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RESIDENT CAMP

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Camp Loud Thunder



2026

Leader and Parent Guide



CAMP LOUD THUNDER

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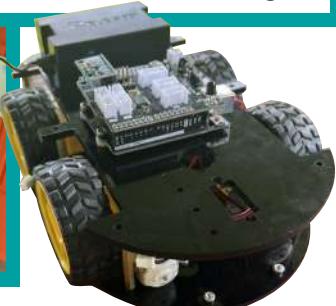
GET YOUR FIX IN '26



Our Trailblazers Program is ideal for first year Scouts! Get **FORGED** in the **FOREST** while working on Scout through 1st Class Ranks!



Loud Thunder is all about STEM programs! We're offering Robotics and Lego League to encourage innovation and critical thinking.



Scouting America's Polaris ATV Program is now open to youth AND adults this summer! Want something new to do? Check out **MICRO TREK!**



Get Pre-Registered for **SPIRIT OF THE WEST!** This program provides a Chuck Wagon meal and Cowboy Action Shooting. This is a great way to spend an evening out with your Troop!

Secure your campsite TODAY!



WELCOME TO CAMP LOUD THUNDER!

Camp Loud Thunder is Illowa Council's premier Scout Camp. Nestled next to the Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Camp Loud Thunder boasts over 200 acres of fun for all ages. From swimming to climbing, snorkeling, zip lining, archery, canoeing and kayaking, rifle and shotgun shooting - your Scout will never run out of things to do! Scouts BSA Resident Camp offers great programs for all ages:

- The **TRAILBLAZERS** program for first-year scouts provides opportunities to learn outdoor skills, work towards First Class Rank, and earn a few merit badges.
- Older Scouts can sign up for a wide variety of merit badges, plus **the Polaris ATV Program!**
- Do you want a Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience? **COPE** is for you! This course will team you up with other Scouts to grow your leadership skills and ability to work on a team. Plus, our expertly led **CLIMBING** program is a great way to try something new this year at camp.
- We offer a premier **RANGE & TARGET ACTIVITIES** program for Archery, Rifle & Shotgun Shooting, as well as Cowboy Action Shooting. We'll also be offering Muzzleloader Rifle (another way to earn your Rifle merit badge) and the NRA First Steps Pistol Program!
- Burned out on Badges? Loud Thunder is offering **MORE** non-merit badge activities this year!



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REGISTRATION FAQ'S

WHAT CAMPSITE WILL WE STAY IN?

Campsites are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. See Page 4, Step 1 for more information.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SCOUTS WILL ATTEND CAMP?

Enter your best estimate in Tentaroo by the April 14th Leader's Meeting. Lock in firm numbers before close of registration.

ARE CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE?

YES! Limited Funds are granted to ILLOWA SCOUTS. Campership info is available at loudthunder.org/scouts-bsa-resident-camp/. Campership forms are digital; paper application submissions are not considered. Applications must be filled out and submitted online by the Unit Leader (not the parent) by March 1, 2026. These are non-transferable and only intended for the participant.

DO YOU PROVIDE PROVISIONAL CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES?

Sure do! If you can't attend with your troop, please contact the Council Office for assistance.

DO MY ADULT LEADERS NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH BSA?

Yes. Adult leaders MUST be registered with Scouting America and be up-to-date on their Safeguarding Youth Training. Scouting America IDs and SYT dates are required entry in Tentaroo for all adults.

HOW ARE LINKED (BOY / GIRL) UNITS HANDLED?

In compliance with NCAP Standards, each unit MUST be individually registered in Tentaroo, provide its own 2-Deep Leadership, and pay its own Campsite Reservation Fee. Please see Page 6 for info on how to handle restroom usage in shared campsites.

HOW ARE REFUNDS HANDLED?

Fees are non-refundable, excluding genuine hardship or emergencies, such as moving out of council, immediate family death, or serious illness and must be approved by the Scout Executive.

HOW DO I HANDLE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Provide your dietary restrictions to your unit's Tentaroo Admin. There is a place in each person's profile to add in dietary restrictions and special requests. See page 5 for more information.

CAN WE PRE-ORDER TRADING POST ITEMS?

Yes! Loud Thunder Gear can be pre-ordered through Tentaroo and ready for you to pick up at check-in. Our annual camp shirts sell out each year, so pre-orders are a MUST! You can also pre-order Thunder Boxes, visitor meal tickets and ice cream punch cards.

DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN TENT?

Yes. Camp Loud Thunder does not provide tents; troops will need to bring their own. However, dining flies and picnic tables are available for units by request through Tentaroo.

This Year's Camp Shirt!





REGISTERING FOR CAMP



Week 1

June 14-20,
2026

Week 2

June 21-27,
2026

Week 3

July 5-11,
2026

STEP 1

loudthunder.org/scouts-bsa-resident-camp/

1. Check out the Camp Loud Thunder Map and the Campsite Reservation Grid to select your 3 top campsite choices
2. Visit the link listed in Step 2 to complete the initial registration via Tentaroo. Select your top three preferred sites and pay the campsite reservation fee online.
3. We secure your campsite and prepare your Tentaroo account after the deposit and reservation form are received.
4. We ask that you have your estimated number of Scouts and Adults entered in Tentaroo, as well as dining fly and picnic table requests, before the Leaders' Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00pm.
5. To lock in the Early Bird Scout Rate, please provide payment to the Illowa Council Service Center by **March 16, 2026** at 11:59 pm.
6. If applicable, your FOS Discount will be applied in your Tentaroo account.
7. After this date, all fees will increase to the regular rate.

STEP 2

loudthunder.org/scoutsbsa-camp-registration/

1. At Noon on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, the Tentaroo site will open to allow the unit leader to enter the names of the Scouts attending on your roster. After their names are entered, their merit badge selections can be made.
2. Some courses include additional fees. This will populate in your Tentaroo cart and should be paid for online.
3. Thunder Boxes can be added to individual Scouts at this time.
4. Spirit of the West can be added to individuals at this time.
5. **Make sure you pay in full for merit badge classes to secure the spots. If skipped, your Scouts could end up on wait lists.**

STEP 3

Get Ready for Summer Camp at Loud Thunder!

1. Join us for our Summer Camp Leaders' Meeting on April 14th. RSVP at <https://forms.gle/djuWfQuNBgz22YAF8>. We are planning on an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting at this time. This is subject to change; check out our website for current information.
2. Make sure all summer camp fees are paid in full no later than **June 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm.**

CAMP FEES & SCHEDULE

Campsite Reservation Fee	\$150
Non-Refundable / Applied towards final fees	
1st Year Crossover Fee	\$400
Scout Early Bird Fee	\$400
Due by March 16, 2026 at midnight	
Scout Regular Fee	\$420
March 17 - June 1, 2026	
Leader Fee per week	\$155
Leader Fee per day	\$35
Visitor Meal Ticket	\$10

PRE-ORDER TRADING POST

Due by May 3, 2026	
2026 Camp Tees	\$20 & Up
2026 Camp Hoodies	\$35 & Up
2026 Ice Cream Cards 6 Cones!	\$10

IMPORTANT DATES

Camperships Due	3/1, 11:59pm
Early Bird Pricing Ends	3/16, 11:59pm
Leaders' Meeting	4/14, 7:00pm
Merit Badge Sign Ups	3/31, Noon
Trading Post Pre-Order	5/3, 11:59pm
Special Diets Due	6/1, 11:59 pm
Registration Closes	6/1, 11:59pm

TENTAROO HELP?

We've got you covered. Get step-by-step instructions at loudthunder.org/scoutsbsa-camp-registration/.



FORMS

Get a complete list on Page 16 of this Guide.

All forms are available at <https://loudthunder.org/scouts-bsa-resident-camp/>



Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Record

All youth and adults attending camp must have a current Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Record form. Part C requires a visit to a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Please

note that school sport, or any other physical form, cannot be substituted for Scouting America's form. The most current form is at the website listed above.

- * Medical forms & insurance cards must be delivered in a binder to the Camp Health Officer during Check-In.
- * It is suggested that the Troop make copies to bring to camp.
- * This form is valid for 12 months from the date of the exam.
- * Adults attending for less than 72 hours are only required to complete Parts A & B.

STANDARD OF CARE

Loud Thunder has a trained Health Officer on duty 24/7, as well as transportation arrangements with local hospitals and ambulance services. All injuries will receive full medical attention in a timely manner. Situations requiring treatment beyond simple first aid will be sent to a hospital and ultimately referred to the family physician. Every effort will be made to contact parents prior to sending an injured or seriously ill patient to a hospital. However, in urgent situations, the Health Officer will decide the appropriate treatment.



Medications

Scouts and adults requiring regular medications must bring them to camp in their original packaging. Medications will be checked in by the Health Officer, then returned to the Troop Leader for distribution to the Scouts as needed or to accompany the Scout to the Health Lodge for administration.



Pre-Camp Swim Test

All swimmers are required to take a Swim Classification Test.

Option A: Complete the test at Check-In by Loud Thunder's Aquatics personnel

Option B: Complete the test at a unit level, conducted by one of the following

Council-approved resources: NCS Aquatics Instructor, Adult with current certification in Scouting America Swimming and Water Rescue Course, Scouting America Lifeguard, or Certified Lifeguard.

When the unit goes to camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the discretion of the Camp Aquatics Director. Illowa Council requires that the swim classification test be conducted within the current calendar year. The form for Option B is available at the website listed above.



Special Diet Request Form

Allergies and special diets are a common concern of our campers. Our food service providers happily accommodate any diet for religious, medical, or allergy needs. Provide your unit's Tentaroo Admin with these

requests so they can add it on to the Scout's profile there. Meals will be served Family Style in the Dining Hall.



Merit Badge Pre-Requisites

Scouts should make every effort to complete merit badge prerequisites prior to camp. Some requirements cannot be completed at camp. Scouts should bring any documents needed for these Merit Badges.



SUMMER CAMP FAQ'S

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

SUNDAY CHECK-IN

Check-in times will run from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
EARLY CHECK-IN IS NOT AVAILABLE.

WHERE DO WE PARK?

There's a parking lot across from the Administration Building. When conditions permit, trailers and pull vehicles will be escorted to and from campsites. Only camp service vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot. Scouts and Leaders should come prepared to pack their gear into their campsites.

Staying in War Club or Tomahawk? Vehicles/trailers remain in the parking lot.

ARE THERE FLAG CEREMONIES?

Yes! Gather at the Flag Plaza each day at 7:50 am and 5:50 pm in Field Uniform (Class A).

I'VE LOST SOMETHING. WHAT DO I DO?

Lost & Found is in the Admin Building. Illowa Council is not responsible for any Unit or personal items that may be lost, stolen, or damaged.

DO SCOUTS NEED POCKET MONEY?

Head to the Trading Post for ice cream, beverages, snacks, and an array of camp t-shirts, patches, and equipment.

WHAT'S THE BATHROOM SITUATION?

Field latrines in each campsite serve as the primary bathroom facility for all campers. Use them, and keep them clean. If more than one gender is using the latrine in a shared campsite, set a usage schedule. For limited adult use, there are men's and women's restrooms in the Dining Hall and private restrooms and shower facilities connected to the west end of the pool.

IS THERE A CHAPEL?

Yes! Scouting America takes each individual Scout and their Duty to God seriously. Thunder Chapel is available any time by any one. An interfaith worship service is planned and carried out by Scouts on Tuesday evening. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

CAN I CHARGE MY CELL PHONE?

Solar powered lock boxes are located on the side of the camp map across from Admin. Rent a key for a small fee and a partial refund will be processed when the key is returned.

CAN I CALL MY SCOUT AT CAMP?

Phone lines at Loud Thunder are limited. We recommend you write rather than call. Troop Leaders can pick up mail at the Administration Building.

MAILING ADDRESS

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:

Scout's Name and Troop Number

Camp Loud Thunder
9906 175th St. W
Illinois City, IL 61259

Emergency Calls Only:

Contact Council Office
at 563-388-7233.

SCHEDULE & PROGRAMS

6:30 AM	Reveille
7:00 - 7:45 AM	Breakfast (2 Shifts depending on total attendance)
7:50 AM	Flag Raising at Flag Plaza
8:30 AM	Sick Call (Leaders oversee meds or by appointment)
8:30 - 11:30 AM	Trading Post Open (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 - 11:45 AM	Morning Merit Badge Classes
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Lunch (2 Shifts available)
1:00 PM	Sick Call (Leaders oversee meds or by appointment)
1:30 - 2:00 PM	SPL Meeting in the Admin Building
1:30 - 4:30 PM	Trading Post Open (1:30 - 7:15 PM on Wednesday)
2:00 - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Merit Badge Classes
5:00 - 5:45 PM	Dinner (2 Shifts depending on total attendance)
5:50 PM	Flag Lowering at the Flag Plaza
6:15 - 8:45 PM	Trading Post Open (Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday)
6:30 PM	Sick Call (Leaders oversee meds or by appointment)
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Special Evening Programs
10:30 PM	Taps and Lights Out

CHECK OUT LOUD THUNDER'S SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMS IN YOUR TROOP PACKET!

SUNDAY

Opening Campfire - This program is largely staff-run and it's the perfect way to kick off your camping experience. Campers are encouraged to attend in Scouting America Field Uniform.

MONDAY

Spirit of the West Experience, Unit shoots at Rifle and Archery, Boating, Camp-Wide Sports, Astronomy (weather permitting), Mile Swim Training, 7PM OA Root Beer Float Night

TUESDAY

Spirit of the West Experience, Pool, Boating, Unit shoots at Rifle, Worship, Forge Demo, Dutch Oven Cooking Demo, Mile Swim Training, Scouter History Sharing Time before Vespers at the Friendship Circle

WEDNESDAY

Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony, Family Night, Mile Swim Training

THURSDAY

Spirit of the West Experience, Unit shoots at Rifle and Archery, Pool, Boating, King of the Tower, Mile Swim Training

FRIDAY

Mile Swim Testing at Noon

Check out the Program Section for more info!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!

DIRECTLY FOLLOWED BY OA CALL-OUT CEREMONY

- Visitors may begin arriving at 5:00 pm and are required to leave camp by 10:00 pm, or at the conclusion of the OA Call-Out ceremony. Parents are not allowed to return to the campsites after the ceremony. Outside of Family Night, Scouting America age guidelines are enforced.
- Troop Leaders must inform the Camp Director of the Troop's Wednesday evening meal plans. Visitors can use a meal ticket to collect a box lunch at the Dining Hall. These are available through Tentaroo prior to camp or at the Trading Post during camp.
- Troop Leaders: consider purchasing your unit's meal tickets in advance to avoid lines.
- Transportation may be available to Troop Campsites and to Call-Out for those with mobility challenges. Please check at the Administration Building if assistance is needed.
- For the safety of all our campers, pets are not allowed in camp. NO exceptions.**
- Troop Leaders: Please pass these policies along to all parents.

VISITOR MEAL TICKETS ARE \$10



KONEPAKA KETIWA LODGE #38

LOUD THUNDER – HOME OF KONEPAKA KETIWA

The Order of the Arrow holds two fellowships, several annual activities, and a number of camp workdays, donating countless hours to maintain and improve Camp Loud Thunder.

“Cheerful Service” is our motto!

CALL-OUT CEREMONIES

Field Uniform (Class A) is required at Call-Out.

Call-Outs are on Wednesday evening. Troops who have elected Scouts to be Called Out should submit names at the Sunday Leader's Meeting. Want to help? Keep reading...

OA ROOT BEER NIGHT

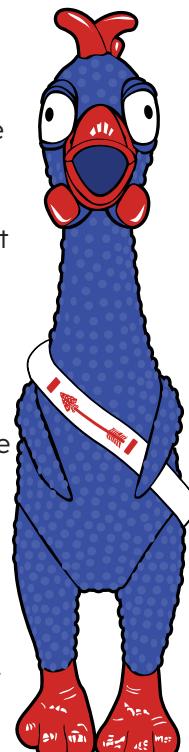
Join OA members at Lower Camp for a complimentary Root Beer Float on Monday night at 7:00 pm. You can purchase an OA Day t-shirt to wear on Wednesday and Scouts can learn about how they can assist with Wednesday's Call Out Ceremony.

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood counseling for eligible OA members is available after call-out on Wednesday evening with a ceremony at 9:00 pm that night. There is a sash fee of \$20 that needs to be paid prior to the ceremony.

YOUTH ELECTIONS

The Lodge is permitting the opportunity for youth elections at camp. *Units must contact the Lodge Adviser (email below) before the March Leaders' Meeting and have 50% or more of their unit present at the election.



OUT OF COUNCIL CALL-OUTS: Please have your Lodge Chief email a letter to lodgeadviser@konepaka.org.

CAMP LAW



The principles of the Scout Oath & Law are the guiding principles of Camp Loud Thunder.

Within that context, the following are some general rules that apply to all campers and visitors for everyone's health and safety.

TRUSTWORTHY + LOYAL + HELPFUL + FRIENDLY + COURTEOUS + KIND OBEDIENT + CHEERFUL + THRIFTY + BRAVE + CLEAN + REVERENT

1. Tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs are NOT allowed at our Scout Camp.
2. Fireworks are prohibited at camp.
3. Personal firearms are prohibited at camp.
4. No flames of any kind are allowed in tents.
5. Advise Scouts to leave valuables with leaders. Watches, spending money, and other valuable items shouldn't be left in a shower room or unattended campsite. Unit Leaders should bring a footlocker or other lockable container to protect camper's valuables. Lockable lockers are outside the Dining Hall. Bring your own padlock.
6. Troop tents are encouraged to comply with the National Camping Standard of 30 square feet of living space for each camper, and should meet or exceed canvas manufacturer CPAI-84 standards.
7. This camp will comply with sound ecological and conservation policies to the furthest possible extent. Troops should take measures to properly dispose of all trash and to recycle aluminum cans.
8. An emergency drill will be conducted each session of camp. All Troops are required to participate. Specific instructions will be provided at the Leaders' Meeting on Day 1. All leaders will be informed of the time and that will not be changed.
9. In cases of disciplinary action, Scouts asked to leave camp will be picked up at parental expense. Camp fees are forfeited when Scouts are asked to leave camp.
10. The Camp Director and/or Council Program Director will consult with Troop Leadership and/or parents concerning any disciplinary action at camp.
11. All Adults staying overnight must be registered members of the unit they are staying with and have current Safeguarding Youth Training.
11. **Pets are not permitted at camp (including Family Night).**

WAIT, DON'T GO!

**25%
OFF**

Are you looking to enjoy a second week at Camp Loud Thunder?

Scouts wanting to attend a second session of camp or Scouts who have attended another camp and would like to join us for a session will receive a **\$100 discount** on camp fees!

Send us an email at reservations@loudthunder.org if you're interested!

PROGRAMS



Get familiar with Loud Thunder and work on advancement to First Class. Scouts complete ONLY those portions they need for advancement. Trailblazers 1 works on Scout and Tenderfoot Ranks; Trailblazers 2 works on Second and First Class Ranks. Scouts have the option to fill the other time blocks with a variety of merit badge classes.

Swimming is **NOT** included in the Trailblazers program. Both groups have the option of joining the Swimming merit badge class. This will include aquatic rank advancements (depending on skill level).

Participating Scouts meet their Trailblazer instructor Monday at the Kiva by the Pool, then start work on rank advancement. Using their Trailblazer Card (found in the Resources section), Scouts have staff members initial their completed efforts. This can be signed by Troop leadership if approved.

There is a Trailblazer Coordinator; however, the first year at camp is a pivotal experience. We suggest assigning an adult or youth leader to support these newer Scouts in their advancement at camp.

Your unit's Tentaroo admin will sign Scouts up for merit badges. See the Registration section for more information. Tentaroo allows Leaders to register Scouts for merit badges in a specific time slot to create the perfect schedule. Sign up early! All classes have a set class size.

Some merit badges are difficult to complete at camp with the time and resources available. Bring your prerequisites! Know also that some merit badges cannot be completed during the time at camp (see guide in Resources Section for details).

Scouts can pick up additional classes during the week by talking with the area staff. Scouts have the responsibility of asking the counselor's permission to join and determine what work they will need to do to catch up with the other Scouts.

Friday is set aside for catch-up. Leaders may want to bring something for Scouts who have completed all their requirements OR... Consider doing a unit Service Project!

Blue Cards will be available through Tentaroo. However, if your unit wishes to use hard copies, Scouts need to turn them in on Monday to the class instructor.

TRAILBLAZERS

Camp Loud Thunder's Elite First Year Camper Program

Monday thru Thursday



MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Badges for all ages & skill levels!

Classes Run
Monday thru Thursday

Make-up classes & complete
any unfinished requirements
Friday

We're here to
help on **YOUR**
Trail to Eagle!

PROGRAMS



WATERFRONT



Summer fun
on the water at
Lake Lennen!

All of Loud Thunder's waterfront activities take place at Lake Lennen, which is fully stocked with fish! Scouts can work on the Scouting America Complete Angler Award! We'll offer Fishing, Fly Fishing, Canoeing, Kayaking, and **MORE!**

For all Waterfront merit badges, individuals **MUST** meet the Swimmer's Test requirements.

Wear old, hard-soled, lace-up shoes in the water.

MILE SWIM

Camp Loud Thunder offers daily opportunities for Scouts to train for the Mile Swim. Once you pass the test, you can wear your patch on your swim attire!
Mile Swim Testing is Friday at Noon.



LIFEGUARDING SKILLS

Increase your skills on the water with Lifeguarding class! This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of water safety, rescue techniques, and basic first aid in a hands-on, engaging environment. Develop critical skills that lifeguards use to ensure the safety of swimmers and respond effectively to emergencies.
This class does not include lifeguard certification.

POLARIS ATV PROGRAM



NEW FOR 2026!
This program is now
available for adults!

Calling all older Scouts and adults! This is the third year that Camp Loud Thunder will be offering the Polaris ATV program! This program is for youth ages 16 and up as well as adults! The ATV course is a half day program that will take up a full morning or afternoon time block.

This course has a maximum capacity of 6 people. Spots fill quickly, so get signed up early!

The ATV program has some clothing requirements (long pants, long sleeve shirt, and boots that go over the ankles). Camp Loud Thunder will supply your personal protective equipment (helmet and gloves).

Each participant will also need to complete an online ASI Course prior to camp. This course can be found at: atvsafety.org/atv-ecourse/ and takes approximately 2.5 hours to complete.

This program is not a merit badge.



PROGRAMS

Learn to overcome mental and physical obstacles in a group and as an individual. Participants are taught through group dynamics to formulate a safe, workable approach, execute their plan, and evaluate results. C.O.P.E. develops leadership, trust, communication skills, self-esteem, teamwork, problem solving, decision making skills, and it's **FUN**.

Experience innovative games, low-course events, and high-course activities, including carving the ladder, balance beam, monkey bridge, and the thrilling zip-line.

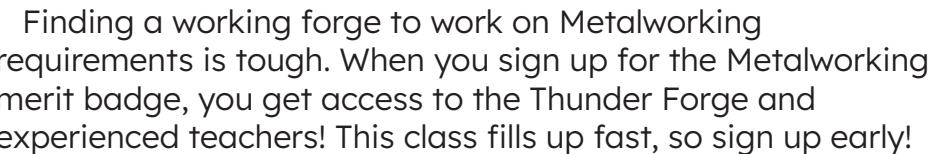
Spots are limited to 18 participants each week. Scouts must be 13 years or older. Adults are also welcome to sign up. Priority is given first to Scouts by their age, then to adults at random selection. There is one 4-day, full afternoon session class offered.

C.O.P.E. and Climbing programs REQUIRE long pants and tennis shoes or boots.



C.O.P.E.

Join us for your
**Challenging Outdoor
Personal Experience!**



Long, non-synthetic pants and closed-toed shoes are required at Thunder Forge.



Turn up the *Heat!*

PROGRAMS



CONSERVATION AWARD



Conservation-minded youth can work towards this award while at camp this summer! We're offering some of the required merit badges (Environmental Science, Sustainability, Soil & Water Conservation, and Fish & Wildlife Management) **PLUS** an opportunity to work on an Eco Project at Camp Loud Thunder.

GIANT CHESS & JENGA



Challenge your friends to a match of incomparable size! This can supplement our popular Chess merit badge offering and it's still available to all campers. Checkmate!

GEOCACHING



*Seek the Treasure...
Keep the Secret!*

Check out a GPS and seek the treasure! The rules are simple: Sign the book when you find it, take something from the cache, and replace it with something of comparable value for the next group (Scouting patches, coins, beads, etc.). Please don't put anything edible in the treasure chest... We want to keep the critters out!

LEGO LEAGUE



This engaging summer camp activity combines creativity, engineering, and teamwork as you learn to construct everything including intricate architectural models. Whether you're a seasoned Lego enthusiast or new to building, this class offers something for everyone. Through guided challenges and free-build sessions, participants will develop skills in design, problem-solving, and collaboration. Get ready to turn ideas into reality, brick by brick, in a fun and supportive environment!

ROBOTICS



Dive into the exciting world of robotics! Perfect for curious minds, this hands-on program introduces the basics of designing, building, and programming. Learn to assemble simple models, understand how sensors and motors work, and use beginner coding platforms to bring their creations to life. Through fun challenges and interactive projects, participants will explore problem-solving, teamwork, and the foundational skills of robotics and engineering. No prior experience is needed—just a passion for discovery and a willingness to learn. Join us to turn your ideas into real, moving machines!



PROGRAMS

Hone your multi-target aim in an Old West Setting! Scouts must be 14 years old or 13 and have completed the 8th grade to participate. We'll shoot .22 lever action rifles, .22 single action revolvers, and coach shotgun shooting at steel targets.* This is a popular program that fills fast, so secure your spot!

This program is not a merit badge.

Participation requires parental approval.

The form is included in the Resource section of this guide.



The idea of shooting a muzzleloading rifle might seem as foreign as hitching up a horse to a buggy and driving it to town. Get the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a muzzleloading rifle.

This class counts towards the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge!

A team of NRA Certified Instructors will provide beginning/intermediate shooters with an introduction/review of the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to own and use a semi-automatic pistol **safely**. After completion, students will be able to: Handle a firearm **safely** (on and off the range) at all times, unload and load, shoot/aim, make sight adjustments, and clean the firearm. You'll learn how to place five shots within a 9" diameter at a distance of 15'.

This program is not a merit badge.

Skip the Dining Hall and join us at the Thunder Corral for a dutch oven meal at our Chuck Wagon, Cowboy Action Shooting, and Root Beer Floats in a commemorative mug!

Units must pre-register and pay through Tentaroo and tickets will be provided in the troop packet during check-in.

This program is offered Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings during dinner (5:15 pm - 7:00 pm). Group sizes are limited to 40 participants. **Ages will be verified.**

For Scouts 14 and older and adults, we offer regular Cowboy Action Shooting (firearms and target types above)*

For Scouts aged 10-13, we have Paintball Style Cowboy Action Shooting. They shoot at the same type of steel targets.

Unit adults: You won't want to sit this one out! Sign up, too! Registration must be done in advance through Tentaroo.

RANGE & TARGET ACTIVITIES

Build your skills or participate just for fun!

The nature of these activities require that participants be mature, able to concentrate, and sufficiently coordinated. There are extra fees for all Shooting Sports activities.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING

MUZZLELOADING RIFLE

NRA FIRST STEPS PISTOL PROGRAM



SPIRIT OF THE WEST EXPERIENCE

Howdy, Y'all! Let's head to The Thunder Corral!





PROGRAMS

CALLING ALL ADULT LEADERS!

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

The Merit Badge Schedule lists the days and times!



Invest in yourself **AND** your unit by participating the Adult Leader Training offered at Camp!

- Scoutmaster Specifics
- Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat
- Climb On Safely
- Swim & Water Rescue

These courses have **NO FEES** and can be signed up for through Tentaroo, or join us as a walk-in.

MORE TO DO* Adults can sign up for MicroTrek!

Adults can sign up for C.O.P.E.!

Tuesday Night, 7:30-8:30: Shotgun for Adults

*Fees may apply. See Merit Badge Guide for details.

LOUD THUNDER TRADING POST

Gear up for summer camp! Annual camp themed shirts always sell out, so the best way to guarantee you get one is by pre-ordering through Tentaroo!

Hoodies are ONLY available through pre-order.

While you're there, purchase your ice cream punch cards, visitor meal tickets, and anything else that will make your week easier!

The Trading Post also sells food besides ice cream - hot dogs, beverages, snacks, and MORE! Make sure your camper brings some pocket money.

Don't want to send cash? We get it!

The Trading Post also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay, What's App, checks, and credit/debit cards.





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FOR FILLABLE PDF'S OF ALL REQUIRED FORMS, VISIT

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SCOUTS-BSA-RESIDENT-CAMP/**





OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Our Greatest Resources are our excellent volunteers and staff, who keep things running smoothly and efficiently all summer long. We couldn't do it without you!

The Camp Staff would like to thank everyone for their generous support in keeping Camp Loud Thunder looking great. Each year we get lots of compliments about the overall appearance of our camp. This is all thanks to the wonderful volunteers who donate their time and efforts to make camp look good.

If your Troop is interested in working on a camp project, please talk to the Camp Commissioner.



JOIN THE RANKS

Counselor-in-Training applications can be submitted online **no later than May 1, 2026**. The minimum age to be a Counselor in Training is 14 years of age by June 1. This is a one-week program with rotation through different program areas, and CITs are asked to do a variety of tasks during their stay. Excel, and we might ask you back for a second week!

Camp Staff applications can be submitted online **no later than May 1, 2026**. The minimum age to be Staff is 15 years of age by June 1.

Housing for CITs and Staff is provided on site. All applicants must be registered members of Scouting America.

The online application can be found at <https://illowascouting.org/camp-staff/>.



DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK

As a non-profit organization, the Illowa Council relies on the generosity of charitable donations to support its ongoing operations and capital expenses. Every donation provides essential funding for Scouting America programs that benefit Scouts throughout our 13-county service area and at Camp Loud Thunder. By supporting Scouts, you are helping youth in our community participate in programs that will leave a lasting, lifelong impact.

FUNDRAISERS

Illowa Council's Popcorn sale, as well as our Friends of Scouting Campaign, are both ways to help Scouts attend summer programs at Camp Loud Thunder.

THE TRUE COST OF SUMMER CAMP

These numbers are based off the 2025 camp season.

COST OF SCOUTS BSA & CUB RESIDENT CAMPS:	\$260,275
TOTAL SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE:	454

ACTUAL COST OF CAMP

SCOUTS BSA RESIDENT CAMP:	\$581
CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP:	\$470

CAMP FEES

SCOUTS BSA RESIDENT CAMP:	\$395
CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP:	\$200

BECAUSE OF FRIENDS OF SCOUTING AND THE POPCORN SALE:

Families save an average of \$186-\$270 per Scout.

Over \$85,000 is subsidized through fundraisers to keep camp affordable!

70-75%

of the proceeds from popcorn sales go back to local Scouting. Participating in this fundraiser and purchasing popcorn makes an impact for all the youth that come to Loud Thunder!

CAMPERSHIP FUNDING

Campership fundraising is a year-round project for Illowa Council. Aside from product sales and Friends of Scouting campaigns, there are also several special events held throughout the year to help under resourced youth in our communities participate in summer programs at Camp Loud Thunder.

COMMUNITY IMPACT GALA

This annual award ceremony honors our volunteers, donors, and previous year Eagle Scouts.

ATTENDEES: Approximately 150, primarily Scouters, their families, and community leaders.

ESTABLISHED: 2021



THE PINTWOOD DERBY

Relive the excitement of your youth with this grown-up version of a classic Scouting event.

ATTENDEES: Approximately 75, open to anyone 21 and older.

ESTABLISHED: 2024



GIVING SPIRITS

Bourbon lovers unite at this intimate and unique tasting experience to try local and top shelf spirits.

ATTENDEES: Approximately 75, open to anyone 21 and older.

ESTABLISHED: 2023



THE PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf with an Iowa PGA Pro using Stableford Scoring while you network with local business and community leaders.

ATTENDEES: Approximately 130, area business leaders and their employees. Anyone is welcome!

ESTABLISHED: 1996



SCOUTING CLAYS CLASSIC

This 2-day event has a live and silent auction, great food, and a 100-target sporting clays competition, scored Lewis style.

ATTENDEES: Approximately 250, area and regional business leaders and their employees. Anyone is welcome!

ESTABLISHED: 1997



CAMPERSHIPS

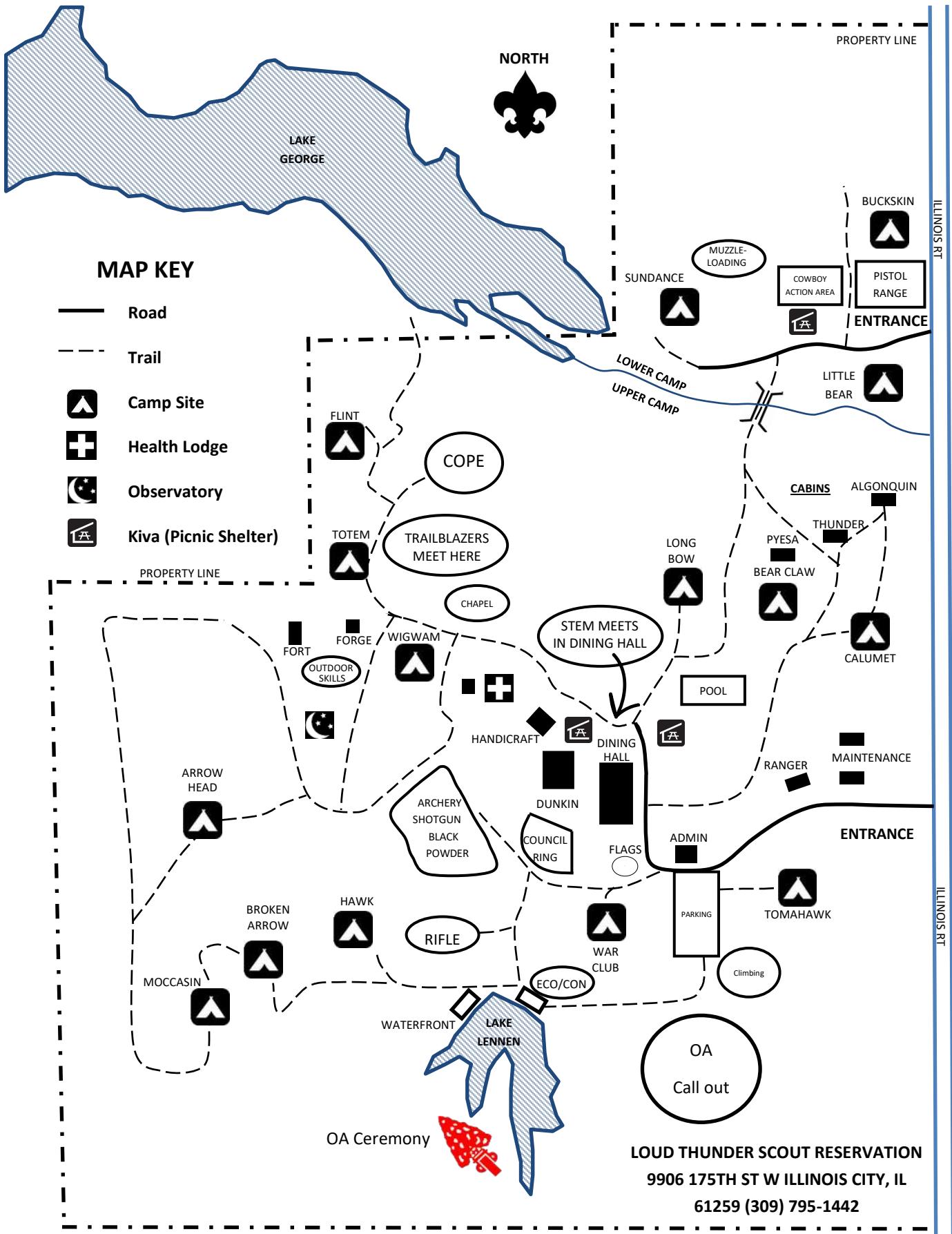
For more information on Camperships and qualifications, See page 3 of this guide!

Want to help? You can donate TODAY!

Boost the
Campership Fund!

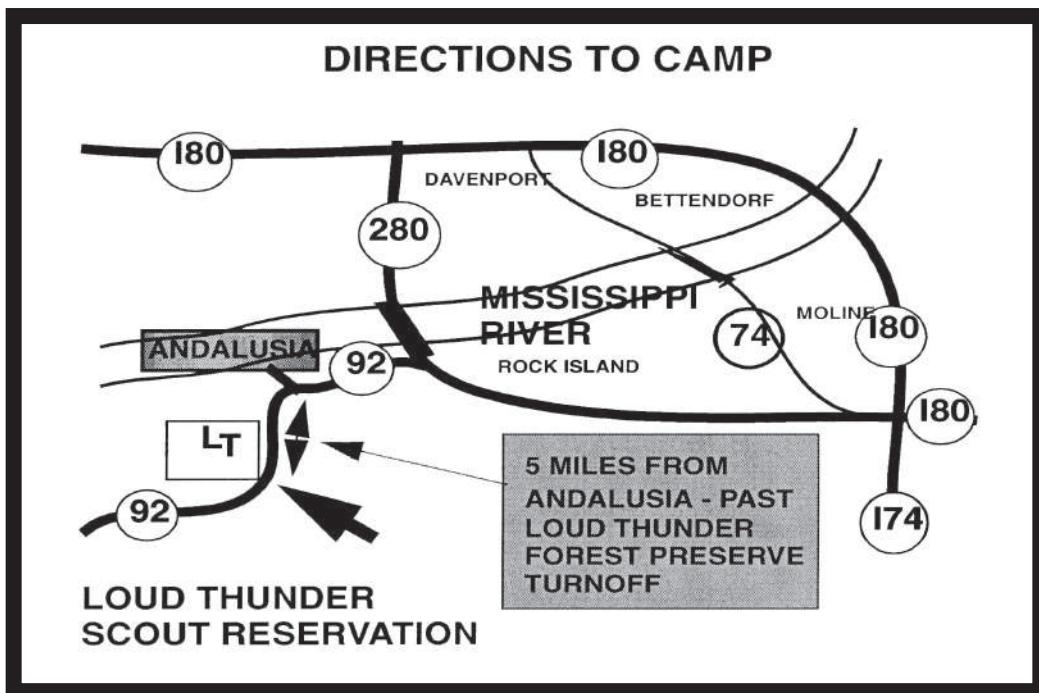


LOUD THUNDER SCOUT RESERVATION



CAMP LOUD THUNDER

West of Andalusia, Illinois
309-795-1442



ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

From the North or East: Pass through Andalusia, stay on Highway 92 with the Andalusia Slough on your right. Past the campsites along the Slough and the last boat ramp, the road will curve to the left (south) and climb a hill. At the top of the hill IGNORE signs to the Loud Thunder Forest Preserve and follow the sign south to Loud Thunder Scout Camp, going down the steep hill. Towards the bottom, IGNORE the entrance on the right and CONTINUE to the bottom of the hill and start up the other side. About a third of the way up, there will be a sign to the Scouts BSA Camp on your right, and you will turn RIGHT onto a gravel road going up the hill. Follow that road and park in the large gravel parking lot. Registration will be at the Administration Building immediately opposite the parking lot. See you there!

From the West or South: You'll either be on Highway 92 from Illinois City, or join it about a mile south of camp. From that junction, stay on Highway 92 North. You'll continue north about a mile to a significant downward slope. About halfway down the slope, you'll find the camp's entrance on your left. You will turn LEFT onto a gravel road going up the hill. Follow that road and park in the large gravel parking lot. Registration will be at the Administration Building immediately opposite the parking lot. See you there!

Scouts BSA Summer Camp Roster

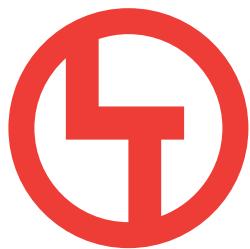
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Scouting America Illowa Council
Camp Loud Thunder

Youth Campers continued

Name	Family Email	Family Cell	Age	Rank	Pre-Order T-Shirt	Pre-Order Hoodie	Pistol/ Cowboy
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↓ Enter Size ↓



Swim Classification Procedures (Swim Tests)



The swim classification of individuals participating in a Scouting America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim tests must be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each summer season. Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no requirement that this be the only place that the test is conducted.

Swim classification may be conducted prior to a unit going to summer camp.

All persons participating in aquatics are classified according to their swimming ability. The classification test and procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The Swimmer's Test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth, and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

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, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swam continuously and include at least one sharp turn. Finish by floating on your back for 1 minute.

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 starting place.

Administration of Swim Classification Test

Option A (At Camp): The swim classification test is completed upon arrival by camp aquatics personnel.

Option B (Before Camp): The swim classification test done at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following Council-approved resource people:

- Aquatics Instructor, BSA
- Aquatics Supervisor
- BSA Lifeguard
- Certified Lifeguard
- Swimming Instructor
- Swim Coach.

Results from the swim test should be recorded on the Unit Swim Classification Record. The signed form must be presented upon arrival at camp to the Aquatics Director at the pool to obtain your buddy tags for the aquatics areas. When the unit goes to a summer camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the Camp Aquatics Director for use at camp.

Special Note: Whether swim tests are conducted away from camp or at camp, the Aquatics Director shall at all times reserve the authority to review or retest individuals or entire units to ensure that standards have been maintained.



Unit Swim Classification Record



This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e. learner to beginner or beginner to swimmer), would require a reclassification test by the Aquatics Director at the pool after check-in at camp to have your buddy tags completed.

Unit Type Pack Troop Crew Number _____ Swim Test Date _____

	Full Name (Please Print)	Swim Classification		
		Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
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Person Conducting Test: Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Qualifications (provide copies): _____



SCOUTING AMERICA

ILLOWA COUNCIL

NRA First Steps Pistol Program
and/or Cowboy Action Shooting
Participation & Hold Harmless Agreement

Camp Loud Thunder, located in the ILLOWA COUNCIL, conducts both programs for *Pistol Safety & Marksmanship* and *Cowboy Action Shooting*. Scouts will be instructed on how to handle, maintain, and shoot a firearm safely and be provided instruction on how to increase their marksmanship skills. Scouts will have both classroom instruction and range instruction on Camp Loud Thunder property where they will fire a firearm under the supervision of a trained Range Safety Officer and Instructors. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and ear protection at all times while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, _____, permission to participate in these programs. 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 these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from and all claims for liability arising out of this participation.

My child's date of birth is: ____/____/_____

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program. If a child is removed from the program, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded and is considered forfeit.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM IS DUE SUNDAY AT CHECK-IN.

NRA First Steps Pistol Program

1. Complete the First Steps Class taught at Loud Thunder Scout Reservation.
2. Wear all safety gear at all times while on the range.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the trainings class.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Pistol Instructor(s) at all times.
5. Do not handle the pistols until instructed to do so by the Pistol Instructor(s).
6. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the 8th grade, as of 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.

Cowboy Action Shooting

1. Complete a range safety briefing.
2. Wear all safety gear at all times while on the range.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the briefing.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the Instructor(s).
6. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the 8th grade, as of 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.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Date: _____



This program is designed to help first-year campers complete rank advancement. New Scouts are encouraged to visit Handicraft and EcoCon for popular afternoon merit badges. Copies of this form will be made available at Summer Camp.

Name: _____ Troop: _____

SCOUT

- 4B ODS: Whip/Fuse Rope
- 5 ODS: Knife Safety

SECOND CLASS

- 1B ODS: Leave No Trace
- 2A ODS: Fire Safety
- 2D ODS: Stove Safety
- 3A ECO: Compass
- 3D ECO: Navigation w/out Compass
- 4 ODS: Wild Animals
- 5A AQU: Safe Swim Defense
- 5B AQU: Beginner Test
- 5C AQU: Rescue Methods
- 5D AQU: Rescue Safety
- 6A ODS: Advanced First Aid
- 6B ODS: Hurry Cases
- 6C ODS: Injury Prevention

TENDERFOOT

- 3D ODS: Totin' Chip
- 4A AID: Basic First Aid
- 4B ECO: Poisonous Plants
- 4C ODS: Outdoor Safety
- 5A AQU: Buddy System
- 5B ODS: Lost Hiker
- 5C ODS: Safe Hiking
- 7A ODS: American Flag
- 8 ECO: EDGE

FIRST CLASS

- 1B ECO: Tread Lightly
- 5A ECO: Native Plants
- 6A AQU: Swim Test
- 6B AQU: Safety Afloat
- 6E AQU: Line Rescue
- 7A AID: Bandages
- 7B AID: Transport
- 7C AID: CPR

2026 CAMP LOUD THUNDER MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

Grey Barred = Not a Merit Badge

% = Test Lab Merit Badge

Program Area	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	Lunch	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
STEM		Composite Materials								Robotics			Logo League
Lower Camp		NRA First Steps Pistol								Cooking 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM			
										Muzzleloading Rifle			
										Cowboy Action Shooting			
										Spirit of the West 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM M, T, or TH			
Eco Con	Fly Fishing		Fishing					Environmental Science		Eco-Project			Reptile & Amphibian Study
	Forestry	Pulp & Paper/Mammal Study		Gardening				Oceanography / Weather		Fishing			Fish & Wildlife Management
	Geology	Plant Science		Environmental Science				Soil & Water Conservation		Sustainability			Nature
Handicraft	Life Skills %	Game Design		Basketry/Fingerprinting				Chess		Wood Carving			Basketry/Fingerprinting
	Photography	Wood Carving		Leatherwork				Leatherwork		Painting			Dog Care
Outdoor Skills	First Aid	Wilderness Survival		Backpacking				Emergency Preparedness		Pioneering			Search and Rescue
	Camping	Astronomy		First Aid						Golf - Disc Golf			Geocaching
Forge	Metalwork	Metalwork		Metalwork				Metalwork		Metalwork			
COPE/Climbing	Climbing		Climbing							COPE - Youth & Adults			
Trailblazers		Trailblazers I - Scout & Tenderfoot								Trailblazers 2 - Second Class & First Class			
Waterfront	Rowing	Kayaking		Canoeing				Kayaking		Open Boating			Open Boating
	Kayaking	Canoeing		Rowing				Canoeing		Open Boating			Open Boating
Pool	Lifesaving		Lifesaving Skills					Swimming		Open Swim			Open Swim
	Snorkeling	Swimming		Instructional Swim				Snorkeling		Instructional Swim			Open Swim
Shooting Sports	Rifle Shooting		Rifle Shooting					Rifle Shooting		Rifle Shooting			Open Shooting
	Archery		Archery					Archery		Archery			Open Archery
	Shotgun Shooting		Shotgun Shooting										
ATVs	Polaris ATV Program	Morning Session - Youth & Adults								Polaris ATV Program Afternoon Session - Youth & Adults			
Adult Trainings	9:00		10:00		11:00		Lunch	2:00		3:00		4:00	
Climb On Safety													
Defense & Safety Afloat													
Scoutmaster Specifics													
Swim & Water Rescue		Wednesday - Thursday, 9:00 - Noon											
Shotgun for Adults													

*** NEW FOR 2026: Adults can also participate in MicroTrek (AM or PM Session) and COPE! ***

2026 Camp Loud Thunder Merit Badge Guide

Class Name	Level	Fee	Min Age	Requirements that can't be completed at camp & Other Notes	Max
Archery +%	Beginner	\$ 10.00			16
Astronomy	Intermediate	\$ -			15
Backpacking	Intermediate	\$ -		10, 11b, 11c	18
Basketry & Fingerprinting	Beginner	\$ -			15
Snorkeling +	Intermediate	\$ -	12		6
Camping #	Intermediate	\$ -		8d, 9	15
Canoeing	Intermediate	\$ -		Swimmer Classification & encouraged to have Swimming Merit Badge	15
Chess	Beginner	\$ -			15
Climbing +	Advanced	\$ -	13		10
Composite Materials	Advanced	\$ -		4, 8	15
Cooking #+*	Advanced	\$ -	12	Complete & bring Cooking Workbook to class	8
COPE	Advanced	\$ -	13		18
Cowboy Action Shooting +*	Intermediate	\$ 10.00	14	Requires Parent Permission	10
Dog Care	Beginner	\$ -			18
Eco-Project	Beginner	\$ -			Unltd
Emergency Preparedness #	Advanced	\$ -		3, 8b	15
Environmental Science #	Advanced	\$ -			15
First Aid #	Intermediate	\$ -			10
Fish & Wildlife Management	Intermediate	\$ -			15
Fishing	Beginner	\$ -		Bring Gear & Bait Money	12
Fly Fishing	Intermediate	\$ -			12
Forestry	Intermediate	\$ -		Bring a notebook and pencil	12
Game Design	Beginner	\$ -			18
Gardening	Beginner	\$ -		2a, 2b, 5, 8	15
Geocaching	Beginner	\$ -			12
Geology	Beginner	\$ -			15
Golf (Disc Golf)	Beginner	\$ -			15
Instructional Swim	Beginner	\$ -			15
Kayaking +	Intermediate	\$ -		Swimmer Classification & encouraged to have Swimming Merit Badge	10
Leatherwork	Beginner	\$ -			15
Lego League	Beginner	\$ -			Unltd
Lifeguarding Skills	Advanced	\$ -			10
Lifesaving #	Advanced	\$ -	13	Swimmer Classification & must have Swimming Merit Badge	10
Life Skills %	Beginner	\$ -			15
Metalwork +*	Advanced	\$ -	13	Must have non-synthetic long pants & closed toe shoes	6
Muzzleloader Rifle +*	Advanced	\$ 10.00	12		10
Nature	Beginner	\$ -			15
NRA First Steps Pistol	Advanced	\$ 10.00	14	Requires Parent Permission	12
Oceanography & Weather	Beginner	\$ -		Oceanography: 8; Weather: 9	15
Painting	Intermediate	\$ -			12
Photography	Beginner	\$ -			12
Pioneering	Intermediate	\$ -			15
Plant Science	Intermediate	\$ -			18
Polaris ATV Program	Advanced	\$ 50.00	16	Must have non-synthetic long pants, long sleeve shirt, & closed toe shoes	6

KEY
#: Eagle Required
*: Not available for First Year Campers
+ : Strict Class Sizes
Grey Barred: These classes are NOT merit badges.
%: Test Lab Course

AGE GUIDELINES
Beginner: 11, or first year campers
Intermediate: 12, or second year campers
Advanced: 13, or third year campers

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Pulp & Paper & Mammal Study	Beginner	\$ -			15
Reptile & Amphibian Study	Beginner	\$ -	8		15
Rifle Shooting %	Intermediate	\$ 10.00			12
Robotics	Intermediate	\$ -			Unltd
Rowing +	Intermediate	\$ -		Swimmer Classification & encouraged to have Swimming Merit Badge	12
Search & Rescue	Intermediate	\$ -			12
Shotgun for Adults	Beginner	\$ 15.00			12
Shotgun Shooting +*	Intermediate	\$ 30.00	12		8
Snorkeling	Intermediate	\$ -			15
Soil & Water Conservation	Intermediate	\$ -			15
Spirit of the West Experience	Beginner	\$ 12.00	10		40
Sustainability #	Intermediate	\$ -			15
Swimming #	Beginner	\$ -		Swimmer Classification	15
Trailblazers 1	Beginner	\$ -		Swimming is not included in this course.	30
Trailblazers 2	Beginner	\$ -		Swimming is not included in this course.	30
Wilderness Survival	Advanced	\$ -		Will need to spend 1 night in a man made shelter.	15
Wood Carving +	Intermediate	\$ -			10

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PACKING LIST

- Completed & Signed Medical Form
- Medications, with direction, in original containers
- Complete Scout Uniform (Field & Class B)
- Hiking Shoes - 1 or more Pairs
- Athletic Shoes - 1 Pair
- T-Shirts
- Pants & Shorts
- Underwear
- Socks (6+ Pairs)
- Sleepwear
- Light Jacket / Sweatshirt
- Swimsuit & Towel
- Face Mask
- Shower Shoes / Sandals
- Notebook & Writing Utensils
- Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Day Pack
- Canteen / Water Bottle

RECOMMENDED

Scouts will pack their own gear into their campsites.
Don't bring more than you can carry!

- Nylon Cord
- Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- Scout Handbook
- Spending Money
- Toilet Kit (Shampoo, Soap, Washcloth/Towel, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Chafing Powder, Hairbrush/Comb, feminine hygiene supplies)
- Rain Gear
- Small Pillow
- Sleeping Bag or 2 Heavy Blankets
- Air or Foam Mattress
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Fishing Gear
- Tent

DINING FLIES & PICNIC TABLES and a note about TENTS...

Camp Loud Thunder can provide your unit with Dining Flies and Picnic Tables through Tentaroo.
Simply select the quantity you require and we'll have them in your site for you when you arrive.

* Camp Loud Thunder will not provide tents. Your Troop will need to bring their own. *

PROGRAM SPECIFIC

Waterfront Activities: Hard-Soled Shoes

C.O.P.E. & Climbing: Long Pants &

Tennis Shoes or Boots REQUIRED.

Metalworking, Mirco Trek, and O.W.L.:

Closed-Toe Shoes & Non-Synthetic Long
Pants

Fishing: Fishing Gear (rod, reel, tackle)

See the Merit Badge Guide for more info.

OPTIONAL

- Bible or Prayer Book
- Pocket Knife
- Reading Material
- Camera
- Watch
- Sewing Kit
- First Aid Kit
- Compass

WHAT NOT TO WEAR

Scouts are expected to wear clothing that is appropriate for activities and weather in a neat, clean, and well-fitting manner while on Council owned property, in attendance at Council/District sponsored activities, and while representing our Council in our communities.

Scouts are to use discretion in their dress and are not permitted to wear apparel that causes substantial disruption in achieving the aims and methods of Scouting.

- Apparel (including accessories) may not advertise, promote, or picture alcoholic beverages, illegal or recreational drugs, drug paraphernalia, violent behavior, or other inappropriate images.
- Apparel (including accessories) may not display lewd, vulgar, obscene, or offensive language or symbols, including gang symbols.
- Apparel with overly revealing holes, rips, tears, or showing skin and/or undergarments are prohibited.
- The length of shorts or skirts must be appropriate for Scouting activities and follow the uniform guidelines laid out by Scouting America.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. No open toed shoes allowed.
- For Swimwear, Scouting America's National Aquatics Subcommittee recommends that swimsuits be comfortable, functional, and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. For females, modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits. Inappropriate swimwear includes swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure and bikinis.

The Illowa Council will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

WIN A HENRY RIFLE!

Stop at the Trading Post and purchase a \$5 token to take part in Camp Loud Thunder's "I Shot for the Henry" competition! With your first token purchase, you get the exclusive patch! Then, head to the Upper Camp Rifle Range with your token during Open Shoot to take part in the competition! Purchase as many tokens as you want to increase your chances of winning. Check your current standing in the Dining Hall Foyer (updated daily). Both the highest youth and highest adult score from the combined weeks of summer camp will win a brand new Henry Rifle!



2025'S WINNERS

Winners will be contacted after Summer Camp with directions on how to collect their prize!

Picture
Coming
Soon!

First Last, Troop XXXX
Illowa Council, X District
Adult Winner, 2025

First Last, Troop XXXX
Illowa Council, X District
Youth Winner, 2025

Picture
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Soon!

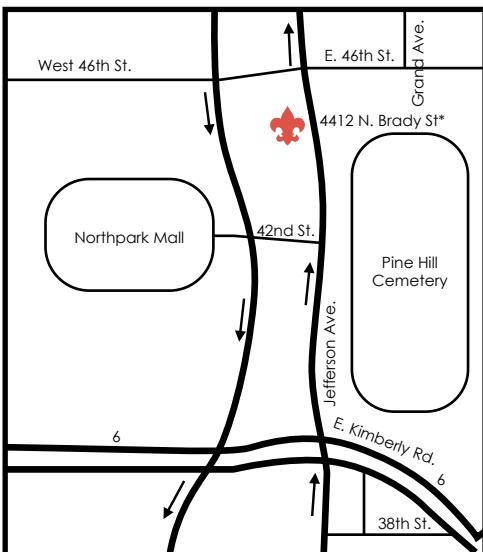
ILLOWA SCOUT SHOP



WE ARE YOUR
TIGER CUBS * CUB SCOUTS * WEBELOS



SCOUTS BSA * VENTURERS * LEADERS



VISIT

4412 N. Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52806
563-391-4111

HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 5:30pm
Closed 1:30pm - 2:00pm for lunch
Saturday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed Sunday - Monday

We're here to help!

The Illowa Scout Shop is owned and operated by Scouting America