

Gathering Connections

INSTAGRAM

Our council has an Instagram page! Follow us at @baylakesbsa! Please share this information with your Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers!



What is Instagram? Instagram is a social media base with over 300 million users .It is a global community that uses pictures and video to share information. You can download the app for free or view us on your desktop computer at [Instagram.com/baylakesbsa](https://www.instagram.com/baylakesbsa).

Instagram photo contest Starting June 19th, you and your Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers can be entered to win one of three visa gift cards! Make sure you “like” or follow our page and then take three easy steps:

1. **Take a photo** this summer and post on your Instagram page anytime between June 19 and July 31st.
2. **Post your photo** using #myscoutingsummer and @baylakesbsa so we can see your photo.
3. **Win one of three visa gift cards!** Finalist’ pictures will be reposted by our Instagram account on August 1st. Have your followers “like” the reposted photo by August 6.

Winner’s of the contest will be posted and informed on August 7th! This contest is council wide so be sure to promote to your youth so they get a chance to win! Keep an eye out for an email with a link to the official rules.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie.Shelton@Scouting.org.

3 MONTH SNEAK PEEK

Kon Wapos Lodge
Spring Conferenc-
te..6/3-5 and 6/10-12

Spring Mom and
Son...6/10-12

Whitewater Kayak
Workshop..6/5-10

Camp Staff Week..6/13
-18

NYLT Session 1..6/12-
18

Canoeing & Rowing
MB Instructor train-
ing...6/18

Radio Merit
Badge..6/25

Cub Scout fall recruit-
ment training...7/14

Kon Wapos Lodge fall
conference...8/13-15
and 8/19-21

Popcorn Training..8/13

Dad and Lad Cam-
pout..8/19-21

NYLT Session 2...8/21-
8/22

Discovery Week-
end...8/26-28

Timber Rattlers
Sleepover...8/19-20

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CLASS OF EAGLES!

Hunter Bartolo #8
SM Mark Drissen

Nathan Petri #32
SM Robert Smith

Nicholas Mil-
ler #104 SM Scott
Miller

UPCOMING BOARDS OF RE- VIEW

June 16

July 21

August 18

Thank you to our
volunteer
advancement
committee!

FALL CAMPOREE

The Gathering Waters District Fall Camporee is set for September 16-18 at Gardner Dam Scout Camp. The theme is Zombie Apocalypse and stations will be run by individual units. We are still looking for Troops and Crews to volunteer to host a station. Supplies can be provided for your Troop, just let us know what and how

much you need. Please let Mike Rospenda (miqwaa@gmail.com) or Sarah Graper sa-rah.graper@scouting.org know if your Troop would be willing to help by June 15th.

CAMPING AND ROWING MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING

Our Council Aquatics Committee will be holding a Canoeing and Rowing Merit Badge training on June 18th at Bear Paw. The course will cover all the skills needed to lead Scouts in the Merit Badge.

Who: Anyone who is interested in serving as Canoeing or Rowing Merit Badge Counselor

Cost: Free (bring a bag lunch)

Prerequisites:

1. Age and Physical Fitness:

a. submit written evidence of physical fitness (BSA Health Form Parts A, B, and C)

2. Swimming Ability:

a. Complete the BSA Swimmer Test: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

What to bring:

Swim trunks, towels, sandals or sneakers (to get wet), kneeling pads (for canoeing)

For questions contact tdburke5@juno.com

To register, please click below or visit the council calendar.

<http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/canoeing-rowing-merit-badge-counselor-training/1923826>



TRAINING

Re-chartering for 2017 requires direct contact leaders to be trained in their positions. This includes Scoutmasters, Cub masters, and Crew Advisors. This is in addition to the Youth Protection for all adults that has to be renewed every 2 years. If you are attending Scout Camp, many of the trainings will be provided for leaders while you are there. The next district Boy Scout Leader Specific Training will be held at the Fall Camporee on September 16-17 at Gardner Dam. The next Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (also available on-line) will be split into 2 sessions before the October 13th and November 10th Roundtable from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Another Cub Scout Leader Specific Training will be held on Saturday, November 12th (same day as WEBELOS ACTIVITY PIN DAY) at Fox Valley Technical College. If you are looking for an opportunity for an in-person Den Chief Training, we will have a session at Fox Valley technical College in Appleton on Saturday, October 8th (space will be limited to 15 boys). More training dates will also be combined and shared with other districts as well, and will be shared once confirmed. For questions, please contact Joel Schroth at joel_schroth@glic.com or Sarah Graper at sarah.graper@scouting.org.

DAY OUT WITH SCOUTS

This event has been postponed. We will keep you informed with updates!

ROUNDTABLE

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

No Roundtable for June, July, or August! See you in September!

FALL PRODUCT SALE

Save the date for our popcorn kickoff and training on August 8th! Register your unit online and get up to date information by visiting the product sale tab on the council website!

<http://www.baylakesbsa.org/things-to-do/product-sale/52145>

For questions, send emails to blcpopcorn@yahoo.com.

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.

CUB SCOUT FALL RECRUITMENT TRAINING

Save the date for cub scout fall recruitment training!

Training will be on Thursday, July 14th at Fox Valley Tech, Appleton from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Please have a least one leader from your pack attend this training! We will be sharing new information for this year's fall recruitment, including key dates and we

will have your materials available as well! If you have any questions, please contact one of your district professionals. Contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

CUB SCOUT LION PROGRAM

As you may have heard, our council is piloting the new Lions program for kindergarteners this fall! Our district is reaching out to a few select packs to pilot the program this first year. The selection process is based on Journey to Excellence standards, examples including advancement, trained adult leadership, positive retention, and residence camp attendance. They must also have a Lion Guide, similar to a den leader, in place to provide leadership.

If you have questions about the Lion program regarding your pack, please contact one of your district professionals. Contact information is located on the last page of the newsletter.



DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Blast off to Discovery Weekend!

Friday August 26– Sunday 28 at Camp Rokilio

Discovery weekend is a weekend long camp experience for youth 6+ of any disability to discover the traditional Scout skills and activities.

Activities include Archery, BB guns, stomp rockets, arts and crafts, and campfires! Families are invited to sleep in our heated themed buildings!

This year's theme is Space!

Cost is \$30 per youth and \$20 per parent/Caregiver



Register by August 19. To register/ information visit

<http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1924345>.



This is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts with any type of disability to discover the traditional Scout skills of arts & crafts, archery, cooking, and campfires! Scouts will stay in the heated themed buildings of Camp Rokilio and enjoy the beautiful end of summer weather as they explore all that camp has to offer. Boy Scouts will be on staff to help teach new skills as well as help caregivers. Most Scouts will arrive Saturday morning, but they do have the option of arriving Friday night to help ease yourself into the camp lifestyle.

This event is open to families not yet in scouting who want to come for the day on Saturday and see how fun Scouting can be for their child!

For questions contact deb.BOWERS@GAPAC.com

Register at <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1924345>

DAD AND LAD

Dad & Lad is a week-end camping program adventure for Dad and his Scouting son(s). Participants provide their own tents and personal gear and let the program coordinators fill in the rest! Weekend will include participation in over 30 program stations, use of camp facilities, four meals and a number of special campfire programs and activities.

Cost:

\$35.00 per Father

\$30.00 per Son

\$15.00 per Additional Son

For questions contact:

brainybob-white@hotmail.com

Or

Christopher.Obrien@Scouting.org

To register visit <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/event/1923079>

COMMUNITY CORNER

Radio Merit Badge– June 25, Grange Hall in Greenville hosted by the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club. Information on district calendar.

Appleton Flag Day Parade– Looking for 10 scout volunteers. If interested, contact Eric Stadler at eric.stadler@att.net

Hike 100 Challenge- calendar year of 2016, hike 100 miles in 2016 get a patch and certificate, Nationalparks.org

Scout Night with Green Bay Bullfrogs– June 11

Timber Rattlers Overnight– Aug 19-20

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

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

Send any article submissions to Maggie Shelton at

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Connect with us!

