YMCA CAMP H.R. ERDMAN 100 YEARS 1926-2026

Structures That Shaped Camp H.R. Erdman

For nearly a century, the structures and landmarks of Camp H.R. Erdman have been more than shelter, serving as gathering places, symbols of friendship, and stages for lifelong memories.

Fireplace of International Friendship

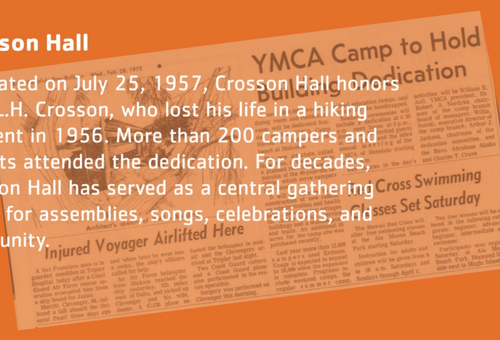
Built in 1932, the Fireplace of International Friendship stands as one of Camp H.R. Erdman's earliest and most meaningful symbols. Constructed with stones, bricks, and tiles sent from Rotary Clubs and YMCAs around the world, it reflects the global spirit of the YMCA movement.

At its center is a round tile from the Imperial Palace in Peking, China. Other stones and tiles came from Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Peru, Chile, the Philippines, Mexico, Tasmania, and the mainland United States.

Rotary Lodge, 1932.

Crosson Hall

Dedicated on July 25, 1957, Crosson Hall honors John L.H. Crosson, who lost his life in a hiking accident in 1956. More than 200 campers and parents attended the dedication. For decades, Crosson Hall has served as a central gathering space for assemblies, songs, celebrations, and community.


YMCA Camp to Hold Building Dedication

Cross Swimming Classes Set Saturday

Injured Voyager Airlifted Here

Camp Pool

Camp H.R. Erdman's 25-yard pool was dedicated on June 24, 1948 at a cost of $28,000. Present at the dedication were Olympic Gold medal champions Ford Konno (1952) and Bill Smith (1948).

Ford Kono was a Y youth participant and went on to win a Gold Medal in the 1952 Helisinki Olympics.

Hānai Pono Dining Hall and Conference Center

Hānai Pono, the dining hall and conference center dedicated on March 4, 1973, was built to serve a growing camp community.

The consulting structural engineer was I.M. Pei—later known worldwide for designing the glass pyramid at the Louvre. Engineered for resilience, its roof is supported by a central pillar anchored by stairwells, and it was designed so that in a tsunami, exterior walls could break away while the main structure remained standing.

In 2025, the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association of Hawai'i, in partnership with union painters and member contractors, refurbished and repainted Hānai Pono helping restore this iconic structure for future generations.

Frear Bell Tower

The Laymen's Conference donated a 100-pound bronze signal bell from an old temple, and Mrs. Mary Dillingham Frear [Harold Randolph Erdman's aunt] funded a 15-foot high native stone belfry to house it.

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