



Fall Newsletter



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Friends, Friends, Friends

Friends, friends, friends
 We will always be.
 Whether in fair or in dark, stormy
 weather,
 We'll always be good friends
 together.
 Friends, friends, friends
 We will always be.
 Time cannot sever our good times
 together.
 Oh, friends, friends, friends.





NOTE FROM CHRIS SALLOWS, CEAA PRESIDENT

Greetings –

The summer of 2017 has come to a close and Camp Eberhart, again, has served countless children, from all walks of life, and allowed them to experience camp. This summer saw the opening of the Greenleaf Tree House Village, the generosity of Charlotte (Greenleaf) Mittler, as part of the Michiana YMCA Capital Campaign.

The summer saw our new Vice President of Youth and Camping Services, Rob LaRoy, take the lead at Camp Eberhart and it has seen the leadership of Camp Director, Lincoln McLain, come to a close as he moves on to his next endeavor. Lincoln, thank-you for your hard work and dedication to the children and camp.

Labor Day Family Camp 2017 included friends, family, fun and a wedding. Thank-you Ellie (Kraska) and Ian Spindler for allowing all to share in your day and for holding camp so close to you that you wanted to be married at Chapel. I did not have the opportunity to attend Family Camp this year; my family commitments prevailed.

Your CEAA has started the process of updating and improving our web site. Please continue to watch campebalumni.org/thisweek for information about upcoming events and "what's happening with your CEAA".

Your CEAA continues to engage Camp / YMCA with how we can help with future capital improvements and with scholarships. The YMCA is looking at the possibility of creating a new employee flow chart as leadership is changing. We are excited about this, and hopefully will be a part of these coming decisions. We really want to continue our great relationship with the YMCA (it's never been better).

Remember that Camp Eberhart continues to run through the year with our Outdoor Education Program. Your alumni association has contributed, along with a donation from the Three Rivers Community Foundation, to allow for all 3rd grade students in the Three Rivers, MI school system to attend an overnight Outdoor Education experience.

Your alumni association will, very shortly, be reaching out to ask for your help with the Michiana YMCA Capital Campaign. This effort will strive raise \$3.5 million that is solely earmarked for Camp Eberhart. Your CEAA has been a part of this process and we are very excited to see the campaign move forward. I look forward to speaking with you to hear how you would like to contribute to make this campaign complete. Remember that camp started as a dream of Harris Eberhart. It should be our dream to continue Camp Eberhart into our next 100 years!

Chris Sallows , CEAA President

Labor Day Family Camp

A fun, relaxing weekend at Camp Eberhart over Labor Day provided not only my family, but many others a chance to unwind and be a kid again with long time friends. Adults and children enjoying the programs, waterfront, campfires, making tie-dyes and remembering why we would come back summer after summer. If you didn't have a chance to attend this years Family Camp, reserve your cabin soon for Memorial Day or Labor Day!



And Congratulations to Ellen and Ian Splindler! Your EB family wish you the best. Thanks for letting us take part in such a beautiful day.



Note from YMCA Staff:

Dan Asleson, CEO YMCA of Michiana

From the moment the first tent stakes were driven into land overlooking the Corey Lake shore in 1908, until now, the physical structures at camp have been a critical part of delivering the Eberhart experience. In 2016, a group of dedicated volunteers, including CEAA President Chris Sallows, accepted the challenge to raise significant capital funds to restore and enhance many of our existing buildings, while adding a few new facilities for the enjoyment of our campers. To date, we have raised just under \$1M towards funding capital renovations and improvements at Eberhart, including over \$200,000 contributed to the YMCA Camp Eberhart endowment fund at the St. Joseph County Community Foundation.

The first dollars raised for this comprehensive campaign were from the Camp Eberhart Alumni Association and were used to enhance our program areas in 2016, including the addition of snorkeling and a music program. In 2017, we dedicated the Greenleaf Treehouse Village at the site of the old Pioneer Village. Our efforts to raise funds continues, as we are working to renovate Obenchain Lodge, enhance our day camp area, restore and enhance the stone road cabins, renovate the Powder Room, add components to our high ropes and adventure course, and renovate and expand Klinger Hall. These projects will preserve the legacy and beauty of our existing buildings while ensuring that our campers have the space and program areas expected for future needs. Thank you, CEAA, for being the first to donate to these efforts and for your ongoing support!

Rob LaRoy, Vice President of Youth and Camping Services

Dear Alumni and Friends of YMCA Camp Eberhart;

There's nothing quite like the feeling of waking up to the beauty of YMCA Camp Eberhart, listening to the frogs and birds and knowing that in a short time the air will be filled with the sounds of laughter from our great campers and staff. Unfortunately, those days are over. For now.

We still have quite a few groups coming in for the fall months as the temperatures finally start to cool down, and they continue to enjoy the activities of camp. Whether it's the horses or kayaking or just taking in the beautiful scenery of camp many children and adults come to YMCA Camp Eberhart to be transported to a different place. The love of camp and the property are enhanced by the experiences that we share while here. Building the skills and confidence of the children we serve is just the best part of what we do.

Your help in continuing this service is vital to what we do. YMCA Camp Eberhart has the benefit of 108 summers of changing lives. What I do here is such a small part of what camp means it is humbling to hear the stories of how just a few words from a past counselor or camp director has shaped the lives of so many of you. I write to you today knowing what so many of you already knew before I came here. YMCA Camp Eberhart transforms and changes lives.

Thank you for letting me and my family be a part of this wonderful place.

Sarah Whaley, Outdoor Education Director

Outdoor Ed is up and running for the fall. Having completed a week of training the staff of seven kicked off their season with Labor Day Family Camp and look forward to teaching and serving over 2,000 guests through mid-November. We have kids attending from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. OE will be participating in a fall color tour on October 8th. It's a day of fun and activities including, climbing, archery and horses. Throughout the season the team will be focusing on re-vamping the curriculum to ensure classes not only meet state standards but reflect the history of Camp Eberhart. It will be the best season yet!

NEW NEWS:

Work Weekend: November 11th, 2017

Your Camp Eberhart Alumni Association, in cooperation with Camp Eberhart, will host a work workday on November 11, 2017. Participants may arrive the evening of November 10, 2017 and we will be staying in Leighton Lodge. There will be no programming or meals scheduled November 10, 2017. Our day will begin on November 11, 2017 with breakfast in Klinger Hall at 8:30am. Our day will consist of various projects in the morning followed by lunch. We will continue our work projects in the afternoon and conclude the day with dinner. We will have an evening activity arranged for the group. We will depart the morning of November 12, 2017. There is no cost associated with this weekend and we look forward to seeing each and every one. Come for the day or all weekend. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with camp friends, make a contribution to the place we all love and call home, or to just get away. Please RSVP to Chris Sallows at Sallows176@yahoo.com

Alumni Reunion and Golf Outing:

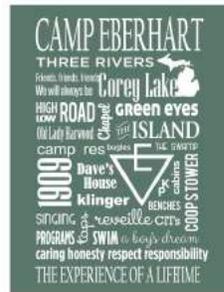
The date is set for June 8th - 10th for our Annual Alumni Reunion and Golf Outing. Mark your calendars and get a team ready! New Generations - we are looking for you to make a debut this year!

Join the Alumni Association Today:

Your Alumni Association will be sending these shirts to all who joining the CEEA in 2018! All you have to do is donate \$150 to the CEEA and we will mail a shirt to you! We will be selling these shirts for \$25 as well so you can outfit the whole family in new CEEA gear. We will also be offering a poster version of the artwork as an option too. Thank you Tref Barillo! If you are interested let us know your size and/or sizes so that we can make sure to get our initial order with the sizes we will need most of. Contact Chris Sallows at sallows176@yahoo.com with your size requests. (children sizes available too!)

*Camp Eberhart
Light Green Short Sleeve T-shirt
Pre-shrunk 100% Ringspun Cotton
White Ink - Full Back*

Small -
Medium -
Large -
XL -
XXL -



Note from Lincoln:

Dear YMCA Camp Eberhart Families,

Over the past 3 years I've been very fortunate to be the Camp Director here at YMCA Camp Eberhart. The opportunity to make a positive impact on young adults, and the relationships I've developed with team members are memories that will stay with me forever.

My fiancée Sarah and I are getting married soon and we have been discussing the next steps in our lives together. This is why I'm sad to say that I'll be moving on from YMCA Camp Eberhart on September 22nd as Sarah and I take those next steps of our journey together.

I have enjoyed growing and being on a team with fantastic individuals. The cause and purpose of elevating our community has filled my bucket and I am confident that my successor will find as much respect and acceptance as I have.

Wherever I go on my journey, I will always bring a part of YMCA Camp Eberhart along with me.

To Eberhart I will always be loyal and true. This is goodnight and not goodbye. Live long and prosper.

Sincerely,

Lincoln McLain

And a Special Congratulations to Lincoln and his now wife Sarah!

Amazon Smile:

Started your holiday shopping yet? Remember to Select Camp Eberhart Alumni Association in the Smile section of Amazon. Link is below!



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