



Camping at the Apple River Fort State Historic Site

for the

2026 U.S. Grant Pilgrimage

April 24th through 26th

Boy Scout Oath

On my honor,
I will do my best
to do my duty
to God and my country,
to obey the Scout Law,
to help other people
at all times,
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and
morally straight.



Boy Scout Law

A scout is TRUSTWORTHY.
A scout is LOYAL.
A scout is HELPFUL.
A scout is FRIENDLY.
A scout is COURTEOUS.
A scout is KIND.
A scout is OBEDIENT.
A scout is CHEERFUL.
A scout is THRIFTY.
A scout is BRAVE.
A scout is CLEAN.
A scout is REVERENT

Reservations are now open for tent camping at the Apple River Fort
for the nights of Friday, April 24th & Saturday, April 25th!

To reserve your camping spot, please fill out the following forms completely & return
with payment (\$10 per camper) to the Apple River Fort SHS by **Friday, April 17th!**

via mail:

Apple River Fort SHS
PO Box 206
Elizabeth, IL 61028

via email:

Scan documents
and email to
info@appleriverfort.org

Please keep a copy of all forms for your records! Reservations & cancellations eligible
for refunds are due by **Friday, April 17th**. Cancellations after this deadline are eligible
for a partial refund only.

For any questions, please contact the site by email (preferred) at
info@appleriverfort.org or by phone at **815.858.2028**.

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Camping Reservation Form

311 East Myrtle Street, P.O. Box 206, Elizabeth, IL 61028 • (815) 858-2028 • info@appleriverfort.org • www.appleriverfort.org

Contact and Camping Information

Unit #: _____ District: _____ City & State: _____

Estimated Arrival Time: _____ : _____ PM

of Youth Campers: _____ # of Adult Campers: _____ # of Tents: _____

Note: Minimum of two adults required per troop! One must be 21+ years, the other may be 18+ years.

Please list primary contact first.

Name	21+ years?	Phone #	Email
	Y / N		
	Y / N		

Payment Information

Total # of Campers: _____ x \$10 = Total Amount: \$ _____

Note: Camping Fee is \$10 per person, regardless of age or duration of stay!

Please indicate method of payment: (circle one) Check Cash Credit/Debit Card

If paying by **check**, please pay to the order of the **APPLE RIVER FORT HISTORIC FOUNDATION**. Checks may be mailed or given directly to a member of Fort staff upon your arrival.

If paying by **cash**, please give money, in exact change, directly to a member of Fort staff upon your arrival.

If paying by **credit or debit card**, a Square invoice, payable online, will be sent to the primary contact's email listed above. Payment receipt provided upon request. For more payment information, please refer to the Rules and Conditions sheet.

Statement of Agreement

The undersigned is responsible for the conduct of their troop and attests that the troop will conduct itself in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law while in camp, and will abide by the attached Rules and Conditions for camping at the Apple River Fort State Historic Site.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Rules and Conditions

Type of Camping

Tent camping ONLY. RV's and large campers are not permitted.

Check-in and Check-out

Arrival & check-in is no earlier than **1:00 pm on Friday, April 24, 2026**. Please notify Fort Staff of estimated arrival check-in time. The troop leader (or another designated adult for the troop) should check-in with Fort staff at the Interpretive Center before going to their reserved camping spot.

Departure time is no later than **1:00 pm Sunday, April 26, 2026**.

Vehicles

All vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated areas only. Vehicles may not block road traffic at any time.

Campfires and Stoves

Campfires are allowed in designated areas. Above ground fire grates and stoves are permitted. Every person who starts a fire or who has control of a fire shall ensure the fire is attended and kept under control at all times, and will provide equipment and other resources for building, controlling, and extinguishing the fire.

Trash

Campers are expected to maintain their camping areas. All trash and debris is to be removed from the campsite to designated trash bins and collection areas at the site prior to departure/check-out.

Payments, Cancellations, and Refunds

Payments are due upon arrival/check-in *at the absolute latest*. Payments made by check may be mailed to the site or given directly to a member of Fort staff at check-in. Payments made by cash may be given, in exact change, to a member of Fort staff *only* at check-in. Payments made by debit/credit card or digital wallet will be made online via a **SQUARE** invoice emailed to the primary contact listed on the camping form. Payment receipts are available upon request.

The deadline for cancellations eligible for a full refund is **Friday, April 17, 2026**. Any cancellations after this date may be eligible for a partial refund. The Apple River Fort SHS will retain a minimum of 10% of the total camping fee as a cancellation fee. Early departures after check-in due to weather, etc. may not be eligible for a refund. Any and all refunds will be issued by check *only* to the primary contact listed on the camping form.

Prohibitions and General Rules of Conduct

- No climbing, leaning, or pushing on the Fort walls/buildings.
- Do not move furniture, rocks, firewood, or other site property within the Fort itself or elsewhere on site.
- Do not use the Fort for storage of personal items at any time.
- Do not use the Fort's walls/buildings as anchor points or ballast for any tents, awnings, etc.
- No alcoholic beverages or drugs (illegal or controlled substances) are allowed on site.
- No firearms or ammunition are allowed on site.
- No fireworks are allowed on site.
- No open flames are allowed in tents nor inside/near the Fort itself.
- No pets of any kind are allowed in camp, excluding service animals.
- No person shall remove, damage, or deface any property, including signs, equipment, plants, or trees.
- No person shall abandon any motor vehicles, trailers, or any other camp-related equipment.
- No excavation, treasure hunting, or metal detecting allowed.
- No person shall use abusive or insulting language, nor shout or make excessive noise disturbing to other persons in the area at any time. Campers are expected to be respectful to site staff, fellow campers, and any visitors to the site they may encounter.

- No person shall engage in horseplay or other rowdy or unruly behavior that is disturbing, disruptive, annoying, or unsafe to themselves, others, or the site itself.
- Campers are to stay on Fort property only—no trespassing on neighboring private property.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Restrooms and Potable Water

Portable toilets are conveniently located at the Fort site. Potable water is located at the Fort site, near the main gate of the Fort. Showers are not available and not permitted on site. Site water is for washing, drinking, cooking, fire safety, etc. use only; water is *not* to be used for horseplay or other non-utility purposes.

Emergency and Non-Emergency Assistance and Security

Dial 911 for emergency assistance. County law enforcement and emergency county organizations have been notified of camping at the Apple River Fort SHS during the US Grant Pilgrimage weekend and will respond appropriately to emergency calls. Fort Camping Support Staff will be available for non-emergency assistance.

The Apple River Fort SHS is *not* responsible for any losses, damages, or claims to property of campers that are due to fire, theft, accident, weather, or any other cause. The site and its staff will monitor and provide security to the best of its ability. However, it is the sole and final responsibility that any and all property is properly secured by its owner(s).

This site and its staff reserve the right to refuse service to campers who do not follow the rules and conditions listed here.

Thank you for reading and abiding by these rules and conditions—with your cooperation, we sincerely hope to make your weekend at the Fort safe and fun! If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact Fort staff at info@appleriverfort.org (preferred) or (815) 858-2028.

By signing below, you and your fellow campers agree to follow all the listed rules and conditions for camping at the Apple River Fort.

Troop Representative Signature

Date

Elizabeth Papp

Fort Representative Signature