

## **Gathering Waters District & Bay-Lakes Council 2024 Calendar of Events**

-To view all scheduled events, please visit this BLC link: <https://baylakesbsa.org/calendar/>

-New Cub Scouts program updates link (effective 6/1/24):

<https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/>

-Campership link for 2024 BLC Summer Camps:

<https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2024CampershipRequest>

-To nominate a leader for a 2023 District Award (due by 4/8/24), click below link:

<https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2023GWAwards>

### **March 2024**

- **District Pinewood Derby** (Cub Scouts), Sunday, 3/3/24 at Spring Road Elementary in Neenah, 12-12:30pm Check-in, Race begins at 1pm. <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWPinewoodDerby>
- **Arctic Adventure** (Scouts BSA/Venturing), 3/1/24-3/3/24 at Gardner Dam, [Click Here.](#)
- **Intro to Kayaking** (Scouts 11yrs old or older & adults), multiple dates on 3/3/24, 3/17/24 and 3/24/24, from 12-2pm at the Appleton YMCA Buchanan Pool, for more information and to register, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-KayakRolling>
- **District Roundtable**, Thursday, 3/14/24 at 6:45pm, at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), **in room HS301, enter door 16 in the north parking lot.** Take the elevator or stairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Roundtable meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month from Sept-May. For all Unit Leaders, Committee Chairs, Den Leaders, & Commissioners.
  - Order of the Arrow youth members will meet at 6:45pm, in room HS301, then breakout to HS305 after the general announcements are completed.
  - District Committee members and Unit Commissioners will meet at 6:00pm in room HS303.
- **Pi Day** (all ages), 3/16/24 at FVTC in Appleton, 7-5pm, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-PiDay>
- **Maple Syrup Days Open House (Cub Scouts)**, 3/23/24, 9am-3pm at Bear Paw, [Click Here.](#)
- **Camp Staff Development Day**, 3/30/24, location and times are TBD.
- **Easter Sunday**, 3/31/24

### **April 2024**

- **Taste of the Country** BLC fundraiser event, Friday, 4/5/24 at 5:30pm, Ariens Nordic Center in Brillion, for more information and pricing amounts, see this link: <https://baylakesbsa.org/taste-of-the-country/>
- **Maple Syrup Day event (Scouts BSA)**, 4/6/24, 8-4pm at Bear Paw, [Click Here.](#)
- **District Roundtable**, Thursday, 4/11/24 at 6:45pm, at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), **in room HS301, enter door 16 in the north parking lot.** Take the elevator or stairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Roundtable meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month from Sept-May. For all Unit Leaders, Committee Chairs, Den Leaders, & Commissioners.
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- **OA Council of Chiefs**, 4/12/24-4/14/24 at Gardner Dam, [Click Here.](#)
- **Maple Syrup Day event (Scouts BSA)**, 4/13/24, 8-4pm at Bear Paw, [Click Here.](#)
- **Gathering Waters Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA/Venturing)**, 4/19/24-4/21/24 at Rokilio, First Aid type merit badges and trainings will be offered, REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE AT THIS LINK: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWSpringCamporee2024>
- **IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)** at Spring Camporee, 4/20/24-4/21/24 at Rokilio. <https://scoutingevent.com/635-81996>
- **Scouting for Food Drive** (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/Venturing), **bag laying days are 4/20/24 through 4/24/24.** Yes, we are going back to bags. To sign-up your unit to participate in the Scouting for Food drive, [Click Here.](#) For the District SFF map, [Click Here.](#) For questions on your areas to cover, please contact our District Scouting for Food Chair; Tom Wolfert, [twolfert.scouting@gmail.com](mailto:twolfert.scouting@gmail.com) 920-277-0792.
- **Cope & Climbing Fundamentals**, 4/19/24-4/21/24, at GDC, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-81077>
- **Scouting for Food pick up day** is 4/27/24, from 8:00am-11:30am, drop off food to pantries by noon.
- **Cope & Climbing Level 1 & 2 training**, 4/26/24-4/28/24 at GDC, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-81143>

- **BALOO** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 4/27/24-4/28/24 at Rokilio, for more information and to register: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-79909>
- **District Leader Awards, Silver Beaver & Eagle Scout Recognition Luncheon**, Sunday, 4/28/24 from 12-2pm at the American Legion building (3220 W. College Ave, Appleton), Chicken buffet lunch from Noon-1pm, 1-2pm awards ceremony, for more info and to register to attend, [Click Here](#).

#### May 2024

- **Voyageur Spring Camporee**, 5/3/24-5/5/24 at Bear Paw, merit badges & ATV program to be offered, for more info [Click Here](#).
- **District Roundtable**, Thursday, 5/9/24 at 6:45pm, at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), **in room HS301, enter door 16 in the north parking lot**. Take the elevator or stairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Roundtable meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month from Sept-May. For all Unit Leaders, Committee Chairs, Den Leaders, & Commissioners.
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- **BLC Golf Classic fundraiser**, 5/16/24 at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls, to register your golf team visit this link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/golfclassic/>
- **Spring Whitewater Weekend 1** (Scouts BSA/Venturing), 5/17/24-5/19/24 at Gardner Dam <https://scoutingevent.com/635-80704>
- **Rokilio Experience** (Cub Scouts/Webelos) at Rokilio, 5/18/24, 8:00am-4:00pm, [Click Here](#).
- **Flag laying** at Highland Memorial Park cemetery in Appleton (all ages), Thursday, 5/23/24, 4:00-6:00pm. Register with Heather at 920-733-6505.
- **OA Spring Conferences**, 5/31/24-6/2/24 at Bear Paw and Rokilio, [Click Here](#).
- **Spring Whitewater Weekend 2** (Scouts BSA/Venturing), 5/31/24-6/2/24 at Gardner Dam <https://scoutingevent.com/635-80704>

#### June 2024

- **OA Spring Conferences**, 6/7/24-6/9/24 at Gardner Dam and Hiawatha, [Click Here](#).
- **NYLT Traditional Course** (National Youth Leadership Training), 6/16/24-6/22/24 at Camp Hiawatha, for more information see this link: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-NYLT>
- **Powder Horn**, 6/20/24-6/23/24, high adventure training (Scouts BSA ages 14 and up/Venturing, and for all adult leaders), at Gardner Dam, for more info contact Miki Gould. [irishgem1972@gmail.com](mailto:irishgem1972@gmail.com)  
For more info and to register, click here: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-Powderhorn>

#### July 2024

- **Philmont Council Contingent Trip** (Scouts BSA/Venturing), 7/13/24-7/27/24, for more information, contact Jerry Dold at [Jerry.Dold@canlines.com](mailto:Jerry.Dold@canlines.com) or at 920-915-6309. To register to attend, [Click Here](#).
- **NOAC** (National Order of the Arrow Conference), 7/28/24-8/4/24 in Boulder, CO, [Click Here](#).

#### August 2024

- **NYLT Pack & Paddle Course**, 8/3/24-8/11/24 at Camp Hiawatha, for more information click on this link: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-NYLTpackandpaddle>
- **Cub Scout 500 (event is TBD)**, tentative date is 8/12/24?
- **Family Scouting Outing** (all ages), 8/9/24-8/11/24 at Bear Paw, [Click Here](#).
- **OA Lodge Gathering**, 8/16/24-8/18/24 at Rokilio, <https://konwapos.org/>
- **Rokilio 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event** (all ages), 8/18/24 at Camp Rokilio in Kiel, WI. More info to come.
- **Wood Badge 2024**, adult leader training for all Scout leaders
  - Weekend 1, 8/23/24-8/25/24 at Rokilio, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-WoodBadge2024>
  - Weekend 2, 9/7/24-9/8/24 at Bear Paw, attendance is required for both weekends.

#### September 2024

- **BLC Sporting Clays fundraiser**, 9/6/24 at the Triple J Wing & Clay in Brillion, WI, to sign up your team to shoot, see this link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/sporting-clays/>
- **OA Section Conclave**, 9/13/24-9/15/24 at Gardner Dam, <https://konwapos.org/>
- ~~**Scout FIRE Family Event** (all ages), 9/13/24-9/15/24 at Rokilio~~  
\*The Scout FIRE event is cancelled, as we have nobody who can Chair the event this year.

- **Fall Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturing), 9/20/24-9/22/24 and 9/27/24-9/29/24 at Gardner Dam <https://scoutingevent.com/635-80704>

#### **October 2024**

- **STEMpede** (Webelos, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouting, Venturing) 10/4/24-10/6/24 at Bear Paw, for more information: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-71714?draftmode=1>
- **GW District Fall Camporee & IOLS** (Scouts BSA/Venturing), 10/11/ 24-10/13/24 @GardnerDam
- **Golden Eagle BLC fundraiser**, 10/15/24 at the Lambeau Field Atrium, with a Packer guest speaker, for more information see this link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/support/>
- **Autumn Blast** (Cub Scouts), 10/19/24 at Rokilio

#### **November 2024**

- **Webelos Pin Day & Adult Leader Training (Cub Scout College)** at FVTC in Appleton, 11/2/24, 7:30am-3:00pm
- **OA Lodge Leadership Development**, 11/8/24-11/10/24 at Gardner Dam, <https://konwapos.org/>

#### **January 2025**

- **District Klondike Derby** (Scouts BSA/Webelos), 1/25/25 at the Rock Ledge Park in Seymour

-The **BLC Convention** is tentatively planned for 4/11/25-4/13/25, at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay.

-The **NFL Draft** will be in Green Bay in 2025 from 4/24/25-4/26/25.

-The 2026 **National Jamboree** will be 7/22/26-7/31/26 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

For more information, click this link. <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

**\*Dates and times are subject to change. This document is current, as of 2/27/24.**

-Information could be added/changed in the registration links, as the year progresses forward.

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-After scanning the BLC QR, turn your cell phone sideways to view calendar info.

-Check out the **BLC Summer Camp promotion videos** in the links below!

- [Click here for Bear Paw Scout Camp video](#)
- [Click here for Gardner Dam Webelos Adventure Base video](#)
- [Click here for Camp Hiawatha video](#)
- [Click here for Camp Rokilio Cub Scout Camp video](#)
- [Click here for Camp Rokilio shorter 2 minute version](#)

**\*For all BLC Summer Camp dates and costs, please visit this link, <https://baylakescamps.org/>**



# Unit Commissioners needed!

Attention all current and former Scout leaders:

Our new District Commissioner, Alan Neerenberg is looking for current or retired Scout Leaders, to be District Unit Commissioners. We have around 20 Commissioners right now and we need at least another 20 to help cover the Unit's that do not have a Commissioner at this time. If you would like more information on this role, here is the contact information for Alan. **Alan Neerenberg contact info:** [aneerenberg43@gmail.com](mailto:aneerenberg43@gmail.com) or 541-661-1480.

Below is a description of the position and if you are interested or know of someone that is, please let Alan know. We would love to add more great leaders to the District team! A Unit Commissioner is a great position for an adult leader that is transitioning between a Pack and a Troop, who does not yet have a role to fill in the Troop level. This role is also a good fit for someone that is retired from Scouting and is looking to advise a Unit in their spare time.

**Roles the Unit Commissioner Plays:** A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor.

The commissioner is a **friend** of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. Commissioners who make themselves known and accepted now, will be called on in future times of trouble.

The commissioner is a **representative**. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the BSA. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.

The commissioner is a unit **"doctor."** In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

The commissioner is a **teacher**. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge.

The commissioner is a **counselor**. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.

How are commissioners selected? **Unit Commissioners** are appointed by the District Commissioner, with the approval of the council executive board. Unit Commissioners should have excellent people skills, have a Scouting background, and know and practice Scouting ideals. If you are interested or know of someone who would be willing to help, please contact Alan Neerenberg or your District Executive, Jason Splinter, today!

***Anyone with a servant's heart who represents the values of the Scout Oath and Law and reflects the communities our units serve is a candidate to be a commissioner; we can train willing volunteers who meet these standards to serve units.***