

Scouting America



Bay-Lakes Council

GATHERING WATERS DISTRICT

2025-2026 Calendar of Events

September 2025

- **District Roundtable meeting**, Thursday, 9/11/25, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room F108, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room G140A. The OA will break out into G140B, after the announcements. Please enter through door 6 in the south parking lot. 2nd Thursday of month, Sept-May.
- **Christmas Parade Sign-Up**, submit unit info by 9/15/25 in link, <https://forms.office.com/r/3z8dk0zjxC> the parade is on Tuesday, 11/25/25, 6-8pm, downtown Appleton, we will need units to help with a new district float and be in the parade, Jody Rasmussen (our GW Membership Chair) will be coordinating this event. If your unit is interested in being in the largest nighttime Christmas parade in the Midwest and/or assisting in building the float, please click the link above to enter in your info.
- **BLC Sporting Clays Fundraiser**, Friday, 9/5/25 at the Triple J Wing & Clay in Brillion, 8am-3pm, [Click Here](#)
- **Scouting America Certified Angling Instructor Training** (6 classes, must attend all dates), Zoom class dates are 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15; from 6-8pm, registration is now closed. [Click Here for more Info](#)
- **Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 9/12/25-9/14/25 at Gardner Dam, [Click Here](#)
- **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>
- **Show & Sell Popcorn Distribution**, Friday, 9/19/25, 1-6pm, at CCRS Warehouse in Menasha, sign up for a pick up time at this link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAEAD22A5FA7-57936479-2025#/>
- **Whitewater Weekend** (Scouts BSA/Venturers), 9/26/25-9/28/25 at Gardner Dam, [Click Here](#)

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>
- **District Roundtable meeting**, Thursday, 9/11/25, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room F108, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room G140A. The OA will break out into G140B, after the announcements. Please enter through door 6 in the south parking lot. 2nd Thursday of month, Sept-May.
- **Mid-Sale Reorder Popcorn Distribution**, Friday, 10/10/25, 1-6pm, at CCRS Warehouse in Menasha
- **GW Fall District Camporee** (Scouts BSA/AOL Scouts/Venturers), 10/10/25-10/12/25 at Gardner Dam <https://scoutingevent.com/635-fallcamporee2025>
- **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>
- **Life to Eagle Seminar**, 10/11/25, Gardner Dam from 9:00am-11:00am, Eagle Room in High Adventure building. <https://scoutingevent.com/635-LifetoEagle2> (there will be another seminar in Feb at FVTC)
- **Scouting for Food** bag distribution 10/11/25-10/15/25 and food bag collection day will be the morning of 10/18/25, drop off food at pantries 9:00am-Noon. For more info and to sign up your unit to participate, see this link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/sff/>
- **BLC Golden Eagle Fundraiser**, Tuesday, 10/14/25 at Lambeau Field, 5pm-8pm, looking to attend or sponsor a table at this event, click this link for more info, <https://baylakesbsa.org/goldeneagle/>
- **Fall Spook-O-Ree** by the LakeShore District, 10/24/25-10/26/25, at the Manitowoc Historical Society at Pinecrest Village, for more information see link, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-LSFallSpookoree>
- **Autumn Blast** (Cub Scouts), 10/25/25 at Camp Rokilio, 9:00am-3:30pm, [Click Here](#)
- **Popcorn Returns Night**, Tuesday, 10/28/25, 1-6pm, at the CCRS Warehouse in Menasha

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, 8am-4pm, [Click Here](#)
- **Heckrodt Cub Scout Clinic**, Saturday, 11/8/25, 12:30-3pm, Webelos/AOL Into the Woods/Into the Wild elective adventures, registration info at this link. <https://heckrodtnaturecenter.org/store/Scout-Programs-Cub-Girl-and-Boy-Scouts-c18317264>
- **District Roundtable meeting**, Thursday, 11/13/25, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room F108, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room G140A. The OA will break out into G140B, after the announcements. Please enter through door 6 in the south parking lot. 2nd Thursday of month, Sept-May.
- **Take Order Popcorn Distribution**, Thursday, 11/20/25, 1-6pm at CCRS Warehouse in Menasha
- **Appleton Christmas Parade**, Tuesday, 11/25/25, 6-8pm, downtown Appleton, **will need volunteers/units to help with a new district float** and be in the parade, Jody Rasmussen will head up this event, if interested in helping please reach out to her via e-mail. jodyras01@gmail.com

December 2025

- **District Roundtable meeting**, Thursday, 12/11/25, at FVTC in Appleton, from 6:45pm-8:00pm in room F108, with a District Committee meeting at 5:45pm in room G140A. The OA will break out into G140B, after the announcements. Please enter through door 6 in the south parking lot. 2nd Thursday of month, Sept-May.

January-December 2026 dates: *Roundtables are 2nd Thursday of month, Sept-May

- **Heckrodt Cub Scout Clinic**, Saturday, 1/10/26, 1-3pm, Bear Habitat elective adventure, registration info at this link. <https://heckrodtnaturecenter.org/store/Scout-Programs-Cub-Girl-and-Boy-Scouts-c18317264>
- **District Klondike Derby**, Saturday, 1/31/26, 8am-4pm at Rock Ledge Park in Seymour
- **Friends of Scouting (FOS)** unit presentation date/time/location info due to Jason Splinter by 1/14/26
- **Arctic Adventure** (Scouts BSA) at Gardner Dam: 2/6/26-2/8/26 and 2/20/26-2/22/26
- **Polar Cubs** at Gardner Dam: 2/13/26-2/15/26 and 2/27/26-3/1/26
- **District Life to Eagle Seminar**, Saturday, 2/7/26, 9:00am-11:00am, at FVTC in Appleton
- **Heckrodt Cub Scout Clinic**, Saturday, 2/14/26, 1-3pm, Paws on the Path Wolf elective adventure, registration info at this link. <https://heckrodtnaturecenter.org/store/Scout-Programs-Cub-Girl-and-Boy-Scouts-c18317264>
- **District Pinewood Derby**, Sunday, 3/1/26, Noon-4pm at Spring Road Elementary in Neenah
- **STEM Pi Day**, Saturday, 3/14/26 at FVTC in Appleton, 7am-5pm, for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA members
- **Maple Syrup Days**, at Bear Paw Scout Camp, March dates are TBD, <https://bearpawmaplesyrup.com/>
- **Kidz Expo**, Saturday, 4/11/26, 9am-2pm, downtown Appleton Expo Center, **need volunteers to help**
- **BALOO Training** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 4/25/26-4/26/26, at Camp Rokilio
- **GW Leader Awards Ceremony**, Sunday, 4/26/26, Noon-2pm, American Legion in Appleton
- **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 See this link for updated info as the year progresses: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-102409?draftmode=1>
- **IOLS**, 5/2/26 at Bear Paw Spring Camporee, 7am-7pm
- **Rokilio Experience**, 5/16/26, 8am-4pm at Camp Rokilio, Cub Scout Day Camp event
- **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.
- **Memorial Day Parade**, Monday, 5/25/26, 8am-10am in Appleton (starts on College Ave at 9am), **will need a volunteer to manage the event**, e-mail Jason Splinter if interested, Jason.Splinter@Scouting.org https://www.appletonwi.gov/community/appleton_parades/index.php
- **Whitewater Weekends at Gardner Dam**, these are the 2026 tentative dates:
5/15/26-5/17/26, 5/29/26-5/31/26, 9/11/26-9/13/26, 9/25/26-9/27/26

- **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
- **Scout Fishoree**, Saturday, 6/6/26, 8:30am-Noon at Miller's Bay in Oshkosh, more info to come...
- **NYLT Traditional Course (National Youth Leadership Training)**, 6/14/26-6/20/26 at Gardner Dam
- **Flag Day Parade**, Saturday, 6/13/26, 1-4pm, downtown Appleton (parade starts at 2pm),
will need a volunteer to manage the event, let Jason Splinter know if you are interested
- **Fox Cities Butterfly Festival**, Saturday, 6/13/26, 9am-Noon, at City Park (500 E. Franklin St),
<https://foxcitiesbutterflyfestival.com/> **Will need a volunteer to run a Cub Scout info table**
- **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?draftmode=1>
- **NYLT Pack & Paddle Course (National Youth Leadership Training)**, 8/2/26-8/8/26 at Camp Hiawatha
- **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 & 8/22/26-8/23/26, both weekends at Gardner Dam
- **District Cub Scout 500**, Monday, 8/10/26, at WI International Raceway in Kaukauna, 5:30-7:30pm
- **STEMpede**, 10/2/26-10/4/26 at Bear Paw, for all Scouts BSA/AOL's/Venturers
- **GW Fall District Camporee**, 10/9/26-10/11/26 at Gardner Dam
- **IOLS** (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), 10/10/26 at Fall Camporee at Gardner Dam
- **BALOO Training** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), 10/10/26-10/11/26 at Gardner Dam
- **Scouting for Food** bag distribution is 10/10/26-10/14/26 and
food bag collection day will be the morning of 10/17/26, drop off food at pantries 9:00am-Noon.
For more info and to sign up your unit to participate, see this link. <https://baylakesbsa.org/sff/>
- **Autumn Blast**, 10/24/26 at Camp Rokilio, 9:00am-3:30pm, Cub Scout Day Camp event
- **Webelos/AOL Pin Day & Adult Leader Training** (Meet the Troops at lunch), 11/7/26 at FVTC
in Appleton, 7:30am-3:00pm
- **Cub College**, 2026 date and location are TBD
- **Appleton Christmas Parade**, Tuesday, 11/24/26, 6-8pm, downtown Appleton,
will need a District volunteer to manage the event and a Scouting themed float

-All Order of the Arrow, Kon Wapos Lodge event dates will be located at this site: <https://konwapos.org/>

***Dates and times are subject to change. This document is current, as of 9/11/25.**

-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 Calendar QR above, turn your cell phone sideways to view calendar info.

Scan to subscribe to GW District Google Calendar:



Scan to view GW Google Calendar:



-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/>

-**BLC Camp unit reservations** 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 920-734-5705 or Celina.Smith@scouting.org

-For the current **Scouting Program updates** from National, see the link below.
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/>

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

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

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

-For all **Scouts BSA Troop Leader Resources**, visit this link. <https://troopleader.scouting.org/>

-For more info on **Webelos/AOL/Cub Scout Camping** requirements, visit this link.
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2024-Cub-Scout-Camping-INfo-graph.pdf>

-For all **Cub Scout Leader Resources**, visit this link. <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>

-For information on being a **Unit Commissioner** or helpful links for current Commissioners, see this link. <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/>



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 Director, 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. Pack Mentor's fill the role as a Unit Commissioner, but for a short 3-month window from Aug-Oct.*