

Scouts BSA Weekend CAMPING & CULTURES

Fri - Sun, Sept. 24 - 26

Earn the Historic Trails Award!

Scouts from across the region are invited to gather at the Historic Indian Agency House to learn, explore, **earn the entire Historic Trails Award over the weekend**, and make great memories! Our historic site has miles of scenic hiking trails, as well as nearby access to the Fox River for kayaking or canoeing. Take a tour of the museum. Help repair a chipoteke (a native Ho-Chunk dwelling) and build a fire-wrought dugout canoe. Camp one night or two. A limit of 40 Scouts may participate, so register early at agencyhouse.org/events. A waiting list will be available.

- Friday:** **3 pm or later:** Check in & set up camp
 6-8 pm: Help build a fire-wrought dugout canoe (optional)
- Saturday:** **8 to noon:** Work on trail maintenance at the historic site
 2 pm: Group A: Self-guided history hike on interpretive trail
 Group B: Work on repairing chipoteke
 3 pm: Group A: Work on repairing chipoteke
 Group B: Self-guided history hike on interpretive trail
- Sunday:** **8-9 am:** Group A: Tour Agency House
 9-10 am: Group B: Tour Agency House
 By 5 pm: Take down camp & check out

FREE!

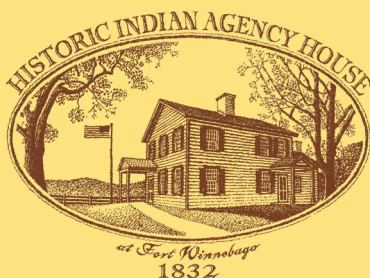
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WHAT TO EXPECT:

When you check in at the visitor center on Friday, September 24, you will receive a free book titled *Juliette Kinzie: Frontier Storyteller* (one free book per troop – great campfire reading!). Set up your campsite and get ready for a great weekend! (Alternatively, you may arrive and check in between 7 and 8 am on Saturday, September 25.)

On Friday evening from 6 to 8 pm, you are invited to participate in our fire-wrought dugout canoe workshop (agencyhouse.org/dugout-canoe). On Saturday morning, you will begin working on the **Historic Trails Award**. From 8 am to noon, you will work on trail maintenance at our historic site. Approximately 20 Scouts will be assigned to “Group A” and 20 will be assigned to “Group B.” On Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm, groups will alternate between taking a self-guided history hike on our Stories of the Land trailway and working on repairing the chipoteke — a Ho-Chunk style dwelling — at our trailhead. (agencyhouse.org/the-grounds)

On Sunday morning, groups A and B will take turns touring the Historic Indian Agency House and museum. Tours last one hour.

During your free time, you may choose your desired activities. Hike various trails. Peruse our gift shop. Try out some 19th century games (hoop rolling, graces, croquet). If you bring along canoes or kayaks, you may opt for an adventure on the Fox River. You may also tour the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters just up the road. (FWSQ does charge an admission fee for which you would be responsible, and they may require reservations ahead of time for a group).

Scouts may check out any time prior to 5 pm on Sunday.

WHAT TO BRING:

Bring all of your meals, as well as enough bottled water for the weekend. (We do have bottled water for sale in the gift shop, as well.) Scouts may choose to bring spending money for our gift shop. Bring work gloves, and if you have pruners or loppers that you wouldn't mind using for trail maintenance, bring those, too. Bring a tent and everything you need for overnight camping. We will have a port-a-potty and handwashing station available. If you want to bring canoes or kayaks to explore the Fox River, please do so!

HOW TO REGISTER

Complete and return (email or postal mail) the registration form found at agencyhouse.org/events. Register early as there is a 40-Scout limit, first-come, first-served. We will have a waiting list, too. This event is FREE, compliments of Associated Bank.

The Historic Indian Agency House and grounds are steeped in rich and fascinating history. This area was an important geographic crossroads where cultures intersected. The history that happened here played a key role in the shaping of our nation. The house and site are on the National Register of Historic Places.



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