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September 2021

We are back with tour dates through December!
With 2 tours in September!



1624 Front St, Blue Grass, IA
September 9, 6:30

Camp Abe Lincoln is a branch of the Scott County Family Y.

A Brief History (from a *1950 Handbook for Staff Personnel* - thanks to Merle Vastine) provided by Richard J. Ramer, largely responsible for developing Camp Abe Lincoln at its present site, and who also served as the camp director beginning in 1926.

During the early years of the Y, camping was quite incidental in the program. In 1924, camping began to look up. A five year lease was taken on a tract of land one mile west of Buffalo. Many improvements on the camp site took place, e.g., board platforms were built, over which tents were pitched, an old cabin that was on the site was rebuilt with a new roof & floor and served as the mess hall, and bunks were made to provide sleeping accommodations for 50 boys.

In 1931, a committee was appointed to select a new camp site. The site chosen was just a half mile west of the original spot & 65 acres of land were purchased. Six sleeping cabins were built & in the summer of 1932, camping took place at the present site. The Davenport Central Turner Society then leased the Y's first site to use as a camping ground & athletic field.

In 1939, a large swimming pool was constructed & boating facilities were made available on the Mississippi River. Between 1948-1950, a seventh camper cabin was built, a new combination toilet and shower house was erected, the Y's Men's Club constructed a rifle range, and a health lodge was added to the camp's many buildings.

Today, Camp Abe Lincoln, almost 100 years old, offers many varied program options including zip lines, ropes, a climbing tower, archery, and more. Also on the property, is a cemetery, over 100 years old, where early residents of the area are interred.

See you soon at Camp Abe Lincoln, experience history & the great outdoors!

830 Mississippi Davenport, IA Corner of Mississippi & 9th Street



September 16 at 6:00

A repeat tour from July 2020. The house is empty and has been sanitized.

Rowland H. Harned purchased the house and lot on Mississippi Avenue in 1904 for \$5,600. At that time, there was an 11 room house on the property that had been Mrs. Jane Rhodes' boarding house since 1870. In March 1905, Mr. Harned advertised that this house was available to be moved from the property as he intended to build a new house on the site. Temple, Burrows and McLane were the architects for this new home. Coen & Conway won the contract to build it. It is a two story residence constructed of pressed brick and cut stone. The June 1905 building permit lists the cost as \$15,000. Members of the Harned family lived in this home until 1958. Mrs. Rowland (Mary) Harned died in 1958 and it was sold as part of her estate.

It was in the Harned family for over 50 years. Originally, 9th Street was called 2nd Avenue East Davenport, so the address was 2nd Ave & Mississippi before Harned lived there.

Upcoming Tours

Oct. 12	Bus tour to Petoski, Wisconsin	Limited space – watch for details
Oct. TBD	House tour	325 W. Lombard
Nov. 11	Karpeles Museum tour	700 22nd St, Rock Island, IL
Dec. 9	German American Heritage Center	Annual Christmas pot luck

A big thank you to Schuetzen Park for hosting our annual picnic. SCIHPS has donated money to purchase a new picnic table.

Welcome to a new board member John Higgins.

The board always welcomes newcomers and/or ideas for tours.

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