



The Camp Eastman Current



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Still Just One Thin Dime



Do you remember Addie May? No, we're not talking about Mrs. Eastman, our benefactor, or about Josephine, who is buried over by the Scoutcraft Area. She was no relation to Clementine, and bore only a passing resemblance to Ruby Begonia. Our Addie May was a slow-moving painted lady who used to paddle around on the river in front of Camp Eastman, serving drinks and blaring loud and mostly tasteless music over the water in every direction. She was born in Grafton, IL in 1923, weighed about 29 tons, and was motivated by a

stern-mounted paddle wheel powered by either an Allis-Chalmers farm tractor, or by a hybrid gasoline/diesel "Rube Goldberg" engine. She leisurely trolled our river space from some time before the 1950's until 1982, when she lumbered upriver, (under her own power, to the amazement of those who knew and loved her) in search of more respectable waters. Every summer as she wallowed by, scouts and staff in the Camp Eastman Aquatics Program would occasionally race her in camp sailboats, rowboats and canoes, (our boy scout sense of fair play usually ruled out the use of any motorized craft against her). There is even an undocumented legend of a fully-feathered flotilla of Silver Tomahawk tribesmen simulating a raid on the Addie May in mid-cruise. As the story goes, they were eventually fended off by inebriated patrons on board the open upper deck, shouting unintelligible but unkind comments and threatening to throw stuff overboard.

After 1982, with a fresh coat of garish red and white paint and a new Bose sound system, the Addie May flounced about the Upper Mississippi River in the vicinities of Princeton, IL, Guttenberg, IA, and Prairie Du Chien, WI, for a number of years until new marine environmental regulations targeted her antiquated sewage treatment system and brought her long career as a party girl on the Mississippi to an undignified end. But even then, the oldest operating paddlewheeler on the Mississippi wasn't ready to give up. Then-owner Ray Childs and his family piloted the Addie May back down the Mississippi and up the Ohio to a new home, a new owner, a new hull, and actual bow thrusters, (so she can now maneuver both left and right, if needed). Although we don't have a current photograph to share, the Addie May (most likely under an assumed name) is now plying the Monongehela and Allegheny Rivers in and near Pittsburgh, PA. At press time, we have failed to confirm a report that her new color scheme is mostly purple, but her profile is said to be unmistakable against the Steel City skyline near 3-Rivers Stadium.

So, gentlemen, take off your hats (or hairpieces), hold them over your hearts, and raise a Mountain Dew to the painted lady of our youth, the one with the 5-degree starboard list, a two-mile oil slick, and an unnatural fondness for Creedance Clearwater Revival... There will never be another Addie May.



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A BUSY TUESDAY AT CAMP



Map and compass work at T-2-1

CAMPSITE INSPECTIONS

Yesterday these troops received perfect scores: 3/242, 71, 61/126, 54, 65, 626, 53, and 67. Inspector Ell says all campsites continue to look good.



“Nothing so needs reforming as other people’s habits” Mark Twain
 “Youthful friendships are among the greatest things in life.” John Dos Pasos

Wednesday Activities

Family Night

5:00 Dinner

7:45 Flags

8:00 Family night
Campfire

Tribe of The Silver
Tomahawk Call-Out

Mickey shows young scouts how to orient a map



A scout receives help in basketry



Today’s Menu*

Breakfast

French toast
bacon

Lunch




Sloppy Joes
Mac & cheese
Green beans
cookie

Dinner

Chicken & noodles
Mashed potatoes/gravy
Corn
Dessert

*Menu subject to change

Weather Forecast—Wednesday July 27th

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
		
High 95° F	Low 75° F	High 92° F
Mostly sunny Precip: 20%	Partly cloudy Precip 30%	Partly Sunny Precip: 40%
Highs in mid 90’s Winds S 10 to 15 mph Heat index 106	Lows mid 70’s Winds S 10 to 15 mph heat index 104	Highs lower 90’s Winds SW 5 to 10 mph heat index 107
Sunrise: 5:44 AM	Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 5:45 AM