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Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Collection

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Historical Sketch

The East Bay Camp was formed in 1930, when its Director Reverend Breen, with the Kiwanis Club, developed Camp Limberlost.* The first session was held in 1931. The original purpose was to promote health and physical fitness for under-privileged children in Bloomington and the vicinity. In 1970, Ellen Abshire, recreation instructor at Illinois State University,

assumed directorship of Limberlost. University involvement became very important, and counselors were predominantly ISU students.

The goal of Camp Limberlost was to provide a flexible, nutritious, and enjoyable outdoor resident experience with emphasis on positive social interactions and development of constructive leisure experiences (Camp Manual 1984). Among other positive attributes, campers developed positive interpersonal relationship skills while learning to work within a group or community, developed varied leisure interests, developed an appreciation for the natural environment, and learned social skills that they could transfer into family and communal living.

East Bay Camp provided the facility for Camp Limberlost until 1984, when it was relocated to Camp Heffernan, approximately 1.5 miles southwest of East Bay. Camp Heffernan, a 140-acre resident camp, was maintained by the W. D. Boyce Boy Scouts Council.

Easter Seal Camp Heffernan provided recreation and outdoor experiences to people with disabilities or special needs. Camp Heffernan was bought by the McLean County Easter Seals and the Bloomington Kiwanis Club from the Boy Scouts in 1989. The site of Camp Heffernan was originally the site of an Illinois State University course titled "Camp Leadership Practicum with Physically Handicapped." For many years ISU was involved in the running of Camp Heffernan.

Camp Heffernan is now known as Timber Pointe Outdoor Center. The camp offers "the premier resource in the state of Illinois providing specialized and inclusive camping and respite programming for individuals with disabilities or special needs and their families in a safe, accessible and beautiful environment." The camp is owned and operated by Easter Seals, Peoria and Bloomington.

*The name Limberlost is probably an allusion to the popular novel by Gene Stratton Porter (*A Girl of Limberlost* 1909) and her other books featuring the natural life of the Limberlost Swamp in northern Indiana.

Scope and Content Note

This collection includes documents, such as committee reports, memos, listings, agendas, minutes and reports, relating to the Easter Seal Camp Heffernan, 1987 to 2000. It includes the formation and history of the East Bay Camp (Camp Limberlost), which was the original facility.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Understanding Disabilities

- 1.1 Camping and Outdoor Recreation Programming for People with Disabilities abstract, undated, 1 page.
- 1.2 Easter Seals Horseback Riding Therapy Program booklet, undated, unpagged.
- 1.3 Breaking down the Barriers, Improving Understanding between People Who Are and Are Not Disabled, undated, 32 pages.

Folder 2: Policies

- 2.1 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan General Policies for Use of Camps, undated, 2 pages.
- 2.2 Camp Limberlost Camp Manual, 1984, 46 pages.
- 2.3 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Teams Challenge Course Policies and Procedures, undated, 18 pages. Includes knot tying instructions, 4 pages.

Folder 3: Memoranda

- 3.1 Memorandum to All Committee Chairpersons, September 10, 1990, 2 pages.
- 3.2 Memorandum to President & Board of Directors, September 25, 1990, 2 pages.
- 3.3 Memo to Executive Committee, June 18, 1991, 8 pages.
- 3.4 Memo to Board of Directors, June 25, 1991, 8 pages.
- 3.5 Memorandum to Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Committee Members, August 26, 1992, 2 pages.
- 3.6 Memorandum to Camp Committee Members, April 15, 1993, 3 pages.
- 3.7 Memo to Easter Seal Board of Directors, October 1, 1993, 2 pages.
- 3.8 Memo to Easter Seal Board of Directors, October 13, 1993, 5 pages.
- 3.9 Memo to Easter Seal Board of Directors, October 22, 1993, 1 page.
- 3.10 Memo to Easter Seal Board of Directors, November 2, 1993, 1 page.
- 3.11 Memo to All Easter Seal Rehabilitation Staff and Board, January 3, 1994, 2 pages.
- 3.12 Memo to Strategic Planning Participants: Easter Seal Camp, November 30, 1994, 1 page.

Folder 4: Camp Committee Reports

- 4.1 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Committee Report, June 23, 1992, 1 page.
- 4.2 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Committee Report, August 24, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.3 Camp Committee Report, November 5, 1992, 4 pages.

Folder 5: Camp Committee Agendas

- 5.1 Camp Committee Agenda, March 21, 1989, 13 pages.
- 5.2 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee, September 16, 1989, 8 pages.
- 5.3 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan, January 1992, update, 1 page.
- 5.4 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee agenda, September 3, 1992, 5 pages.
- 5.5 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee agenda, October 1, 1992, 4 pages.
- 5.6 Long Range Plan Committee agenda, October 22, 1992, 3 pages.
- 5.7 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee agenda, January 7, 1993, 14 pages.
- 5.8 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee agenda, May 6, 1993, 5 pages.
- 5.9 Camp Committee Meeting Agenda, May 5, 1994, 7 pages.

5.10 Easter Seal Camp Committee agenda, December 14, 1995, 1 page.

Folder 6: Committee Listings

- 6.1 Committee Assignments 1988-1989, September 6, 1989, 3 pages.
- 6.2 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Camp Committee 1989/90 listings, 2 pages.
- 6.3 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors Roster 1989-90, 4 pages.
- 6.4 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors Roster 1990-91, 4 pages.
- 6.5 Camp Committee 1990-91 listings, 2 pages.
- 6.6 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Camp Committee 1990/91 listings, 2 pages.
- 6.7 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors Roster 1990-91, 4 pages.
- 6.8 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors Roster 1991-92, 4 pages.
- 6.9 Letter to Madeline Snider (Executive Secretary) from Preston A. Hawk, undated and 1991-1992 Camp Committee listings, September 12, 1991, 2 pages.
- 6.10 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors Roster 1991-1991, 4 pages.
- 6.11 1992-93 Camp Committee listings, August 23, 1992, 1 page.
- 6.12 Easter Seal Camp Committee, Marketing & Financial Development Sub Committee, Program Sub Committee, Facilities Sub Committee, and Ex Officio Sub Committee Members listings, undated, 1 page.
- 6.13 Camp Committee listings, undated, 1 page.
- 6.14 Camp Committee Sub-Committees listings, undated, 2 pages.

Folder 7: Camp Committee Minutes

- 7.1 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee minutes, October 17, 1989, 2 pages.
- 7.2 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee minutes, November 21, 1989, 2 pages.
- 7.3 Camp Committee minutes, September 4, 1992, 2 pages.
- 7.4 Camp Committee minutes, October 1, 1992, 2 pages.
- 7.5 Question/Responses for Parent/Board Meeting, November 16, 1993, 2 pages.
- 7.6 Program Sub-Committee Long Range Plan, undated, unpagged.

Folder 8: Camp Plans

- 8.1 Memo to Special Education Staff, March 1990, 1 page.
- 8.2 Camp Program Outline, September 18, 1990, 1 page.
- 8.3 Draft for Camper Recruitment Plan for Summer 1992, January 22, 1992, 6 pages.
- 8.4 Organizational Objectives Easter Seal Camp and Conference Center Strategic Plan, 1994, 5 pages.

Folder 9: Fact Sheets

- 9.1 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Fact Sheet, September 21, 1993, 4 pages.

Folder 10: Personnel

- 10.1 Easter Seal Center, Inc. Personnel Policy Manual, January 1993, 4 pages.

Folder 11: Task Force

- 11.1 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Planning Task Force Minutes of Meeting, August 8, 1989, 5 pages.

- 11.2 Camp Heffernan Development Task Force Specific Program and Facility Needs Memo, February 12, 1990, 1 page.
- 11.3 Letter from Tim Furey (Camp Administrator) to Ford Eckles and Task Force Members, December 17, 1992, 4 pages.

Folder 12: Stern Lodge

- 12.1 Stern Lodge Improvements Draft, April 15, 1992, 2 pages.
- 12.2 Stern Lodge Expansion floor plan, April 7, 1993, 1 page.
- 12.3 Stern Lodge Expansion floor plan 1st draft, April 8, 1993, 1 page.
- 12.4 Handwritten list of needs for Stern Lodge, undated, 1 page.

Folder 13: Correspondence

- 13.1 Letters to Carol M. Ringer concerning donations, November 27, 1989, 9 pages.
- 13.2 Letter to Rick Morgan from Timothy J. Furey (Deputy Executive Director) concerning plans for Camp Heffernan, January 15, 1990, 1 page.
- 13.3 Letter to Roger and Carol Barcus from Timothy J. Furey (Deputy Executive Director) concerning the Barcus' daughter, Christy and her attendance of Camp Heffernan, July 12, 1990, 1 page.
- 13.4 Letter to Jesse R. Smart from Earl S. Moldovan (Chairman of the Board) concerning the restructuring of Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center operations in McLean County, November 1, 1993, 2 pages.

Folder 14: Preston Hawks

- 14.1 Letter to Preston Hawks from Timothy J. Furey (Deputy Executive Director), November 15, 1989, 1 page.
- 14.2 Letter to Preston Hawks from Mike Matejka, October 18, 1993, 1 page.
- 14.3 Letter to Preston Hawks from Kelley C. Strong (Camp Committee) including Kelly C. Strong business card, October 25, 1993, 2 pages.
- 14.4 Letter to Preston Hawks from Steven R. Thompson (President & CEO), December 21, 1993, 1 page.
- 14.5 Letter to Preston Hawks from David Bateman (Director of Operations) and Marie Helvie (Administrative Assistant), undated, 1 page.

Folder 15: Expenses

- 15.1 McLean County Easter Seal Society Budget Worksheet for Department D13: Residential Camping, 1988-1989, 15 pages.
- 15.2 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Immediate Camp Needs, June, 1989, 16 pages.
- 15.3 McLean County Easter Seal Society Budget Worksheet for Department D13: Residential Camping, 1989-1990, 4 pages.
- 15.4 Long Range Priority List for Easter Seal Camp Heffernan, February 12, 1991, 1 page.
- 15.5 1991/92 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Schedule, 10 pages.
- 15.6 Residential Camping Budget Plan for 90/91 and 91/9, April 17, 1990, 4 pages.
- 15.7 Capital Funding Sources – Brain Storm Meeting, September 3, 1992, 2 pages.
- 15.8 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan 1993 Fee Schedule, 1 page.
- 15.9 Easter Seals-UCP Annual Spring Campaign 2000 Campaign Kickoff March 23, 2000 at Radisson Hotel & Conference Center brochure.

15.10 Easter Seal Center, Inc. Falcon Lodge Project Expenses, undated, 1 page.

Folder 16: Director/ Timothy J. Furey

- 16.1 Letter to Timothy Furey from Arthur L. Harrison and Proposal/Agreement for Program/Property/Planning/Design/Development Services for Easter Seal Camp Heffernan, June 19, 1989.
- 16.2 Letter to Tim Furey from Preston A. Hawks (Chairperson, Camp Committee), November 25, 1989, 1 page.
- 16.3 Letter to Tim Furey from Richard Merz, November 27, 1992, 1 page.
- 16.4 Timothy J. Furey resume, 1993, 5 pages.

Folder 17: Camp Schedules

- 17.1 Proposed 1990 Camp Schedule, 2 pages.
- 17.2 Easter Seal Children's Camp Pre-Camp Schedule Tentative 1996, 3 pages.

Folder 18: Grants

- 18.1 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Special Recreation Grant Abstract, November 1989, 3 pages.
- 18.2 Letter to Preston Hawks from David Bateman (Director of Operations) and Accessing Inclusive Recreation: Camping and Outdoor Recreation Programs for Individuals with Disabilities Abstract, January 14, 1994, 5 pages.

Folder 19: Illinois State University

- 19.1 Memo from Jerry Polacek to Representatives of Units with interests in utilizing Camp Heffernan facility and letter to Richard Godfrey (Director of Institutional Advancement) from Dr. Joel Thirer, February 5, 1987.
- 19.2 Letter to Senior Staff Member from Martin K. Tipsord, March 13, 1995, 3 pages.
- 19.3 Letter to Staff Member from Jerry Polacek, June, 1995, 3 pages.
- 19.4 Letter to Senior Staff from Jerry Polacek, May 22, 1996, and Easter Seal Pre-Service Orientation schedule, June 2, 1996, 3 pages.
- 19.5 Letter to Staff Member from Jerry Polacek, July, 1996, 4 pages.
- 19.6 Letter to Campers from Dr. Jerry Polacek, July 7, 1997, 1 page.
- 19.7 Copy of envelope addressed to Stacy Mays from Jerry J. Polacek, July 9, 1997; letter to Mr. Jerry J. Polacek from Virginia B. Speller, undated; letter to Mr. Jack Thomas from Jerry J. Polacek, November 11, 1983; Daily Schedule, undated; letter to Dr. Polacek from Virginia Speller, November 2, 1983; letter to Jerry (Polacek) from Tom Curtin, August 11, 1983; H-1 through H-6 worksheet, undated

Folder 20: Administrator Reports

- 20.1 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Deputy Executive Director's Report, January 1990, 2 pages.
- 20.2 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, April 1991, 2 pages.
- 20.3 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, November 1991, 2 pages.
- 20.4 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, December 1991, 6 pages.
- 20.5 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, January/February 1992, 2 pages.

- 20.6 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, March 1992, 3 pages.
- 20.7 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Committee Meeting report, March 18, 1992, 10 pages.
- 20.8 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, May 1992, 4 pages.
- 20.9 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, August 1992, 3 pages.
- 20.10 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, November 1992, 2 pages.
- 20.11 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, April 1992, 3 pages.
- 20.12 Letter to Mark Kuechler (Regional Engineer) from Tim Furey (Camp Administrator), September 21, 1993, Letter to Tim Furey from Mark Kuechler, September 10, 1993, Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Camp Administrator Report, July/August, 1993.

Folder 21: Supplies

- 21.1 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Detailed Needs List, June, 1989, 6 pages.

Folder 22: Annual Plans Pt. 1 (1989-1991)

- 22.1 Includes Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Master Plan Time Line, June 1989, and Scope of the Project packet.
- 22.2 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Long Range Use Development Plan (Master Site Plan), September 1990
- 22.3 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Annual Update, July 23, 1991, 3 pages.

Folder 23: Annual Plans Pt. 2 (1992-1993)

- 23.1 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Annual Business Plan, draft, 1992.
- 23.2 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Annual Business Plan, 1992.
- 23.3 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Annual Business Plan, 1992.
- 23.4 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center Annual Plan summary, 1992.
- 23.5 Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Annual Business Plan, 1993.

Folder 24: Poems and Songs

- 24.1 "Campheffernanville" (Sung to the tune of Margaritaville) song lyrics, typed, undated.
- 24.2 "Campheffernanville" song lyrics, handwritten, undated.
- 24.3 "Camp is Heaven" by Amy Walker, poem, undated.

Folder 25: East Bay Camp -- History I

- 25.1 Handwritten notes
- 25.2 East Bay Camp Church Conference Center, undated informational poster
- 25.3 Young Peoples' Institute, Methodist Episcopal Church, East Bay Institute, brochure, July 5-11, 1937
- 25.4 "Limberlost Health Camp," undated informational booklet (1935?)
- 25.5 Photocopy "East Bay—Lake Bloomington," informational sheet (1934?)
- 25.6 Photocopy "The School of the Woods," informational sheet
- 25.7 Brochure(s), undated, 3 pgs., incl. 1 p. of photos.
- 25.8 Letter from Elizabeth Weir, June 11, 2002
- 25.9 Letter from Carman J. Gresham, undated (2002?)

Folder 26: "Notes on East Bay" by Miss Vera M. Sakemiller Part I

- 26.1 From April 12, 1934 through July 21, 1934. Contains newspaper clippings, newspaper photos, correspondence, and handwritten notes

Folder 27: "Notes on East Bay" by Miss Vera M. Sakemiller Part II

- 27.1 From July 21, 1934 through November 24, 1934. Contains newspaper clippings, newspaper photos, correspondence, and handwritten notes
27.2 Small booklet with phone numbers and some genealogical information, undated
27.3 Correspondence to Miss Vera M. Sakemiller postmarked December 9, 1934
27.4 Blank greeting card

Folder 28: History II – newspaper clippings (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 28.1 "Rededication Service Gregory Church as East Bay Camp Chapel, May 17, 1964
28.2 "The Congregation of the Good Neighbor Baumgart Chapel East Bay Camp June 21, 1964, June 28, 1964, August 23, 1964, June 11, 1966
28.3 "A Walk with Mr. Breen," by Tom Gumbrell, April 1963
28.4 "A Summer Place," booklet, Summer 1968 (2 items)
28.5 "The Timber Cruiser," newsletter, Summer 1959 (2 items)
28.6 Summer 2009 Camping, East Bay Camp, Illinois Great Rivers Conference, United Methodist Church, brochure
28.7 "Alex Jones is Given Surprise Breakfast on Departure Eve," January 3, 1935
28.8 "East Bay Aided by Army of 'Angels,' Workers," June 2, 1935
28.9 "Sale of camp to Baptists approved," September 19, 1976
28.10 "Chance discovery may revolutionize healing knowledge," July 30, 1987
28.11 "Mrs. Bohrer, Moberly, Rev. Breen Honored," unknown date
28.12 "Needs of East Bay Camp for '35 Year Talked at Meeting," unknown date
28.13 "Fine Limberlost," unknown date
28.14 "S.R.O. Sign Greets Late Ones at First Family Gathering," unknown date
28.15 "Nominated for Community Service Award: Rev. Frank L. Breen," unknown date
28.16 "Queen Esther Camp at East Bay to Be Held June 17-22," unknown sources
28.17 "Winnebago Indians Arrive for Pioneer Days Benefit Fair," unknown sources
28.18 "Rev. Frank Breen Honor Guest at East Bay Camp Birthday Party," unknown sources
28.19 Newspaper clippings, unknown sources (2 items)
28.20 Newspaper photo, "Pastors Help Get Lake Camp Ready for Summer," April 28, 1946
28.21 Newspaper photo, "Daily Dose of Cod Liver Oil is Followed by Cups of Cold Milk and Cookies," unknown sources
28.22 Newspaper photo, "Book Case Gift Adds to East Bay Camp Equipment," unknown date
28.23 Newspaper photo, "Breen Receives Betterment Study Scroll," unknown date
28.24 Newspaper photo, "Now This Little Flower ---- Study Class," unknown date
28.25 Newspaper photo, "Waders Have Fun ----Shallow Beach at Limberlost Camp," unknown date
28.26 Newspaper photo, "Gives Address," unknown sources

Loose item: Counselor # 3, Easter Seal Camp Heffernan Manual