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CHARLESTON, IL--Before the summer has ended, 47 camps and conferences will have been conducted at Eastern Illinois University.

Eastern will host over 15,000 people from around the state and the United States as part of various camps and workshops, housing director Lou Hencken said. Persons attending will range in age from junior high school to the elderly.

Among groups scheduled are:

--The Illinois High School Association's annual track championships, drawing 3,500 participants.

--Panther Sports Camps continue to be popular, with about 750 expected to attend the various camps stressing physical fitness and teaching the finer points of each sport.

--Cheerleading Camps will draw about 1,000 high school cheerleaders to practice their craft with organizations such as Showstoppers, Inc. Eastern will be one of only eight hosts for the Showstoppers this summer.

--The Christian and Missionary Alliance will present a conference for 3,200 members (ages 15-20). The young people will attend worship services, hear speakers on topics such as dating and value judgments and have much free time to meet new friends and enjoy entertainment provided by Eastern.

--The St. Louis Cardinals football team will again hold their summer training camp at Eastern. Along with the team will be about 120 media representatives and fans per day to watch the Cardinals in their six-week pre-season camp.

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--Parent Orientation will be held for those having sons and daughters attending Eastern. This event is expected to draw 2,000.

--The Civil Air Patrol and the Hardee's restaurant chain will hold conferences for their members, with about 500 expected for both.

--The Music Department will host the largest variety of camps this summer. About 850 students will attend the various camps, director Joe Martin said.

The Junior High Band Camp will be the largest music camp, while the Beginning Guitar Camp will be the smallest.

--Marching bands will also be sent from area high schools to Eastern to practice. Martin said 10-12 schools will send their bands, many of which consist of 200 or more members. In all, about 2,000 high school students will attend as part of a band.

--The International Horn Blowers Workshop will show 330 in attendance, with ages of those attending ranging from "high school to late maturity," Martin said.

--The High School Speech-Communications Workshop will host 80 students on its final roster from schools around the state.

--Senior Olympics will continue to be an annual event. Ages of participants range from 55-85. Competitors come from 14 Illinois counties.

--The Journalism Department will host 80 for two workshops, one for newspaper production and one for yearbook production. Director Peter Voelz said the newspaper workshop will have 26 high school students, while the yearbook workshop will attract 44.

--Elderhostel, designed for people ages 60-80 who believe in a lifelong learning process, will also be held at Eastern this summer, Summer School Director Charles Switzer said.

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He said he is expecting about 20 people to attend the weeklong event, which will feature classes on various topics of interest to the aged. Persons who come to Elderhostel will do so mainly from the Midwest, but have come from across the country in previous years.

--The Camping/Canoeing Workshop, the smallest at Eastern, will show only eight students on its final roster.

The workshop recreates the experiences of the pioneer fur traders, canoeing up to Minnesota and camping out at night, instructor William Smith said.

A training course of survival techniques is required of each student and is included in the first week of the course.

Each workshop will be taught by Eastern faculty, but some also require outside instructors.

Panther Sports Camps bring in many of the finest coaches in the Midwest to aid in instruction of the many different sports.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance supply their own teachers and counselors to give seminars and coordinate activities for those attending.

Journalism workshops are also taught by Eastern News editors, students from a course for teachers entitled "Supervision of High School Publications" and two appointed workshop directors. A newsroom production chief oversees composition of two newspapers and one mini-yearbook produced by those attending.

The Music Department also brings in a few instructors from the outside to teach courses for which Eastern has no one qualified to teach, Martin said.