



# The PaddleWheel

## 2025 RECAP AND A LOOK AHEAD

2025 saw the completion of several projects that CEDA has been a part of. Cub Scout and Scouting America Summer Camps saw the difference of what many hard hours of work and generous donations can make by enjoying a revitalized swimming pool. In addition, a new roof was installed on Eastman Lodge in November. December saw a crew of CEDA Board members and several Scouting helpers put a much needed two coats of paint on the dining hall kitchen walls.

August hosted the celebration of 90 years of cheerful service as Silver Tomahawk held an event to commemorate an impressive milestone. October at Camp Eastman got “spooky” at the Spook-O-Ree held on the 29th. And just last month Eastman played host to the Cub Scout Yukon Olympics. See inside this newsletter for recaps of these great events.

2026 will again be a busy year for Camp Eastman. Be sure to look inside this newsletter for information on the 30th Annual Camp Eastman Reunion hosted by CEDA, coming up on March 14th, Cub and Scouts BSA Summer Camps, and the 2026 Time Capsule opening.

Camp Eastman and Scouting lost two dedicated and passionate supporters when Board Directors Bill Dorrell and Dave Carrick passed away late last year. CEDA is dedicating funds donated in their memory to purchase new sports program equipment, including an outdoor table tennis table and mini golf course.



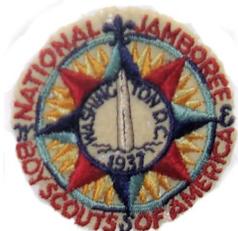
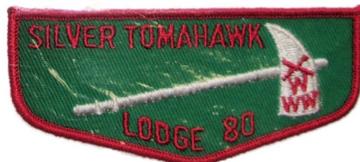
## BUY STUFF! HELP CAMP!

March 14th, 2026 will mark the 30th time supporters of Camp Eastman have gathered together to enjoy fellowship, great food and a chance to give generously and take home unique and valuable treasures at the Camp Eastman Reunion Dinner and Auction hosted by CEDA.

The old adage “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” applies to the Reunion Banquet, so it will again be held at the Burlington First Christian Church, 1221 Park Avenue in Burlington, Iowa.

Amazingly, this year’s ticket donation is still just \$10.00, the same price as a ticket in 2000, when the cost was raised from \$8.00. Also, any youth scout attending the event will be able to enjoy the festivities for \$5, half off the donation cost!

Again in 2026, all youth Scouts attending will be entered into a drawing to win a campership to attend the 2026 Camp Eastman Cub Adventure or Scouts BSA Summer Camp!



## CE Reunion at a Glance

**March 14th, 2026**

**First Christian Church  
1221 Park Avenue  
Burlington, Iowa**

**Cost: \$10.00 Donation**  
(**\$5 for youth Scouts**)

**All youth Scouts attending will be entered into a drawing to win a campership to attend the 2026 Camp Eastman Cub or Scouts BSA Summer Camp!**

### SCHEDULE:

**4:00—Doors Open**  
**Silent Auction Begins**  
**6:00—Dinner**  
**6:45—Program, Door Prizes**  
**Campership Drawing**  
**7:00—Auction**

## Items Auctioned or Sold

(Subject to change)

Here are just a few of the many items to be auctioned or sold at the C.E. Reunion Banquet: Watch your email or “like” the CEDA Facebook group to see updates to the Auction List!

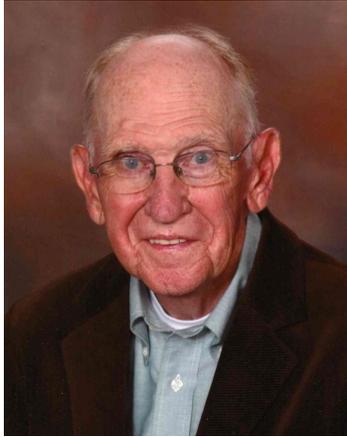
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**1957- F1 & 1961- F2 Lodge Flaps**  
**Framed Arrowheads**  
**1937 Jamboree Patch**  
**Framed Artwork**  
**1963 Camp Eastman Patch**  
**Steven Singer Jewelry**  
**1950s-70s SE Iowa Council Patch**  
**CEDA Hockey Sweaters**  
**Black Hawk Lodge Service Flaps**  
**And Much Much More!**

Visit [www.campeastman.org](http://www.campeastman.org)  
to order tickets online

## SCOUTING SUFFERS TWO LOSSES

Camp Eastman, Scouting, and the Scouting community in Mt. Pleasant lost two of their most passionate and involved supporters in the last months of 2025. Dave Carrick and Bill Dorrell served for a combined 60 years on the CEDA Board of Directors, as well as in many other Scouting roles and responsibilities.



Bill Dorrell was a constant fixture at Camp Eastman for over 60 years, as a youth growing up in scouting, a Silver Tomahawk member, a camp staff member, Camp Director, and Commissioner.

A founding member of CEDA, Bill was always ready with suggestions for how to improve the camp's program. Bill was instrumental in expanding the Camp Commissioner role at Camp Eastman into a unique and extremely successful supporting entity. Along with fellow Scouter Bill Ell, the "unpaid Bills" created a standard of volunteer service to summer camp that is still present today.

He was also active with Troop 28 in Mt. Pleasant, serving as Scoutmaster and in many other roles. Bill Dorrell passed away on October 23rd, 2025, just a few days shy of his 79th Birthday.

Dave Carrick, who died on November 19th of last year, served as the CEDA Treasurer from 1997 through 2022, and continued to serve on the Board of Directors until his passing. Dave was passionate about Scouting and served as Scoutmaster of the Mt. Pleasants Troop 28 for many years.

Dave's experience working at the Henry County Savings bank for 36 years was invaluable in his Treasurer role as CEDA's impact continued to grow. Dave served admirably as CEDA "conscience", always ensuring that the generous donations to the organization were being utilized in line with the mission to enhance the Camp Eastman experience. Any CEDA Board Director will tell you that Dave often ended his Treasurers report with the statement "We need to spend more money".

## 2026 SUMMER CAMP SEASON



The Mississippi Valley Council offers many Summer Camp opportunities in 2026. All levels of Scouts can experience life-changing adventures as they learn new skills, make new friends, and experience nature like never before!

Cub Scouts can participate in 2-Night/3-Day adventures at Camp Eastman, located on the bluffs above the Mississippi River. A 3-Night/4-Day Webelos adventure is held at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. Week-long Scout BSA Troop Camps are held at both camps, and will feature new Merit Badge classes each week!

Want an Exciting and Challenging Experience this summer? The MVC wants YOU to be a member of Summer Camp Staff this year. Being on camp staff is a great way to meet new friends, create lifetime memories, and give back to the next generation of Scouts! The Council is accepting applications now for several positions, including the role of Aquatics Director.

More information on MVC Summer Camps, and a link to the Camp Staff Application form, can be found here:

### [MVC SUMMER CAMPS](#)

#### **CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE Camp Eastman**

**Week 1: June 12-14**

**Week 2: June 19-21**

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#### **WEBELOS ADVENTURE Saukenauk S.R. June 24-27**

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#### **SCOUT BSA TROOP CAMP Saukenauk S.R. June 14-20**

**Camp Eastman**

**Week 1: July 5-11**

**Week 2: July 12-18**

## CEDA Welcomes New Directors

At the September Annual Meeting of the Camp Eastman Development Association, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of two new Directors, Jeff Melton and Joel McGuire.

Joel McGuire's history in Scouting spans over twenty-seven years, beginning with Cub Scouts in 1998. Joel earned his Eagle in 2010. An OA Brotherhood member, Joel was Outdoor Skills Director at Eastman on 2012 and 2013. He served as Summer Camp Director in 2017. Joel is currently on the MVC Program Committee and serves as a committee member of Troop 40.

Jeff Melton calls Dallas City, Illinois home. Active in scouting since joining Troop 51 in 1999, and earning his Eagle in 2008, Jeff was elected Vice-Chief and Chief of Silver Tomahawk in 2010 and 2011 respectively. He worked on Camp staff during those years as Archery Director. Jeff served as Silver Tomahawk Advisor from 2018-2021 and continues to support Scouting as the current Scoutmaster of Troop 51 and the Chairman of the Camp Eastman Properties Committee.

Both Jeff and Joel have been involved with many projects and efforts to improve Camp Eastman, many on their own initiative, so it was only fitting and proper that they were offered and accepted positions on the CEDA Board of Directors.

## 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.

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## SILVER TOMAHAWK 90TH



2025 marked a milestone for the Silver Tomahawk Honor Society, a proud chapter in Scouting history. Celebrating its 90th anniversary, the organization strives to continue its rich legacy of service, leadership, and fellowship that has spanned nearly a century.

The Fall Conclave weekend of August 9th was a huge success, recognizing all those years of brotherhood and service. The Anniversary Committee presented tours of Camp with highlights from ceremonies over the years, slide shows, historical documents and pictures, and an afternoon gathering of brotherhood spanning generations. After a delicious meal, Saturday night was capped off by a fireworks spectacular put on by J&M Displays.



Follow the Silver Tomahawk on Facebook at the address below for more detailed information and schedules for Silver Tomahawk workdays and summer ceremonies.

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# CAMP EASTMAN CUB SCOUTING ALIVE AND WELL IN 2025

## OCTOBER MEANS SPOOK-O-REE

The Saturday, October 18th Cub SPOOK-O-REE event saw over 200 Cubs, their families, and volunteers visiting the haunts of Camp Eastman. Organized by CEDA Director Javier Garcia and a great supporting staff, the event was a huge success.

Kids were treated to many activities including an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, physical challenges, wood-burning souvenirs, archery and BB gun shooting. The event was capped off Saturday night as darkness fell with the “Trail of Terror”, a winding path through Camp Eastman’s woods that featured scary stations and frights galore.



## YUKON OLYMPICS HELD IN JANUARY

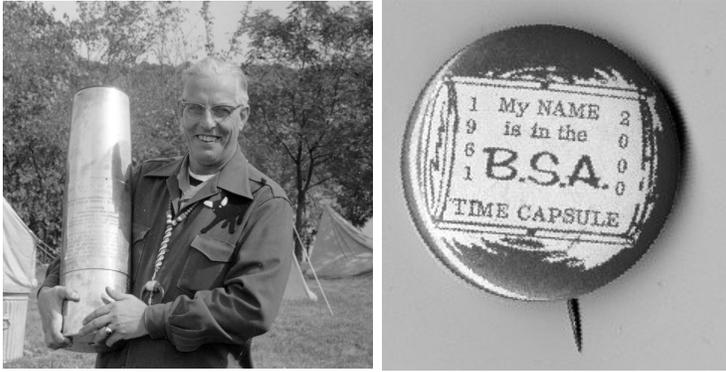
For the first time in several years, the annual Yukon Scouting Games enjoyed actual snow on the ground paired with mild temperatures. Perfect weather for the January 31st event.

Activities included the Opening Ceremonies and Parade of Athletes, building and racing bobsleds, hockey, STEM skiing, relay races, wood-burning, and much more. Yukon Mascots Arrow and Light were present throughout the games.

Over 100 Cub Scouts enjoyed the great weather and a fun-filled day that left all tired but happy and ready for a warm ride home.



## 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, working with the Council and Honor Societies to make this a special event. Because of the nation's 250th celebration on July 4th, the time capsule event will likely be held in the late summer or fall of 2026. 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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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Dean Anderson, New London, IA    | 1995           |
| Steve Baker, Maryville, IL       | 2020           |
| Bill Ell, Burlington, IA         | 2001-02, 2014  |
| Javier Garcia, Iowa City, IA     | 2021           |
| Scott Hale, West Branch, IA      | 2006 Secretary |
| Trent Hancock, North Liberty, IA | 2003 President |
| Joel McGuire, Cedar Rapids, IA   | 2025           |
| Jeff Melton, Dallas City, IL     | 2025           |
| Kevin Mineart, Wever, IA         | 2002           |
| Will Sallen, Iowa City, IA       | 2022 Treasurer |
| Josh Schier, Burlington, IA      | 2015           |
| Gary Sheets, Marion, IA          | 2015 V.P.      |
| Nathan Smith, Kansas City, MO    | 2017           |



**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.campeastman.org](http://www.campeastman.org), or write us at: Camp Eastman Development Association, P.O. Box 183, West Burlington, IA 52655**