



The PaddleWheel

IT'S SPRING!

Spring is here and there is a full slate of events and activities planned at Camp Eastman for the next 6 months.

See page two for details about the 3rd Annual Camp Eastman Fish Fry to be held on May 10th. This year's event will feature a celebration of the success of the Pool Restoration Campaign complete with a ribbon cutting and other surprises.

Speaking of the Pool Project, page three pays tribute and thanks to all the individuals and companies that donated or provided services in order to make the restoration a success.


Keep reading for information about the Silver Tomahawk 90th Anniversary celebration in August and details on a council Wine and Whiskey fund-raising event coming up April 22nd in Burlington that looks like it is not to be missed.

Another 90th year milestone is realized this summer as Eastman Lodge celebrates its construction and opening in 1935. Page five has photos and information about the construction of this historic building.



3rd ANNUAL CAMP EASTMAN FISH FRY

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**CAMP EASTMAN
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Hosted by CEDA - the Camp Eastman Development Association

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Where: Wild Buck Shelter
 at Camp Eastman
 750 E Co Rd 1780, Nauvoo IL

RSVP online for headcount purposes
www.campeastman.org

The Camp Eastman Fish Fry is just a few weeks away! Join us at Camp Eastman on Saturday, May 10th for a Camp Eastman Open House, Work Day, Flea Market and some Great Food! Camp is open beginning at 9:00. The fried catfish free-will donation lunch will be served from 12:00 - 1:30 at the Wild Buck Shelter.

The event will also include another installment of the CEDA Flea Market. Opening at approximately 10:00 am, you will be sure to find something interesting at this all-time favorite shopping event.

The Flea Market will be located in its usual location under the Trading Post shelter.

After lunch, beginning at 2:00 pm, a Celebration of Success for the Pool Restoration Project will be held at the pool. A brief program and comments will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony. There may also be some surprises in store.

Following the program, be sure to take a walk around the pool and filter house to see what good old-fashioned Camp Eastman dedication, support and hard work can accomplish.



Open to the Public! RSVP at
www.campeastman.org!

Camp Eastman, 750 E. Co. Rd. 1780, Nauvoo, IL

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 after lunch 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!

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

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

YOU MADE A SPLASH!

With warmer weather arriving the final touches are being applied to the CE Pool. We are installing new lights at the top of the light poles around the pool. We've also ordered a new pool "robot" to keep the pool clean. The roof of the filter house is being extended and that area will get fencing. There are plans to put on a metal roof on the filter house.

And the finishing touch will be new epoxy paint on the interior of the pool itself. Thus we should have a fully restored swimming pool for use by campers this summer that should serve us for many years to come.

CAMP EASTMAN POOL WORKING GROUP

This group was assembled in 2022 to plan, solicit bids, and coordinate professional and volunteer labor in a major effort to renovate and extend the useful life of the pool for years to come.

Mike Kelly* Keokuk, IA **BJ Kelly** Oquawka, IL **Scot Sullivan** Burlington, IA **Steve Baker** Maryville, IL **Nathan Smith** Kansas City, MO

*Mike Kelly was diagnosed with brain cancer in November 2022 and sadly passed away on July 24th, 2023. In the six short months prior to his diagnosis, Mike's expertise was crucial to the success of creating a full project plan. We are grateful to have spent that time with Mike, and he will certainly be missed by many.

CAMP EASTMAN POOL FUNDRAISING TEAM

Assembled in late 2022, this team is dedicated to securing the funding necessary to realize the full extent of work identified by the Camp Eastman Pool Working Group.

David Cowles Big Rapids, MI **Merrill Crawford** Dubuque, IA **Roger Sheagren** Burlington, IA **Bill Dorrell** Mt. Pleasant, IA
Scott Hale West Branch, IA **Nathan Smith** Kansas City, MO **Steve Baker** Maryville, IL **CEDA** Board of Directors

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CAMP EASTMAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The CEDA Board of Directors offers support and authorizes funding for the pool project. A list of CEDA's Board of Directors can be found on CEDA's website, www.campeastman.org.

CAMP EASTMAN PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

This volunteer core group, supervised by the Mississippi Valley Council Executive Board, is tasked with year-round maintenance and improvement of Camp Eastman. They also plan work weekends and recruit skilled volunteers. This group identified and repaired early pool issues prior to 2020.

DON'T MISS OUT!
3rd Annual Camp Eastman Fish Fry
Saturday, May 10th

Pool Project Donors:



Aquatics Director \$20,000+



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CEDA

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Paul Gustafson, Papa Shrubs, Inc.



Merrill Crawford
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Dennis Wilson



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HAVE FUN! HELP SCOUTING!



Come out to the Night Cap Lounge in Burlington and enjoy a fun night of wine & whiskey, heavy hors d'oeuvres, socializing, and entertainment.

Whether you have strong ties to Scouting in our local area, enjoy wine & whiskey, or just want to socialize and enjoy the entertainment, this will be a fun night you won't want to miss! There will be raffles, silent auctions, and plenty of great ways to contribute to the local Scouting program.

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://go.rallyup.com/13801d>

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SILVER TOMAHAWK 90TH ANNIVERSARY



On June 2, 1934, the Order of the Arrow became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In the next year, the OA's popularity grew and Silver Tomahawk was chartered as the 80th Order of the Arrow Lodge on July 4, 1935.

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of that charter, and the Silver Tomahawk Honor Society is planning an event at Camp Eastman on August 9th to commemorate and celebrate 90 years of dedicated and cheerful service not only to Camp Eastman but more importantly to the development and maturation of thousands of scouters from Iowa, Missouri and Illinois.



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.

www.facebook.com/TribeoftheSilverTomahawk

ANOTHER 90TH ANNIVERSARY!

From Volume Two of Bill Ell's historical book series "The Story of Camping at Camp Eastman":

"In the summer of 1935 Mrs. Eastman caused to be built a stone lodge, which was to be known as "Eastman Lodge". At the completion of Eastman Lodge it was equipped by Mrs. Eastman with heavy oak tables and benches, dishes, refrigerator, copper pipe water system, a gas range and other items necessary for the operation.

This building, given in memory of her husband, Mr. E.P. Eastman, has been a wonderful asset to camp and has provided many fond memories for literally thousands of boys".

"Laying of the cornerstone of the new administration building at Camp Eastman, Southeast Iowa's Boy Scout Camp will be celebrated Sunday afternoon, May 26, 1935. An elaborate ceremony is being prepared and it is expected that all scouts and scouters in the council will participate.

The ceremony will be participated in by Cubs, Boy Scouts, and Sea Scouts. It is being prepared by J. L. Gafford, a member of the camp committee. The stone itself will be approximately 18 by 5 inches and is being prepared by the Burris Granite Company of Burlington. Into it will be sealed papers of interest to scouting and especially a history of scout camp and council which is being written by Tracy Garret.

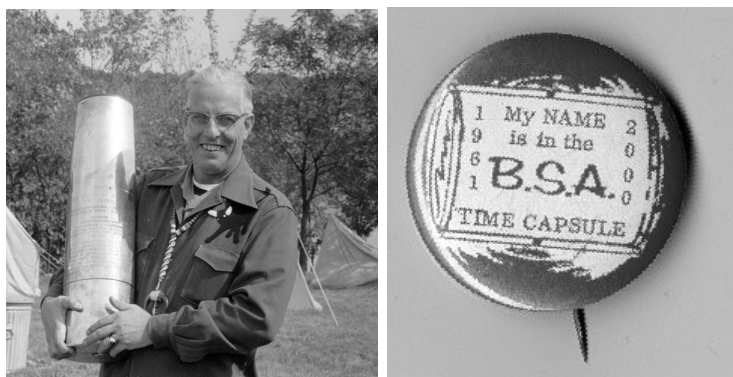
Work on the building is progressing rapidly. The windows are being installed now and the stonework is about half completed". *Ref: Ft. Madison Democrat May 5, 1935*

The planned event was postponed and not completed until June 6, 1935. Be sure to stop by Eastman Lodge this spring, during Summer Camps or at the Silver Tomahawk Anniversary to see how CEDA has restored this beautiful and historic building!



**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**

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 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.

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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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