

Scouting America™

Bay-Lakes Council

GATHERING WATERS DISTRICT

2026-2027 Calendar of Events (as of 4/24/26)

April 2026 *Come Camp With Us Troop pilot sign-up link: [Click Here](#) For more info on this program: [Click Here](#)

- **BLC Golden Ticket Spring Recruitment Contest goes until 5/15/26!** Invite your friends to join Scouting and win cool prizes! More info in the link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/goldenticket-2/>
- **Bear Paw Merit Badge and Summer Camp Program Sign-up** opens on 4/18/26 at 3:00pm, <https://baylakescamps.org/bearpaw/>
- **BLC Spring Coffee** sale orders are due by 4/22/26 into this link, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-2026springsale>
- **BALOO Training** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 4/25/26-4/26/26, at Camp Rokilio, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringBALOO>
- **GW Leader Awards Ceremony**, Sunday, 4/26/26, 1:30-3:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin St in Appleton <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWLeaderAwardsLuncheon>
- **BLC Summer Camp Camperships Link** will remain open until 4/30/26 at 11:59pm, see link to apply, <https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2026CampershipRequest>
- **2026 Friends of Scouting** donations need to be turned in by 5/31/26, to qualify for earning unit incentives if you reach your Stretch Goal: <https://baylakesbsa.org/2026-friends-of-scouting-gathering-waters-district-2/>

May 2026 *BLC Provisional Camping link with dates for each camp, <https://baylakescamps.org/provisional-camping/>

- **Bear Paw Spring Camporee**, 5/1/26-5/3/26 at Bear Paw Scout Camp, Harry Potter themed, if interested in helping, e-mail the Event Chair Paul Rasmussen at paulras23@gmail.com Register by 4/26/26 at this link. <https://scoutingevent.com/635-bearpawspringcamporee2026>
- **IOLS**, 5/2/26-5/3/26 at Bear Paw Spring Camporee, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-IOLS2026>
- **Certified Angling Instructor training** course registration opens on 5/1/26, this is for a 6-class course that starts on 10/1/26, this class fills up so register early! <https://scoutingevent.com/635-114932>
- **Wilderness First Aid Training**, 5/9/26-5/10/26 at Twin Lakes Camp, all registration info is in the link, contact Nick Paulick with questions at 920-267-1115, paulicknick@gmail.com <https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA635&calendarID=619918>
- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for 2026)**, Thursday, 5/14/26, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room C190A, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room C181. The OA will break out into room C173, after the announcements. Please enter through door 15 in the North parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link. [Click Here](#)
- **Rokilio Experience 2026**, 5/16/26, 8:00am-4:00pm at Camp Rokilio, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-RokilioExperience2026>
- **Flag Laying at Highland Memorial Park cemetery**, Thursday, 5/21/26, anytime 3:30-7:00pm, 3131 N. Richmond St in Appleton, they need assistance laying 6,000 flags at Veterans tombstones, call Heather at Highland to confirm the number of Scouts attending in your unit at 920-733-6505 and leave unit number and the estimate of youth and adults attending by 5/20/26. This is a rain or shine event, so bring raincoats if it looks like rain, they will provide free food to all.
- **BLC Scouting Golf Classic**, 5/21/26 fundraiser event at The Bull golf course in Sheboygan, 9am-4pm, for more information on how you can play in and support this event, [Click Here](#).
- **Memorial Day Parade**, Monday, 5/25/26, 8am-10am in Appleton (starts on College Ave at 9am), will need a volunteer/unit to manage the event https://www.appletonwi.gov/community/appleton_parades/index.php

- **Whitewater Weekends at Gardner Dam, (UPDATED DATES)** 5/15/26-5/17/26, 5/29/26-5/31/26, 8/8/26-8/9/26, and 9/18/26-9/20/26, see link for more info and to register to attend, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-109982>
- **Kon Wapos Lodge OA Spring Conference**, 5/29/26-5/31/26 at Camp Rokilio, more info in link, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringConference>
- **Scouting The Zoo**, 5/29/26-5/31/26, at the Milwaukee County Zoo, put on by Three Harbors Council, More info in link: <https://threeharborsscouting.doubleknot.com/scouting-the-zoo-2024/76166>
- **2026 Friends of Scouting** money must be turned into BLC Office by 5/31/26, to count towards your FOS Unit Goal Incentive: <https://baylakesbsa.org/2026-friends-of-scouting-gathering-waters-district-2/>

June 2026

- **BLC Camp unit reservations** open on 6/1/26, reserve your dates to stay at one of our camps 6/1/26-5/31/27 (excluding Summer Camp dates) at this link: <https://campreservation.com/635/Camps>
For any BLC camp reservation questions, you can call or e-mail Celina Smith at the BLC Office at 920-734-5705 or Celina.Smith@scouting.org
- **Kon Wapos Lodge OA Spring Conference**, 6/5/26-6/7/26 at Gardner Dam, more info in link, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringConference>
- **Scout Fishoree**, Saturday, 6/6/26, 8:30am-Noon at Miller's Bay in Oshkosh, more info in link, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-112170>
- **Flag Day Parade**, Saturday, 6/13/26, 1-4pm, downtown Appleton (parade starts at 2pm), **will need a volunteer/unit to manage the event**, https://www.appletonwi.gov/community/appleton_parades/flag_day.php
- **Fox Cities Butterfly Festival**, Saturday, 6/13/26, 9am-Noon, at City Park (500 E. Franklin St), **will need a volunteer/unit to run a Cub Scout info table**, <https://foxcitiesbutterflyfestival.com/>
- **WI Timber Rattlers 2026 Scout Night**, Sunday, 6/14/26, Noon pre-game catch, 1:10pm game start, more information and registration in link, <https://www.gofevo.com/event/2026scout3>
- **NYLT Traditional Course (National Youth Leadership Training)**, 6/28/26-7/03/26 at Gardner Dam, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-NYLTTraditional2026>

July 2026

- **Greenville Catfish Festival**; Friday, 7/10/26 from 4-7pm, **Inflatable Archery range event** at Lions Park
- **The 2026 Philmont BLC Contingent** will be 7/11/26-7/25/26, for more information and to register: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-Philmont2026>
- **The 2026 National Jamboree BLC Contingent** will be 7/18/26-7/31/26.
Touring of Washington DC 7/18/26-7/21/26 and the National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from 7/22/26-7/31/26. For more information and to register, see this link: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-httpsscoutingeventcom635Jamboree2026>

August 2026

- **National Night Out**, either 8/4/26 or 8/5/26, **work with your local Police or Fire Dept to get a booth**
- **Wood Badge** (Adult Leader Training), 8/7/26-8/9/26 (Rokilio) & 8/22/26-8/23/26 (Gardner Dam), need to attend both weekends, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-WoodBadge2026?draftmode=1>
- **NYLT Pack & Paddle Course (National Youth Leadership Training)**, 8/8/26-8/16/26 at Camp Hiawatha, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-nyltp>
- **BLC Popcorn Zoom Training**, 8/11/26, date and time are tentative/TBD
- **District Roundtable Fall Recruitment meeting**, Thursday, 8/13/26, at FVTC in Appleton, 6:30pm-7:30pm, room # is TBD, this is for all Pack and Troop leaders, recruitment strategies will be discussed, and come to pick up your fall recruitment & popcorn materials
- **Kon Wapos Lodge OA Lodge Gathering**, 8/14/26-8/16/26 at Bear Paw, more info in link, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-LodgeGathering>
- **District Cub Scout 500**, Monday, 8/17/26, at WIR in Kaukauna, 5:30-7:30pm, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-CubScout5002026>
- **Road America Scout Weekend** in Elkhart Lake, 8/28/26-8/30/26, for more information and to register see this link, <https://www.roadamerica.com/scout-weekend-road-america>



September 2026

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Fall of 2026)**, Thursday, 9/10/26, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements.
Please enter through door TBD in the TBD parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link.
<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **Sporting Clays** BLC fundraiser event, Friday, 9/11/26, 8:00am-2:00pm, <https://baylakesbsa.org/sporting-clays/>
- **Octoberfest**, 9/26/26 from 9am-3pm at the Family Fun Area, **volunteers/unit needed to head up**, connect with Jeff McMullen to sign-up at 920-954-9300, district will have inflatable archery there

October 2026

- **Certified Angling Instructor training** begins on 10/1/26 and goes every Thursday from 6-8pm on Zoom until 11/5/26 (6 classes total), more information is in the link <https://scoutingevent.com/635-114932>
- **Tough Kids Challenge**, Saturday, 10/3/26 in Appleton at Highlands Elementary, from 9:00am-1:00pm, **volunteers needed** to help with a recruitment table, 1,500 youth partake in this
<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/programs-services/programs/fox-valley-tough-kid-challenge>
- **STEMpede**, 10/2/26-10/4/26 at Bear Paw, for all Scouts BSA/AOL's/Venturers, more details to come
- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Fall of 2026)**, Thursday, 10/8/26, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements.
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<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **Fall Camporee** (Scouts BSA/AOL's), 10/9/26-10/11/26, location is TBD, more information to come.
- **BALOO Training** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 10/10/26-10/11/26 at Gardner Dam, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-107298>
- **Scouting for Food** bag distribution is anytime 10/10/26-10/14/26 and food bag collection day will be the morning of 10/17/26, drop off food at pantries from 9:00am-Noon on 10/17/26.
For more info and to sign up your unit to participate, see this link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/sff/>
- **BLC Golden Eagle** fundraising event at Lambeau Field Atrium, 10/13/26, 5:30pm-8:30pm, registration details and table sponsor info is in the link, <https://baylakesbsa.org/goldeneagle/>
- **Autumn Blast**, 10/24/26 at Camp Rokilio, 9:00am-3:30pm, for all Cub Scouts

November 2026

- **Webelos/AOL Pin Day & Adult Leader Training** (Meet the Troops at lunch), 11/7/26 at FVTC in Appleton, 7:30am-3:00pm, more details to come
- **Work on Silver Beaver Award Nominations**, as they are due to BLC office by 1/11/27, see link for more details and for the awards form to use (be detailed and complete), <https://baylakesbsa.org/silverbeaver/>
- **Veterans Day**, Wednesday, 11/11/26, see if your unit can assist at a **local Veterans event**
- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Fall of 2026)**, Thursday, 11/12/26, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements.
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<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **Appleton Christmas Parade**, Tuesday, 11/24/26, 6-8pm, downtown Appleton, we will have a BLC float, **volunteers are needed to assist**, e-mail Jody Rasmussen if interested, jodyras01@gmail.com

December 2026

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Fall of 2026)**, Thursday, 12/10/26, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements.
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- **Work on Silver Beaver Award Nominations**, as they are due to BLC office by 1/11/27, see link for more details and for the awards form to use (be detailed and complete), <https://baylakesbsa.org/silverbeaver/>

January 2027

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Winter of 2027)**, Thursday, 1/14/27, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements. Please enter through door TBD in the TBD parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link. <https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **Silver Beaver Award Nominations** due to BLC office by 1/11/27, see link for more details and for the awards form to use (be detailed and complete), <https://baylakesbsa.org/silverbeaver/>
- **District Klondike Derby**, Saturday 1/30/27, 8:00am-4:00pm, Rockledge Park in Seymour

February 2027

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Winter of 2027)**, Thursday, 2/11/27, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements. Please enter through door TBD in the TBD parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link. <https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>

March 2027

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Winter of 2027)**, Thursday, 3/11/27, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements. Please enter through door TBD in the TBD parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link. <https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>

April 2027

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Winter of 2027)**, Thursday, 4/8/27, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements. Please enter through door TBD in the TBD parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link. <https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>

May 2027

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Winter of 2027)**, Thursday, 5/13/27, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room TBD, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room TBD. The OA will break out into room TBD, after the announcements. Please enter through door TBD in the TBD parking lot. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, Aug-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Roundtable Zoom meeting link. <https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>

June-December 2027:

- **The 2027 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)** will be 7/26/27-7/31/27 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. For more information, see this link. <https://oa-scouting.org/program/events/noac>
- **The 2027 BLC Philmont trip** is planned for 7/10/27-7/24/27, [Click Here](#)

***Dates and times are subject to change.**

-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/>

-**Order of the Arrow, Kon Wapos Lodge** events and registration links, are located here: <https://konwapos.org/>



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Scan to view GW Google Calendar:



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*District Google Calendar viewing link: [Click Here](#)

-BLC Summer Camp promotion videos are 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](#)

-BLC 2026 Summer Camp Staff application link:

<https://airtable.com/appVG0jB29zG2ZVPd/pag9F08PGHxiNqJ04/form>

-BLC 2026 Summer Camp dates and costs, please visit this link. <https://baylakescamps.org/>

-BLC 2026 Summer Camp unit reservations opened on Monday, 12/1/25, see below for links.

Bear Paw: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-2026summercampbearpaw>

Gardner Dam (Scouts BSA): <https://scoutingevent.com/635-2026summercampgardnerdamadventurebase>

Gardner Dam (Webelos/AOL): <https://scoutingevent.com/635-2026WebelosAOLsatGardnerDamAdventureBase>

Camp Rokilio: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-2026CubScoutWorldatCampRokilio>

-BLC Camp unit reservations from 6/1/25-5/31/26 (excluding Summer Camp dates) can be made at this link:

<https://campreservation.com/635/Camps> For any BLC camp reservation questions, you can call or e-mail

Celina Smith at the BLC Office at Celina.Smith@scouting.org or 920-734-5705.

-Webelos/AOL/Cub Scout Camping requirements, visit this link.

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2024-Cub-Scout-Camping-Info-graph.pdf>

-Guide to Safe Scouting link: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

-Scouting Program info updates link: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/>

-Merit badge requirements & pamphlets, see this link. <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

-Military Service & Veterans Merit Badge Test Lab: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/military-service-veterans/>

-Test Lab merit badge info: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2025/03/17/what-is-the-scouts-bsa-test-lab-and-how-can-it-benefit-your-troop/>

-Citizenship in Society Merit Badge update: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/citizenship-in-society-merit-badge-discontinuance/>

-Scoutbook questions, see this link. <https://discussions.scouting.org/c/scoutbook/28>

-Leader Training online classes for your position, see this link, then click on My Training. <https://my.scouting.org/home>

-Philmont 2026 Training Conferences schedule: <https://www.philmontscout ranch.org/ptc/ptc-conferences/>

-Scouts BSA Membership Corner, <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/membership-corner/>

-Scouts BSA Troop Leader Resources, <https://troopleader.scouting.org/>

-Cub Scout Leader Resources, <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>

-Unit Commissioner helpful links for current Commissioners, see this link. <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/>

-Military Families Scouting donation link: [Click Here](#)

-National Catholic Committee on Scouting College Scholarships: <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>

-BLC Scouting Wish List Items: [Click Here](#)



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Unit Commissioners & Pack Mentors needed!

Attention all current and former Scout leaders:

Our new District Commissioner, Jody Rasmussen, is looking for current or retired Scout Leaders, to be District Unit Commissioners. We have around 15 Commissioners right now and we need at least another 15 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 Jody. **Jody Rasmussen contact info: jodyras01@gmail.com or 920-227-8016.**

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 GW 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. A Pack Mentor is something we are trying and need from Aug-Oct, to help packs with fall recruitment.

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 their Scouting America council staff, other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting . 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/unit.

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 Jody Rasmussen or your District Executive, 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. Pack Mentor's fill the role as a Unit Commissioner, but for a short 3-month window from Aug-Oct.*