

Cedar Lake's Premier Historic Tourism Attraction

A multi-award winning cultural experience



Lassen's Resort enterprise at Cedar Lake begins with steam. In 1896, Christian Lassen began his charter service with a single steamboat taking tourists on trips around the lake. By 1904, the Dewey Line had grown to a fleet.

**Cedar Lake
1896**

In 2021, the Cedar Lake Historical Association debuted an unprecedented event: Steam Through History.

"I LOVED the steam boat ride, that is the only way I would be able to be ON Cedar Lake."

-2021 Steam Through History Passenger

The Dewey Line is a proven success.

The program has brought more than 3,500 passengers onto the waters of Cedar Lake and activated 38 new volunteers for the museum. In addition, over 50 new members joined the museum as a direct result of this program.

The Dewey Line does much more for the community.

- Provides access for residents and guests alike to our magnificent body of water.
- Gives an opportunity to present the lake in a majestic way to instill community pride.
- Establishes awareness for the museum as a cultural center.
- Adds to our volunteers' quality of life and gives them a sense of purpose.

In 2023, the museum welcomed over 200 students to ride the Dewey Line and exposed them to our town's rich history. For 60% of the children, it was their first time ever on Cedar Lake.



Regional, State & National Awards

- The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest Team Innovation Award
- Indiana Historical Society Outstanding Collaborative Project Award
- American Association for State & Local History Albert B. Corey Award of Excellence

The Museum at Lassen's Resort tells the story of Cedar Lake in creative ways.



60% of our community's third graders have never ridden a boat on Cedar Lake



Invest in preserving our culture

You can instill community pride and plant lasting memories.

Whether it be a lifelong resident, a third grade student, a first time guest, or a family that visits to enjoy this magnificent body of water, lives are changed at Lassen's Resort.

Our volunteers work hard to inspire community pride, provide space and programming for recreation, and keep our culture relevant in these changing times.



Fast food, big box stores, and Starbucks become the culture as many towns grow. The resort-era renaissance is alive and well at The Museum at Lassen's Resort. You can help our volunteers tell the stories that make Cedar Lake a uniquely special place.

"It was a fun trip & great way to get out on the water for our family."

"I've lived here all my life, 18 years...this is my first time on the Lake."

Cedar Lake
Historical Association

Experiences that illuminate &
tell the story of community.

