

Camp Courageous **Courier**

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Pineapple Gala



August 15, 2025 • 6 PM • DoubleTree, Cedar Rapids

**Silent & Live Auctions,
Hawaiian Dinner,
Camp Program, and more!**

2025 Auctions will be online with Qtego!

Gala auctions will be presented by Qtego, the #1 auction platform in the nation. Qtego staff will be assisting on-site.



Watch for the Pineapple Sales at area Hy-Vee Stores coming in early August.

Scan the QR code or visit the Gala web page at <https://campcourageous.org/pineapple-gala> for ticket and auction details.

MAIL-IN FORM FOR TICKET ORDERS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2025 PINEAPPLE GALA & AUCTION

NAME: _____

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- We would like a table for 10 at \$750.
- We would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$75 each.
- We would like to donate the auction item(s):**

- We would like to make a donation to the Gala of \$ _____

We would like to be a GALA SPONSOR...

✓	LEVEL	AMOUNT	Receive up to...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronze	\$1,000	1 Table (10 seats)
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All sponsors will receive special recognition during the ceremonies and identification in promotional material developed for the event.



2025 Cruisin' for Camp Courageous had another wonderful year!



The 38th annual Cruisin' for Camp Courageous, presented by the Cedar Valley Street Rods, was a huge success! We could not have asked for better weather on Sunday, May 18th. The wonderful weather brought out many show participants and a huge crowd enjoying the day filled with music, food, games, auctions, and stunning vehicles. Camp Courageous cannot say THANK YOU enough for all who attended with a vehicle or just came to take it all in.

The line of vehicles was as far as the eye could see when the Cedar Valley Street Rods car club opened the gate to start parking vehicles. Camp is indebted to this car club for all the hard work they put in for months ahead of show day, as well as all their volunteers that help out. Thank you to the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club for their assistance in setting up as well as cleaning up the day of the show. To all the volunteers that rolled their sleeves up the day of the show to help make this event a success. To all the amazing sponsors from major sponsors to sponsors that donated items for the auctions. Without your support this show would not be what it is now.



This year's show went to a "Top 50" award show. There were so many beautiful vehicles on the grounds making the Top 50 nearly impossible. The final award of the day was the Spectator's Choice awarded to Chad Kreel from Mechanicsville, IA with a 2018 McLaren Spider. Congratulations to all the winners.

The 2025 "Cruisin' for Camp Courageous" car show Committee started working on this event shortly after the 2024 show. This wonderful group works on finding and picking up donations, making connections with car clubs and people making sure they know about Cruisin', and helping out anywhere it's needed to make Cruisin' a success!

CEDAR VALLEY STREET RODS CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Camp Courageous has been very fortunate to have Camp's dear friends, the Cedar Valley Street Rods, as super friends, and supporters for the vast majority of their history. A huge turnout of past and current members, recently took place to celebrate their 50-years. Four of the original members were on hand and received unique 50th Anniversary Doors that had been pinstriped. **(L-R) Brad Johnson, Dave Swenka, Roger Hindman, and Whitey Hermanson.** The C.V.S.R. began supporting Camp Courageous in 1984, when they bought several hundred dollars' worth of Life Investors 25th Anniversary Sports Car Raffle Tickets. From then on we were hooked on each other. Camp Courageous became the charity to benefit from their car shows like the Cannonball Run. They made sidewalks for the camp and they painted the interior of the prior pool. They built the current Arts and Crafts Building and more than anything, they have been dear friends for decades. Dozens of the nicest people one could ever meet! Congratulations!



FUEL Iowa's Annual Golf Outing Benefit for Camp Courageous was held at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City, IA. It was an exceptional sold-out event! There were many new players entering this year's event, including 20-University of Iowa Football Players! It was a good opportunity to rekindle old relationships along with making many new friends. Participants enjoyed a great day for golf. The golfing was followed by a wonderful dinner, program, and an auction to raise funds for Camp Courageous. Camp would like to thank all the participants, sponsors, staff, and FUEL Iowa for making this annual benefit possible.



The FUEL Iowa's annual Golf Outing Benefit for Camp Courageous would not be the huge success it is, without the dedicated FUEL Iowa staff. (L-R) Jim Ewing, Director, Membership & Business Services; John Maynes, President, Government Affairs; Gary Koerner, CEO; and Sarah Bowman, Director, Communications & Events.



For a second year in a row, the Champion Golf Team included Camp Courageous Board Member, Bruce Scheff (R). Gary Koerner presents the award to Greg Strelow, Brad Laughren, Brad Meyers, and Bruce Scheff. The group gave back their winnings to be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to Camp. Super group!

Always a treat to have John & Mary Gilroy of Coralville at this event. They generously donated a beautiful extended van that is used to transport campers to and from camp and events.



It is a huge and needed addition to Camp's programs. The van is called 'GO VAN' after the Gilroy/O'Neill Family. John and Mary have been involved in camp for decades through Harney Oil and through Mary's work at the University of Iowa Foundation with camp's dear friend, Dave Dierks. In addition, the Gilroys provided Lazer Tag for the Camp a couple years ago...a HUGE hit with campers! Mary and friends helped wrap 100s of gifts for campers for this year's holiday parties. When Santa arrived via helicopter, Mary was there at Durgin Pavilion...personally feeling the energy of hundreds of campers, so s...and with tears in her eyes she said, "I will remember this day for the rest of my life..." The Gilroys are the best of the best....



Glenn Hasken, Camp Courageous Board Member, and past FUEL Iowa Chair worked the putting green contest for Camp Courageous but needed to leave around 3:30 PM to catch a plane. However, not to miss an opportunity to promote Camp, he cut a video encouraging fellow members to buy the limited-edition Camp Courageous/Fuel Iowa 1954 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery Vehicle (donated by Dave Bell, SpecCast, Dyersville, IA). It was a great success!



Here is a group that is very near and dear to my heart (L-R) Jim Mulgrew, whose Dad, Pat Mulgrew, was among the earliest supporters of Camp Courageous through FUEL Iowa out of Dubuque; Randy Woodard, Chair of Elliott Oil out of Ottumwa, whose father-in-law, Jim Elliott was an early supporter; Bruce Brooke's Dad, Tom Brooke from West Liberty was among the first to take Camp Courageous under the FUEL Iowa wing in 1981; Charlie; and Larry Bentler of Fairfield, IA Dad, LeRoy Bentler, from Houghton, IA was among the first Petroleum Marketers to visit Camp Courageous and decided to take Camp under their wing in 1981 and Larry continues to be actively involved in the industry and camp! It is extremely heartwarming to me to see the next generation following in the footsteps of such good and caring families. Without their Dad's faith in Camp Courageous and me, 45-years ago, we would not be where we are today...-Charlie

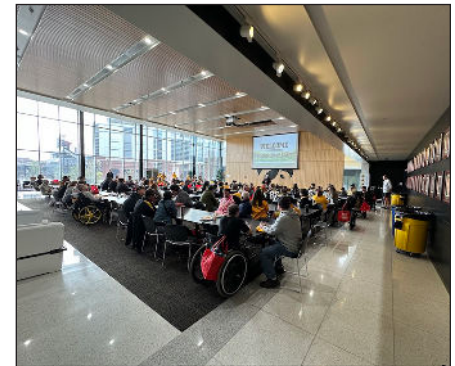


A special thank you to **Kirk Ferentz and the University of Iowa Senior Football players** for making a dream come true for dozens of Camp Courageous Campers! Thank you to Joseph 'Sam' Brinks, Assistant Director of Player Development for doing the behind-the-scenes work orchestrating the event at the University of Iowa Hansen Performance Center. All are exceptional!

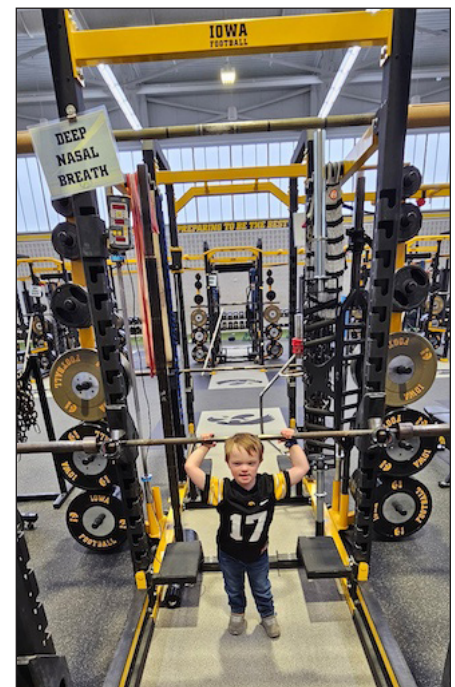


Left to right: Tim Thill, Camille Willett, Jacque Hager, Kirk Ferentz, Glenn Hasken and Kory Kessler.

Key to the success of the day is Camp Courageous Board Member, Glenn Hasken, along with Molo Companies in Dubuque who sponsor the event and play a HUGE role in the success of the day. They donated and prepared a huge breakfast the night before, brought it in roaster and containers early and serve it out, along with a huge variety of drinks and additional food.



Along with campers and players receiving a great breakfast, they received a t-shirt, head gear, posters to be signed and a bag to carry all the goodies. We can not say enough good about the players...they were as good as they come...each pouring their hearts out to make sure this day was extra special for the campers! After a great breakfast, campers took their free items for the players and coach to sign. Then they preceded to tour the facilities, ending on the practice field tossing and kicking the football with the players. It was a wonderful day filled with memories that will last a lifetime.



Camp Courageous would like to extend the deepest gratitude to Chuck and **Karen Fountain** for their incredibly generous



donation of medical supplies. Their heartfelt gift included two hospital beds, wheelchairs, bedside tables, a recliner, a shower chair, Hoyer lifts, and many other essential items that will make a meaningful difference in the care we provide.

Thanks to their support, the nursing department is better equipped to meet the needs of the many campers we'll served this summer. These supplies will allow camp to provide a higher level of comfort, accessibility, and safety for individuals with medical needs, from personal care routines to mobility support. Each item will directly impact a camper's camp experience in a positive and lasting way.

On behalf of everyone at Camp Courageous, thank you, Chuck and Karen, for being part of the Camp family and helping us continue to provide a safe, empowering, and joyful experience for all.



A huge thank you to **Kathy Nelson** (back left) for organizing this group of ladies to carpool to Camp Courageous for a grand tour. We had an absolutely WONDERFUL morning! We visited about the old days of Beta Sigma Phi (international noncollegiate sorority), when they were actively involved with several large fund raisers for Camp Courageous. That was a time few had heard of the Camp. These ladies broke off and became the 'Sassy Sisters', also doing business as the 'most lovely minded and socially respected women of the community'...got-to-love them! We reminisced about Dotty Cummins, who was a sister, and so much of the Camp's past. They were a delight to have at camp, and were all overwhelmed by the goodness they saw... We appreciated the opportunity...and open it up to others who would like to visit.

A Big thank you to **Laura and Phil White** for your generous donation of medical supplies to Camp Courageous. Your thoughtful contribution plays a vital role in helping us provide a safe and supportive environment for the campers. Camp is so grateful for your continued kindness and support!



A special thank you to **Dan & Teresa Scheeler** for their generous donation of beanie babies and stuffed animals during the Cruisin' for Camp Courageous event!



Your kindness brought big smiles to the Campers at Camp Courageous, and your thoughtful gift will be cherished by many. Thank you for sharing your joy and compassion with Camp!



A heartfelt thank you to **Iowa Mustangs Unstabled and Christie Inman** for their incredible generosity during the Cruisin' for Camp Courageous event!

The group donated much-needed items from Camp's wish list and generously supported the Campership Fund—helping more individuals with disabilities enjoy the life-changing experiences Camp offers.

Your support means the world to Camp Courageous. Thank you for making a lasting impact!

It was a wonderful treat to have **Twila Griffith and Doug Daubenberger** visit Camp Courageous, while out for a Saturday morning drive. Both



are widowed from wonderful spouses. Doug's roots are in Quasqueton and grew up with the late, former board member, Phil Short and family. Twila is from Dubuque. Twila's husband, Darly Griffith was my exceptional high school Earth Science teacher. Mr., Griffith was ahead of his time, with Earth Day just starting when I was in his class in 1970. I told Twila, I wasn't an 'A' student, but from the inspiration of Mr. Griffith came solar panels at Camp Courageous, saving the Camp



over \$120,000/year and in my personal life where solar panels power everything and the planting of thousands of trees, most from seedlings...

most at a rate 250-trees/year at Camp and 250/year at home. They received a royal tour! The Griffiths have been long time supporters of Camp Courageous and Doug had heard so much about the Camp from Tait Cummins and WMT, but he could not believe what he was seeing. Can't say enough good about these two!



Fruitcake Volunteers Needed on August 24th-27th!
Phone: 319-465-5916



Honorary Board Members Denny & Janet Zahrt of Bettendorf, IA were the first to buy a table for the 2025 Pineapple Gala! Along with buying a table, they continue to solicit donations for the live and silent auction. Here they show a beautiful fourteen karat white gold diamond pendant, with a polished bezel set mounting containing one round brilliant cut diamond weighing 0.46 carat having the color and clarity grading of G S12. The pendant is finished with a fourteen-karat white gold diamond cut cable chain measuring 18 inches in length. The pendant was hand crafted by James Revell, a regular donor to the Pineapple Gala for decades! Value is \$1,700... and will be in the live auction. If you would like to buy a table, or seats at the Pineapple Gala...or if you have items to donate to the Pineapple Gala...one can email cchecker@campcourageous.org or call 319/465-5916 extension 2100...This is camp's largest one day fund raiser. Thank you!



A special thank you to **Jaime Phelps** who sprayed the entire Camp, inside and out for bugs, that could present a danger to campers, staff, and guests, as a donation. Jaime is Regional Operations Manager for Plunkett Pest Control.



(L-R) **Cid Chatfield and Carol Boge** of Dubuque, delivered hundreds-of-dollars in supplies for Camp Courageous' arts & crafts program. Cid (Cindy) started at Camp Courageous in 1978 as an intern from the University of Northern Iowa and worked through 1980. She later came back in the 90s and worked a couple years. She was an exceptional leader...very dedicated to the campers and their needs. That dedication for those with special needs carried on in her career at Hills & Dales and at Luther Manor, all in Dubuque. Cid's dear parents realized firsthand the hard work, long hours, and dedication of the staff and would invite the staff over for meals, regularly. Miss them all...

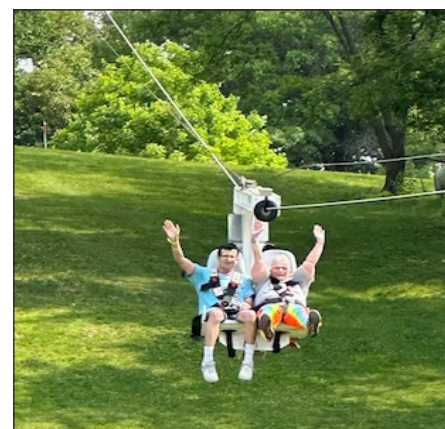


A huge thank you to **Paul D. Knapp** of Marion, IA for making and delivering 40-bird houses to Camp Courageous to have the campers decorate and place as future homes for the birds. Paul is a retired Biology teacher from Linn-Mar and was in the construction business. He has made thousands of birdhouses that can be seen all over the US and several foreign countries. Paul makes the birdhouses out of recycled and repurposed product...thus keeping things out of the landfill! A super nice gentleman, who we are so grateful for his labor of love.



(L-R) **Partner Pat and Jan** visit the newly remodeled South Cabin...loved the new look...with the quilts on the bed...and the feeling of being in an old log cabin.

It was a treat to have former Camp Director, Jan Meier, of North Carolina visit Courageous! Jan led the program back in 70s for a couple years, during some of the most memorable times of her life. Lifetime friendships and experiences were born from those years. Jan is a total joy and ball of energy to be around. So fortunate she took the time to stop and tour and visit!



Jan joins a camper on the Zipline! Obviously having a GREAT time!

"Charlie...thank for the beautiful gift of your time and camp experience this morning. My heart is full...and after meeting so many of CC current staff I am confident that CC continues to be in the hands of BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. The greetings and smiles on the faces of campers say that CAMP is...as it always has been...an AWESOME place to be!!Charlie I am grateful for YOU ...and your continued leadership at CC We are ALL BLESSED to be a part of this AMAZING journey!" -Jan



I had a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Mary Jane and John Engquist of Waterloo, IA (before that Jesup). What a delightful couple! I love the opportunity to learn about people's past, and the Engquist are a fascinating couple, having met in Virginia, and eventually returned to Mary Jane's roots in Jesup, after John retired in 1996 from Potomac Electric. They have been married for 49-years...both outdoorsy folks who love to hike and enjoy all there is to see, across this beautiful country. Mary Jane's sister is Emi Zuck (Dale) of Jesup...all great Camp supporters. Of course, we hit it off when I learned his first car was a 1963 VW Squareback. During this visit, John & Mary Jane donated to the Camp Perpetual Fund and donated 18 limited edition and signed prints...that are absolutely stunning, along with some stuffed animals as gifts for the campers! Sixteen of the prints are Charles L. Peterson works. Peterson does a remarkable job of providing reflections in his works. Peterson's "Memories Collection" of limited-edition prints combine the elements of an old, forgotten site with the very subtle reflection of the special times that are still real for those who remember. In addition, they donated two Jesse Barnes limited edition prints that are gorgeous winter scenes. Jesse Barnes was nicknamed "The Light Painter" for his pioneering work in creating lighting effects with paint. Barnes also has at least one owl included somewhere in almost every painting he produces.. One will be able to see some of this collection in the coming days on the Camp Courageous Pineapple Gala Auction site. We are grateful to the Engquist for sharing their treasurers with Courageous. Super couple! -Charlie



The Bi-State VW Club have been attending Cruisin' for Camp Courageous for decades...with this year being no exception. They brought car & bus loads of donations, not only from the needs list, but also a check for \$2,000+. The group raises money for Camp Courageous the year round and presents it at Cruisin'. Thank you to the Bi-State VW Club ...super group!

Camp Courageous Waffle Breakfast & Open House

\$10
Adults

\$5
Children
under 12

Sunday, September 28th 8am-Noon

**Fresh made-to-order Belgian Waffles,
Sausage, OJ, Milk and Coffee**

Toppings include Strawberries, Blueberries, Whip Topping, Maple or Chocolate Syrup

Cookies BBQ benefit for
Wagon **Camp Courageous**
Monticello Fareway Selling pulled pork, ribs,
Parking Lot and other items with a
October 15-17, 2025 portion of all sales going
to Camp Courageous!



Thank you to **Geoff Stamp** (to the left of the Rotary Banner) for giving Camp Courageous the opportunity to visit about the Camp with his local Owatonna, MN Rotary Club. It is a very involved, friendly, and dynamic Club! I had the good fortune to student teach under Geoff Stamp's Dad, Keith, in 1976 and Geoff's Mother, Sandy, was a wonderful Camp Courageous nurse for decades! The Stamp Family continues to be wonderful supporters of Camp Courageous, and Camp has worked closely with Geoff over the years, with his work at Principal. Geoff is a person of exceptional integrity.



(L-R) Jerry Lancaster, Mark Brecht, Dave Nichols, Tracy Hayward, Wayne Neville, Chuck Thornton

Camp's journey began with the **Walleye Crandic Group at the annual Fishing Derby** to benefit Camp Courageous, where Dave Nichols, President, and others helped with weighing, measuring, and assisting campers with fishing.

The Walleye Crandic Group wanted to get more involved, and they did so by having Camp Courageous provide a program introducing the camp as a whole, while also connecting them with the fishing program at Lake Todd. Fishing is an activity that campers can use throughout their lives as a method of relaxation, exercise, and outdoor enjoyment.

Their involvement led Camp to receive fishing poles, gear, night crawlers, and even the construction of a basic storage area for terminal tackle in the newly built the tackle box, keeping the donated items organized and accessible. They also built three collapsible carts (pictured here) to be stored in the building, making it easier to transport all the fishing gear to the accessible fishing docks at Lake Todd. Camp Courageous was grateful to the team for providing a Camp Courageous Fishing 101 class during counselor orientation week as camp prepares for the arrival of campers for the 2025 summer sessions.

Thank you to Dave and the Walleye Crandic Group for all of your current involvement and for your ongoing support well into the future.



Camp Courageous would like to thank **Barb Miller** (3rd from the left) for inviting Camp Courageous to give a program to their Waterloo Kiwanis Club. This Club (picture is just a small portion of those who attended) has a great history in the area going back over 100-years to 1920. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. This Club is made up of exception individuals, who are very involved in the community! We are grateful for their support! Programs on Camp Courageous are available 24/7/365...drop an email to: cbecker@campcourageous.org for more information



Thank you to the west **Delaware schools** for helping at the garage sale today. They help get out summer items and clean up around the building. We appreciate all your help.



(L-R) Elsie & Jim Foels and Margo Ahrendsen (Camp Board Members)--Fr. Jack Clair- Misericordia, Brad Prendergast-C.U.B.S. and Alex Padilla-Misericordia. Six exceptional individuals!

Camp Courageous had the honor to welcome **Father Jack Clair, President/Executive Director of Misericordia Home, and Alex Padilla**, who is a house parent, electrician, and has worn many hats at Misericordia.

Misericordia offers a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged. By serving society's most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia also serves the families who want the best for them yet cannot provide it at home.

Through a spectrum of residential options on its 37-acre Chicago campus and in the community, and with a wide variety of programs, Misericordia currently serves more than 600 children and adults residentially, from diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds. Twenty percent of our residents either come from poverty families or have no families and are wards of the State.

Camp Courageous first became familiar with Misericordia when long time leader of the Chicago Urban Bicycle Society (C.U.B.S.), Jerry Turry, introduced Camp Courageous. Jerry & Nancy Turry had a daughter, Jenny, who was a resident of Misericordia. About 10-years ago Board Member Jim Foels and camp's director, Charlie Becker spent a full day exploring 100% of Misericordia. We came away extremely impressed! Attorney, Brad Prendergast, took Jerry's place as the leader of the C.U.B.S. and along with supporting Camp Courageous through RAGBAI, they were huge volunteers and supporters of Misericordia.

After COVID, the camp that Misericordia had been using closed. Jack turned to the internet to find a camp and he discovered Camp Courageous.made the call... and took his precious time to personally visit. Along with Jack & Alex, Brad Prendergast also drove from Chicago to spend a day at Courageous.

It was an extremely fruitful day, as we learned more about each other's programs...and look forward to 2026 possibly having a week dedicated to residents of Misericordia.

Thus, we have come full circle... all wonderful people...dedicated to those with disabilities.



Irene Stephan has been busy making quilts for Camp Courageous. Irene even gets her friends **Lisa Portz** and **Patty Puetz** involved when it come to the finishing touches of tying. From the sounds of it, these three enjoy their time visiting while making beautiful quilts. These wonderful ladies made the trip to Monticello to deliver their labor of love to Camp Courageous. Campers are sure to enjoy their wonderful work. *(L-R, Irene Stephan, Lisa Portz & Patty Puetz)*



Wayne & Donna Hall, from Anamosa, were long time supporters of Camp Courageous. After they passed, the family spent months organizing and boxing all their possessions perfectly, to give to Camp Courageous. We cannot thank the Hall Family enough for all their work to make this donation the exceptional donation it was. Some of their items came to Camp to benefit the campers, and some items headed to the Camp Courageous Manchester Garage Sale...all doing good for future generations. (L-R) Helper, Isaac Kray; daughter-in-law, Diana Hall; grandson, Ben Brewer; daughter, Jill Brewer; and helper Lawrence Behnke. Great group of hard workers!

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Camp Courageous has had the wonderful fortune to know **Arlene Thompson** for over 30-years. Arlene and her husband, Wayne, have lived on a beautiful farm in NE Iowa near Maynard-Fayette. Arlene has been on that farm for over 50-years. Wayne passed in 2014 at the age of 84. Arlene was a long-time teacher, with a heart of gold for her students and for others. In March of 2019 she decided to donate her collection of Hummels to Camp Courageous. Six-years later, Camp traveled to Arlene's home to gather the last 10 boxes of Hummels. Each beautiful Hummel had a story, and it has been heartwarming over the years to have Arlene personally travel to Camp, with a carload of Hummels and show and explain each. We will forever treasure those times together. Her exceptional organizational skills and knowledge of Hummels is a one-of-a-kind. Arlene started collecting Hummels in 1971, when a friend gave her one as a gift. The plan is to have Arlene's Hummel Collection sold to one person or organization, thus staying together, otherwise the pieces will be sold separately. The proceeds from this collection will go to the Camp's Perpetual Fund, and thus Arlene will be supporting Camp Courageous forever. If you or someone you know may be interested in this collection, please contact Charlie Becker, cbecker@campcourageous.org or 319/480-5302 ext. 2100.



The History of Hummel Figurines

The history of Hummel figurines begins with a Bavarian nun Berta Hummel in the early 20th century. Hummel assumed the name of Sister Maria Innocentia in 1931 when she joined a Franciscan convent in southern Germany. Having just completed art school, Hummel dabbled in painting during her early days, depicting the jolly likenesses of rosy-cheeked children in her works. Her fellow sisters encouraged her and even suggested that she sell her work. It was through such sales that Hummels eventually arrived on the desk of Franz Goebel, the director of a German pottery company. Inspired by Hummel's endearing designs, Goebel negotiated a collaboration with the Bavarian nun to transform her paintings into ceramic pieces. Goebel Hummel figurines debuted to the public at the 1935 Trade Fair in Leipzig, Germany, and their success was immediate. Within months, Goebel's company had begun work on more than 40 additional designs. However, this rapid ascent was cut short in subsequent years with the rise of Nazi control of Europe. Nazi forces soon limited and ultimately ceased Hummel production. They also shuttered the convent that Hummel called home in 1940. Berta Hummel died in 1946 following the

end of World War II, succumbing to tuberculosis at the young age of 37. However, the legacy she had begun would live on. Goebel restarted production of Hummel figurines that same year, and soon thereafter, the delightful collectibles were back in demand. They became particularly popular among American troops stationed in Europe, whose export of Hummels back to the United States as souvenirs for family members fueled early American interest. Goebel worked with immensely talented artists over the years to ensure that the quality and artistry of each Hummel figurine was exceptional and of the same standards as Hummel herself would have expected.

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1960-1963:



1960-1972:



1964-1972:



1972-1979:



1979-1990:



1990-1999:



1999-2008:



Current Trademark:



What a wonderful day it was to have the Cedar Rapids Thursday Noon **Optimist Club** visit camp, have lunch with us, and take a grand tour of the facilities...which included zipline rides! Thank you to Jeff Schmatt, from the group for giving Camp Courageous this opportunity. This Optimist Club has been supporting Camp Courageous for nearly 50-years (1976)! I fondly remember splitting wood by hand with Gary Kouba (former WMT staffer) and the rest of the club, back in 1980, behind the old lodge. Don Peterson, also a member, was among the first Petroleum Marketers to take camp under their wing in 1981. Chuck Gartner is another of their great members who has provided Camp Courageous with some insightful guidance and support over the years. Most of their club members help at the camp's breakfasts/open houses and other events. Super group! We always appreciate the opportunity to cross paths.



As the school group season this spring, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the following schools and groups for visiting Camp Courageous with their students.

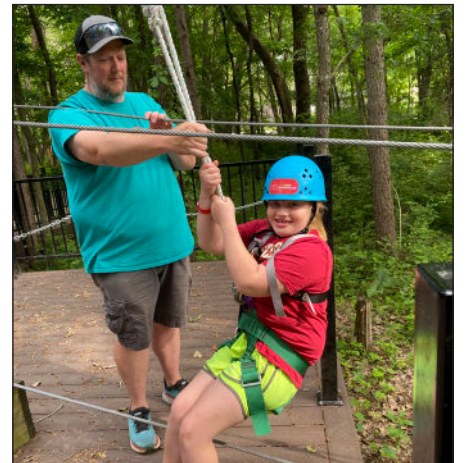
Olin Elementary School
Sacred Heart School
Hazel Point Intermediate
Taft Middle School
Central DeWitt Community School District
Unwin Tyrrel Classrooms
Delmar Lions Club
Mid-Prairie Community – Special Education (K-4)
Burlington Community School District (BCSD)

Lincoln Elementary School
Fairfield High School
Burlington High School
Regina Catholic Education Center
Iowa Falls + Alden Community School District
Strawberry Hill Elementary
Ekstrand Elementary
Fairfield Pence/Washington
Along with other Schools



Thank you for making Camp a part of your students' learning experience. We look forward to welcoming you back again!

Plan ahead for your classroom—schedule your outdoor educational experience at Camp Courageous for the 2026 school year by contacting program@campcourageous.org for details.



PLACE YOUR AD AT CAMP COURIER AND SUPPORT CAMP COURAGEOUS
For sponsorship opportunities call 319-465-5916, ext. 2110 or marketing@campcourageous.org



A very special thank you to **Dave Bell (owner)** and **Molly Monahan (Custom Imprint Sales Manager)**, from **SpecCast Collectibles** in Dyersville IA, for their donation of over 200, beautiful 1:27, 1954 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery vehicles. Each year a unique vehicle is donated by SpecCast and used for the FUEL Iowa Golf Benefit for Camp. These collector items have been a huge hit at the FUEL Iowa Conventions, originally, and now the Annual FUEL Iowa Golf Benefit for Camp for decades. It is one of camp's top fund raisers. Camp cannot thank Dave Bell enough for these wonderful treasurers for years! They don't come any finer than Dave!

This year's FUEL Iowa Golf Benefit for Camp Courageous was held at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City, last June 9, 2025.

Cars available at Camp store/Online!



GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



2025
Motorcycle
Raffle



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Endowing Staff Positions at Camp Courageous

You can ensure that Camp Courageous continues to grow through exceptional staff by **endowing a position**. Position endowment creates employment stability and also reduces operating expenses for the camp. Through endowing a position, you will impact Camp Courageous for generations to come.

Those who have endowed a position will be recognized on the Camp Courageous Foundation display. Additionally, a plaque recognizing the donor will be displayed above each position's office door.

Executive Director	Endowed by Ronald & Winifred Flemming	Aquatic Director.....	\$750,000
COO/HR Director	\$1,000,000	Nature Director.....	\$750,000
CFO/Finances	\$1,000,000	Travel Director	\$750,000
Program Director.....	\$1,000,000	Admin. Assistant.....	\$750,000
Nursing Director.....	\$1,000,000	Assist. Nursing Director.....	\$750,000
Facilities Director.....	\$1,000,000	Assist. Facilities Director.....	\$750,000
Dietary Director	\$1,000,000	Assist. IT Director	\$750,000
Marketing/IT Director	\$1,000,000	Facilities Staff (2 available)	\$750,000
Assistant Program Director	\$750,000	Program Specialists (15 available)	\$500,000
Respite Director.....	\$750,000	Counselor (40 available).....	\$250,000
Volunteer Director.....	\$750,000		

If you have questions or would like more information regarding position endowment, please contact Charlie at cbecker@campcourageous.org or 319-465-5916 ext. 2100.



Needs List

Get latest needed items list at:
campcourageous.org/needs-list



Camp can always use paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, paper plates, and other paper items. Gift/Gas cards of all types/stores can be accepted!

Program

- Sleeping Pads
- Campfire Grates
- Portable Speakers (small)
- Face Paint (Snazaroo)
- Expo Markers
- Party Lights
- Tailgate Canopy
- Dress Up Clothes/Items
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Apple Gift Cards
- Michael's Gift Cards
- 14 iPad's
- Fidgets
- Lakeshore Education Gift Cards
- Spa Face Masks
- Spa Lotions & Foot Care
- White Wash Cloths
- White Dish Buckets
- Boogie Boards (write-on tablets)

Outdoor Living

- 2-Person tents
- Folding Campfire grates
- Ensololite Sleeping Mats
- Camping Lanterns
- Chef Knives
- Head Lamps
- Cots
- Rubber Mallet
- Rain jackets and Pants
- Panchos

Medical Supplies

- Ice Bags - Instant disposable 5x7
- Cetirizine (Zyrtec)
- Benadryl
- Ibuprofen
- Claritin (Loratadine)
- First Aid Cream
- Bisacodyl Suppository
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Imodium
- AED Batteries
- Ipads
- Baby Wipes
- Glucose (tabs or gel)
- Milk of Magnesia
- Miralax
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Bleeding Control Kit
- Chux/Cloth Bed Protectors
- Cups (5 or 8 oz)
- Band-aids
- Lift Battery Charger Kit w/ Wall Mount
- Alcohol Pads
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray

Maintenance

- Sun & Shade grass seed Mix
- Dewalt with cut off Wheels
- Furwure Filters (16x20x1) (20x25x1)
- Batteries (AA-AAA-9 volt)
- Black Dirt
- Riding Lawn Mowers
- Welding Helmet (Solar)
- Round up Concentrate
- Wasp Spray
- Paint Brushes (All Sizes)
- Sharpie Markers
- Fat Max 25' Tape Measures
- Milermatic 252 Mig/ Aluminum Welder
- Polaris Ranger Oil Change Kits
- Air Hoses
- Garden Water Hoses
- Grease Tubes

Manchester Garage Sale

- Sharpies : Color: Green,Blue, Black, Red
- Rolls of clear 2" packing tape

Nature Center

- Timothy Hay
- Fish Food
- Natural Pet Bedding
- Red Cedar Bedding
- Dried Mealworms
- Small Animal Wire Cages

- Guinea Pig Food
- Tetra Wisper Bio Bag Filter Cartridge
- Rabbit Food
- Theisen's Gift Cards

Dietary

- Dry pasta
- Gluten free pasta
- Drink Mix (koolaid/Gatorade)
- Flour
- Sugar (brown, white, powdered)
- Canned or Frozen fruit/vegetables
- Salad Dressing (Ranch, Italian etc.)
- Pudding or Jello Mix
- Food Gift Cards
- Snow Cone

Arts & Crafts

- Acrylic Paint
- Contact Paper
- Colored Duct Tape
- Large Glue Gun Sticks
- Dye for Tye-Dying
- Canvases
- Colored Air Clay
- Heat Gun
- Butcher Paper
- Wooden Dowels (4-5 inches)
- Notebooks
- Glow in the Dark paint - Neon Colors
- Bobby Pins
- Mason Jars w/ Lids (80oz and up)
- Black Iron Oxide powder
- Aluminum foil rolls (empty)
- Aluminum foil pans
- Sponges
- marbles
- white tube socks

Volunteer

- Paint Rollers
- Paint Brushes
- Painter's Tape
- Gardening Work Gloves
- Leather Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Angle Grinder Blades
- Rubbermaid Carts
- Milwaukee Bit Set
- Vacuum
- Polaris Ranger
- 8 Ft. Fiberglass Ladder
- Milwaukee M18 or M12 Fuel Tools

Office Supplies

- Paper (White 8.5x11)
- Stamps: Forever and Extra Ounce
- Dymo Label
- Cassette Calculator
- Tape Easels
- Lamination Sheets Clear
- Heavy Duty Packing Tape
- Gift Cards to Office Supply Stores
- Compressed Air Canisters
- Markers (Sharpies)

Travel

- Apple Airtags
- Canopy
- Cases of Bottled Water
- Igloo 110qt Glide Cooler

- Gift Cards (Gas,food,hotels)
- Portable Camping Chairs
- Table Satellite Phone

Pool/Aquatics

- Shower Transfer Chair
- Large Pool Noodles
- Lifeguard Fanny Packs
- Lifeguard Shirts (\$15.00 per shirt)
- Lifeguard Shorts(\$17.00 per pair)
- Lifeguard Whistles
- Water Aerobic Foam Dumbbells

Housekeeping

- Antibacterial Liquid Soap - small & refills
- Angle Brooms
- Brown Single-Fold Paper Towels
- Industrial Dustpan
- Swiffer duster refill
- 13 & 55 gal Trash Bags
- Toilet Brush
- Rug Doctor Commercial Carpet Cleaner
- Rug Doctor Oxy Carpet Cleaning Solution
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Twin XL fitted Sheets

MAJOR NEEDS:

\$250,000 - South Cabin Remodeling

\$25,000 - John Deere Z970R Zero Turn Mower 72 Deck

\$25,000 - All Terrain Wheelchair

\$20,000 - MotoEV 6 Passenger Wheel Chair Golf Cart

\$15,000 each (6) - 6 Passenger Electric Mover

\$4,000 - Camp Mascot

\$3,500 each (2)- Invacare Stand Assist.

\$2,500 Benches (25) w/ plaque

\$2,500 Picnic Tables (8) w/ plaque

\$2,500 each - Murphy Bed

Invacare Stand Assist.



CAMP NEEDS SOUTH CABIN

SPONSORS

MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

SPONSOR A BED - STARTS AT \$250!



Camp is remodeling South Cabin with new bunk beds—just like the classics, but with the flexibility to be used as two single beds. We're inviting Camp friends and supporters to be part of this exciting update by sponsoring a single bed for \$250 or a full bunk bed for \$500. Each sponsored bed will include a donor label acknowledging the gift.

OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- \$50,000 - LOBBY (WITH NAMING RIGHT)
- \$25,000: ROOM (WITH NAMING RIGHT)

TO SPONSOR CONTACT CHARLIE BECKER AT 319-465-5916, EXT. 2100, SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL CBECKER@CAMPCOURAGEOUS.ORG



Camp Courageous has a WISH LIST on Amazon! Almost all of the needed items on this page are on the Wishlist and are just a click away online. Find the wish list link at: www.campcourageous.org/needs-list



Camp Courageous Board of Directors Announce Officers & Members for 2025-2026



(Front L-R) Jim Zimmerman, Mary Johnson (Secretary), Jill McDermott, Mary Van Houten (Chair), Amanda Schlemme, Amy Rouse (Past-Chair), Trish Recker, and Sheri Grawe. (Back L-R) Chris Wiese, Margo Ahrendsen, Randy Faulkner (Chair-elect), Mag Welter, Diane Pitlik (Treasurer), Peg Slusher, Greg Greco, Jim Foels, Glenn Hasken, Bruce Scheff, and Jan Short.

Other Board Members include:

- Margo Ahrendsen, Camper Parent, Advocate, Farmer, Oxford Junction, IA
- Glenn Hasken, COO Molo Companies, Dubuque IA
- Jill McDermott, Camper Advocate & School Counselor Maquoketa Valley, Monticello, IA
- Amy Rouse, Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Bruce Scheff, Retired and Active Volunteer, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Jan Short, Retired Teacher, Winthrop, IA
- Peg Slusher, Retired, Rockwell Collins, Marion, IA
- Mag Welter, Retired Special Educator, Monticello, IA
- Chris Wiese, Former VP Cellsite Solutions, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Jim Zimmerman, Lifetime in field of education, Retired Principal Sacred Heart School, Monticello, IA

The Camp Courageous Board of Directors:

- Officers:**
 Chair: Mary Van Houten, Catering Sales Manager/Adjunct Instructor at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Chair-Elect: Randy Faulkner, GTG Peterbilt, Cedar Rapids, IA & Pres. Hawkeye Dry Ice, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Secretary: Mary Johnson, Retired, Rockwell Collins, Marion, IA
 Treasurer: Diane Pitlik, Former Non-Profit Dir. & Special Needs Advocate, Cedar Rapids, IA

Those re-elected to a three-year term included:

- Jim Foels, Farmer, Brooklyn, IA
- Sheri Grawe, Grandparent of Camper, Retired, Marion IA
- Greg Greco, Financial Planner, Cedar Falls, IA
- Trish Recker, Fundraising Coach at Leading Edge Fundraising, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Amanda Schlemme, Camper Parent, Accountant Knuth Farms/Bale Barn, Cascade, IA

At 101-Years-Old, Merlin Hulse Decides To Retire From The Camp Courageous Board of Directors. Camp Courageous' Board Member, Merlin Hulse will turn 102 on September 21, 2025. Healthy and well, Merlin has been a wonderful advocate for Camp Courageous, as he works, virtually all Camp events! Merlin's 3-year term recently was up, and he has decided to retire from the board. If one would like to send Merlin a card and a note of appreciation for all that he has done for so many, his address is: Merlin Hulse, 1001 Plum ST, Tipton IA 52772. Merlin is sporting his new Camp Courageous hat!



Donation Form

Camp Courageous continues to run on donations. Use this form to make a contribution.

Scan this QuickCode to jump to camp's online donation page:



Camp Courageous is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Use enclosed envelope or mail this form to: Camp Courageous, PO Box 418, Monticello IA 52310-0418

Your gift to Camp Courageous:

AMOUNT: \$ Check VISA Mastercard Discover AmEx
 (make checks payable to Camp Courageous)

Your name and address (billing address if using credit card):

NAME (or name on credit card):

ADDRESS (or billing address of credit card):

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

DAY PHONE #: E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Credit Card information:

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY): 3-DIGIT AVS # (BACK OF CARD):

SIGNATURE:

This gift is a tribute :

In memory of:

In honor of:

To celebrate:

An acknowledgement card or letter can be sent to individuals or families to tell them about your tribute if you provide name(s) and an address below.

Send an acknowledgement about your tribute to:

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

Please use this gift for:

- General Fund
- Campership Fund Full campership is \$800.00 which covers the camper's fee & may cover other camper expenses
- Camp Foundation (Perpetual Fund)
- Mainliner Memorial Park
- Building Fund
- Penaluna Tunnel Project
- Pool
- Train Depot Plaque
- Courier Sponsorship
- Camper T-shirt Sponsor
- Solar Project
- South Cabin
- Camp Mascot
- Multi-Purpose Field

Other ways to help or get information:

- I would like to be part of your monthly pledge program. Please send more information.
- My employer, _____, will match this gift (please enclose matching gift form from employer).
- Please send information on including Camp Courageous in my will/estate.
- I am interested in volunteering opportunities. Please have someone contact me.
- I am interested in having a presentation given to my group or organization about Camp Courageous.

Please send me more info about:

- Camp Foundation
- Rental
- Courier Sponsorship
- Employment
- Camper Registration
- Internships

In general, donations to the camp will be tax deductible to many. However, you will need to contact your tax advisor to determine the deductibility of your contributions.

Your personal information will only be used by Camp Courageous and will never be sold or provided to a third party.

Upcoming Events:

- August - Camp Courageous Pineapple sale
- August 15- Camp Courageous Pineapple Gala
- September 28- Waffle Breakfast & Open House
- October 12 - Square Dance
- October 15-17 - Cookies BBQ Benefit
- October 24 - Camp Courageous Trivia Night

Listen to AM 600-WMT Newsradio for Camp updates every Saturday morning between 7:15 and 7:30 AM. Dates subject to change. Consult Camp's web site for latest info.

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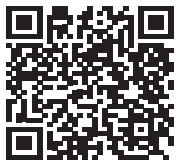
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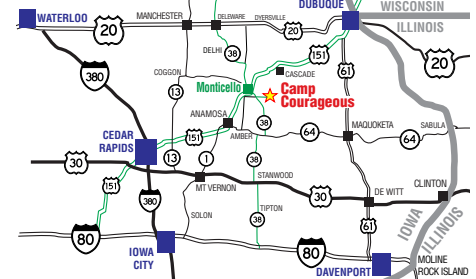
Additional information can be found at www.campcourageous.org, call Camp at 319-465-5916, or stop out for a tour to see first-hand how the camp has grown over the years.

How can I help?

Camp Courageous continues to operate on donations, without government assistance, formal sponsorship, or paid fund raisers. Therefore, everything that is given to Camp directly benefits the campers. One of the reasons the camp has grown from serving 211 campers in 1974 to nearly 10,000 campers today is the incredible dedication of volunteers. Volunteer help is needed in every aspect of the camp. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to Camp Courageous.

Where is Camp Courageous?

The camp is located five miles south of Monticello, Iowa, off Highway 38 or 151. The camp lies on 400 acres of land surrounded by thousands of acres of state primitive land and the Maquoketa River. Use US Highway 151 (exit 65), turn south on Highway 38, then east on 190th Street (all hard-surfaced roads).



Camp Courageous is a year-round recreational, respite, and travel program for individuals of all ages with disabilities. It is only through the support of so many caring individuals and organizations that Camp Courageous is able to provide experiences for individuals with disabilities. Please consider supporting camp by scanning the QR code or going to <https://campcourageous.org/donate>



Camp Courageous is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. In most cases donations are tax deductible (please consult your tax advisor).

Open camera app, point at code, tap screen to go to donate page