



Gathering Connections

PROGRAM KICKOFF

Does your unit have a fun, dynamic year planned for 2016-2017? Need some fresh programming ideas for your scouts? Want to see what other packs, troops, and crews are doing? Join us at Program Kickoff on Thursday, February 11th at Fox Valley Tech College in Appleton from 6:30-8 pm! The first hour will be informational booths on programming. Guests include the Fox Valley Scout Collaboration, the Timber Rattlers, UW-Fox Merit Badge clinics, the DNR, Maritime Museum, and many more! District and Council functions like fundraising, camporees, and Webelos Rendezvous will have booths as well!

This event will be held in rooms A170abc and C190abc, near entrances 15 and 16. The event is open to all parents, leaders, and scouts! We STRONGLY encourage a minimum of one adult per unit to attend.

Following the first hour of open booths, we will be offering two hands on training to choose from. There will be a training on the new my.scouting.org website: How do you use it? What tools on the website can help your unit? How is it different from myscouting.org? Please bring a laptop or mobile device if you wish to follow along.

The second training is focused on incorporating STEM in your unit. Leaders will have a chance to learn about STEM in a Box and try some hands on activities to take back to your pack, troop, or crew.

NO preregistration or fees are required, simply show up and learn some new information to bring back to your unit! This event takes the place of February's roundtable.

[Click here for the FVTC map.](#)

For questions, please contact Maggie Shelton at Maggie.Shelton@Scouting.org.

3 MONTH SNEAK PEAK

Disney on Ice Scout Nights...2/5-2/6

Life to Eagle Seminar...2/6

Scout Sunday Mass...2/7

Program Kickoff...2/11

Klondike...2/13

Winterfest...2/13

Arctic Adventure...2/13-2/14

Winter Amidships...2/20

Religious Emblem Training...2/27

Family Life MB Workshop...2/27

STEM Pi Day...3/12

Maple Syrup for Cub Scout...3/12

Catholic Youth Scout Retreat...3/12

Maple Syrup Days and STEM/NOVA Award...3/18-3/20 and 4/1-4/3

District Dinner...4/10

DNR Hunter Safety...4/8-4/9

BALOO Training...4/9

NRA Certified Rifle and Shotgun shooting class...4/14-4/17

Cub Scout Leader Training...4/23

Webelos Rendezvous...4/29-4/30

Scoutmaster and AS Leader Training Part 1...4/30

Kon Wapos Lodge Spring Fellowship...4/29-4/30

Kayak Rolling..Sundays

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CLASS OF EAGLES!

Thomas Trinko #32

SM Robert Smits

Brandon Oneacre #43

SM Ed Palmer

Mark Brinkman #73

SM Dave Bishop

Christopher Clemons #9

SM Mike Adler

Landen Schwarz #57

SM Paul Heuring

UPCOMING BOARDS OF REVIEW

FEB 18

MARCH 17

APRIL 21

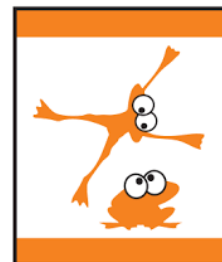
KLONDIKE DERBY

Can your patrol take home the traveling Frying Pan Award? Klondike is on Saturday, February 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Outagamie County Conservation Club. This is a co-event with Cub Scouts. This event is full of outdoor activities designed to reflect what gold miners from the Klondike Gold rush experienced. Patrols will complete each activity and be scored on teamwork, leadership, patrol spirit, and accuracy. Cost of youth is \$8 and adult is \$7 before February 1st. A fee increase to \$10 will occur after January 31st. Cost includes program supplies, patch, and lunch. Lunch

will be provided but participants should bring a non-cream based soup for friendship soup and a reusable mug for hot chocolate. It is encouraged to register as patrols. There is a limit of 20 patrols so don't wait to sign up! Click [here](#) or visit the district calendar to register and see more information. For questions, please contact event chair John Ptaszynski at bigpt@juno.com or staff advisor Maggie Shelton at Mag-gie.shelton@scouting.org.

WINTERFEST

Have Scouts who are interested in Jedi Dodgeball? Or Alaskan Frisbee? Have Scouts who want to work on Adventure Elective Tiger Tag or Adventure Elective Cubs Who Care? These are some of the fun activities at Winterfest this year! Winterfest is a mostly outdoor event on Saturday, February 13th from 8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Outagamie Conservation Club. There is a warming shelter where one activity will be held and restrooms. Cost for Scouts and adults is \$7 before February 1st, price then increases to \$10 per person. Fee covers program supplies, venue fees, and patch. Free hot chocolate will be available all day. To register and for more information please click [here](#) or visit the district calendar! For questions, please contact staff advisor Maggie Shelton at Maggie.Shelton@Scouting.org.



LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

Attention all Star and Life Scouts, their parents, and leaders! Our Life to Eagle seminar is coming up on Saturday, February 6th ! This event will prepare your scout in the process to earn his Eagle rank. The seminar is at the Appleton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from 9am-12pm. Address is 425 W Parkridge, please enter through the South door. Please bring a pen, Eagle application, and copy of new Eagle workbook. For questions reach out the advancement chair, Kathy Croff, at kcroff@new.rr.com.

STEM PI DAY

Bay Lakes Council is again putting on Pi Day for Scouts and Venturers on Saturday, March 12th at FVTC. Cub Scouts will be working on the Wild Nova Award. Wolve Scouts will complete the Digging in the Past Adventure, Bear scouts will complete the Critter Care Adventure, Webelos will complete the Into the Woods Adventure. Boy Scouts can complete the following merit badges: Welding, Sustainability, Robotics, Composite materials, Space Exploration, or Digital Technology. They will be working on their Nova Award as well. Trainings will be available for adults including: YPT, STEM in your unit, Webelos to Scout transition, Nova Counselor, Supernova Mentor, and Merit Badge Counselor. Registration will soon be up and running on the council website.

ARMY CADETS XPERIENCE

The Army Cadets Exploring post has opened registration for the 2016 Army Cadets Xperience. This camp teaches Boy Scout units military skills like camouflaging, infantry movements, drill ceremony, and more. This is a great weekend camp for any Boy Scouts interested in joining the military some day. The event is May 20-22 at Fort McCoy, WI.

[Click here for the event flyer.](#)

Visit www.gocadets.org to register for the event.

For more information contact COL Brian Blahnik at brian.blahnik@gocadets.org or call at (920) 850-3026

VENTURING LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Bay Lakes Venturing Officers Association is putting on a weekend of fun and learning sessions to help both youth and leaders work on their rank advancements within Venturing. This is the first ever Venturing education in our council and we are excited to offer this. We are planning on making this an annual event.

Event is March 18-20th at Outer Limits Youth Outreach Center in Brillion, WI.

You can come as an individual or a crew. Registration will be available on line shortly and is limited this year due to our location, so sign up fast.

Lastly, if you are interested in helping please let us know.

[Click here](#) for event flyer.

For questions, please contact Miki Gould at irish-gem1972@gmail.com.

WINTER AMIDSHIPS

Bay-Lakes Council BSA and the alumni of the Fond du Lac Scouts are proud to invite you to the Winter Amidships (WAM) co-ed Scouting event to be held on February 20, 2016 at the National Guard Armory, Fond du Lac, WI on Saturday, February 20th at 8:30am-10:30 pm.

This 1 day event is open to Units of Venture Crews, Sea Scouts, Career Explorers, Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls. There will be 11 events including: Knots; Compass Relay; Life-Jacket Relay; First-Aid;

International Code Flags; Obstacle Course; Scooter Race; Heaving Line and Bowling; Battleship Tournament and Tug-of-War.

The event includes dinner, an award presentation, dance and event patch. Visit the council website or [click here](#) to register and for more information.

MAPLE SYRUP DAYS

Cub Scouts

This day is just for Cub scouts! Learn the process of tapping maple syrup from our own Bear Paw Scout Camp. Event is on Saturday, March 12, 8am-4pm. Other activities include (but are not limited to):

- Branding
- Cooking demonstrations
- Outdoor code / leave not trace
- Pancake flipping
- Fire-building
- Team building requirement for Tigers!
- First Aid Kit Building
- Telescopes and binoculars
- Science Lab

All activities will be subject to weather. Register early for this event as space is limited! [Click here](#) or visit the council page to register and view more information.

Boy Scouts/ Venturers

Two weekend options available for Boy Scouts and Venturers for Maple Syrup days and STEM/NOVA awards! Come out March 18-20 or April 1-3. Learn about the process to bottle syrup, work on the NOVA award, and participate STEM activities. The program will start on Friday evening with check-in at 7:00 p.m. and conclude on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the weekend program is only \$45.00 and includes all activities, commemorative patch, 8 oz. bottle of Bear Paw Maple Syrup customized with their name and noted participation, room and board and a great Scouting experience! Visit the council page or [click here](#) for more information!

CUB SCOUT SPRING RECRUITMENT

Snow is on the ground, but it is time to start thinking about Spring Recruitment for your cub scout pack! If you have a strong summer program (having at least one pack event per month) and looking to grow your pack, spring recruitment is for your pack! We will be having a brief spring recruitment training on Thursday, March 10th at Fox Valley Tech during Roundtable. If you plan to have a spring recruitment, please share the date, time, and location with Sarah, Kevin, or Maggie by March 1st so they can help you have a successful recruitment! Their contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.

WEBELOS RENDEZVOUS

WEBELOS Rendezvous is a fun weekend featuring an opportunity to get a glimpse of Boy Scouting and have a quality outdoor experience.

The event is April 29th-May 1st at Camp Twin Lakes.

All registered 4th grade WEBELOS, their parents, Den Leaders and Pack Leaders are welcome to attend (additional family members are not able to attend). Den Chiefs working with a 4th grade Den may attend, but only with their Den.

Activities include, but are not limited to: Archery; BB guns; Crafts and Talking Stick; Fire Safety & Egg Frying; Wood Carving & Tool Demonstration; Logging Camp & Branding; Knots and Lashings; Tomahawk Throwing Range; Mountain Man Campsite; Shelter Building; Swamp Water Challenge; Black Smith.

For more information and registration [click here](#) or visit the council website.

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Follow our Council and District Facebook pages for tips and tricks, how to's, cool reads, and event information!



Click above to go to the District Facebook page



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COMMUNITY CORNER

Curiosity, Intrigue, and Magical Mysteries- February 6, 12-2 PM, History Museum at the Castle

Air of the Wolf Elective Adventure- February 27, 9-11 AM, Paper Discovery Center

Fur, Feathers, and Ferns-February 28, 9-11 AM, Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve

Adventures in Science/ Scientist Activity Badge- February 11, 5-7 PM, Paper Discovery Center

Into the Woods/ Forester Activity Badge- February 20, 9-11 AM, Bubolz Nature Preserve

Stories in Shapes& Collections and Hobbies– March 1, 5:30-7, Museum of Glass

Super Science Elective Adventure– March 12, 9-11am, Paper Discovery Center

Digging in the Past Elective Adventure– March 3, 5:30-7:30, Weis Earth Science Museum

Collections and Hobbies Elective Adventure– March 12, 12-2pm, History Museum at the Castle

Stories and Shapes& Collections and Hobbies– April 5, 4:30-6pm, Museum of Glass

Paws on the Path– April 23, 9-11, Bubolz

Beat of the Drum Elective Adventure– April 7, 5:30-7:30pm, Weis Earth Science Museum

Into the Woods Elective– April 23, 9am-3pm, 1000 Islands Environmental Center

Into the Wild Elective– April 30, 9-11am, Bubolz

Eagle Scout Project Idea– Informational Kiosk for Village of Sherwood, Sherwood Business Association

Family Life MB Clinic– 2/27, 9-2pm, Bonduel High School

For questions on events not put on by the district or council, please contact the organization directly.

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Have an article you want posted in the next Gathering Connections?

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