



# Gathering Connections

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Everyday, dedicated Scouting volunteers selflessly give their time, energy, and resources to the youth involved in the Boy Scouts. Every year, we want to recognize these dedicated people by asking peers to nominate them for the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. We are proud to recognize the following volunteers for being selected to receive this year's District Award of Merit: Jim Hove, Lee Stingle, ET Mejia, and Brian Rose.

We are also excited to recognize this year's Silver Beaver Award, Brian Rose.

The District Award of Merit is given to registered Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature on the district level and will be presented to them at the District Dinner/Eagle Recognition Dinner. The Silver Beaver Award is given to registered Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature on a council level. The Silver Beaver recipient will be presented with the award at the District Dinner/Eagle Recognition Dinner. Award winners are chosen by a volunteer committee.

The following page has a brief bio of each volunteer and description of their dedication to Scouts.

## DISTRICT DINNER/ EAGLE RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual combined District Dinner and Eagle Recognition dinner will be held on Sunday, April 10th at Liberty Hall in Kimberly from 3:30-6pm. The purpose of the dinner is to recognize and congratulate the Eagle Scouts from the last year as well as present awards to our District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver winners. This year, we are also recognizing the Community Supporter of the Year. All scouts, scouting families, and friends are encouraged to attend to thank and support our Eagles and dedicated volunteers.

You can register for the event at <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1887304>. Register before April 4th to avoid a \$5 late fee.

## 3 MONTH SNEAK PEEK

- Maple Syrup Days...4/1-4/3
- Spring Product Return Night...4/8
- District Dinner and Eagle Recognition...4/10
- DNR Safety...4/8-4/10
- NRA Shotgun and Rifle Instructor class...4/14-4/17
- Spring Sale Take Order Distribution...4/22
- Cub Scout Leader Training...4/23
- Leave No Trace training...4/23-4/24
- Webelos Rendezvous...4/29-5/1
- Kon Wapos Lodge Spring Fellowship...4/29-5/1
- Boy Scout Leader Training...4/30
- Spring Camporee...5/6-5/8
- Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills/ WLOT...5/6-5/8
- NRA Range Safety Officer Training...5/6-5/7
- Rokilio Experience...5/7
- Spring Whitewater Weekend...5/13-5/15
- BALOO...5/14
- Trade O Ree...5/14
- COPE& Climbing Instructor Training...5/20-5/21
- Powderhorn...5/20-5/22
- Kon Wapos Lodge Spring Conference...6/3-6/5
- Spring Mom and Son...6/10-6/12
- Whitewater Kayak Instructor Training...6/5-6/10
- NYLT...6/12-6/18

**CONGRATS TO OUR  
NEWEST CLASS OF EA-  
GLES!**

43 Tyler Behrmann

SM Ed Palmer

43 Trevor Oneacre

SM Ed Palmer

36 Roman Howser

SM Dan Mercer

41 Jonathan Rutten

SM Brian Heckel

**UPCOMING BOARDS  
OF REVIEW**

March 17

April 21

May 19

## SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Brian Rose, the Silver Beaver recipient for 2016. Brian currently serves as our district and council product chair for both the spring and fall sales, Scoutmaster for troop 77, and commissioner for several packs. His past Scouting achievements include Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter's Training Award, Order of the Arrow, and Woodbadge. He is also receiving the District Award of Merit this year. He has been successful in growing troop 77 from 9 scouts to 22 scouts, attended Philmont and Northern Tier, and plans on attending National Jamboree 2017. His peers describe

him as dedicated, hard working, and influential.

Congrats, Brian! We are proud to have you apart of our Scouting family!



## DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

### James Hove (Jim)

Jim is currently our district camping chair, advancement committee member, and assistant scout master for troop 73. He is a Vigil Order of the Arrow member and has been awarded the Scouter's Training Award and Scouter's Key. He is a past den leader and Scoutmaster for troop 73. Jim also regularly volunteers at district events. He is described by his peers as, "always willing to serve scouting."

### Kenneth Lee Stingle, Jr (Lee)

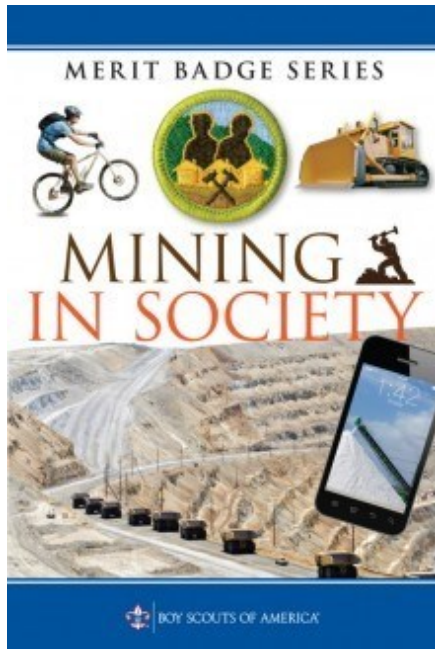
Lee is currently our district cub scout training chair, committee chair for pack 3122, unit commissioner, and involved in our new district summer event. Past awards include Den Leaders Award, Den Leader Coach Award, Cubmaster Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's Key, Scouter's Religious Award, Woodbadge, Pack Trainer, Youth Religious Award, and Arrow of Light Reward. He has been involved with numerous district events and camporees and is described as "an all around nice guy."

### Etienne Mejia (ET)

ET is currently the committee chair for troop 73. His scouting achievements include Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Order of the Arrow, and Eagle Scout. He has been involved with numerous district events and given Friends of Scouting presentations. Awards outside of Scouting include Patients' Choice Award, Campasonate Doctor Recognition, and On-Time Doctor Award. We thank you for your commitment to Scouting and our community!

### Brian Rose

Brian is well deserving of this award. Please see description above for past achievements and current Scouting roles.



## SPRING CAMPOREE

Spring camporee will be the weekend of May 6-8 at Gringon Mansion in Kaukauna. This event is for registered Boy Scout troops.

Camporee activities will focus on the requirements for the new Mining in Society Merit Badge.

Mining is highly important in society. From communications, transportation, power, constructions, agriculture, and medicine to education, entertainment and recreation, nearly every aspect of society relies on mining. The materials found within a host of widely used items (or found in the machines used to produce those items) come from a mine.

The information packet regarding the camporee will be emailed to leaders prior to April 1st, 2016. Cost is \$15 for each scout and adult. To register, visit <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1888977>.

Click [here](#) to learn about the requirements for the Mining in Society Merit Badge.

## ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable is held the second Thursday of every month at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton from 7-8:30 pm.

Join us on Thursday, April 14th for our April Roundtable!

Cub Scouts– Room HS114 A Cub Scout Carnival

**\*Please note the room change for Cub Scout Roundtable**

Boy Scouts/ Venturing– Room C171, Leadership transitions, leadership in the community

OA– Room HS 114 B

## APPLETON TOUGH KIDS CHALLENGE

This is a volunteer opportunity for Boy Scouts ages 12 and up. The Appleton district is hosting a Tough Kids Challenge at Highlands Elementary school on Saturday, October 1st and are looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed for: spotters at obstacle stations, crossing guards, and manning a promotional booth for Scouting.

Volunteers are needed from 8-11 or 11-2pm, or both shifts. Scouts can sign up as a troop or individual. Please visit the district calendar to register so we can have an accurate headcount.

There are also two potential Eagle projects available, building the obstacles. One is a traverse, the other would be an incline/decline ladder climb.

Registration to volunteer will be open until August 31st.

For more information to register please visit the district calendar or contact Kevin LeBeau.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

This spring is full of training opportunities! Listed below is the training and date. More in depth information can be found at [baylakesbsa.org](http://baylakesbsa.org).

### Cub Scout Leaders

BALOO– April 9, May 14

Leader Specific– April 23

WLOT– April 6-8

### Boy Scout Leaders

Leader Specific– April 30

Outdoor skills-April 6-8

### Venture Leaders

Powderhorn- May 20-22

### All Leaders-

Leave No Trace– April 23

NRA Range Safety Officer– May 6-7

NRA Certified Pistol Instructor– May 13-15

COPE and Climbing Instructor– May 20-21

## ROKILIO EXPERIENCE

This day at cub scout camp Rokilio is a chance for scouts to get a taste of camp. They can see the five themed buildings, try out shooting sports, and participate in fun activities. Lunch and a patch are also provided. While this event is geared towards scouts that haven't been to camp yet, it is still open to all scouts!

Rokilio experience is on Saturday, May 7 from 8 to 3:30. Cost for scouts is \$25, free for parents. To have an accurate head count, we ask that parents still register online. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1897672>.

## NYLT

An intensive week long Leadership Training Course for Venturers, and Boy Scouts who are 13 years of age and older and are of 1st Class rank and above. This course which has been called "Wood Badge for youth" is a life changing experience for many. While participants will be equipped to provide enthusiastic, and competent leadership for their Troop, or Crew in the context of the Patrol Method, they will also gain leadership skills and experiences which will prove valuable throughout the rest of their lives.

This year, two sessions will be offered.

Session 1 - June 12-18, 2016: will be the popular and well developed traditional course, with participants living and working together in traditional BSA Patrol campsites.

Session 2 (Pack and Paddle) - August 21-27,2016: is a concept trial and is recommended for slightly older and more mature Scouts and Venturers interested in living and learning in a more primitive environment. Participants must come equipped to backpack and canoe to primitive back-country campsites each night, and will live and work in a more challenging environment. They must have already passed their BSA Swimmer's test for the summer of 2016.

Cost for the course is only \$260 if paid in full by April 1st and includes round trip transportation from selected locations. A \$20 late fee will apply to payments after April 1st. A \$130 non-refundable deposit is required to be paid online at the time of registration. Your Unit Leader's approval must also be secured to attend the course.

Warning: Last year the course filled up quickly. The first 84 youth to register for session 1 will secure reservations, and the first 36 to register for Session 2 (Pack and Paddle) will secure reservations, so don't delay. All others will be put on a waiting list. Youth may be registered by their Parents or by their Unit Leaders, but Unit Leader approval is required to attend.

To register, visit <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1691403>

## VENTURE TRAINING

Leader specific training for Venture leaders is now available online! The training is broken up into three sections: Before the first meeting, First 30 days, and Position Trained. The training can be completed in 2.5 hours. You can access this training by logging onto your [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) account.



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## COMMUNITY CORNER

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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

Cub Scout Tours, partial electives for Tigers/Wolves– April 4 and May2, 4:30-6pm/5:30-7pm, Museum of Glass

Habitat for Humanity– Rock the Block Blitz in Neenah, community service project

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Instructor training– May 18-21, University of Wisconsin Green Bay

Popcorn Voucher Day– May 22, Timber Rattlers

“Face For Every Name” Veterans Event– April 16, 10am-12pm, contact Michael Waever, former Scout-master, if interested in volunteering at event. 920-470-4674

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

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