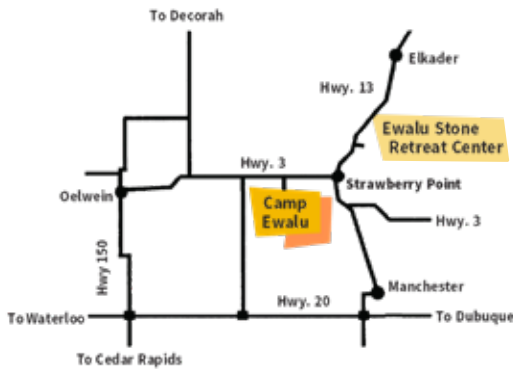


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Three miles west of Strawberry Point, situated on the Maquoketa River, with over 500 acres of land, Camp Ewalu is the ideal setting for a retreat or summer camp program. Follow the signs from Highway 3, south to Ewalu.

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



Camp Ewalu is a non-profit organization and serves all people regardless of race, age, creed, sex or national origin.

**EWALU SERVES ALL PEOPLE AS A PLACE TO CONNECT
THE WORD OF GOD WITH THE WORLD OF GOD.**

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 **GOD'S
WORD
COMES
NEAR**

**2025
SUMMER CAMP
PROGRAM GUIDE**

*Wednesday night
campfire*



Why kids & parents LOVE CAMP EWALU

Bible study at
the grotto



"Camp is the only place
where I have ever felt like
myself. Going there feels
like God is telling me that
this is where I belong."

— Ewalu camper

Kids and parents love Ewalu for lots of reasons. **Camp is a great place to have fun, try cool new things, make new friends, and grow in faith** — all while having an awesome adventure! Both kids and adults will love our highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors.

A week in Christian community at Ewalu provides campers with a **positive, safe, and life-changing faith experience**. Allow your child to experience this fun way to develop their confidence and faith.

The VALUE of coming to Camp Ewalu

Benefits of time at camp

A week immersed in Christian community at Camp Ewalu is life-changing! Parents in a recent survey* said they saw positive changes in their child, with **90% agreeing "It is clear camp had an impact on my child."**

We're here to help reinforce the values you are already modeling at home and church in fun, meaningful, and hands-on ways.

*More 2024 Sacred Playgrounds survey results below:

Donations for each child

Our prices listed reflect the gracious gifts already given to help each Ewalu camper. The true cost of providing a life-changing week at camp is more than \$800.

Thanks to generous donors, we've been able to keep our prices at a much lower rate.

(Overnight for-profit camps in the Midwest often cost \$850-\$1,200 per week, for comparison.)

Low ropes course



Making camp affordable

If your family is capable, we invite you to choose the Tier 1 pricing for your camper(s), which helps cover the cost of camp for families who choose other tiers to make camp more affordable.

No child is turned away for reasons of financial need.

Please call us for additional financial assistance.

What parents
say about Ewalu:

96% of campers liked
their counselor

91% of kids tried something
new while at camp

93% of parents satisfied
with Christian teaching

2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS

X = Sun–Fri Session • A = Sun–Tues Session • B = Wed–Fri Session • Day Camp = Mon–Fri Session

EWALU Ewamun Wapichan Leadership Unit	SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS 2025	WEEK 1 June 8-13	WEEK 2 June 15-20	WEEK 3 June 22-27	BREAK June 29- July 4	WEEK 4 July 6-11	WEEK 5 July 13-18	WEEK 6 July 20-25	WEEK 7 July 27-Aug 1	WEEK 8 Aug 3-8
Day Camp	Grades 1-3	X								
Mini-Camp	Grades 1-2			B		A B				A
Farm Mini-Camp	Grades 1-2		A B				B		A B	
Explorers	Grade 3	X	X			X	X		X	
Trailblazers	Grade 4		X	X		X		X	X	X
Foresters	Grade 5		X	X		X		X	X	X
Pioneers	Grade 6		X	X		X	X	X	X	
Night Camp	Grade 7	X				X			X	X
Splash Camp (NEW!)	Grade 8						X			
Confirmation Camp	Grades 6-9	X				X		X		X
M.A.D. Camp	Grades 6-8			X				X		
Pack and Paddle	Grades 7-9	X		X			X			X
Houseboating	Grades 9-12	X		X		X			X	
Rock & Raft	Grades 9-12		X			X				
Uplifted!	Grades 9-12		X					X	X	
Wanderers (NEW!)	Grades 9-12							X		
Family Camp		June 13-15				July 11-13		July 25-27		
Grandparent Camp				June 23-25			July 14-16			
Leadership Training	Grades 10-12	SESSION 1				SESSION 1	SESSION 2			

EARLY DISCOUNTS:

Sign up by February 28 for \$40 off most full-week youth programs (\$20 off shorter programs), or **register by April 15 for \$20 off** most full-week youth programs (\$10 off shorter programs). No code needed; applies to whatever tier you choose. *Details on back.*

NEW THIS YEAR:

Splash Camp is full of aquatic adventure for 8th graders! **Wanderers** will immerse high school campers in nature with backcountry camping and hiking.

Introducing TIERED PRICING

Camp families have differing abilities to pay for a summer camp experience at Ewalu. We're introducing a voluntary three-tier pricing structure in which you self-select the rate you can afford!

- **Tier 1** – Mostly closely reflects the 'true cost' of camp (which is more than \$800 per camper).
- **Tier 2** – Standard rate from years past, partially subsidized.
- **Tier 3** – Our most subsidized rate, for families needing more support to make camp affordable.

NOTE: All campers receive the same high-quality camp experience regardless of the payment tier chosen. Your selection is completely confidential.



MORE THAN ONE CAMPER? We've retired our Sibling Discount, but if you are registering more than one camper, you can "mix and match" at different tiers or use the same tier. It's up to you!

*The word of God is near to you –
on your lips and in your heart.
Romans 10:8*

2025 THEME: God's Word Comes Near

Each story, and every part of our lives, is shaped by words—spoken, heard, and read. The greatest story, though, is that of God's salvation for all of creation. In the beginning God spoke words to create light and life. God's Word came alive in Jesus Christ, the Savior. We read God's word in scripture. The many ways we understand "Word" are at the heart of the theme for the week, as we emphasize the importance of God's word that comes near.

The five daily themes that we'll explore in daily Bible study are: God's Word Comes Near in... Trusting, Blessing, Listening, Serving, and Following.



This year's theme

2025 Summer Programs

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NEW PRICING

Learn more about Tiered Pricing on the back. Pick the price that is best for your family!

Faith-building
ELEMENTARY
PROGRAMS



“Ewalu provides diverse experiences that will hopefully push campers out of their comfort zones and help them realize they are independent in this world. It helps kids see there is a larger world than what they’ve always known.”

— Parent of camper

MINI-CAMP

Our youngest campers will enjoy three fun-filled days at camp! Meet new friends, sleep in cozy cabins, explore the river, swim in the pool, learn about Bible stories, and cook your own food one night—all with wonderful staff excited to hang out with first-time campers! Choose a Sun.–Tues. (A) or Wed.–Fri. (B) schedule.

FARM MINI-CAMP

Spend extra time at the farm with all our animals during three awesome days at camp! Learn about animal care, help feed and groom the animals, and learn about God at campfires alongside the sounds and sights of the farm. You will get to sleep in comfortable cabins, hike on trails, go to the pool, and much more! This new program is one that animal-lovers won't want to miss! Choose a Sun.–Tues. (A) or Wed.–Fri. (B) schedule.

DAY CAMP

During this on-site program at Ewalu, campers experience all of our classic camp activities. Explore camp, learn about the Bible, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and swim at the pool. Join us Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **This is not an overnight program. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp each day.** (Families can camp out overnight in Ewalu's Hickory Campground.)

EXPLORERS

Explore more of camp during this week-long program. As an Explorer, you'll get to learn more about God's awesome love, relax by the pool, enjoy creation, make s'mores, and sleep in nice cabins. You'll also get to sing songs, watch skits, and take part in worship around a cozy campfire! There's so much to explore here at Ewalu!

TRAILBLAZERS

Find new trails at camp as you spend a week in your very own Trailblazer Village! Play outdoor games, swim in the pool and spend more time in the forest village across the Maquoketa River at Ewalu. Trailblazers will cook yummy food over a fire, participate in daily Bible studies, experience creation, and learn more about nature, all while blazing new trails in their faith!

FORESTERS

Get ready to branch out as you spend a week living in Ewalu's pine forest. Spend the nights in a woodland shelter, like a yurt or longhouse, and spend the days exploring the forest, growing in faith, and cooking meals over a fire. Bring your hiking shoes and a sense of adventure for this incredible week in the woods!



PIONEERS

Explore new frontiers as a Pioneer! Spend time on the Ewalu farm caring for the animals, test your green thumb in the garden, and experience a hoe-down to end the week! You'll also enjoy other camp activities like campfire worship, swimming, crafts, and high ropes. Hit the hay each night in a covered wagon just like the "good ol' days."

NIGHT CAMP

Have a hoot during Night Camp! You'll have a week full of night-time adventures like calling owls, gazing up at the stars, and going for a midnight swim—all while transitioning to a nocturnal schedule and back. You'll also get to share faith stories, try the High Ropes Course, cook some of your own meals, and spend time around the campfire worshipping God with your cabin-mates and counselors!

SPLASH CAMP

Calling all 8th graders! Dive into this brand-new program at Ewalu! The week will be packed full of adventure in many different types of water! We will explore local creeks, check out some whitewater, play all sorts of water games, and of course spend plenty of time enjoying the pool! Throughout all our aquatic adventures, we will dig deep into our faith and how God is working in and around us. *Trial run, offered for one week only!*

M.A.D. CAMP

Express yourself at Music, Art, and Drama (M.A.D.) Camp! Devote your week to learning an instrument, singing, harvesting clay from a local stream, writing and performing your own skits, and more. You'll swim in the pool, hike, play games, and explore your faith with friends. At night, enjoy modern cabins to rest up for the next day!

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Ramp up your confirmation classes in a powerful way! Youth and leaders will make connections with their home church through our High Ropes Course, meaningful campfires, and an overnight canoe trip. Practice faith and leadership skills, build trust, and experience God's grace that you've been learning about in this memorable week!

PACK & PADDLE

Backpack to beautiful Backbone State Park and canoe the scenic Turkey River. There will be time to enjoy the sights, climb on natural rock faces, and sit around a fire with friends and awesome counselors. Enjoy wildlife, hearty meals, chats about faith and life, outdoor challenges, and a memorable Christian community.



Leader-developing
HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAMS



“It’s a blessing to see another generation of campers in our family enjoy this special place apart, develop connections, and grow in their faith.”

— Parent of campers

Fun & memorable
CAMP EWALU
FAMILY
ADVENTURES

FAMILY CAMP

Your family is invited to Ewalu for a wonderful three-day event! Stay in cabins or pitch your tent in our family campground. You will love the variety of activities, the pool, campfires, Bible studies, games, and quality outdoor time together. Hike, swim at the pool, eat, explore, and learn in the Ewalu summer camp atmosphere with other camp-loving families. All types, sizes, and shapes of families are welcome! Register ASAP for your first choice of housing! *\$50 per family discount if you choose to stay in the Ewalu campground. This is a Friday-Sunday program.*

GRANDPARENT CAMP

Make memories as you grow in faith and enjoy fun camp activities together. Stay in the comfort of the Stone Center and join with other families in Bible study, games, campfire, and other activities, all led by your counselors. You'll also shuttle to Ewalu's main site for swimming at the pool, visiting the farm, and to participate in activities with other campers on-site. **All ages are welcome, but the program is designed for grandchildren ages 4-12.** There is a limit of four people per room. This is a Monday-Wednesday camp.



Grandparent Camp

UPLIFTED

Get off the ground and spend a week in a mobile hammock village. You'll experience (or re-experience) many traditions of other programs at Ewalu like night games, a Pioneers hoe-down, and s'mores. "Hang out" at Ewalu's many landmarks and enjoy spontaneous camp adventures while you build confidence, explore your faith, and develop your unique gifts as a leader. Bring your hammock from home or purchase one at our Camp Store!

ROCK & RAFT

Two big adventures in one week! Take on the challenges of white-water rafting the Wolf River in Northern Wisconsin and rock climbing at one of the best locations in the Midwest – Devil's Lake State Park in Wisconsin. Discover how to trust in God, yourself and others as you experience these new challenges!

HOUSEBOATING

Cruise up and down the mighty Mississippi River on a houseboat! Relax with friends, new and old, as you navigate the remote islands, wide sandy beaches, and beautiful landmarks along the river. Anchor the boat each night and enjoy swimming, games, faith conversations, and worshipful campfires on the beach.

WANDERERS

If you like to hike and be totally immersed in God's creation, then Wanderers is for you! You'll travel to a remote location where your group will experience backcountry camping, take day-trip hikes, and seek out God's word all around you. Spend your week in community with fun-loving counselors and like-minded peers, all while bearing witness to beautiful sunsets, curious wildlife, and the kind of wonder you can only find in the woods!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

During this powerful 4-week experience, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at camping ministry while growing in faith, boosting your self-confidence, and living in a Christian community. You'll learn leadership skills to practice at your school, church, community, home, or even as a future camp counselor! Serve as a role model for younger campers, and nurture your faith with a supportive group of peers. **Apply online at www.ewalu.org/LT.**

EARLY DISCOUNT

Register by FEBRUARY 28 and take \$40 off all full-week overnight youth programs (\$20 off shorter and family programs). No code needed & discount works on any tier you choose! **Register by APRIL 15 and take \$20 off** full-week overnight programs (\$10 off shorter programs). *Details online.*

Confidence-boosting
JUNIOR HIGH
PROGRAMS



“My son loves all things about camp: music, games, hiking, swimming, God talks and Bible study.”

— Parent of camper



HOW TO
REGISTER

With "tiered pricing," **you choose which tier you can afford!** Then go online to register (preferred) or fill out the form on back and mail it to Ewalu.



www.ewalu.org/Summer-Camp

More questions? Check out our FAQs at the link above, or contact the office: Office@ewalu.org or 563-933-4700.

Summer Camp REGISTRATION



Sign up online & see FAQs:
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Mail to: Camp Ewalu
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or email: office@ewalu.org

Go online to enroll one or more campers from the same household, view balance, or make payments.

Church youth groups: please mail forms together.

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

Gender _____ Preferred Pronouns _____ Grade Completing _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____

Home Congregation _____ City _____

Billing Address (if different) _____

Parent/Guardian #1 _____ Parent/Guardian #2 _____

Email _____ Email _____

Phone (Cell) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Work/Home _____ Work/Home _____

Program 1st Choice _____ Camp Week _____

Preferences 2nd Choice _____ Camp Week _____

Camp Buddy (May list more than one) _____

(Buddies will sleep in the same group. Make sure your camp buddy also names you).

Payment Information

Deposit: \$100 deposit required for all summer camp programs. Full payment is due three weeks prior to camp. Payments refundable until May 31, 2025.

No camper is EVER turned away from Ewalu for lack of ability to pay. In order to receive campership funding, please call Diane Parker, camp registrar, at 563-933-4700.

Select & write in program cost: ☐ Tier 1 (Closest to true cost of camp) \$ _____ ☐ Tier 2 (Partially subsidized, standard rate) \$ _____ ☐ Tier 3 (For families in need of more support) \$ _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____ Method of Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Card Holder Signature: _____ Billing Zip Code _____ CVC Code: _____

Name on Card: (please print) _____

Health Information

For the **Health History Form**, download at www.ewalu.org/download-summer-forms or contact Ewalu (online registrations will include form).

Questions regarding food allergies? Please refer to our website at www.ewalu.org/registration.

To the best of my knowledge, all registration information for the person described herein is correct. I give permission for my child to participate in all Ewalu program activities including but not limited to: the Cooperative/Ropes Course and trips off-site in camp vehicles; except as noted here _____. I agree that the camp, its staff, volunteers, and the vendors will not be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury, or illness arising from participation therein. I agree that Ewalu and the camp staff are not responsible for lost or damaged personal property. I also grant permission for pictures or videos taken of the individual(s) listed above to be used in publications and promotional materials.

Signature of Parent/Guardian, or adult camper (if over 18)

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Camp Fee: _____

Campership: _____

Date: _____

Deposit Paid: _____

Amount Due/Paid: _____

Check No: _____

Early Discount: _____

Check Writer: _____