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LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

Teresa A. Jex, Executive Director

As we look back on this past year at Camp Cavell Conservancy, I'm grateful for the energy, collaboration, and renewed vision shaping our future. Guided by our Care, Connect, Protect philosophy, our camp community and Board of Directors (local, national, and international) have brought meaningful momentum to our programs and planning process, and we look forward to continuing this growth.

This season, we were fortunate to welcome an outstanding group of international staff and volunteers whose presence strengthens our mission to care for people, connect communities, and protect the spirit of camp. As we expand, we are preparing to host additional international partners in the coming years, including cultural exchange groups, dance groups, and Children's International Youth Village (CISV), a United Nations-affiliated youth camping program.

We also began development of Earth Learning Adventures. This new educational initiative highlights the biodiversity of our Lake Huron shoreline and honors the cultural history of the Ojibwe people, the original stewards of this land. In 2026, we plan to partner with university internship programs to support curriculum development grounded in caring for the environment, connecting learners, and protecting our natural heritage. With our 100th anniversary on the shores of Lexington approaching, we are launching a long-term Conservation and Restoration Plan. This comprehensive vision includes:

- Revitalization of the Lodge and Dining Hall.
- Rebuilding of the north-side septic system.
- Essential cabin and facility improvements.

We invite donors to join this historic effort, with giving opportunities available at all levels. To fund this critical work and strengthen our conservation future, we are inviting immediate contributions through our Legacy Brick Campaign. Gifts from this campaign will directly support the development and anticipated launch of the Camp Cavell Conservancy Fund in 2026 at the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, with plans to expand to the Sanilac and Southeastern Michigan Community Foundations. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for helping us Care, Connect, and Protect through your support of our mission!



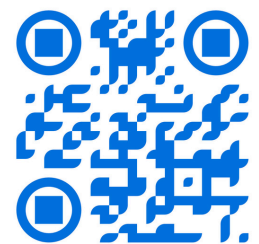
Partnering Groups



Beautiful Alumni families



Amazing Expert Volunteers



2026 CAMP CAVELL PROGRAM DATES

Valentine's Day Winter Party

February 14, 2026

St. Patrick's Day Party

March 14, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt

March 29, 2026

Spring Volunteer Weekends

April 10-11 & 17-18, 2026

Spring Women's Weekend
May 1-3, 2026

Me & My Grownup

May 22-25, 2026

Summer Camp

July 5-31, 2026

Day Camp

July 6-August 7, 2026

Labor Day Family Weekend

September 4-6, 2026

Fall Women's Weekend
September 17-20, 2026

Oktoberfest

October 10, 2026

Halloween Family Weekend

October 16-18, 2026

Thumb Fiber & Folk Arts Festival

October 21-24, 2026

Fall Volunteer Weekends

TBD

Early Bird Discounts for Returning Campers, Referrals, & Staff Volunteers of the Conservancy!

Ojibwe Land and Cultural Heritage

Long before Camp Cavell stood on this shoreline, this land was part of the traditional territory of the Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) people. For generations, they cared for these waters and forests, relying on them for fishing, hunting, and gathering. Their deep relationship with the land remains an essential part of its story.

Today, honoring that heritage helps us care for this space with respect, connect more meaningfully to the natural world, and protect the cultural traditions woven into it. To support that connection, our Indigenous staff share their knowledge and experiences with campers—teaching about the history of the tribes, the significance of this place, and the responsibility we all share to steward the land with gratitude and understanding.



How to help our mission

- Join a camp committee
- Volunteer at camp
- Participate in Volunteer Days
- Follow us on social media
- Donate needed items
- Attend camp programs
- Share your story
- Bring your friends for a rental group
- Donate to the Campership fund



Weddings at Camp Cavell

Imagine celebrating your destination wedding surrounded by the natural beauty of Lake Huron! At Camp Cavell, you can turn your special day into an unforgettable wedding weekend—complete with affordable cabins for all your guests.

Choose from a variety of scenic ceremony and reception locations: say “I do” on the Beach, host a cozy gathering in the Main Lodge or Dining Hall, celebrate under the Pavilion, exchange vows in the Woods, or enjoy breathtaking lake views from our grassy overlooks.

Wedding packages start at just \$3,000, making Camp Cavell a truly accessible and memorable destination for couples and their guests.



Sanilac Women Who Care



Girl Scout Garden



Womans Life Event

An Extra Special Thanks To:

All the donors, volunteers, & attendees at Community fundraisers!
Thanks for donating your time, talents, treasure, and services to help us reach our goals and start building for the future!

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CAMP CAVELL AND MY 65 YEARS

by Marilyn Marshall

Camp Cavell has been guided for the past hundred years by strong women, supported by dedicated men who believed in its mission. Over time, boards and staff recognized that community needs to shift with each generation and camp must evolve with them. Yet three core values have never changed: we Connect with campers of all ages, Care for everyone who comes through our gates, and Protect our beautiful camp and all participants who call Camp Cavell home.

My own connection with Camp Cavell began 65 years ago as a YWCA staff member, continued as a camper, and eventually grew into service as a board member. Each season of involvement opened new opportunities to enjoy, contribute, and dream.

That is the magic of camp: every stay is deeply personal, and every person finds something different that speaks to them.

Camp Cavell's unique environment, nestled between the shores of Lake Huron and acres of woodland, invites all who visit to learn about nature, respect it, and enjoy it safely. As we look to the future, traditional camp activities will remain, but our programming will increasingly highlight the natural world that surrounds us.

Recently, I had the honor of receiving the first Edith Cavell Award. It was incredibly humbling. Edith Cavell, a courageous nurse during World War I, set a powerful example of strength and service. I hope my years as a volunteer, camper, and board member have added in some small way to Camp Cavell's successes.

Leadership is rarely easy, but it is always worthwhile.

Now it is this generation's turn to steward the property, listen to the community, and embrace the challenges ahead. Camp continues to offer fellowship, reflection, and growth and it relies on volunteers and donors to make it all possible.

Discover opportunities for you and your family in 2026 at campcavell.org.



Alumni Corner

Campership Update: Growing Hope for Summer 2026

Thanks to our generous donors and grantors, Camp Cavell Conservancy continued to provide life-changing camperships this past season. Like many camps, we are experiencing rising food and staffing costs, which have increased the overall price of sending a child to camp. This led to fewer campers than expected this year, reminding us of the importance of financial support.

The good news is that we're taking action – and building momentum. We've launched a new collaborative partnership with several youth-serving organizations to expand outreach and open doors for more families. This group meets monthly to coordinate camper recruitment, share resources, and pursue joint fundraising and grant opportunities.

Together, we're working toward an exciting goal: to fill every 2026 summer session and serve over 600 campers!

We wish to ensure that every child who dreams of camp has the chance to experience it!

We're teaming up with other youth camps to help ensure all kids in our region enjoy an unforgettable summer – whether at Camp Cavell or through one of our partner programs.

Your support brings this vision to life. With your help, we can welcome more children, strengthen our campership fund, and spread the joy, confidence, and connection that camp inspires.

Thank you for believing in what we can build together.



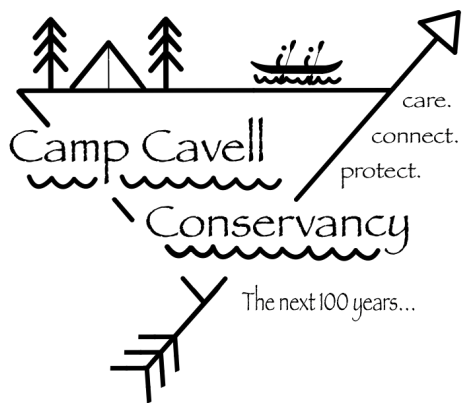
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A special thank you to our generous donors for supporting camp operations and providing a new sound system, boats, kayaks, life jackets, patio heaters, craft items, raffle prizes, and all the in-kind gifts from our Amazon wishlists.



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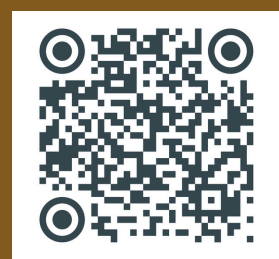
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Camp Wish List



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