



**PASS IN REVIEW**  
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***A publication for Summer Schools & Camps Families and Alumni***

**A WARM WELCOME**

On behalf of the staff and the Culver Summer Schools & Camps Alumni Association, we are pleased to bring you this fall edition of Pass In Review. As we have done in previous issues, we provide information about programming, campus updates, and historic milestones to provide you avenues through which you can think about your engagement with Culver and its summer programs.

Culver Summer Schools & Camps wrapped up another exciting summer on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee and excitement is already building for the summer of 2024. This past summer, we welcomed 1,340 campers on registration day from 40 states and 32 countries who spent a fun-filled summer creating lasting relationships and developing lifelong leadership skills. Campers enjoyed over 80 class offerings. Waterskiing, sailing, aviation, and equitation classes continue to be favorites and some new offerings like snorkeling and pickleball were well received by campers.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host parents, alumni, and friends both at various Culver events around the country as well as Homecoming Weekend on Culver’s campus this July. Please review the list of events to see if we are coming to your area! We hope that Pass In Review continues to be a helpful way for you to reconnect with Culver and look forward to seeing you on campus in the future!

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**SAVE THE 2024 DATES!**

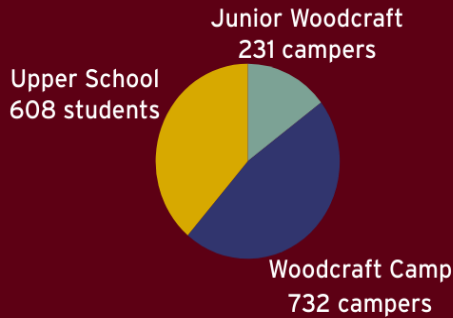
- Junior Woodcraft Camp: June 12- 15
- Woodcraft Camp: June 21 - August 3
- Upper School: June 21 - August 3
- Homecoming Weekend: July 19- July 21
- Graduation: August 3

**QUICK LINKS**

- [Culver Connect](#)
- [Alumni Magazine](#)
- [The Culver Cannon](#)
- [Digital Vault](#)
- [Virtual Tour](#)

# 2023 SUMMER IN REVIEW

## ENROLLMENT



## CLASSES



**OVER 80**

CLASSES OFFERED IN WOODCRAFT AND UPPER SCHOOL

## MOST REQUESTED



UPPER SCHOOL:  
INDOOR RACQUET SPORTS,  
FREE WEIGHTS,  
FITNESS,  
SHOTGUN,  
CERAMICS,  
PHOTOGRAPHY

WOODCRAFT:  
WATER SKI,  
SAILING,  
EQUITATION,  
RUBIKS CUBE,  
SNORKELING

## STATES & COUNTRIES

40 STATE AND 32 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED IN 2023.



40 STATES 

32 COUNTRIES 

## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



61 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE AVIATION UNIT, WHICH WAS THE LARGEST UNIT ON CAMPUS.

DECK 7 AND TROOP SPENT 3 DAYS AT THEIR ANNUAL HIKE TO BEASON PARK AND TIPPY STATE PARK.



IN UPPER SCHOOL, 411 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NAVAL CLASSES. WOODCRAFT HAD 220 CAMPERS ENROLLED IN SAILING CLASSES.

## 2024 SUMMER APPLICATION

The 2024 summer camp application is currently available on the website!



If you know of a child or family who might be interested in applying to Culver Summer Schools & Camps for 2024, please visit the [Apply to Camps](#) webpage for instructions on how to apply.

## SUMMER STAFF APPLICATION

The staff application for Culver Summer Schools & Camps is currently available on the website! We are seeking applicants who are looking to experience meaningful connections while making a positive and lasting impact in children's lives.

### Positions Available

Class Instructors  
Counselors  
Military Staff  
Waterfront and Naval Staff  
And More!

Visit the website at [www.culver.org/summerjobs](http://www.culver.org/summerjobs) for more information!



Please contact [summerjobs@culver.org](mailto:summerjobs@culver.org) or call 574-842-8300 with questions.



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE NAVAL BUILDING



With a current enrollment of over 631 students and campers involved in waterfront classes, the summer Naval program continues to be a popular component of the summer program. However, as we look ahead to the summer of 2024, we also wanted to take a look back on a significant milestone of one of Culver Summer Schools & Camps' most distinctive buildings on campus. Summer 2023 marked the 75th anniversary of the Naval Building on Culver's campus.

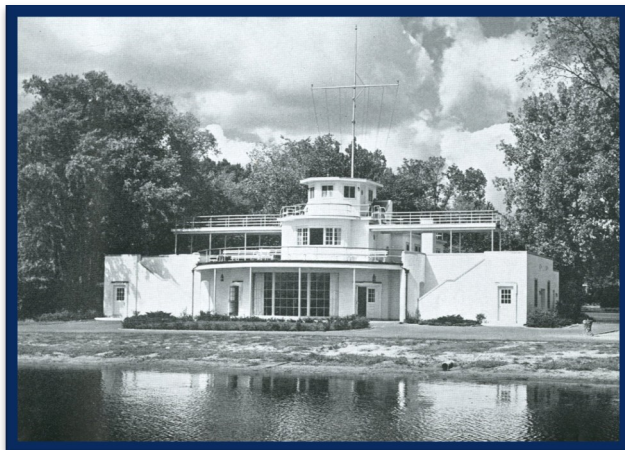
*Commemorative pin to mark 75 years of the Naval Building*

The Naval Building, the official headquarters of the Summer Naval School, celebrated its 75th anniversary this past summer. For many summer alumni, the Naval Building was their first introduction to sailing and where many highly competitive and successful sailors have launched their passion for the sport.

The building underwent a \$1.5 million restoration and a 2,000 square foot addition in 2002, when the Naval School celebrated its centennial. To dive a little deeper into the history of the Naval Building prior to the renovation in 2002, visit Culver's Digital Vault to read an article by Culver's past historian Robert Hartman [here](#). For those interested in finding out more details on the restoration and addition that took place in 2002, read Doug Haberland's article in the 2002 Alumni magazine [here](#).

The building went through some improvements this summer. The wood railings, which were in need of repair, were replaced with aluminum and painted with an alloy used on automobiles to prevent rusting and corrosion. Safety cabling and the mast were also replaced this summer and in the early fall.

To see the full article covering the 75th anniversary of the Naval Building, make sure to check out the Culver Cannon [here](#).



*Naval Building, 1948*



*Naval Building, 2023*

### FOR EVEN MORE CONTENT...



[The Naval Building at Culver: Genesis of an Architectural Icon](#)



[The Culver Naval Building Wednesday Walks through Culver History](#)

Mark your calendar for Homecoming Weekend  
2024!



July 19 - 21, 2024

## SUMMER CLASS RINGS



Culver rings serve as an honorable symbol for all past and future graduates and are deeply rooted in our tradition. Culver rings are available to those who have met strenuous requirements and earned the right to wear this lasting symbol of Culver Summer Schools & Camps.

If you are interested in ordering a summer ring or if you would like to replace a ring that has been lost, please visit the link below for information on how to order:

[Class Ring Ordering Information](#)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...CULVER CANNON BLOG STORIES



[75th Anniversary of the Naval Building](#)



[Naval Band plays at Bridge Dedication](#)



[Recent Upgrades in Woodcraft Camp](#)

## STAY ON TOP

OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

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AND WITH OUR ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Get Together at Clyde's at Gallery Place  
December 6, 2023

Culver Club of Houston at The Rustic  
December 6, 2023

Head of Schools Reception - Union League Club Chicago  
December 7, 2023

Culver Club of Colorado  
December 7, 2023

Culver Club of Southwest Florida- Sunset Cruise  
December 7, 2023

Culver Club of Culver - Vespers Reception  
December 10, 2023

Capitol City Culver Club - Wreaths Across America  
December 16, 2023

Culver Club of North Texas  
Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Event  
January 20, 2024



[For a full list of events coming to your area, please visit the Events page of the Alumni website!](#)

## 2023-2024 CSSAA BOARD MEMBERS

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## THE CULVER FUND

Culver Summer Schools & Camps have closed the books on another successful year with nearly 1,500 campers participating in Junior Woodcraft, Woodcraft, and Upper School.

Over the course of the summer, children have built self-confidence and learned the importance of followership before leadership. They are finding success as part of something greater.

Founded in 1902, our summer programs bring together over 1,500 young people from around the world through physical activity, learning opportunities, and new friendships. Culver campers develop positive self-esteem through accomplishment and discipline, and choose from nearly 100 electives – from sailing, to rocketry, to theatre, to fencing.



The Culver Summer Schools & Camps are full of all kinds of Culver moments. We are continuously working to improve our summer offerings and leadership development opportunities and ask you to please consider making a gift to the Culver Fund in support of our summer students and programs. Your generosity is a way not only to honor the significant impact Culver has had on your own family, but to have a direct impact on future generations as well. The Culver Fund is a critical component supporting the entire summer experience, from program support to financial aid to hiring and retaining the best staff and counselors.

We hope you will consider contributing to support this outstanding experience!

**MAKE A GIFT!**

## WE SALUTE THE WINNERS OF THE “E” AND END OF CAMP RELAYS!

Congratulations to the following units that were awarded the designation of being the best all-around units by demonstrating the highest level of Efficiency in Upper Schools and earned the “E” for Summer 2023:

### Naval 2, Deck 4 and Aviation



#### Pegasus Relay

Aviation

#### Communications Relay

Naval 2

#### Great Race

Deck 4

#### Kline Relay

Butterfly Wing 2

Cardinal Wing 3

Division 4

Division 5





# Welcome to Culver Connect

With more than 18,000 alumni around the world, Culver Connect brings together our extensive community of professionally talented and connected people.

By providing a unique and exclusive space for establishing connections and fostering relationships, Culver Connect will assist you in taking your Culver Connections to the next level.

Culver Connect users have full access to the alumni directory, alumni business network, and Culver Connect job board.

Join today to take full advantage of your membership in the Culver Network! To log-in and create your profile, please visit [connect.culver.org](https://connect.culver.org)

*\*Must be a recorded alumnus/ae or attendee of Culver's Summer or Boarding programs and over the age of 18 to register.*



Over 2,000 alumni of Culver Summer Schools & Camps have joined Culver Connect!

Current alumni represented:

Upper School - 1,076 members  
Woodcraft Camp - 739 members  
Specialty Camps - 189 members

Top boys and girls units:  
Drum & Bugle - 139 members  
Naval Band - 132 members  
Cardinal Wing 2 - 109 members  
Deck 5 - 52 members

## Campus Updates

While we are still eight months away from the 2024 camp season, the campus is buzzing with new construction projects that are happening now! This past summer, campers were greeted with numerous updates including an improved Woodcraft transportation loop, four new security gates and new porches and roofs on all Woodcraft cabins.

Here are a couple of glimpses into the most recent progress on the Main Barracks on main campus as well as four new Woodcraft cabins and a headquarters cabin that are scheduled to be completed in mid-2024.







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