



The PaddleWheel



A BANNER YEAR

Camp Eastman enjoyed a very successful summer thanks in large part to the many volunteers and contributions that CEDA uses to enhance the experience.

Cub Scout Camps in June and Scouting America Resident Camps in July made full use of the swimming pool and other camp facilities supported by your generous donations to CEDA. Scouts also got to enjoy the new mini golf course purchased with donations from the Dave Carrick memorial, and outdoor table tennis in memory of Bill Dorrell.

August wrapped up the summer season with the wildly successful celebration of 100 years of camping at Camp Eastman. See Page Two for a recap and photos from the event. Over 27 communities that Camp Eastman serves issued proclamations recognizing the milestone. If you missed the event, or were too busy to grab a shirt or Yeti, check out Page Four with info on our Pop-Up store to order 100th Anniversary merch, and find a link to the proclamations!

This fall will once again bring out the ghost of Andrew Bentley and other frights as the Cub Scout Spook-o-Ree happens on October 24th. Check out Page Three for all the details.



100 YEARS AND COUNTING!

The weekend of August 28th was a special one at Camp Eastman. It was the culmination of several months of planning for, and 26 years in anticipation of, the celebration of 100 years of Scout camping on the property. Established as Camp Burro in 1926 and renamed in 1930, Camp Eastman has seen generations of Scouts mature, learn from, and enjoy its many programs and summer camps.

The Saturday celebration, packed full of activities, included 18 holes of mini golf with historical displays at each station. Just before the noon fish fry, the time capsule, set in 2001, was removed from its resting place below the parade ground flagpole. Following lunch, Eastman historian Bill Ell gave a presentation on the 100 years of camping at Eastman. At 2:30, it was standing room only in the dining hall as the time capsule was opened and the photos, patches, lists of scouters from the year 2000, and other treasures were laid out for all to see.

After the flag lowering and dinner, a rousing campfire filled with old time favorite songs and skits was enjoyed by all. The Saturday celebration ended with a bang, literally, as fireworks lit up the sky courtesy of CEDA and J&M Displays, followed by a pizza party in the dining hall for everyone still at camp.

Travelers from as far as North Carolina, Tennessee and Idaho attended the event, as did 19 former Silver Tomahawk Chiefs. The hard-working kitchen staff served over 900 meals on Saturday alone. Over 100 Scouts and Scouters took advantage of the "Annivers-o-ree" and camped Friday and Saturday night. WGEM even sent a reporter to cover the event.

With over 400 attendees, plus the event staff, the celebration showed that Camp Eastman was, and still is, a hearts reservation worthy of preserving and continuing its rich tradition of providing memorable and impactful Scouting experiences.



LET'S GET SPOOKY!



Nothing brings out the Camp Eastman "spirits" quite like the Spook-o-Ree, and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever! Expect a spook-tacular line-up of activities, games and fun for Cub Scouts and their families. Saturday, October 24th is the day you should mark on your calendar to have your costumes ready for this special event at Camp Eastman.

Want to make it a full campout? Camping is included with registration! Packs are encouraged to camp together and there is no need to reserve a campsite. A chart will be available at camp showing where groups are set up.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH

Register at either Council Office or online:

[Spook-o-Ree Registration](https://mycouncil.mvscouting.org/event/SpookORee2026)

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Early Registration (by October 20):

Scouts - \$15 Adults - \$10

After October 20:

Scouts - \$20 Adults - \$15

Your registration fee covers activities, dinner, and breakfast for those camping overnight. Youth will receive a patch.

Important Notes:

- ♦ **Every Scout must attend with a leader, parent, or guardian.**
- ♦ **Younger siblings are welcome to tag along with their parents, but cannot participate in BB guns or archery.**
- ♦ **Come ready for a great day of Scouting fun—and don't forget your costume!**

Questions? Contact Joel McGuire at 515-357-3000



SPOOK-O-REE SCHEDULE

Saturday 1:00 - Check-In / Activities:

- **BB Guns**
- **Archery**
- **Mini Golf**
- **STEM Stations**
- **Yard Games**
- **Crafts**
- **Branding**
- **Candle Dipping**
- **Apple Carving**

5:00 - Dinner

7:00 - Haunted House

8:00 - Cracker Barrel & Movie

Sunday 8:30 Breakfast

MISS OUT ON 100th MERCH? T-SHIRT OR YETI SOLD OUT?

Did you miss the 100th Anniversary celebration of camping at Eastman? Did you attend and enjoy yourself so much you didn't have time to check out the store for merch? Was the item you really wanted sold out?

No Worries! Now is your chance to obtain the t-shirts and Yetis that sold out at the event. Click on the link below to visit our store and place an order!

Yetis ship for free and shirts can be shipped for an additional \$8 for the 1st shirt, and \$4 for any additional shirts.

But Hurry! The 100th Anniversary Pop-Up Store will only be open until September 28th! Don't miss your chance to own a special piece of Eastman history!

[EASTMAN 100th POP-UP STORE](http://www.campeastman.org/100thshirtsmugs)
(www.campeastman.org/100thshirtsmugs)

NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28TH



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

From Steve Baker, MVC VP of Finance

My college history professor once said: "Civilization is Maintenance". I've thought about that phrase a lot since then. I think it means not only painting buildings and such, but that we need to preserve and maintain those things that improve our communities and the lives of our young people. Some things improve lives, and that we should not allow things of proven merit to degrade or fade away. One of those things that remain important is Scouting.

We all know that Scouting has suffered some real set backs in the last ten years or so. Our membership is half of what it was before Covid. But the need for Scouting is greater than ever before. Scouting is still Scouting. Kids still like to camp, and we need to get them out of their basements and away from their phones and other devices to make new friends. The good news is that across the country there are strong signs that Scouting is coming back.

To maintain our program here at Camp Eastman and keep our local control we need your support to do that. I know that the willingness to help is there. We saw it in hundreds of people coming together to support our pool restoration project. But our Council needs to support our units and build new ones, which means churches and schools to host them, people to serve as Scoutmasters and other leaders and, of course, financial support.

I'd ask everyone who can afford it to make a \$250 annual pledge to our Deliver the Promise campaign to keep us moving forward. There is a donation button at the Mississippi Valley Council website. And we really appreciate all those who already contribute and support Scouting.

CHECK OUT THESE LINKS:

[WGEM Coverage of the 100th Celebration](#)

[100th Anniversary Pop-Up Store](#)

[Camp Eastman Proclamations](#)

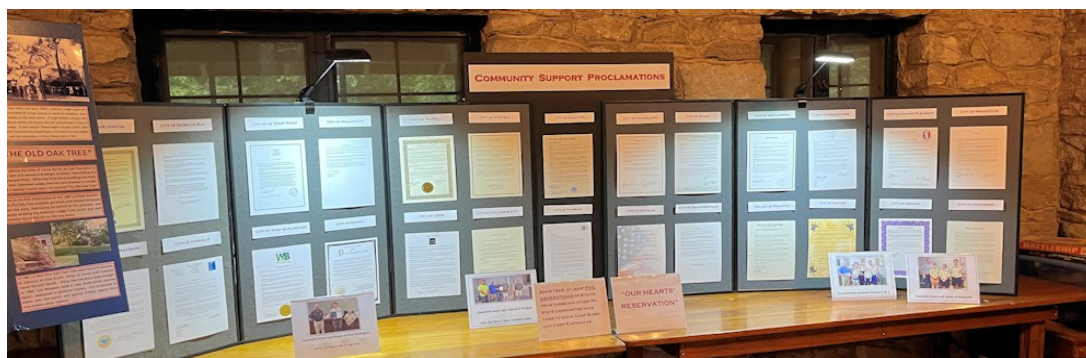
[Spook-o-Ree Registration](#)

[Camp Eastman Development Association](#)

[Silver Tomahawk Honor Society](#)

[Mississippi Valley Council—Scouting America](#)

MORE IMAGES FROM THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



WWW.CAMPEASTMAN.ORG

Be sure to visit the CEDA website at www.campeastman.org. The site features project updates, auction items, patch collection lists and much more.

Future plans for the website include interactive troop photo displays and images from the 2026 time capsule.

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 "Like" us and get frequent updates on CEDA projects and events. Visit:

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



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 in 2026 can be included without itemization as part of the allowed \$1000 for individuals and \$2000 for joint tax filings.

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

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Camp Eastman Development Association, P.O. Box 183, West Burlington, IA 52655**