



# The PaddleWheel

## Summer Camp Season!

Summer Resident Camps kicked off this weekend at Camp Eastman with the start of Cub Scout camps and continues through July with Scout BSA camps. CEDA plans to be well involved, hosting flea markets on Tuesday's July 8th and 15th. CEDA has also recently funded the purchase of several new games and activities for scouts to enjoy this summer.

See page Two for a recap of the 3rd Annual Camp Eastman Fish Fry held on May 10th. The event was a big success and not only raised funds for Camp Eastman projects, but also served as a celebration of the successful Pool Restoration project.

Please check out Page 3 for a note from Steve Baker, the Mississippi Valley Council Vice President of Finance, and his message about how you can help support Scouting in the MVC Council.

Keep reading for more information about the Silver Tomahawk 90th Anniversary celebration in August. This promises to be a memorable event. Also read about the Time Capsule opening planned for 2026.



### 3rd ANNUAL CAMP EASTMAN FISH FRY

The Camp Eastman Fish Fry and Open Camp is quickly becoming a must-attend event. This year's gathering enjoyed perfect weather, great food and a reunion for many Camp Eastman alumni who had not visited our hearts reservation in many years. The fried catfish (and chicken for those with a less refined pallet) lunch met with high praise by all.



After lunch, attendees gathered by the pool to celebrate the success of the Pool Restoration Project. Comments by Scout Executive Ricci Dula, project drivers Steve Baker and Nathan Smith, and CEDA President Trent Hancock, recognizing the efforts of the project and fund-raising groups, preceded a ribbon-cutting by scouts from several MVC Troops.



Then a few hearty souls braved the less than warm water temperatures of the recently filled pool and christened it for the use of many generations of scouts to come.



See more pictures from this great event on the CEDA website at: [www.campeastman.org/ff25](http://www.campeastman.org/ff25)

### BUY STUFF! HELP CAMP!

### FLEA MARKET RETURNS IN 2025



Attending Scouting America Summer Camp this year? Be sure to stop by the trading post on Tuesdays to look over the many treasures that will be for sale at the CEDA Flea Market. Vintage camp t-shirts, patches, and other memorabilia will be available for sale beginning late morning under the trading post shelter on July 8th and 15th.

The Flea Market items available have been donated to CEDA by friends of Camp Eastman. All profits raised by the Flea Market sales, and other CEDA fund-raising events, go directly toward camp improvements. If you have items of interest that you would like to donate to the Flea Market, let us know at [www.campeastman.org](http://www.campeastman.org)!

### WWW.CAMPEASTMAN.ORG

Be sure to visit the CEDA website at [www.campeastman.org](http://www.campeastman.org). The site features project updates, auction items, patch collection lists and much more. Future plans for the website include an interactive map and list of every memorial tree dedicated in the Camp Eastman Arboretum.

CEDA is committed to adding more content and value to our website, and is in the process of transferring the very large photo archive from the existing site. We would love to hear from anyone interested in collaborating or contributing stories or photos to the site. Visit the "[Contact Us](#)" page on the website to drop us a line!

Facebook users: Be sure to follow us and get frequent updates on CEDA projects and events. Visit:

[www.facebook.com/  
CampEastmanDevelopmentAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/CampEastmanDevelopmentAssociation)

## Dear Friends of Scouting:

I recently agreed to take on the role of Vice President of Finance for Mississippi Valley Council.

As you know, the Camp Eastman Development Association (CEDA) was formed to support Camp Eastman and, of course, Scouting within the Mississippi Valley Council. Donations made directly to CEDA go toward improving and maintaining our physical facilities. You may have seen our recent and highly successful effort to rebuild the Camp Eastman swimming pool. I'm happy to report that the pool is now fully operational and looks brand new. It should serve our Scouts well for decades to come. Thank you for your support in making that possible.

That's the good news. The bad news is that membership in our packs, troops, and Explorer posts is less than half of what it was before COVID. Consequently, summer camp attendance has dropped significantly since that time. Many Councils across the country are facing even greater challenges than we are. Currently, we have only two District Executives at the Council. Rebuilding and restoring units will take serious effort - and professional support.

Scouting is as relevant and needed today as it has ever been - perhaps even more so. A history professor once said, "Civilization is maintenance." How true that is. If we are to continue offering successful programs, they must be sustained and passed on to the next generation. We need to protect and preserve the legacy of Scouting that we've all benefited from.

That's why I'm asking you to consider making a contribution to support ongoing Scouting activities. I assure you, your gift will go to a worthy cause. The Council operates on a tight budget, and nothing is wasted.

If possible, please consider contributing \$250. If your circumstances allow for more, that would be greatly appreciated. You can donate online at

<https://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/fos/>

Or I can send along a pledge card if you email me at sbaker109@charter.net. Many people simply enter a credit card number, and the Council breaks the total into smaller monthly payments.

Yours in Scouting,  
Steve Baker

## SILVER TOMAHAWK 90TH



This year marks a milestone for the Silver Tomahawk Honor Society, a proud chapter in Scouting history. Celebrating its 90th anniversary, the organization has a rich legacy of service, leadership, and fellowship that has spanned nearly a century.

Since its founding in 1935 as the Order of the Arrow Lodge 80, Silver Tomahawk has been dedicated to the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, embodying the spirit of the original OA's mission to recognize those who exemplify Scout ideals. Over the decades, Silver Tomahawk members have led countless service projects, supported youth leadership development, and fostered a strong sense of community within and beyond the Scouting movement.

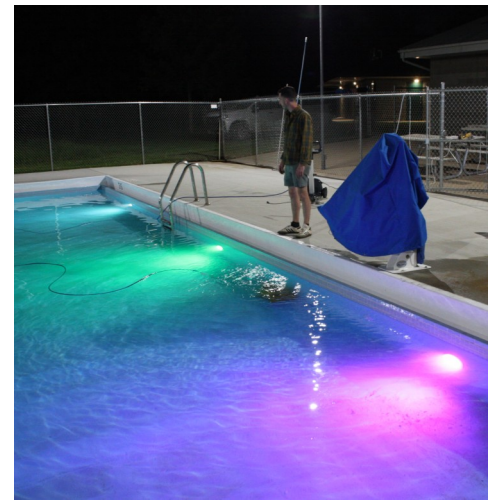
Join us on the weekend of August 9th in celebrating 90 years of brotherhood and service. The Anniversary Committee has an awesome event planned that will include a tour of Camp with highlights from ceremonies over the years, slide shows, live music, and much more! Saturday will be capped off by a fireworks display! Together, we will honor the past and look forward to a bright future.

Follow the Silver Tomahawk on Facebook at the address below for more details about the August 9th event and information/schedules for Silver Tomahawk workdays and summer ceremonies.

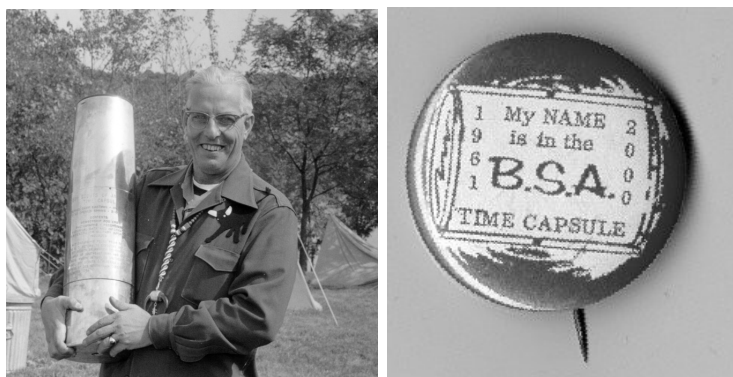
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## MAY 10TH FISH FRY - CAMP EASTMAN OPEN HOUSE IN PICTURES



## JULY 4th, 2026 IS ALMOST HERE!



In 1961, the gathering of photos, memorabilia and other historical artifacts began in preparation for the setting of a time capsule at Camp Eastman to be opened on July 4th, 2000. The opening was done at an all day event, with many activity areas open, camp tours, and a program filled with appearances and reminiscing from multiple generations of Camp Eastman celebrities.

The planners of the year 2000 event decided it would be appropriate to install a new time capsule to be opened in 2026 to celebrate the 100th year of Scouting at Camp Eastman.



Encased in a vault at the base of the parade grounds flagpole, the new time capsule is awaiting the arrival of July 4th, 2026.

CEDA is in the preliminary stages of planning for that event. Keep an eye on our newsletters and the [campeastman.org](http://campeastman.org) website for updates and details of this once (and in many cases twice) in a lifetime experience to come together and celebrate the history of Our Hearts' Reservation.

## ABOUT CEDA

The Camp Eastman Development Association is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that strives to foster an open fellowship of Camp Eastman supporters who, through their generosity, dedication, and quality workmanship, identify and carry out projects intended to enhance the Camp Eastman experience. All projects performed at Camp Eastman by CEDA are governed by a Board of Directors and are approved by the Mississippi Valley Council Properties and Maintenance Committee.

Improvements are made possible not only by private donations and bequests but also through generously donated or greatly discounted materials and labor by many local businesses. The Camp Eastman Development Association continues to expand contact with those who are interested in developing and maintaining a quality camp experience.

Charitable contributions to CEDA may be tax-deductible to the extent provided in IRS regulations or state tax law.

A comprehensive list of the many improvements to Camp Eastman that CEDA has facilitated can be seen on our website projects page [here](#).

## CEDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**If you have a unique item that you would like to donate to our auctions or flea markets, please let us know at our website, [www.cedaweb.org](http://www.cedaweb.org), or write us at:  
Camp Eastman Development Association, P.O. Box 183, West Burlington, IA 52655**