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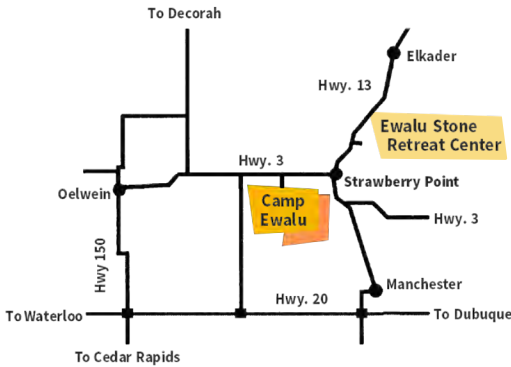
Camp & Retreat Center

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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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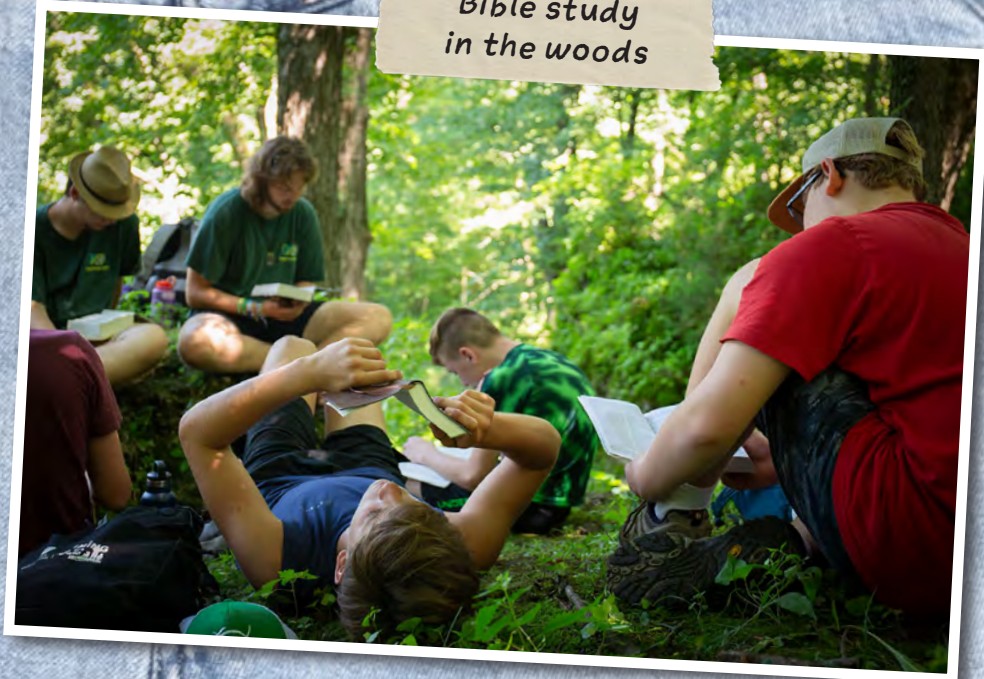
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2026 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM GUIDE

*Bible study
in the woods*



WHY KIDS & PARENTS LOVE CAMP EWALU

Hanging out at the river



"From the moment we arrived, it felt like our son was 'home.' He had a fantastic week making new friends and growing in both his confidence and his faith."

— Parent of camper

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

Campfire time!



BENEFITS OF TIME AT CAMP

A week immersed in Christian community at Camp Ewalu is life-changing! Parents in a 2025 survey* said they saw positive changes in their child, with **92% 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 2025 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.)

MAKING CAMP AFFORDABLE

If your family is capable, we invite you to choose Tier 1 pricing, which helps cover the cost of camp for families who choose other tiers. **Tier 3 pricing is our biggest subsidy ever, just 1/3 the true cost of camp if you register early! No child is turned away for reasons of financial need.** Please call us for additional financial assistance.

What parents say about Ewalu:

93% OF CAMPERS LIKED THEIR COUNSELOR

88% SAY THEIR CHILD GREW IN SELF-CONFIDENCE

94% SATISFIED WITH CHRISTIAN TEACHING

2026 SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

EWALU SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS - 2026	WEEK 1 June 7-12	WEEK 2 June 14-19	WEEK 3 June 21-26	BREAK June 28-July 3	WEEK 4 July 5-10	WEEK 5 July 12-17	WEEK 6 July 19-24	WEEK 7 July 26-31	WEEK 8 Aug 2-7
Day Camp <i>Grades 1-3</i>	X								
Mini-Camp <i>Grades 1-2</i>		A B	B		A B	B			A B
Explorers <i>Grade 3</i>	X	X			X	X		X	
Trailblazers <i>Grade 4</i>		X	X		X		X	X	X
Foresters <i>Grade 5</i>		X	X		X		X		X
Pioneers <i>Grade 6</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	
Night Camp <i>Grade 7</i>	X				X			X	X
Splash Camp <i>Grade 8</i>		X				X			
Confirmation Camp <i>Grades 6-9</i>	X				X		X		X
M.A.D. Camp <i>Grades 6-8</i>			X				X		
Pack & Paddle <i>Grades 7-9</i>			X			X			X
Houseboating <i>Grades 9-12</i>	X		X		X		X		
Rock & Raft <i>Grades 9-12</i>		X							
Uplifted! <i>Grades 9-12</i>		X					X		
Boundary Waters <i>Grades 9-12</i>				X					
True North (NEW!) <i>Grades 9-12</i>								X	
Family Camp	June 12-14				July 10-12				
Grandparent Camp			X			X			
Leadership Training <i>Grades 10-12</i>	SESSION 1				SESSION 1	SESSION 2			

EARLY DISCOUNTS:

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

NEW THIS YEAR:

True North brings service and high adventure together for an incredible immersive experience at Ewalu! For Grades 9-12, one week only.

HOW TO USE 'TIERED PRICING'

Camp families have differing abilities to pay for a summer camp experience at Ewalu. Our voluntary three-tier pricing structure lets 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. **Even LOWER this year thanks to a generous estate gift!**

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 you can "mix and match" at different tiers or use the same tier. It's up to you!



"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience." — Colossians 3:12

2026 THEME: WEAR LOVE

Consider your favorite piece of clothing. Behind each garment is a story: the fibers, the hands that crafted it, and the care required to stay in your wardrobe. Love, much like clothing, has a journey. It is woven into our lives, connecting us to others and guiding our actions.

As Paul writes to the Colossians, love binds us together through virtues that we'll explore each day: kindness, humbleness, calmness, steadfastness, and forgiveness. These qualities strengthen our relationships, reflecting God's love in every interaction and aligning us with the values that create the good life God wants for all of us. In daily Bible study, campers will discover stories of individuals who illustrate God's love in action.

Zip line!



2026 SUMMER PROGRAMS

This year's theme:



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KEEPING CAMP AFFORDABLE!

Thanks to an ongoing gift, our **Tier 3 prices are lower than ever**, making a camp experience possible for more families!

Faith-building ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS



"My kids have a blast at Ewalu every year! Our family has enjoyed 3 generations of campers here. They love the programs, counselors, and friends they've made."

— Parent of campers

DAY CAMP

Completing 1st-3rd \$165 • Early Discount: \$155 if registered by Feb. 28

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 are welcome to camp out overnight in Ewalu's Hickory Campground.)

MINI-CAMP

Completing 1st-2nd Tier 1: \$320 • Tier 2: \$270 • Tier 3: \$120

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, visit the farm 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.

EXPLORERS

Completing 3rd Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 4th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 5th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 6th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 7th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 8th Tier 1: \$680 • Tier 2: \$580 • Tier 3: \$280

Dive into the second year of this new program at Ewalu, which was a huge hit last year! The week will be packed full of adventure in many different types of water. We will explore local creeks, check out some whitewater in NE Iowa, 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.

M.A.D. CAMP

Completing 6th-8th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 6th-9th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 7th-9th Tier 1: \$680 • Tier 2: \$580 • Tier 3: \$280

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.

EARLY DISCOUNT

Register by **FEBRUARY 28** and take **\$40 off** full-week overnight youth programs (save \$20 or \$10 for shorter programs). No code needed, good on any tier you choose! **Register by APRIL 15** and take **\$20 off** full-week overnight programs (\$10 off Mini-Camp). Details online.

Confidence-boosting JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAMS



"Our daughter had a wonderful time and was able to step out of her box and try new things, and learn more about God."

— Parent of camper



Leader-developing HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS



"Camp is truly a special place for kids to be with peers and have that carefree summer experience we're all looking for in a time where daily life is often fast-paced and structured. Thank you for everything you do to provide that!"

— Parent of camper

TRUE NORTH

NEW!

Completing 9th-12th \$380 individuals • \$360 if registered with group Tier 3: \$240 (\$40 off all prices if registered by Feb. 28)

This unique, immersive experience is part service camp and part adventure camp with a reality game show-inspired format. Come together and build resilience in a faith-centered camp environment while serving and playing in the Driftless Region. Explore who God is calling you to be. Find your adventure - find your True North!

UPLIFTED

Completing 9th-12th Tier 1: \$640 • Tier 2: \$540 • Tier 3: \$240

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

Completing 9th-12th Tier 1: \$720 • Tier 2: \$620 • Tier 3: \$320

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

Completing 9th-12th Tier 1: \$750 • Tier 2: \$650 • Tier 3: \$350

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.

BOUNDARY WATERS

Completing 9th-12th Tier 1: \$700 • Tier 2: \$600 • Tier 3: \$300

Voyage by canoe through the serene wilderness of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northern Minnesota to the edge of Canada. You'll travel through remote lakes and forests, live in simplicity, and take in the beauty of the wilderness. Explore the joys of life and faith along with mind-blowing sunsets, incredible wildlife, and inspiring night skies. Canoe experience is encouraged and swimming skills are required.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Completing 10th-12th No cost; small stipend paid to participants

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.**

Grandparent Camp



Fun & memorable CAMP EWALU FAMILY ADVENTURES

FAMILY CAMP

\$135/adult, \$110/child (ages 4-14), FREE for ages 1-3
Early Discount: \$125/adult, \$100/child if registered by Feb. 28

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

\$180/adult, \$155/child
Early Discount: \$170/adult, \$140/child if registered by Feb. 28

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 our 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.

REGISTER NOW!

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:
www.Ewalu.org/Summer-Camp

Mail to: Camp Ewalu
37776 Alpha Ave.
Strawberry Point, IA 52076
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, 2026.
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: _____