



The PaddleWheel



A BANNER YEAR

Camp Eastman is very quickly approaching a significant milestone. 2026 will celebrate 100 years of scout camping on the banks of the Mississippi river. CEDA will also mark its 30th year of supporting the Camp Eastman experience in 2026.

Reflecting back on 2022, CEDA realized one of its most productive years to date. However this year brings a new focus as CEDA joins in a major effort to ensure the Camp Eastman pool is functioning this summer and for many years to come.

Look inside this edition of the Paddlewheel to see what your generous contributions of both time and money accomplished last year, what we have planned for 2023, how you can help renew the CE pool, and details about the 27th Camp Eastman Reunion.

27TH CAMP EASTMAN REUNION



Be sure to put March 11th on your 2023 calendar and plan to attend the 26th annual Camp Eastman Reunion Banquet hosted by CEDA. Page two has all the details!

POOL RENOVATION



Camp Eastman needs your help! See page three for details on this major campaign to ensure the CE pool is available for generations to come.

KITCHEN UPGRADES



CEDA wraps up a wide-ranging project to upgrade the facilities in the dining hall kitchen. See the details about this and other projects on pages four and five.

27TH ANNUAL CAMP EASTMAN REUNION BANQUET AND AUCTION

Plan now to attend the 27th Annual Camp Eastman Reunion Banquet and Auction on March 11th, 2023 at the Burlington First Christian Church, 1221 Park Avenue in Burlington, Iowa.

This year's event promises good food and fellowship, lots of fixed-priced treasures to buy, and an exciting auction all wrapped up in a great opportunity to help Camp Eastman.

What is the low, low price you ask? 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.

All youth scouts attending will be entered into a drawing to win a campership to attend the 2023 Camp Eastman Scouts BSA Summer Camp! Also, any youth attending the Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk's Brave Day, held earlier on the 11th, will be able to enjoy the festivities for \$5, half off the donation cost!



For information about becoming a CEDA member, or to order tickets online, visit www.campeastman.org. Tickets can also be purchased from any CEDA Board Director. Supporters of Scouting, scouts, their families, and the general public are welcome!

Since 1995, the projects undertaken by CEDA have grown in number, complexity, and financial burden. The undertaking of future projects is dependent upon the continued generosity of the supporters of Camp Eastman. The annual banquet is the only participative fund-raiser that CEDA holds. CEDA also funds projects through grant applications, bequests, corporate gifts, and repeated donations from Camp Eastman alumni around the world.

CE Reunion at a Glance

March 11, 2023

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

Cost: \$10.00 Donation

(\$5 for youth attending Brave Day)

All youth scouts attending will be entered into a drawing to win a campership to attend the 2023 Camp Eastman 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 to be Auctioned

(Subject to change)

Here are just a few of the many items to be auctioned at the C.E. Reunion Banquet:

Silver Tomahawk F1 1957 Lodge Flap

Silver Tomahawk X1 1951 Patch

1935 Camp Eastman Winter Camp Patches

Tyler Linderbaum 2023 NFL Jersey

Handmade Cub Scout Quilt

10 Karat Gold Vigil Pin

Shimano/Caius Fishing Poles

Framed Original Camp Eastman Graphic Print

Watch your email or "like" the CEDA Facebook group to see updates to the Auction List!

www.facebook.com/CampEastmanDevelopmentAssociation

Visit www.cedaweb.org to order tickets online

HELP US RENOVATE THE CAMP EASTMAN SWIMMING POOL

Efforts are already underway to renovate the CE pool, a program area essential to the Camp Eastman experience, so it can continue to provide education and memories to scouts and other youth for generations to come. This comprehensive project will require significant donations of both money and volunteer labor to be successful.



Scouts at CE originally swam from a dock at the Mississippi river, which has pretty obvious drawbacks, such as not being able to spot kids who are under water. The current pool opened in 1966 – almost 60 years ago. Thousands of campers have learned to swim or learned lifesaving skills from that pool. It truly is one of the key features that attracts troops to camp at Eastman, both locally and those from other Councils.



Camp was closed due to COVID in 2020, and in 2021 the pool did not work and campers were bussed daily into Keokuk to swim. Last summer volunteers BJ Kelly and Scot Sullivan, with some generous volunteer help, got the pool up and running again.

After having to work through the impact of the pandemic and other recent challenges, Scouting is enjoying a resurgence in many regions. New Scouter enrollment is increasing. Camp Eastman will serve as a Cub, Scout, Staff Training and other youth group destination during 7 weeks this summer. Summer Camp is a key to successful Cub and Scouting programs, and the pool is one key element of a memorable Camp Eastman experience.



Stage One: Filters. The starting point for last fall and this spring has been to upgrade the filter house and its systems. The pipes and valves that bring pool water to the sand filters and to clean it before it flows back have rusted out over the years. The concrete filter boxes have been emptied and are being repaired, and the metal pipes replaced with long-lasting PVC. In addition, a valve will be installed that automatically closes when electricity is lost, preventing the pool from unplanned draining. This stage of work will be completed in time for summer camp this year. CEDA has allocated initial funding so that this portion of the project can begin, but additional monetary donations are needed to support the purchase and installation of a new main circulation motor and pump.

Stage Two: The Pool Itself. The concrete pool “shell” is sound, with no cracks or leaks. But there is a system of metal pipes which drain water from the pool and return filtered water to the inlets that needs to be upgraded. The entire concrete deck around the pool will be removed, the pipes replaced with PVC, and new concrete poured. Installing new underwater lights, new pole lights and replacing the main drain at the bottom of the pool are other stage two tasks. Together, we must raise the greater portion of the project budget before we can begin work on Stage Two of the project, and hopefully complete it by the summer of 2024.



Who is behind these efforts? A committee, with the support of the MVC, has been formed consisting of Mike Kelly, Scot Sullivan, BJ Kelly, Nathan Smith, and Steve Baker. CEDA has provided funds to begin this project and will administer the fundraising account. But this work will need the support of the entire Camp Eastman community. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$250,000, far less than the likely \$3 million that would be needed to build a new pool.

How can you help? This spring, likely coinciding with Silver Tomahawk work days, help will be needed with the filter house efforts. More importantly, the major project work cannot begin until the money needed has been raised. If you would like to donate, or volunteer to help in our fund-raising efforts, visit the CEDA website and click on the “Let’s Make a Splash” link for more information.

DINING HALL KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS

In late 2020, CEDA was approached by long-time Scouting supporter and businessman Rodney Wittkamp of Burlington, IA in search of a suitable project in need of funding at Camp Eastman. The CEDA Board of Directors chose the Wittkamp-Burg Hall kitchen as a facility in need of improvements.

Planning began in 2021 with the goal of increasing the usability and foodservice throughput by purchasing new or slightly-used commercial kitchen appliances to supplement or replace those already in the kitchen. Other targeted areas included plumbing repairs as well as upgraded propane and electrical service.



CEDA has purchased and installed the following appliances:

- ◆ 30qt. commercial mixer (lightly used)
- ◆ Reach-in refrigerator (new)
- ◆ 10-burner range with ovens (lightly used)
- ◆ Double-stack oven (refurbished)
- ◆ Single rack dishwasher (lightly used)
- ◆ Double-door freezer (used)
- ◆ Commercial microwave (lightly used)

To date, CEDA has invested over \$20,000 into the kitchen and plans to have all remaining items finished by the 2023 Summer Camp season. We would like to thank Rodney Wittkamp for funding this project as well as those who have donated their time or materials over the duration of the work.



These other improvements are completed or underway:

- ◆ Nine 4x2ft LED ceiling lights installed (new)
- ◆ Ceiling tiles replaced and grid refurbished (new)
- ◆ Increased propane service (underway)
- ◆ Various plumbing and electrical repairs

A FACELIFT AT SCOUTCRAFT

This past year, CEDA funded the improvement of the existing Scoutcraft shelter located near the site of the old ranger's home, later to become Chans Lodge.

No doubt thousands of Scouts have sat beneath this roof to learn the most traditional of Scout skills - lashing, camping, pioneering, cooking, orienteering, wilderness survival - since CEDA first constructed the shelter in 1999. More than 20 years later, it was time for an update.



First, the southwest corner of the shelter was enclosed to create a space to store materials year round, out of the elements. This eliminates the shuffling of program supplies back and forth before summer camp begins.

And this past October, a crew installed a new green metal roof, extending the longevity of the shelter that matches similar metal roofs nearby .

We would like to thank the volunteers beyond the CEDA Board of Directors who helped with this project, including Bob Thompson, Jeff Melton, Cody Crowell, Kenny Hootman, Ranger Phil Kaehler, and the Disco Beavers Troop 3. These projects would not be possible without volunteering your time, tools, and expertise.



CEDA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Almost every CEDA project is made possible by a combination of generous donations of money, of free or discounted quality materials, or of volunteer or discounted professional labor. Together, these gifts help assure that CEDA projects are of the highest quality and that available funds are managed responsibly. Here are a few talents or items CEDA is currently looking for to assist with upcoming projects:

Certified Electrician - CEDA will soon be resuming work on the Eastman Lodge loft. We hope to find an electrician who can help us create a plan for rewiring new lighting and outlets, and estimate material and labor costs to present a proposal to the Properties Committee. Following approval, we hope our volunteer will be willing to help us carry out the project.

Golf Cart - CEDA has worked closely with the camp Commissioner staff, most recently in providing a golf cart during summer camp to assist with Commissioner duties. This year, our golf cart supplier has a limited inventory so CEDA is looking for someone who might want to loan or rent the Commissioner staff a golf cart for use during the Summer camp sessions in July.

Wood Chipper - Keeping up with all of the tree and brush removal is a never-ending project at camp. We are sure an industrial quality wood-chipper could be put to great use over the course of a few weekends to both eliminate much of the accumulated deadwood and brush and provide a quality base for some of camp's trails.

What Else? - If you have a project idea for Camp Eastman, CEDA is always open to assist in raising funds to carry out your vision. We would be happy to consider any proposal that meets the high quality standards we believe are essential to the betterment of camp, especially those that make use of donated materials and labor.

If you, or someone you know would be interested in helping out with any of these items or projects, please let us know by clicking [here](#), sending an email to info@campeastman.org or by contacting any of the CEDA Board Directors.

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, or write us at: Camp Eastman Development Association, P.O. Box 183, West Burlington, IA 52655

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

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



LET'S MAKE A SPLASH!

The campaign to raise funds to renovate the Camp Eastman pool will be kicking off soon.
If you would like to:

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT DETAILS

LEARN THE HISTORY OF SWIMMING AT EASTMAN

MEET THE PROJECT TEAMS

VOLUNTEER TO JOIN THE FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

SUPPORT THE PROJECT WITH A DONATION TODAY

Click the link below or visit:
<https://campeastman.org/pool>

[CLICK HERE TO "MAKE A SPLASH" AT CAMP EASTMAN](#)

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

Dean Anderson, New London, IA	1995
Steve Baker, Maryville, IL	2020
Jim Brau, Mt. Pleasant, IA	2003
David Carrick, Mt. Pleasant, IA	1997
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BUY STUFF! HELP CAMP!

Still need a reason to come to the Camp Eastman Reunion on March 11th? Here are some of the items scheduled to be auctioned!



F1 1957 Lodge Flap



X1 1951 Patch



Official NFL 2023 Ravens Tyler Linderbaum Jersey



Framed Original CE Graphic Print—Limited Edition



Camp Eastman 1935 Winter Camp Patches



Handmade Cub Scout Quilted Throw



Shimano Caius Bait-casting Rod & Reel



First Camp Eastman Patch 1941-1944



10 Karat Gold Vigil Pin



Rare 1970's CE Staff Neckerchief

AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

FLEA MARKET RETURNS IN 2023



Attending Scouts BSA Summer Camp this year? Be sure to stop by the trading post on Tuesday 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 after lunch under the trading post shelter on July 4th and 11th.

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 towards 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!

Here is my reservation for the Camp Eastman Reunion Banquet March 11th, 2023

_____ @ \$10.00 per person

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Email: _____

If you can't join us for the 2023 Reunion Banquet, we will miss you! You can still support Camp Eastman by enclosing a donation of \$10.00 or more to become a CEDA member and help fund future projects. Thank you!

Donation: \$ _____

Mail to: Camp Eastman Development Association.
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