camp staff members are responsible for working with units to provide a high quality, safe, and fun experience for hundreds of campers over the course of the summer.

Staff members must be at least 16 years old prior to employment and must display talent, patience, integrity, and enthusiasm, and be committed to living up to the Scout Oath and Law. Applications are to be completed online at https://wdboyce.org/ingersoll.

Counselor-in-Training Program



A Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is available to Scouts who are 14 or 15 years of age. CIT's will be assigned to assist in various program areas where they will gain experience and skills. Weekly rotation will allow them to have a better understanding of all facets of camp staff duties and responsibilities. The CIT program is a vital part of the camp staff; these counselors are the future summer camp staff. CIT training and supervision is provided by the Camp Commissioner, and other administrators. A staff application, interview, and recommendations are necessary before a CIT will be considered. To apply for a CIT position go to https://wdboyce.org/ingersoll.

Wilderness Counselors

The Wilderness Counselors are a group of volunteer program experts who help train and support Merit Badge Instructors at summer camp during Staff Week and provide support throughout the summer. If you are interested in helping ISR become the best it can be and are willing to come out at least one day during Staff Week, then this is your opportunity. If you are interested in serving camp in this way, contact Collin Martis at 309-673-6136 ext 128.

Swim Classification Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Scouting America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. These swim classification tests are a foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the individual's circumstances in the water.

Administration of Swim Classification Test

OPTION A (at camp):

The swim classification test is completed by Camp Aquatics personnel on the first day of camp .



OPTION B (before camp by a verified, qualified instructor): The swim classification test is completed by the unit under the supervision of a qualified instructor (American Red Cross Lifeguard, or equivalent). A complete swim roster listing each person's swim level, along with verification of instructor's qualifications/credentials MUST be turned in at camp check-in.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE OR WHEN THE SWIM TEST IS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

The test is given one-on-one. The test administrator and the swimmer are buddies during the administration of the test.
Each component of the test is important. The test must not be changed either to assist the Scout or to expedite the process.
The test must be completed without aid or support. Aid includes lifejackets, wetsuits, fins, etc. Swim goggles may be used to avoid eye irritation.
Swim tests must be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the outdoor season.

TO THE SWIM TEST ADMINISTRATOR

SWIMMER'S TEST:
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER'S TEST:
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to the starting place.

* The Camp Aquatics Director may require a test of anyone who completed the classification outside of camp.

Anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a non-swimmer.



Swim Classification Record

(Changes and/or corrections to the chart below should be initiated and dated by the test supervisor.)

Unit Number _____ Date of Swim Test _____

			Swim Classification		
	Full Name (Print) (Draw lines through blank spaces.)	**Medical recheck Parts A-B**	**Non-Swimmer**	**Beginner**	**Swimmer**
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

***** Make copies of this form for additional names.

The swim classification test performed at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resources: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; BSA Swimming and Water Rescue; Red Cross Lifeguard or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Test administrators should utilize Chapter 5 of the BSA Aquatics Supervision Guide.

NAME OF FACILITY WHERE TEST WAS COMPLETED: _____

NAME OF PERSON SUPERVISING AND FACILITATING THE SWIM TEST:

Print Name:	Signature:
Type of Authorization/Training (Attach\ a copy of certification as required by council procedures.)	Expiration Date if applicable

Scout Release from Camp Request

Scouts wishing to leave camp prior to the unit's departure or not as part of the unit must have a release signed by their parents and approved by the unit leader. Scouts will normally be permitted to leave only when accompanied by their parents. The form below must be used in handling all such departures. In an emergency, it may not be possible for a parent or guardian to sign the release. In that situation sufficient information must be recorded attesting to the telephone call or means of communication by which word arrived asking for the release of the Scout. This information should document the person from whom the call was received, verify telephone confirmation of the parent asking for release of the Scout and give detailed reasons for the requested release.

Scout Requested to be Released:_____

Home Address:_____

Home Council:_____ Unit:_____ Campsite: _____

Reason for request to Leave: _____

Date of Release:_____ Time:_____ Method of Travel:_____

Adult Accompanied By: _____

Date of Return:_____ Time:_____

In signing this request for release Scouting America, W. D. Boyce Council, the unit leaders, and the Scout's parents or guardians mutually acknowledge that there will be no refund of the camp fee, and that Scouting America or its representatives shall not be held liable for any loss to the Scout's person or property.

The request is made by (parent or guardians' signature except noted for emergency departure request)

Parent or Guardian Signature:_____

Address:_____ Telephone:_____

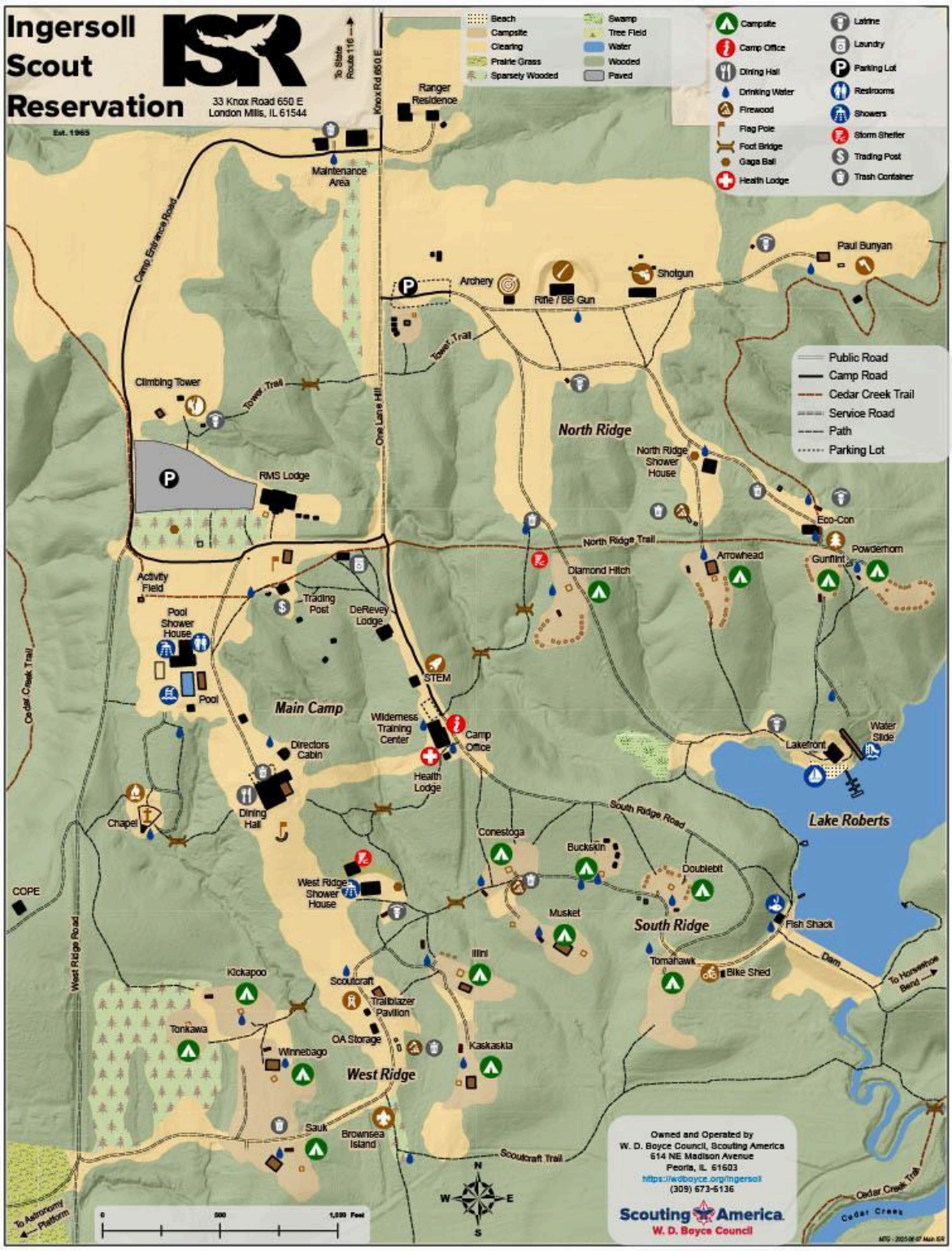
Request made (Date & Time):_____

ON-SITE RELEASE (Unit leader approval): Before leaving the campsite or troop, Scouts must check-out with their unit leader and the camp office.

Signed by Unit Leader:_____

Unit _____Date_____

Camp Map Download a copy of this map at https://wdboyce.org/ingersoll/maps/



Cache Lake Invitation

The W. D. Boyce Council is fortunate to have two outstanding Scout camps: Ingersoll Scout Reservation in London Mills, Illinois, and Cache Lake in Ontario, Canada. Cache Lake offers a truly unique wilderness experience, featuring high-adventure activities such as boating across pristine Canadian waters, fishing, and paddle craft. Scouts can immerse themselves in nature, develop advanced outdoor skills, and enjoy an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the Canadian wilderness.



To encourage participation at both locations, the W. D. Boyce Council and the Cache Lake Committee have updated the eligibility requirements for attending Cache Lake. Now, out-of-council troops that choose Ingersoll Scout Reservation as their primary summer camp are also eligible to attend Cache Lake.



How the Selection Works:

Eligible troops are invited to enter into a drawing for available Cache Lake slots. Each troop that attends Ingersoll as its primary summer camp will receive one entry into the drawing. Troops may partner up with other eligible troops to increase their chances of drawing a slot. Upon drawing a slot, troops may choose their desired dates out of available sessions.

Cache Lake History

Cache Lake Camp is one of the W. D. Boyce Council's best kept secrets. It is located in Bach Bay on Sand Point Lake in beautiful S. W. Ontario, Canada, about 650 miles north of Peoria. The access point is Crane Lake, Minnesota, 28 miles east of Orr, Minnesota. The last eight miles to camp is over water by boat.

The camp was originally built in 1962 on Brown's Bay of Sand Point Lake, Minnesota, on leased state forest land by a group of Scouters from the Corn Belt Council in Bloomington, Illinois. The Cache Lake facility was conceived by J. N. Bach of Forrest, Illinois, as a camping site specifically to keep older boys interested and active in the Boy Scout camping program.



Cache Lake is an adventure like no other. Scouts and leaders make travel plans, arrange boat and motor rentals, plan menus, purchase supplies, share cooking and cleaning, make a camp schedule, work on merit badges, relax, and enjoy the wonders of nature. No two days are the same, whether you are canoeing and hiking, fishing and swimming, or watching eagles soar above the clear water.

The camp is an outdoor paradise, with buildings and amenities for comfort and convenience in a secluded wilderness setting. Buildings include a bunk house that sleeps up to 40 and can be divided into separate sleeping areas for co-ed use, a fully equipped dining hall, a boat house with fish cleaning facilities, hot showers and electricity for refrigeration and lights. This Northwoods camp offers endless aquatic program opportunities including boating, canoeing, fishing, swimming, sailing, water skiing and much more!

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