



Illinois District American Turners

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Greetings ITC Cottage Owners –

The 2023 Camp Season will mark the 109th(!) year of Illinois Turner Camp. This continues to be an extraordinary achievement, due in part, to the continued support, commitment, and volunteer spirit of ITC Cottage Owners year after year. We all benefit from continued engagement. Thank you!

We are sending this notice **via e-mail** versus the historic delivery method through the US Mail. This electronic process is expected to save @ \$1000+ annually in expenses related to postage, paper, and envelopes.

******* IMPORTANT: Your 2023 seasonal ground lease assessment will continue to be sent via US mail to the current address we have on file – and will be mailed in early November. *******

2022-2023 GROUND LEASE INFORMATION:

The Illinois District Council recently approved the 2022-2023 ground lease/annual fee assessment for ITC cottage owners. This year, only two (of four) categories of fees have increased.

The first increase relates to property taxes – which are based on State and County assessments. This increase is passed on to cottage owners proportionally based on the size of the cottage (i.e. larger cottage owners pay a proportionally higher amount).

The second area of increase, assessed equally to all cottage owners, is the operating charge, which will increase \$162 per cottage (from \$746 in the prior year, to \$908 in the coming year.)

Operational costs in 2020 and 2021 were offset by the @ \$40,000 in US Govt PPP funds that we received – which kept the operating charges lower for those two years. Consequently, the increase this year is greater because there isn't any extra "free money" to utilize. Plus, we are impacted by the rising costs of food/beverage, utilities, wages, insurance, and other factors. All expenses going forward will be scrutinized to control and eliminate unnecessary costs in the coming season.

The assessments for Fixed Fees, and Capital Improvements remain unchanged from last year. The annual fees for cottage owners continue to include the \$150 coupon booklet for food and beverages, pool tags for pool use, and participation in the Youth Program for children.

Also worth noting:

When you submit your ground lease payment in the next few weeks, please include any specific requests for duties – as well as any dates you are (or aren't) available. Duty requests are handled in the order your payment is received. so please submit your ground lease payment – and your duty requests - as soon as possible to achieve the best possible work duty dates/assignments.

With Turner Greetings,

Illinois District Council