

Gathering Connections

SPRING PRODUCT SALE

If you have a Scout looking to raise more money for camp, Jamboree, or anything Scouting related, be sure to have your unit sign up for the spring product sale!

Bay-Lakes Council Spring Product Sale
March 19 – April 3, 2016

Be part of an all new Product Sale this Spring!



We are teaming up with Hansen's Food/Victor Allen's premium blends of coffee and the WasteZero Company – trash can liners for this Spring's Unit fundraiser.

Why Should my Unit Sell Coffee & Trash Can Liners?

- Help your Scouts earn needed funds to attend camp this summer.
- Sell Coffee and Trash Can Liners in an easy to manage sale.
- Raise Unit funds for summer activities, camping equipment, high adventure trips, etc.
- Earn 35% or up to 50% commission on all Unit sales.
- Final summer camp payment extended (until May 15) for Units attending a BLC camp.
- Risk free sale! (if all unsold product is returned by deadline.)



Register Your Unit to Sell Today!

www.baylakesbsa.org/productsale

Key Dates: March 1– Webinar training at 7:15pm. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4122954572079655169>

March 18– Show and Sell distribution at WOW logisticts, 3-6pm

April 8– Take order distribution at WOW Logistics, 4-6pm

April 22– Product return night at WOW Logistics, 3-6pm

Questions: Contact Tim Buchen at Tim.Buchen@Scouting.org.

3 MONTH SNEAK PEEK

Spring Product Sale Training Webinar...3/1

Spring Recruitment Training...3/10

STEM Pi Day...3/12

Den Chief Training...3/12

Maple Syrup Days.-Cub Scout Day...3/12

Catholic Youth Scout Retreat...3/12

Spring Sale Distribution...3/18

Venturing Winteree...3/18-3/20

Maple Syrup Days/NOVA Award...3/18-3/20

Kayak Rolling..Sundays in March

Maple Syrup Days...4/1-4/3

Spring Sale Take Order Distribution...4/8

Eagle Recognition/ District Dinner...4/10

Spring Sale Product Return Night...4/22

Cub Scout Leader Training...4/23

Leave No Trace Training...4/23-4/24

Webelos Rendezvous...4/29-5/1

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

Kon Wapos Spring Fellowship...4/29-5/1

Spring Camporee...5/6-5/8

Scoutmaster and ASM leader training part 2...4/6-8

WLOT...4/6-4/8

NRA Range Safety Officer Training...5/6-5/7

Spring Whitewater Weekend 1...5/13-5/15

Trade O Ree...5/14

NRA Certified Pistol Instructor Class...5/13-5/15

Powder Horn...5/20-5/22

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW-EST CLASS OF EAGLES!

78 Spencer Christiansen

SM Eric Baker

135 Nathan Clementi

SM John Ptaszynski

127 Blake Sinotte

SM Randy Schmidt

44 Bradley Robertson

SM Darrel Wittman

11 Justin Maas

SM Ken Sherman

23 Christopher Buss

SM Mark Shepard

9 Dylan Dibbs

SM Mike Adler

127 Issiah Scherg

SM Ken Sherman

127 Adam Schmidt

SM Ken Sherman

UPCOMING BOARDS OF REVIEW

March 17

April 21

May 19

SPRING CAMPOREE

Save the date! Spring Camporee will be on May 6-8 in Kaukauna. Boys will work on a NEW merit badge, Mining in Society! Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster Training, and WLOT will also occur this weekend. Registration will be up soon! For questions, please contact Kevin LeBeau at Kevin.LeBeau@scouting.org.

SCOUTMASTER AND ASM LEADER TRAINING

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster leader training part one will be on Saturday, April 30th, from 8am– 1pm at Faith United Methodist Church in Neenah. Cost is \$5 and you can register online or by [clicking here](#). Leaders are required to be leader specific trained for re-charter next year, make sure you take advantage of this opportunity! For questions, please contact the district Boy Scout training chair Greg Fox at gfox@new.rr.com.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is often the highlight of a scouter's (and sometimes leader's) year! Let your child hike through the outdoors, take a canoe trip, work on advancements, cook a meal, or unplug from screens! Check out our council website to see what dates are available as well as the leader's guide to answer all of your camping questions: baylakesbsa.org/camping.

Cub Scout Resident Camp - FAQ:

Q: *When is registration?* It begins in early November, with full payment due at the beginning of April.

Q: *Will we have a building to ourselves?* Small Packs are often combined to offer more Scouts the opportunity to attend. Each building has two bunk rooms to accommodate 32 youth, plus several leader rooms.

Q: *Can adults attend?* Yes! Many moms, dads, grandpas, grandmas, etc. attend with their Cub Scouts.

Q: *What about siblings?* Sorry, only Cub Scouts and adults are allowed.

Q: *My Pack isn't going, or I can't make it during their session, can I still go?* Yes! While we encourage camping with your unit, we can make other arrangements for you to attend.

Q: *How many leaders are required?* One adult for every four boys, with a minimum of two registered leaders.

Q: *What if I can't afford camp?*

Camperships and fundraising are available.



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. This is open to Scouting families (siblings are welcome to join!) Other activities include (but are not limited to):

- Pancake breakfast
- 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 in 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!

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, March 10th for our March Roundtable!

Cub Scouts– Room HS114 A Building relationships with your community and schools, Spring Recruitment training

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

Boy Scouts/ Venturing – Room C171, Wood-badge, How to utilize a junior ASM

OA– Room HS 114 B

VENTURING WINTEREE: LEADERSHIP WORK- SHOP

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.

STEM PI DAY

When: Saturday, March 12th 7am-5pm

Where: Fox Valley Tech College in Appleton

Registration: <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1867887>

What: Bay Lakes Council is again putting on Pi Day for Scouts and Venturers on Saturday, March 12th at FVTC. Cub Souts 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.

EAGLE RECOGNITION/ DISTRICT DINNER

Come and celebrate all of our Eagles from 2015 and recognize our volunteers receiving the prestigious District Award Merit and/or Silver Beaver Award.

This annual dinner is on Sunday, April 10th at Liberty Hall in Kimberly from 3:30pm-6pm.

For questions, please contact Sarah Graper at

Sarah.Graper@scouting.org.

WEBELOS RENDEZVOUS

This annual weekend for 4th grade Webelos and their parents is on Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1 at Camp Twin Lakes.

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

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.

Visit the council website or [click here](#) for more information and to register.

CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

Attention all Cub Scout leaders! If you haven't been position specific trained yet, our district training team is hosting a training on Saturday, April 23rd from 8 to 11am at Fox Valley Tech College in Appleton. Being position specific trained is required for recharter this year, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please bring your leader handbook to the training. Youth protection training is also included with this training.

There is no fee or registration required, but if you plan on attending, please contact our Cub Scout training chair Lee Stingle so that we have enough supplies. You can contact Lee at screch11@live.com.

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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