

Gathering Waters District & Bay-Lakes Council 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

January 2025 *Nominate a leader for a Silver Beaver Award, by 1/3/25: <https://baylakesbsa.org/silverbeaver/>

- **District Roundtable Meeting, Thursday, 1/9/25, 6:45pm** at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), in room F108 (NEW Room #'s), use East or South lot doors 3 or 6. Roundtable meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month from Sept-May.
For all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Advisors, Committee Chairs, Den Leaders, & Commissioners.
 - Order of the Arrow youth members will meet at 6:45pm, in room F108, then breakout to room G141 after the general announcements are completed.
 - District Committee members and Unit Commissioners will meet at 6:00pm in room G139.
- **Friends of Scouting Zoom leader meeting**, Wednesday, 1/15/25 at 6:30pm (for all Cubmasters/Scoutmasters/Committee Chairs/FOS Presenters) [Click Here](#) for Zoom link.
- **District Klondike Derby** (Scouts BSA/Webelos), 1/25/25, 8:00am-3:30pm, Rock Ledge Park in Seymour <https://scoutingevent.com/635-gwklondikederby>
- **Unit Recharter** district extended deadline is 1/27/25, [Click Here](#) *Please complete by this date.
- **Nominate a Leader for a District Award**, deadline to nominate is 4/1/25, Awards Luncheon is on 4/27/25, link to nominate is here: <https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2024GWAwards>

February 2025

- **Scout Sunday**, 2/2/25, contact your Charter Org or local church to participate, [Click Here for more info](#)
- **District Life to Eagle Seminar** (Star & Life Scouts/parents/leaders), Saturday, 2/8/25, from 9am-11am at FVTC in Appleton, room number is TBD <https://scoutingevent.com/635-LifetoEagle>
- **Arctic Adventure** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 2/7/25-2/9/25, Gardner Dam Adventure Base <https://scoutingevent.com/635-ArcticAdventure2025>
- **District Roundtable Meeting, Thursday, 2/13/25, 6:45pm** at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), in room F108, use East or South lot doors 3 or 6. Roundtable meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month from Sept-May.
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- **Polar Cubs** (Cub Scouts), 2/14/25-2/16/25, Gardner Dam Adventure Base <https://scoutingevent.com/635-PolarCubs2025>
- **Arctic Adventure** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 2/21/25-2/23/25, Gardner Dam Adventure Base <https://scoutingevent.com/635-ArcticAdventure2025>
- **Hiawathaland Ice Climbing** (Ages 14+ Scouts BSA & Venturing), 2/21/25-2/23/25 at Camp Hiawatha <https://scoutingevent.com/635-iceclimbing>
- **Polar Cubs** (Cub Scouts), 2/28/25-3/2/25, Gardner Dam Adventure Base, [Click Here](#)

March 2025

- **District Pinewood Derby** (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Adults), Sunday, 3/2/25 from 12pm-3pm at Spring Road Elementary School, in Neenah <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWPinewoodDerby>
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- **STEM Pi Day** (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/Leaders), Saturday, 3/15/25 from 7am-5pm at FVTC in Appleton <https://scoutingevent.com/635-90258?draftmode=1>
- **Maple Syrup Days Open House** (Cub Scouts), Saturday, 3/22/25, 9am-3pm at Bear Paw Scout Camp <https://scoutingevent.com/635-MapleSyrupDays?draftmode=1>
- **Maple Syrup Days** (Scouts BSA), Saturday, 3/29/25, 8am-4pm at Bear Paw Scout Camp, [Click Here](#)

April 2025

- **Deadline for District Leader Awards nominations**, Tuesday, 4/1/25 by Noon
Click Here to nominate: <https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2024GWAwards>
- **Maple Syrup Days** (Scouts BSA), Saturday, 4/5/25, 8am-4pm at Bear Paw Scout Camp
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-MapleSyrupDays?draftmode=1>
- **District Roundtable Meeting, Thursday, 4/10/25, 6:45pm** at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), in room F108, use East or South lot doors 3 or 6.
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- **BALOO Training** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 4/26/25-4/27/25, at Rokilio
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringBALOO?draftmode=1>
- **District Leader Awards Luncheon & Eagle Scout Recognition**, Sunday, 4/27/25 from 12pm-2pm at the American Legion in Appleton <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWawardsluncheon>

May 2025

- **District Spring Camporee** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 5/2/25-5/4/25, at Bear Paw Scout Camp, Star Wars themed event, merit badges <https://scoutingevent.com/635-bearpawspringcamporee?draftmode=1>
- **IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)**, 5/3/25-5/4/25 at Bear Paw
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-IOLS>
- **District Roundtable Meeting, Thursday, 5/8/25, 6:45pm** at Fox Valley Technical College/FVTC (1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton), in room F108, use East or South lot doors 3 or 6.
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- **Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 5/16/25-5/18/25 at Gardner Dam, more info to come
- **BLC Golf Fundraiser**, Wednesday, 5/14/25, 8am-4pm at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls, <https://baylakesbsa.org/golfclassic/>
- **Rokilio Experience** (Cub Scouts), 5/17/25 at Camp Rokilio from 8-4pm
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-RokilioExperience>
- **Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 5/30/25-6/1/25 at Gardner Dam, more info to come
- **Order of the Arrow, Kon Wapos Lodge Spring Conferences**;
5/30/25-6/1/25 at Bear Paw, 5/30/25-6/1/25 at Rokilio, 6/6/25-6/8/25 at Gardner Dam
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-2025springconference?draftmode=1>

June 2025

- **NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) Traditional Course**, 6/15/25-6/21/25 at Gardner Dam
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-NYLT>

August 2025

- **NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) Pack & Paddle**, 8/2/25-8/10/25 at Camp Hiawatha
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-NYLTPP25>
- **District Cub Scout 500**, Monday, 8/11/25, at WIR (Wisconsin International Raceway) in Kaukauna, 5:30pm-7:30pm, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-93199?draftmode=1>
- **Order of the Arrow, Kon Wapos Lodge Gathering**, 8/15/25-8/17/25 at Bear Paw
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-2025lodgathering?draftmode=1>
- **Wood Badge** (Adult Leader Training), 8/22/25-8/24/25 at Rokilio and 9/13/25-9/14/25 at Bear Paw, must attend both weekends to complete course, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-WoodBadge2025>

September 2025

- **BLC Sporting Clays Fundraiser**, Friday, 9/5/25 at the Triple J Wing & Clay in Brillion, 8am-3pm
<https://baylakesbsa.org/sporting-clays/>
- **Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 9/12/25-9/14/25 at Gardner Dam, more info to come
- **Wood Badge** (Adult Leader Training), 9/13/25-9/14/25 at Bear Paw and 8/22/25-8/24/25 at Rokilio, must attend both weekends to complete course, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-WoodBadge2025>
- **District Recruitment event**, Thursday, 9/25/25, 6-8pm at Houdini Elementary in Appleton
- **Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 9/26/25-9/28/25 at Gardner Dam, more info to come

October 2025

- **STEMpede** (Scouts BSA/AOL's/Venturers), 10/3/25-10/5/25 at Bear Paw Scout Camp
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-90259?draftmode=1>
- **GW Fall District Camporee** (Scouts BSA/AOL Scouts/Venturers), 10/10/25-10/12/25 at Gardner Dam
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-93227?draftmode=1>
- **IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)** 10/11/25-10/12/25 at Gardner Dam
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-IOLSFALL>
- **BALOO Training** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 10/11/25-10/12/25, at Gardner Dam
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-FallBALOO?draftmode=1>
- **Scouting for Food** bag distribution is 10/11/25-10/15/25 and food bag collection day will be the morning of 10/18/25
- **BLC Golden Eagle Fundraiser**, Tuesday, 10/14/25 at Lambeau Field, 5pm-8pm, more info to come...
<https://baylakesbsa.org/goldeneagle/>
- **Autumn Blast** (Cub Scouts), 10/25/25 at Camp Rokilio, 9:00am-3:30pm, more info to come...

November 2025

- **Webelos/AOL Pin Day & Adult Leader Training**, 11/1/25 at FVTC in Appleton, 7:30am-3pm
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-93228?draftmode=1>
- **Cub College** Adult Leader Training, 11/8/25, Lakeland University in Plymouth, WI, 8am-4pm

-For all Order of the Arrow, Kon Wapos event dates, visit this link. <https://konwapos.org/>

-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 12/18/24.**

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

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

Scan for BLC Online Calendar:



Scan for a copy of this District Calendar:



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

Scan to subscribe to GW District Google Calendar:



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-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 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 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.