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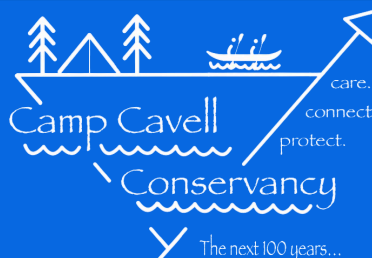
A Heartfelt Hello from Camp Cavell Conservancy!

Summer's almost here, and with it comes a wave of excitement and a touch of nostalgia! For so many of us, the very mention of Camp Cavell sparks cherished memories of long summer days, crackling campfires, and the lifelong friendships forged right here on the beautiful shores of Lake Huron.

This year, we're thrilled to launch our very first season of "Guardians of the Wild" day camp and themed overnight camps. We're inviting a new generation to discover the magic you once experienced, embarking on adventures that celebrate cultures from around the world. Imagine them exploring unique themed weeks, just as you once explored the wonders of nature here. We're also delighted to welcome Madison Taylor to our talented leadership team, who will guide and champion the enduring spirit of Camp Cavell.

Looking ahead, we're opening our doors for destination weddings, offering couples the chance to start their forever in the special place that holds so many of our precious memories. And mark your calendars for this fall! We're hosting our inaugural Oktoberfest Dinner and fundraiser, a perfect opportunity to reconnect. Then, from October 22nd to 25th, join us for our unique Fiber and Folk Arts Festival, a vibrant celebration of creativity right here at camp.

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2025 CAMP CAVELL DATES



Winter Party:
February 22nd

Volunteer Weekends:
April 4th-6th, 11th-13th

Easter Egg Hunt:
April 12th

St. Clair Earth Fair:
April 25th-26th

Spring Women's Getaway:
May 2nd-4th

**Community Day
& Alumni Picnic:**
May 24th

**Friends & Family
Memorial Day Retreat:**
May 23rd-26th

Mom & Me Weekend:
May 30th-June 1st

Kids Overnight Camp:
July 6th - August 15th

Kid's Day Camp:
June 23rd - August 22nd

**Friends & Family
Labor Day Retreat:**
August 29th-September 1st

Fall Women's Getaway
Sept 18th- 21st

Oktoberfest Dinner
October 4th

Fiber & Folk Arts Festival:
October 22nd-25th

**Friends & Family
Halloween Spooktacular:**
October 17th-19th,
October 31st

Volunteer Weekend
November 7th-9th

Spring Events Wrap-Up & Looking Ahead!

We're so grateful for everyone who joined us for our exciting spring events! A huge thank you to all the participants and volunteers who made the Fundraisers, Earth Fair, Egg Hunt, Volunteer Days and The Big Give such a success. Your enthusiasm and support made these events truly special.

Easter Egg Hunt



SCC Earth Fair



The "Big Give"



Soup 4 a Cause



Volunteer Days



"i can't stop when there are lives to be saved" - Edith Cavell



Three Generations of Love for Cavell

A profound love for a true childhood camping experience runs three generations deep in Holly Morrison's family. Originating in the 1930's and carried forth into the 21st century, the Bassett family created a legacy of advocacy for Camp Cavell. While the country has endured many significant changes, the camp has retained its original charm.

"After many years of living away from Michigan, I was quite moved and emotional driving through the stand of trees at Cavell's entrance," said the youngest alumni, Holly Morrison. "Just as soon as I passed through the camp gates, I began to tear up."

Inspired by her father Arthur Bassett's assistance in creating camping experiences for children as a founding Director of Camp Oakland, Mary Elizabeth Bassett (Holly's mother) was a regular Cavell camper yet her full history there only came to light recently. After a move to Lexington, Morrison was going through photos to research familial history, with the findings a pleasant surprise.

"I always knew my mother was a Cavell Camper," said Morrison. "But now I saw photos of her as a teenage camp counselor there! She found a way to give back by being a guide for other young campers."

Bassett passed on her love of Camp Cavell to Holly and her two sisters by sending them to camp. A decision which instilled a deep commitment to continue spreading the news about the wonders of a camping experience. So much so that Holly became the director of a summer camp in the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

"Being in the middle of six children, one does not always have a clear path to self-understanding, ways to express oneself, or be heard above the noise of a large family," added Morrison. "Being at Cavell awakened such a feeling of joy, independence, & personal freedom."

While her mother may have experienced slightly different activities with more focus on "homelife," sewing, & dance skills, both loved the athletic options offered.

"I remember so much of my camp days... the other campers, counselors, and campfires but the athletic competition was remarkable," said Morrison. "I was a strong swimmer and loved the water activities, which I got from my Mother who was a champion diver, but my greatest personal achievement was with the archery bow!"

Asked to demonstrate her technique to others, the encouragement and opportunity to excel stayed with her throughout life leading to championship status later on as a member of San Francisco Bay open water, whale boat rowing crews.

As a result of her rewarding time at Camp Cavell and noting a need for assistance, Morrison has returned to a beloved stomping ground with a mission to gather other alumni to speak to the gifts the camp provides.

"I carried a love for my own experiences there. As Volunteer/Alumni Committee Chair, my time and efforts go to offering the chance for other children to feel the same way," said Morrison.

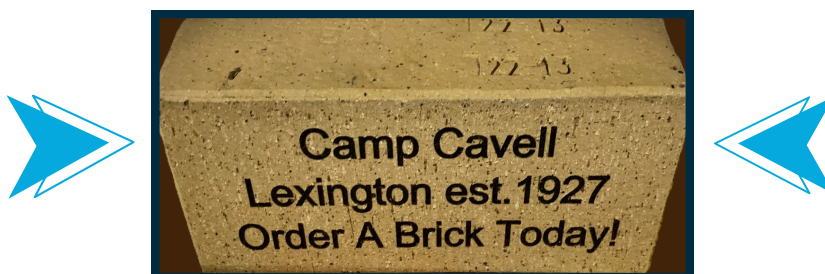


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We're thrilled to announce the launch of our commemorative Brick Campaign, a unique opportunity for you to leave a lasting mark on our organization while helping us kick-start our exciting capital campaign! By purchasing an engraved brick, you'll not only contribute vital funds to help us achieve our goals, but you'll also become a permanent part of our story. Your personalized brick will be proudly displayed on walkways around camp, symbolizing your commitment to our future. Follow the link below to purchase your commemorative brick:

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A Tale of the Tiles



Through the decades, many varieties of artistry have been celebrated on the grounds of Camp Cavell Conservancy. From nature crafts and painting to the annual Fiber Arts Festival, the camp has always been a hub of creativity. So, it should come as no surprise one of our buildings was gifted an extraordinary tile instillation many years ago by a stranger.

Specially created for Camp Cavell, Pewabic Pottery of Detroit is over 120 years old and one of the oldest operating potteries in the country. Known for innovative designs and vibrant, iridescent glazes, their artistry plays a pivotal role in the history of Detroit with installations including the Belle Isle Bridge, the Detroit Zoo, and the Detroit Institute of Arts, to name a few. Well, along with Camp Cavell of course.

Over the main fireplace in the lodge, the tiles of twenty-three are a deep turquoise & represent unique features of our hallowed land and its inhabitants. Accented with narrow ribbons of white tiles, the pottery pieces indeed tell a special story about Camp Cavell Conservancy and the adventures that lie within.

However, despite a deep dive into the archives, we cannot find any further details of who donated this generous gift and how it came about. Help us solve this mystery! If you have any information regarding this, please contact us at (810) 359-2267 or via the contact form on our website at campcavell.org.



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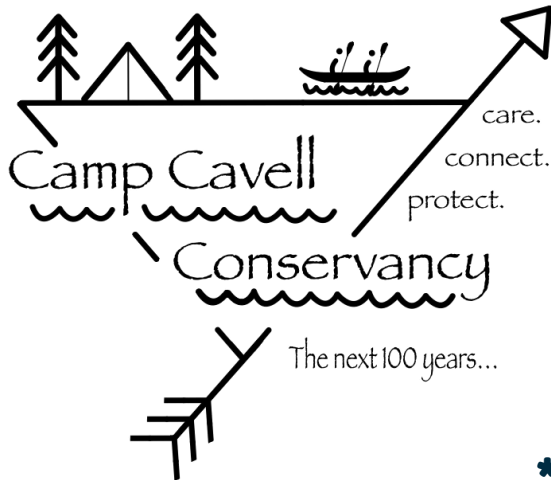


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