



100th Anniversary Celebration Guide, 1924 - 2024
Friday, August 30th - Sunday, September 1st,
1624 W. Front Street, Blue Grass, IA 52726

We are thrilled to announce that YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln is celebrating a monumental milestone - our 100th anniversary! Our camp has been a place of joy, growth, and unforgettable memories for generations of campers for a century!

We have a weekend of exciting events and activities planned to commemorate this special occasion. From campfires to alumni reunions, there will be plenty of opportunities to reconnect with old friends and make new memories.

WHY CELEBRATE?

Celebrating 100 years is a significant milestone because it marks a century of providing opportunities for outdoor education, personal growth, and community-building. It signifies a long-standing tradition of empowering individuals, fostering leadership skills, and creating lasting memories for generations of campers. This milestone is a testament to the camp's enduring impact and continued commitment to serving the community.

WHO IS INVITED?

Everybody who has made Camp Abe Lincoln what it is: campers, donors, families, parents, staff, and volunteers. We aim to bring more people together than ever at Camp Abe Lincoln!

CONNECTION & REFLECTION & FUN!

What has made Camp Abe Lincoln so special over the past century? The location and the people. As we reflect on our previous experiences and hold out hope for the camp's future, the weekend's activities and schedule will focus on connecting with these people and places.

Sample activities:

- Tours (what's the same, what's different, what does the future hold)
- Campfires (songs, skits, and stories from across the generations)
- Coffee & conversation
- Photo sharing from years past
- Family Day
- AND so much more!

Attendees should not expect any specialty activities (aquatic, horseback riding, tower climbing). Suppose your family is excited to experience some of your favorite Camp Abe Lincoln activities. In that case, we encourage you to watch for upcoming Family Camps!

This guide is meant to provide Camp Abe Lincoln community members with enough information about the weekend to complete their registration.

How to sign up: [register online](#). Or Return the inclosed registration form to:

YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln
100th Anniversary
1624 W. Front Street
Blue Grass, IA 52726

Make checks payable to: YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

This schedule is subject to change due to the weather and unforeseen circumstances.

Friday, August 30

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Set-Up [Volunteer Opportunity!]

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM: Volunteer Meeting

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Alumni Gathering, Tour, and Socializing

Alumni Groups are encouraged to set a local establishment as an evening gathering place for their group. *For example: The 60s & 70s Group is meeting at Boondocks after the gathering at camp.*

Saturday, August 31

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Family Day *Come enjoy activities around camp, as well as access to our hiking trails; food trucks will be available for you to purchase lunch.*

6:30 - 7:30 PM: Dinner in the Lincoln Lodge & Group Photo / \$25 per person

8:00 - 10:00 PM: Campfire

10:30 PM: Gates Closed

Sunday, September 1

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Coffee Hour in the Lodge

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM: Chapel Service at the chapel

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Self-Reflection & Self-Guided Hike

1:30 PM Gates Closed

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Every participant will have the opportunity to volunteer to help make the weekend exceptional. The volunteer duties are listed on Sign-Up Genius [HERE](#)

Attendees can sign up for their volunteer preferences and preferred shift. Sample tasks: Arrive early to help with final setup, welcome and help with sign-in, parking lot attendant, facilitate an activity, or something you suggest!

HOUSING

To host as many community members as possible for the 100th Anniversary Celebration, we offer a few different housing options.

CABINS

Camp Abe Lincoln has six cabins available for attendees, accommodating 16 campers each (in bunk beds, 8 top and 8 bottom bunks). YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN BEDDING!

To help maximize the use of the cabins, attendees will not be able to sign up for cabins but will instead sign up for individual beds. See online registration to sign-up for a same-gender bunkhouse at \$25/night

BATHHOUSES

Camp Abe Lincoln has showers and working bathrooms in all the cabins. We also have the poolhouse, which has working showers and toilets!

OFF-SITE HOUSING

Attendees are welcome to join us for the days and spend their nights elsewhere. The Comfort Inn and The DoubleTree Hotel are great nearby options in Walcott and Davenport, but they have limited availability and should be booked early.

DoubleTree Hotel (Davenport) - \$169/night Call 563.322.2200 to book by August 16th
Use code word: "Abe"

Comfort Inn (Walcott) - \$130/night Call 563-284-9000 to book by August 16th
Mention "Camp Abe Lincoln Group Block" to book

West Lake Campground & Buffalo Shores Campground; book online at www.scottcountyiowa.gov

FACILITY NOTES

ELECTRONICS

All Camp Abe Lincoln cabins have electricity and a few outlets. Electricity in cabins is NOT high capacity, and running multiple high-demand items simultaneously can cause a breaker to flip.

WIFI - NOT THAT YOU WILL NEED IT!

Camp Abe Lincoln WiFi is available in various common areas, such as around the lodge, but it is not guaranteed in all cabins. Most guests find they have cell service throughout the property.

FOOD SERVICE

MEALS

Saturday Lunch: Two food trucks will be available. Mi Oaxaca, offering authentic Mexican cuisine and QC Fork in the Road, serving up a twist on classic favorites; both food trucks accept cash and cards.

Saturday dinner will be a catered event served in the Lincoln Lodge. Dinner is \$25/person. Registration is available online. [register online](#).

Sunday coffee hour will be available prior to the chapel service, in the Lincoln Lodge.

DIETARY NEEDS We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please [Click here to email us!](#) with any dietary requests.