

# Scouting America



## Bay-Lakes Council

### GATHERING WATERS DISTRICT

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## 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

### November 2025

**\*BLC Holiday Wish List Items:** [Click Here](#)

- **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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of month, Sept-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Zoom meeting link.  
<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3IFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **Take Order Popcorn Distribution**, Thursday, 11/20/25, 1-6pm at CCRS Warehouse in Menasha, Popcorn Kernels who have a pick up, please sign-up in this link, [Click Here](#)
- **Appleton Christmas Parade**, Tuesday, 11/25/25, 6-8pm, downtown Appleton, we are #51 of 85 floats, 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](mailto:jodyras01@gmail.com)

### December 2025

**\*BLC Holiday Wish List Items:** [Click Here](#)

- **Complete Silver Beaver Nomination forms in December** and turn into BLC Office by 1/2/26, all details and form links can be found at this site. <https://baylakesbsa.org/silverbeaver/>
- **BLC 2026 Summer Camp unit reservations open** on Monday, 12/1/25, <https://baylakescamps.org/>
- **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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, Sept-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Zoom meeting link.  
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- **Friends of Scouting (FOS)** unit presentation date/time/location info is due by 1/9/26 into this link, [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBwAy85tsn6rkwk\\_vHFgHICRhKcMJ1FdU3S2IYMS5iZqValQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBwAy85tsn6rkwk_vHFgHICRhKcMJ1FdU3S2IYMS5iZqValQ/viewform)

### January 2026

**\*All 2026 Order of the Arrow, Kon Wapos Lodge** event dates will be located at this site: <https://konwapos.org/>

- **Silver Beaver Nominations** are due by 1/2/26 to the BLC Office. <https://baylakesbsa.org/silverbeaver/>
- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for Winter/Spring 2026)**, Thursday, 1/08/26, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, Sept-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Zoom meeting link.  
<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3IFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
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- **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, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWDistrictKlondike2026>
- **GW 2025 Leader Awards nominations are open**; nominations can be made at this link. <https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2025GWAwards>

### February 2026

- **Arctic Adventure** (Scouts BSA) at Gardner Dam: 2/6/26-2/8/26 and 2/20/26-2/22/26, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-httpsscoutingeventcom635ArcticAdventure>

- **District Life to Eagle Seminar**, Saturday, 2/7/26, 9:00am-11:00am, at FVTC in Appleton  
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-LifetoEagle2026>
- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for 2026)**, Thursday, 2/12/26, 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. If you are unable to make Roundtable in person, here is the Zoom meeting link.  
<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>  
Please enter through door 15 in the North parking lot. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, Sept-May.
- **Polar Cubs** at Gardner Dam: 2/13/26-2/15/26 and 2/27/26-3/1/26,  
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-107347?draftmode=1>
- **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>
- **GW 2025 Leader Awards nominations are due in by 3/23/26**, nominations can be made at this link.  
<https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2025GWAwards>

### March 2026

- **District Pinewood Derby**, Sunday, 3/1/26, Noon-4pm at Spring Road Elementary in Neenah, register at this link, cost is only \$5.00! <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWDistrictPinewoodDerby2026>
- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for 2026)**, Thursday, 3/12/26, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, Sept-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Zoom meeting link.  
<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **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 3/21/26 & 3/28/26 (for Scouts BSA),  
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-101528?draftmode=1>
- **GW 2025 Leader Awards nominations are due in by 3/23/26**, nominations can be made at this link.  
<https://247scouting.com/forms/635-2025GWAwards>
- **GW Leader Awards Ceremony** is Sunday, 4/26/26, Noon-2pm, American Legion in Appleton, please register at this link by 4/20/26 <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWLeaderAwardsLuncheon>

### April 2026

- **District Roundtable meeting (NEW ROOM NUMBERS for 2026)**, Thursday, 4/9/26, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, Sept-May. If you are unable to make it in person, here is the Zoom meeting link.  
<https://humana.zoom.us/j/93475475088?pwd=eyulBKJhFdNVci7inK3lFNsUo9wLD3.1&from=addon>
- **Maple Syrup Days Open House**, at Bear Paw Scout Camp, 4/11/26 (for Cub Scouts), 9:00am-3:00pm  
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-101528?draftmode=1>
- **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,  
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringBALOO>
- **GW Leader Awards Ceremony**, Sunday, 4/26/26, Noon-2pm, American Legion in Appleton, register at this link by 4/20/26 <https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWLeaderAwardsLuncheon>

### May 2026

- **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](mailto:paulras23@gmail.com) See this link for updated info as the year progresses: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-102409?draftmode=1>
- **IOLS**, 5/2/26-5/3/26 at Bear Paw Spring Camporee, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-IOLS2026>
- **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.

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- **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.
- **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](mailto:Jason.Splinter@Scouting.org) [https://www.appletonwi.gov/community/appleton\\_parades/index.php](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

### **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](mailto:Celina.Smith@scouting.org)
- **Scout Fishoree**, Saturday, 6/6/26, 8:30am-Noon at Miller's Bay in Oshkosh, more info to come...
- **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
- **NYLT Traditional Course (National Youth Leadership Training)**, 6/28/26-7/03/26 (new date) at Gardner Dam, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-NYLTTraditional2026?draftmode=1>

### **July 2026**

- **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>

### **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 (new date) at Camp Hiawatha, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-nyltp?draftmode=1>
- **BLC Popcorn 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, come to pick up your fall recruitment and popcorn materials
- **District Cub Scout 500**, Monday, 8/17/26 (new date), at WIR in Kaukauna, 5:30-7:30pm, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-CubScout5002026>

### **October 2026**

- **Tough Kids Challenge**, first Saturday in October in Appleton, Highlands Elementary
- **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, location is TBD
- **IOLS** (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), 10/10/26 at Fall Camporee, this event is TBD

- **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 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/>
- **BLC Golden Eagle** fundraising event, tentative date is Tuesday, 10/13/26
- **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
- **Veterans Day**, Wednesday, 11/11/26, see if your unit can assist at a local Veterans event
- **Appleton Christmas Parade**, Tuesday, 11/24/26, 6-8pm, downtown Appleton, we will have a BLC float

\*The 2027 BLC Philmont trip is planned for 7/10/27-7/24/27, <https://scoutingevent.com/635-BLCPhilmont2027?draftmode=1>

\*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 11/13/25.**

-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:



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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/>

-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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*