

LINCOLN LOG CABIN STATE HISTORIC SITE'S 2018

SUMMER YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



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WELCOME PARENTS, CAMPER AND YOUNG ADULTS!

Mission of Lincoln Log Cabin's Summer Youth Programs - Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site and the Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation are committed to provide a safe, friendly and productive environment where youth can attain knowledge regarding both the Lincoln family and Abraham's local friends, who had an impact on his life here in Illinois. We also want youth to experience the persistence and determination necessary for families like the Lincolns to sustain themselves on Illinois' farms in the 19th century. We believe that through the youth's experiences here at Lincoln Log Cabin, they too will gain skills helping them to achieve success in their own lives.



To accomplish our mission, we provide three unique summer programs suited to various aged youths and young adults including our: **Littlest Pioneer Day Camp**, for youngsters headed into the 2nd grade, our popular **Pioneer Day Camp**, which expands on the one-day concept of the Littlest Pioneer program to a full week-long emersion into rural life for children in the 19th century, and our third program, the **Young Adult Interpreters Program**, for young adults and alumni of earlier programs. In this summer program participants refine their skills in an area of particular interest to them; and with guidance from on-site staff more fully participate in the interpretive programs at Lincoln Log Cabin.

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General Program Information:

Camp programs operate from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

We will not be able to provide supervision for children dropped off before 9:00 a.m. or those remaining after 4:30 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site **(217) 345-1845**

Please call Lincoln Log Cabin's Visitor Center at the above number in an emergency situation and the docent will take a message and be able to locate us.

Location-

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site is located 7 miles south of Charleston on the Lincoln Hwy Rd. We encompass

the main site as well as the Moore Home one mile to the north and the grave sites of Thomas and Sarah Lincoln at the Thomas Lincoln Cemetery one mile to the west. Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site is the last home of Thomas and Sarah Lincoln. Their son Abraham, while he didn't live here, owned a part of the farm and visited his family often throughout his life while practicing law in Charleston. The historic Sargent Farm adjacent to the Visitor Center will be the primary location for the daily Pioneer Day Camp activities although camp activities may take place in the Visitor Center, the historic Lincoln Farm or elsewhere on the state historic site grounds.

Sign In and Sign Out Procedure–

We require parents or an authorized individual to sign Summer Day Camp campers in each morning and out at the end of the day. There will be a sign-in and sign-out sheet located in the basement of the Visitor Center.

A camper *will not* be allowed to leave with an adult who is not authorized for pick up. Please notify the Pioneer Day Camp staff immediately if a person other than previously specified is to pick up your child. We can always add new adults to the list of those authorized.

Attendance–

Please call 345-1845 by 9:00 am if you know your child will not attend camp on any scheduled camp session day. You may leave a message or speak directly with camp staff.

Illness–

If a camper appears to be ill, complains of illness, or has an apparent fever, the parent or guardian will be contacted by the camp director and will be requested to pick up the child. Any camper with a fever or possible contagious condition will be isolated in a supervised area until a parent or authorized individual arrives. Please notify the Pioneer Day Camp Director IMMEDIATELY if your child contracts a communicable disease in order that other parents may be given the necessary information.

Medication–

If your child requires daily medication, please bring the medicine on the first day of camp in the original bottle marked with your child's name, dosage schedule and amount. It will be kept in the camp director's office and the day camp staff will assist in handing out the medication. However, it is your child's responsibility to cooperate and take the medicine.

Cancellation Policy -

If your child will be unable to participate, we will make a full refund up until two weeks prior to the start date of the session being attended. Exceptions to this may be made in the case of a family death or medical emergency.

Questions-

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us via e-mail at lsff@lincolnlogcabin.org or via phone at 217-345-1845. This is the direct number for Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, the receptionist will forward any specific messages not related to registration to camp staff. Thank you for your interest in Lincoln Log Cabin's Summer Youth Programs!

Littlest Pioneer Day Camp

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a pioneer arriving at your new homestead? How do you settle in and unpack at your new home on the Illinois prairie? At Lincoln Log Cabin you can find out! This one-day event is designed for children who are entering **the 2nd grade** in the fall of 2018.



Participants will enjoy age-appropriate educational and recreational activities based on a rural child's life in the mid-19th century. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the day.

The cost is \$15 per child to cover supply fees and noon meal to be shared by both child and adult chaperone.

The following dates are available:

Tuesday, June 12, 10 am-2 pm

Tuesday, June 26, 10 am-2 pm

Tuesday, July 3, 10 am-2 pm

Tuesday, July 17, 10 am-2 pm

Registration Instructions

Click [here](#) to download a registration form **for each child** you are registering:

Mail these forms with payment to: Lincoln Log Cabin Summer Youth Programs
402 S. Lincoln Hwy Rd
Lerna, IL 62440

Checks should be made payable to Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation.

Registrations are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

*****Remember! There are only ten spots in each Littlest Pioneer session!**

All Camp fees must be paid in full by the day of the camp.

Pioneer Day Camp

This popular week-long program offers children grades 3-6 (ages 8-11) the chance to enjoy age-appropriate educational and recreational activities such as beginning historical interpretation, hands-on demonstrations, crafts, and games – all based on the mid-19th century using tools and techniques of that time. Each camp will have a maximum of 20 participants to ensure individualized attention and learning opportunities. The 2018 registration form is [here](#).

The cost is \$50 per child per session, which includes appropriate clothing, the noon meal each day, and all supplies.

The following dates are available:

June 4-8; June 18-22; July 9-13; July 23-27.

Activities:

- Explore life in the 19th century – (activities vary each year) learn from visiting tradesmen like the blacksmith, tinsmith, potter, and more; visit the historic farms and experience everyday life activities like cooking, carding, spinning and weaving.
- Learn period skills like candle-dipping, quilting, metal tinning, baking, toy-making, rug twining, (crafts vary each year.)
- Discover who Abraham Lincoln’s local family was and how they helped shape the man he became.
- Engage in 19th century fun and recreation – Townball (an early version of baseball), hoop-rolling, graces, stilt-walking, tug-of-war and more!
- Dress in reproduction 19th century clothing Wednesday through Saturday and spend the days on the farm portraying the daily life of children in the 19th century to the visiting public.

Parent Program at the end of the final day (Expect a handout at the beginning of camp week.)

Registration Instructions:

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***Remember! There are only twenty spots in each Pioneer Day Camp session!

What to Bring-

Each camper should bring the following items with him or her to camp. Please label all items with a permanent marker:

Appropriate clothing–(see Clothing section,) Sunscreen, Bug Repellent, Water bottle with strap, Rain poncho or jacket with hood, One change of clothing and a towel.

What NOT to Bring:

The following items are not appropriate for camp and should be left at home. If you have any questions about a specific item your child wants to bring, please contact the camp director.



CD players, personal stereos, iPods or MP3 players, hand-held video games, large amounts of cash, expensive cameras

**Campers may bring cell phones but they will not be allowed to use them during camp program hours or take them into the historic areas, unless otherwise directed by camp personnel. Cell service is extremely spotty at the site, but campers may be allowed to use their phones for the camera feature. The Pioneer Day Camp will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Meals and Snacks

Campers will be eating a meal prepared on the farm and do not need to bring lunch.

The Pioneer Day Camp provides an afternoon snack for each day of the camp. On occasion campers will have the opportunity to cook or bake their afternoon snack. If you have specific concerns regarding allergies, please share that information with the camp staff on the medical information section of the registration form.



Clothing

We ask that campers wear comfortable clothing for an active day. Shorts or light pants, t-shirts and tennis shoes are appropriate. We do a lot of walking so sandals, especially flip-flops, are a safety hazard. One of the activities during the week is a nature hike.

We ask that campers bring a towel should we have the opportunity to engage in water games in the afternoon. Campers will wear camp-provided 19th century period attire for 4 days of the camp, and will be assigned a locker space to keep clothing and personal items during the week.

Tuesday-Saturday:

GIRLS will wear dresses and aprons. (They need to bring or wear) a tank top or cami and shorts to wear underneath their dress. Shoes should be as close to period correct as is possible. We recommend something like dark ballet flats, “Mary Janes” with no embellishments, or black tennis shoes. Please bring black or white knee socks. Make sure shoes are comfortable

and can get dirty.

If they have a basket at home they are encouraged to bring it to hold their belongings throughout their time on the farm. The basket should be plain and unpainted, similar to something period authentic.

BOYS will be provided pants (if available,) long sleeved shirts, cravats and haversacks. Shoes should be as close to period correct as is possible. We recommend something that will lace up, like boots, old dress shoes, or black tennis shoes. Make sure they are comfortable and can get dirty!

Young Adult Interpreters Program

This program offers graduates of the Pioneer Day Camp and older youths the opportunity to participate more fully in the interpretive programs on the farms and hone their skills in a particular area of interest to them. Participants will work closely with our adult volunteers and seasonal interpreters and are expected to engage in daily chores, such as cooking,

gardening, splitting rails, mucking barns, and wheat harvesting.

Each young adult interpreter will be given the opportunity to explore an aspect of 19th century life of their choosing more fully through an ongoing craft or activity. Whether their interest is in cooking, spinning, sewing, knitting, weaving, woodworking, or gardening, they will be provided with time to hone their craft under the guidance of our skilled staff and volunteers to build confidence in sharing their knowledge with the visiting public. Occasional games or other activities will provide a break from the day-to-day activities.

This program typically begins in early June and lasts for approximately 10 weeks, Wednesdays through Fridays. Participants volunteer at least one day a week from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and are considered an active member of the Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation's volunteer corps.

The cost is \$40 per young adult, which includes appropriate clothing, the noon meal each day, and all supplies.

Activities:

- Learn the history of Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site and Abraham Lincoln's family and work life in Coles County.
- Develop the communication skills necessary to share the history of Lincoln Log Cabin and Abraham Lincoln to people who visit the historic site.
- Spend each day dressed in period attire taking part in the daily interpretive activities with a seasoned historical interpreter who guides them in interacting with the visiting public.
- Learn period skills – quilting, embroidery or knitting, spinning, weaving, wood working, gardening, blacksmithing, or coopering (skills taught vary each year.)
- Engage in 19th century fun and recreation



Make new friends with other young adults who share a love of historic interpretation!

Youths who have previously attended a Pioneer Day Camp session and are turning 14 years of age or older during the calendar year are encouraged to attend an orientation session in order to become an active member of the Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation volunteer corps. Participants will spend a day reviewing the history of Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site and interpretative skills. They will also learn about the expectations and responsibilities of volunteer interpreters at the state historic site. Finally, they will develop an individual training plan to complete the process of becoming a fully independent volunteer historical interpreter at the site. Please contact Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site with questions or to enter this program.

Registration Instructions

Click [here](#) to complete an online registration form **for each young adult** you are registering. Download and print the registration payment form and liability release forms at the link below. Mail these forms with payment to:

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402 S. Lincoln Hwy Rd Lerna, IL 62440

Checks should be made payable to Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation. Credit card payments can be made from the “donate” button on the home page at www.lincolnlogcabin.org

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Camp Expectations

Pioneer Day Camp Expectations–The mission of the Pioneer Day Camp programs is to provide exciting educational experiences that allow each child to fully understand what life was really like in the 19th century when Abraham Lincoln’s family called Coles County home. With that goal, we have incorporated the following expectations for camp staff, campers and parents.

Pioneer Day Camp Staff Responsibilities

- To provide a safe and structured environment for children
- To treat each child fairly and equally as an individual, and with respect
- To communicate openly and regularly with parents

Camper Responsibilities

- To follow the rules for behavior in the Pioneer Day Camp Program
- To respect staff and other children
- To respect the Lincoln Log Cabin’s staff members, animals, and property
- To remain with the program staff at all times
- To participate in activities, and actively learn about life in the 19th century

Parent Responsibilities

- Dropping off/Picking up camper(s) on time
- Signing camper(s) in and out
- Sending camper(s) with necessary items
- Notifying staff of illness
- To be open to communication from staff about child’s behavior and to work with staff for an agreeable solution to any problems that might occur
- To keep the Pioneer Day Camp staff informed of phone numbers and locations where parents can be reached in emergency situations

Behavior-

Participation in the Pioneer Day Camp is a privilege. Through rational communication with children and sensitivity to their needs, feelings and capabilities, we promote a positive system of child management based on praise, two-way discussions, gentle reminders, humor and choices offered to children. When necessary, any staff member has the right to remove a child from a group for a “time of reflection.” If a behavior problem persists, the Pioneer Day Camp Director will contact the parents/guardians to discuss the situation. At that time, a plan for improvement will be agreed upon. The parents/guardians will then be responsible for sitting down with their child (see page 10) and filling out a behavior contract, which will outline the agreed upon plan for improvement and consequences if improvement does not occur.

Both a parent/guardian and the child must then sign this contract. The child will not be allowed to attend the program again until the behavior contract has been filled out and signed by both a parent/guardian and the child.

Complaint Procedures-

The Pioneer Day Camp strives to make your child’s experience in our program an enjoyable time of activity and growth. Open communication among all those involved is essential to our program’s development. Therefore, if you have any concerns about some aspect of our program implementation, we ask you to do one of the following:

Speak with the Camp Director about the situation

Write a letter of formal complaint. Please include the following information:

Your name, phone number and child's name
Brief description of incident or concern.
Brief description of any action you have already taken in relation to the incident or concern.
What measure you suggest be taken concerning your complaint

When a written complaint is received, it will be evaluated by the Camp Director and action will be taken when deemed necessary. A response, including a summary of the evaluation and what action has been taken, will be sent to the parent.

- NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS*

BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

Camper: _____

Date: _____

Offending Behavior:

Plan for Improvement:

Consequences if Behavior Does Not Improve:

___ Immediate Suspension (Parent/Authorized Individual will be required to pick up child within 90 minutes of being notified)

___ One day suspension (following day) from program

___ Permanent suspension from program

Parent/Guardian of
Pioneer Day Camper

Pioneer Day
Camp Participant

Director
Pioneer Day Camp

