



The PaddleWheel

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

Camp Eastman is very quickly approaching several significant milestones. 2025 will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Silver Tomahawk with an event this August. 2026 will mark 100 years of scout camping on the banks of the Mississippi River and CEDA will reach its 30th year of supporting the Camp Eastman experience.

CEDA was busy in 2024 working to raise funds for the pool project and wrapping up the Dining Hall kitchen renovations, and has several projects in the works for this year.

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 2025, and details about this year's reunions and events.

29TH CAMP EASTMAN REUNION



Join us on March 8th in Burlington and attend the 29th Camp Eastman Reunion Banquet hosted by CEDA. Page Two has all the details!

YOU MADE A SPLASH!



Check out Page Three for details on the progress of this major campaign to ensure the CE pool is available for generations to come.



29TH ANNUAL CAMP EASTMAN REUNION BANQUET AND AUCTION

The 29th Annual Camp Eastman Reunion Banquet and Auction is coming up on March 8th, 2025 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. Also, any youth scout attending event will be able to enjoy the festivities for \$5, half off the donation cost!

Again in 2025, all youth Scouts attending will be entered into a drawing to win a campership to attend the 2025 Camp Eastman Scouts BSA Summer Camp!



For information about becoming a CEDA member, or to order tickets online, visit our website: 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 8th, 2025

**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 2025 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:

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

www.facebook.com/CampEastmanDevelopmentAssociation

X1, X2, F1, F2 Lodge Flaps
Framed Arrowheads
S.T. Conclave Patch Set
Autographed Hawkeye Football
1941 SE Iowa Training Neckerchief
C.E. Camp Staff T-Shirt Quilt
Intarsia Woodwork-Flying Eagle
1944-49 Saukee Council C.E. Patch
Large Quilt-Moore Collection

And Much Much More!

Visit www.campeastman.org to order tickets online

YOU MADE A SPLASH!

The renovation of the Camp Eastman pool, a vital part of the Camp Eastman experience, is nearly complete—thanks to the hard work and generosity of many supporters.

After a non-functional pool in 2021, it was clear action was needed. That off-season, a small group of volunteers invested their own time and money into emergency repairs, allowing the pool to reopen for summer 2022. Their efforts led to the formation of the Pool Working Group, led by Mike Kelly and including BJ Kelly, Scot Sullivan, Steve Baker, and Nathan Smith. They developed a plan to extend the pool’s life for another generation. Sadly, Mike Kelly was diagnosed with brain cancer and passed away on July 24, 2023, but a two-phase plan had been roughed out and volunteers were ready to tackle the project.

Phase 1 (Fall 2022– Spring 2023) focused on upgrading the sand filtration system, pump, motors, and cast iron circulation piping. CEDA funded this work, greatly improving conditions for summer 2023. Nearly all labor was completed by dedicated Camp Eastman volunteers, especially during Silver Tomahawk workdays.

In spring 2023, CEDA launched a \$250,000 brick-and-mortar campaign to fully fund the renovation, with fundraising support from friends of the CEDA Board David Cowles, Merrill Crawford, and Roger Sheagren. The first annual Camp Eastman Fish Fry in May 2023 kicked off the campaign, and by fall 2024, the goal had been surpassed, raising nearly \$262,000.

Phase 2, the most significant portion of the project, began in August 2024. Over three months, the pool was transformed in its 60th year. Major demolition cleared the way for new PVC supply lines, water jets, and gutter drains. A fresh concrete deck was poured, new blue ceramic tile installed, and decades of paint blasted from the pool basin. New chain-link fencing and gates were also installed around the pool. A motorized chair lift in the shallow end will allow Scouts of all physical abilities to enjoy the pool.

In spring 2025, the final touches will be completed, including a new paint or epoxy coating, brighter LED lighting, and multicolor underwater lights for night swimming. Updates to the filter house roof and fencing will finish off the project.

CEDA continues to extend its thanks to the volunteers and donors who have made this project possible. We look forward to recognizing efforts and funding at future events and permanently with a plaque that will be placed in the pool area.

Pool Project Donors:



Aquatics Director \$20,000+



Joe and Mike Williams
CEDA

Grace Bott Millar Foundation
Paul Gustafson, Papa Shrubs, Inc.



Lifeguard \$10,000+



Merrill Crawford
Steve Baker LLC

John, Kathy, and Brian McKillip
Great River Health Foundation
Jim & Ann Chrisinger

Alan Myatt
Dennis Wilson



Mile Swim \$5,000+



Dr. Peter Kaboli
In Memory of Mike Kelly

The Garcia Family
Rodney Wittkamp

Bill Dorrell
Ken Klein



Blue Swimmer \$2,500+



John and Mary Klein
Chuck and Sandy Youngstrom

Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis
Roger and Lynn Sheagren

Kenny Hootman



Red Swimmer \$1,000+



Larry Christensen Memorial
Harold W. Olson Memorial
Manfred D & Carol Anderson
Phyllis Ross Memorial
The Blackbaud Giving Fund
Reed, Tom and Karen Wenstrand
Illinois Prairie Community Foundation - Zimmerman-Elffline
Aric Creelman, CC Fencing LLC

Nathan Smith
Ben Carrick
Bill Ell
Kevin Mineart
Doug Peters
Steve, Mark, Kirk and Jane Hanlin

The Sallen Family
Joel McGuire
Scott Thrasher
Jeff Ludwig
Gary Sheets



White Swimmer up to \$1000



Troop 28, Mt. Pleasant
Doug Wheeler
Dave Cowles
Burlington Rotary Club
Jim Brau
Ben Brinck
David H. Carrick
Schimmelpfennig Family
James & Melodee Walker Family
The Family of Cody Grooms
Scott Hale
John & Beth Hallerud
Vivian Hanlin
Neil R. Klopfenstein
Southeast Iowa Patch Traders
In Memory of Larry Christensen
Richard & Patricia Pieper
Jack Schneider
Mark Simpson
Donald L. Heincy
Steve & Diane Bailey
Eric Chrisinger
Cory Johnson
Bill & Sue Kelly
Ronald & Susan Miller
Karen Petersen
Randall Readinger
Lee Thompson
Teresa Hardin
John Hauk
Donnie Smith
Judith Kammerer
Verlene & Lisa Neibuhr
David Myatt, Diane Boles, Rob Myatt, Jason Myatt, Connor Woodman, Logan Woodman
Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines - John & Shari Paule Family Endowment
In honor and memory of our loving Scoutmaster Bob Lindell
Chris and Eryn Cronbaugh in honor of Merrill Crawford

Josh Schier
Kurt Weiler
Matt Welander
Robert Welander
Sasaya Singers
Barbara and Vernave Garcia
Melton's Auto
Scott A. Christensen
Brennan Creelman
Henry Hentzel
Greg Humphrey
Dave Reif
Tad Schimmelpennig
Michael Bridwell
Greg & Diana Isaacson
J&G Olson Farms
Bryce Creager
Jamie Edmondson
Alan Fabel
Thomas Montgomery
Timothy & Peggy Rader
Donald & Tamera Sewell
William & Marsha Shonka
William Vandersall
Ron & Jeanne Westby
Roger & Barbara Tuttle
Janelle Noll
Sam Edwards
Harlan Bell
William Harris
Claire Johnson
Isaac Johnson
Annastacia Cowles

Ann Crawford
Patrick Norris
Arthur Carlson
Richard & Pamela Beard
Jim & Kim Boyd
Steven & Jean Brown
Lynn Buckley
Don & Beth Carver
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Leonard & Abby Etter
J. Edward & Marilee Jacquot
Patty & Greg Lefler
Anne Maes
Vicky & Mark Miller
Tammy & Kent Myers
Nancy Park
Kenneth & Joyce Roskamp
Joyce Sapp
C. Earl & Judith Walrath
Trent Hancock
Mary Hogan
Rick Hubbard
Kevin Ray Andrew
Brandon Cadwell
Thomas & Deborah Enderle
Timothy & Brenda Etter
Larry & Betty Fellows
Gwen Friedow
Julia Hanlin
Wayne Marple
Damian Marley
Stanley & Doris Wilhelm
David P Dobson

SAVE THE DATE!
3rd Annual Camp Eastman Fish Fry
Saturday, May 10th

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](http://www.facebook.com/TribeoftheSilverTomahawk)

CEDA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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.

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 projects that will help enhance the Camp Eastman experience, please let us know by clicking [here](#), sending an email to info@campeastman.org or by contacting any of the CEDA Board Directors.

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)

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.

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
- David Carrick, Mt. Pleasant, IA 1997
- Bill Dorrell, Mt. Pleasant, IA 1995
- 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
- Kevin Mineart, Wever, IA 2002
- Will Sallen, North Liberty, IA 2022 Treasurer
- Josh Schier, Burlington, IA 2015
- Gary Sheets, Marion, IA 2015 V.P.
- Nathan Smith, Des Moines, IA 2017

3rd Annual
CAMP EASTMAN FISH FRY



FREE WILL DONATION SUPPORTS PROJECTS THAT ENHANCE THE CAMP EASTMAN EXPERIENCE

Saturday, May 10th 2025
 Lunch served at 12:30 PM
 Following Lunch:
 Pool Renovation Ribbon-Cutting
 Other Activities 9 AM - 4 PM
 Flea Market Will Be Open!

What: Fried catfish, French fries, coleslaw, baked beans

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

RSVP online for headcount purposes
www.campeastman.org

Hosted by CEDA - the Camp Eastman Development Association



BUY STUFF! HELP CAMP!

Here are just a few of the items scheduled to be auctioned on March 8th. Visit our website www.campeastman.org to see more!



X1

X2

F1

F2



Camp Staff Quilt

Arrowheads

Jamboree Set



Intarsia Wookwork

Signed Hawkeye Football



1941 Neckerchlef 1944-49 Saukee C.E. S.T. Lodge 80 EX 1972-2



RC Moore Quilt

BlackHawk '23 Set Silver Tomahawk J134

AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

FLEA MARKET RETURNS IN 2025



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 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!

Here is my reservation for the
Camp Eastman Reunion Banquet
March 8th, 2025

_____ @ \$10.00 per person

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____

If you can't join us for the 2025 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.
P.O. Box 183, West Burlington, IA 52655

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