

Bay Lakes Council

GATHERING WATERS DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE 2024

April 19 -21, 2024
Camp Rokilio, Kiel, WI



A Scout is Always Prepared!

Dear Scoutmaster/Cubmaster:

The 2024 Gathering Waters District Spring Camporee is intended for WEBELOS and Scouts BSA youth. We hope it will be among the many fun filled and rewarding events of the Scouting year. We hope you will join us for a weekend of advancement opportunity, fellowship and sharing as Scouts from many units gather to get to know one another, share ideas, program successes, and their experiences.

The Spring camporee is scheduled April 19 – 21, 2024 at Camp Rokilio, located just east of Kiel, Wisconsin. The cost is \$15 per person which includes a patch, merit badge supplies and instruction. Late registration is \$20. To register, please visit the Bay Lakes Council web page and search for the event on the calendar or click the link below.

<https://scoutingevent.com/635-GWSpringCamporee2024>

Saturday events include several merit badges, first aid training for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, Leave No Trace training, and both Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Wilderness First Aid for adults. The Wesmianiw Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will conduct a camp-wide campfire and Call Out Ceremony for those elected to the Order on Saturday evening. This is an excellent opportunity to invite WEBELOS participation and introduce them to Scouts BSA troops, to meet and learn from other troops, and to enjoy the beauty of the coming Spring season.

To register for the IOLS training, click on this link. <https://scoutingevent.com/635-81996>
There is an additional IOLS cost of \$15.00 (if you are eating with your Troop at the Camporee) or \$30.00 if you are eating with the IOLS group on Saturday.

How can you help? First and foremost, come prepared to have fun and get serious about advancement. Skill events support rank advancement for younger scouts while older scouts may enjoy coaching and leading through the challenges. Recent cross-overs are welcome to come with their troops. Adult leaders may be asked to help with events and a meeting will be held for adult leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders on Friday evening

Thank you for your continuing support for scouts and Scouting in the Gathering Waters District. We look forward to seeing you. Let's make this a camporee to remember!

Sincerely,

Paul Shrode

Fall Camporee Administrator psshrode@aol.com or 920-809-2872

GENERAL INFORMATION

THEME	A Scout is Always Prepared!
CAMPOREE STAFF	Our camporee staff is a motivated and well-trained group of adult volunteers and youth from the Order of the Arrow who are devoting their personal time to make this memorable experience for your Scouts. If you have any questions throughout the weekend, please seek out a staff member for assistance.
ADULT HELP	Leaders may be asked to help staff and supervise their Scouts during activities. However, we want to provide plenty of time for leaders to spend with their Scouts.
CHECK-IN	Check in on Friday beginning at 5:00 pm at the Welcome Center. Camping assignments will be made upon arrival. Camping will take place in campsites and near program buildings and residential cabins. Troop trailers and one vehicle may be parked in campsites. All other vehicles should be parked in the large parking area near the Welcome Center. Scouts are welcome to hand carry belongings from the check-in area to their campsites; trailers can carry gear to the campsite, but should check in first.
LEAVING EARLY	Scouts are expected to remain in camp throughout the weekend until the conclusion of the Camporee. Adults and Scouts needing to leave early for special reasons must check out with the Camporee chair or Health Officer. This is a safety precaution and allows us to account for everyone in camp in case of an emergency.
CHECK-OUT	Units may plan to check out between 8:30 am and 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 21 st . Some units may elect to leave right away while others may remain and take advantage of the advancement and instruction sessions on Sunday morning. Units should clean and police their areas including pit toilets, return tools and materials to their proper location, make sure all fires are completely out, pack up gear and pack out any trash or recycling collected over the weekend for proper disposal off site. Vehicle traffic should proceed with caution, watching for pedestrians on the roads in camp. Arrangements for early check-out may be made with the Camporee chair. Units must formally check out with Headquarters personnel before departing camp.

HEALTH FORMS	BSA Health Forms A&B are required for each person attending the Camporee and must be turned in upon arrival and check-in at camp. They will be returned to units upon departure.
PARKING	All motorized vehicles should park in designated parking areas only. Ample parking is available in the main lot near the Welcome Center.
CAMPSITES	Campsites are assigned upon arrival based upon the number of participants in the unit. Units may be asked to share campsites. Please inform the Camporee staff if you have special needs or concerns.
FIRES	All fires must be built in established fire rings or locations in campsites. There should be ample firewood in the woods surrounding campsites; any wood brought into the camp must be locally sourced within a 20-mile radius.
FOOD	All Units are responsible for their own meal planning and food for the weekend. Cooking will be done in campsites. Staff will be instructed to mingle with campers and may stop in to share a meal and some fellowship. Please be welcoming if a staff member joins you for time during a meal or campfire.
WATER	Available at campsites and buildings.
GARBAGE	Each Unit should bring plastic garbage and recycling bags or containers. All garbage and recycling must be taken with you from camp for disposal off site.
LATRINES	Toilets are available in the camporee area. Each Unit should be prepared with extra toilet paper just in case. Shower houses and flush toilets may be available depending upon the weather. Flush toilets are available in main buildings on camp property.
FIRST AID	The Health Officer will be located in the Health Lodge and is available throughout the weekend. All injuries should be reported to the Health Officer. Minor scrapes and cuts can be handled by the Unit and need not be reported.
CAMPFIRE	A campfire will be held Saturday evening and all Units are encouraged to prepare a skit, song or other entertainment to share. Scouts needing to emcee a program for Communication Merit Badge are welcome to assist with the program. Please bring to the attention of the Camporee Chair any Scouts who wish to help out. Units can sign up for skits and songs during the leaders' meeting on Friday evening or anytime Saturday

morning. A Call Out Ceremony will be held during the Campfire, facilitated by the Wesmianiw Chapter of the Kon Wapos Lodge. Scoutmasters with Scouts who should be called out should bring a list of those Scouts and turn it in upon arrival. Scouts from outside of the Kon Wapos Lodge should have authorization from their Lodge to participate in the Call Out.

ADVANCEMENT

First Aid Rank Training. Scheduled Saturday morning for all Scouts who have not completed first aid training for Tenderfoot, Second Class and/or First Class. Training must be completed to take First Aid Merit Badge.

WEBELOS Advancement. Cubmasters and other adult leaders can work with WEBELOS on a variety of rank requirements. By participating in the First Aid Rank Training, a WEBELOS can earn the First Responder adventure. Leaders can also fulfill most of the requirements for the Outdoor Adventurer and/or Walkabout adventures. Leaders requiring support for these and other activities should contact the Camporee leadership in advance.

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. Learn the elements of Leave No Trace and discover how Scouting's tradition of caring stewardship of the natural environment can be part of your troop's outdoor activity planning and execution. This session will be offered on Sunday morning. The requirements are as follows:

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the **Outdoor Code**.
2. Watch the [National Park Service Leave No Trace video](#). It's on the right side of the page.
3. Complete the [Leave No Trace online course](#). Print the certificate.
4. Complete the [Tread Lightly! online course](#). Print the certificate.
5. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

CPR Basic Life Saving (BLS) and AED Certification. This class is being offered to anyone who would like to earn two-year certification for BLS CPR and AED on Friday evening. Those seeking re-certification can test out at the beginning of class while anyone interested for the first time should plan on taking the full class from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. The cost for re-certification or initial certification is \$15. Adults registered for Wilderness First Aid will receive certification instruction during their WFA course.

First Aid Merit Badge. Required for Eagle, First Aid Merit Badge is also required for Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. A Scout must have completed rank requirements for first aid for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class prior to undertaking First Aid MB. Instruction will be offered by rotation through sections, and the badge will be offered in two sessions, morning and afternoon.

Emergency Preparedness. Required for Eagle, Emergency Preparedness is essential in the event of an unexpected emergency at home, in the community or on an outing. Sessions will be held in both the morning and afternoon with an emergency drill over the lunch hour. **Prerequisite:** Requirement 2.c. Hold a meeting with your family and teach them how to build a kit, make a plan, and be informed in situations outlined in requirement 2.b. During the session, report on your family meeting, share their responses and share your family plan. Offered Saturday afternoon; requires completion of First Aid Merit Badge first.

Public Health. Learn what public health officers and technicians do to protect the public in our communities. Our recent global pandemic and ongoing health challenges highlight the importance of our public health officials. This merit badge will examine vectors for transmission of a number of infectious diseases, the importance of vaccination, protection of safe drinking water, and a variety of health dangers. Offered Saturday morning and Sunday Morning.

ADULT TRAINING

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Scheduled Saturday, April 20th and concluding on Sunday morning, April 21st, IOLS training is sponsored by the Voyager and Gathering Waters Districts. This training is part of the required training for Scoutmasters, but is open to all adult leaders and provides an introduction to outdoor skills and training for planning and holding camping and other outdoor activities. For more information, contact Richard Balch at 920-360-4158 or rbalch@woodmenfinancial.org or Don Milbach at 608-547-5492 or dmilbach@gsnwgl.org.

Wilderness First Aid. Limited to 18 participants, Wilderness First Aid training certification is a must for any high adventure activities and a valuable skill set to accompany any unit activity in the woods. This hybrid course requires online study prior to the skills instruction. Eight hours of scenario-based skills instruction will take place on Saturday, April 20th. There is an additional charge for this training. For more information, contact Denver Gould at gmangould2002@gmail.com or Miki Gould at irishgem1972@gmail.com.

*Scouts working on First Aid Merit Badge do not need full certification; CPR and use of an AED will be covered during the merit badge session.

- UNIFORMS** Uniforms should be worn by youth and registered adult leaders during non-denominational worship services, the Camporee campfire, flag lowering ceremonies on Saturday evening, and during travel to and from the Camporee. Class B t-shirts or casual clothing is appropriate for the remainder of the Camporee. Scouts should come prepared for the weather.
- HEADQUARTERS** Headquarters is located at the Welcome Center which is also adjacent to the Health Lodge. Check-in and Check-out will take place there.
- FEES** The Camporee fee is \$15 and includes a commemorative patch, camp use fees, liability insurance, supplies and materials. Late registration fee is \$20.
- WORSHIP SERVICE** A non-denominational worship service will be held for those interested on Saturday evening prior to the Campfire.
- EMERGENCY** Paul Shrode 920-809-2872

***See detailed schedule of events, in the two pages listed below.**

Times and locations of badges/trainings are subject to change and a final schedule will be given at check-in.

2024 Spring Camporee

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

(An updated schedule will be available at the Camporee check-in)

FRIDAY

- 5:00 – 9:00 pm Arrive, check-in at the Welcome Center, set up camp
NOTE: have your troops eat before coming to camp or be prepared to cook a quick meal in camp upon setting up camp.
- Evening Registration for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), make sure to register and pay separately at this link.
<https://scoutingevent.com/635-81996>
- 7:00pm-10:00pm CPR Basic Life Saving and AED Certification training, Dining Hall
- 9:15 pm Senior Patrol Leader and Adult Leader Meeting, Dining Hall porch
- 11:00 pm Lights Out & Quiet Time (feel free to turn in earlier if desired)

SATURDAY

- 7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast and Clean-up in campsites
- 8:00 am – Noon Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills program
Wilderness First Aid program
- 8:15 – 8:30 am Opening Ceremony and Flag Ceremony, Flagpole near Chapel
- 8:45 am – Noon Camporee Events: Training, Merit Badge Session Blocks
- Noon – 1:15 pm Lunch and Clean-up in campsites
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills program
Wilderness First Aid program
- 1:15 – 4:30 pm Camporee Events Training, Merit Badge Session Blocks
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm Trading Post Open
- 4:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner and Clean-up in campsites
- 7:30 pm Closing Flag Ceremony
- 7:45 pm Non-Denominational Worship Service, Chapel
- 8:00 – 9:30 pm Campfire and Call Out Program
- 11:00 pm Lights Out & Quiet Time (feel free to turn in earlier is desired)

SUNDAY

- 7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast and Clean-up in campsites
- 8:30 – 11:45 am Camporee Events Training, Merit Badge Session Blocks
- 8:30 am – Noon Break Camp and Check Out – check out at Welcome Center as you leave

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Merit Badge and Training Session Blocks:

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Friday, April 19 – Check-in, Welcome Center, Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-81996>
Saturday, April 20 – 8:00 am – Noon and 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Wilderness First Aid (pay additional \$100 fee at the Camporee Check-in link)

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Friday, April 19 – Registration, verification of pre-requisites, Welcome Center
Saturday, April 20 – 8:00 am – Noon and 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Rank First Aid Completion for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class

Saturday, April 20 – 8:45 am – Noon

Merit Badge Offerings - Saturday, April 20

First Aid

Public Health

Session I – 8:45 – Noon

8:45 – 9:30

9:35 – 10:20

10:25 – 11:10

11:15 – Noon

First Aid

Emergency Preparedness

Session II – 1:15 – 4:30 pm

1:15 – 2:00

2:05 – 2:50

2:55 – 3:40

3:45 – 4:30

Merit Badge Offerings and Training - Sunday, April 21

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Public Health Merit Badge

Leave No Trace

Session III

8:30 – 11:45 am

*Sign up for all merit badges at this link, when registering for Camporee:

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