

Bay-Lakes Council's
**Gathering Waters District
Fall Camporee 2026**

October 9th - 11th, 2026
Gardner Dam Adventure Base

Welcome to the Wild West!



Dear Scoutmaster/Cubmaster:

The 2026 Gathering Waters District Fall Camporee is intended for Arrow of Light and Scouts BSA youth. We hope it will be among the first of many fun filled and rewarding events of the Scouting year. We hope you will join us in the Wild West, hosted and planned by the Gathering Waters Wesmianiw Chapter of the Kon Wapos Lodge, Order of the Arrow.

Set in a beautiful forest setting, along the Wolf River, at the Gardner Dam Adventure Base, the adventure is scheduled October 9th-11th, 2026. The cost is \$15 per person which includes an event patch.

Saturday events will include team building and scouting skills with some fun thrown in. This is an excellent opportunity to invite Arrow of Light scout participation and introduce them to Scouts BSA Troops, to meet and learn from other troops, and to enjoy the beauty of the unfolding fall season.

How can you help? First and foremost, come prepared to have fun. Skill events support rank advancement for younger scouts while older scouts may enjoy coaching and leading through the challenges. Arrow of Light scouts are welcome to come on their own with a parent or guardian or join with troops. Adult leaders may be asked to help with events and a meeting will be held for leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders on Friday evening. Adults may want to enter the annual Dutch oven cooking contest to earn the coveted golden spatula award. Of course, wild west attire and western themed decorations are most welcome!

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,

Kent Pauli
Gathering Waters Fall Camporee Chair 2026
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General Information

Theme	This year's theme is "Wild West"!
Camporee Staff	Our camporee staff is a motivated and well-trained group of volunteers 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. Camping assignments will be made upon arrival. Camping will take place across the river from the main camp entrance area. Troop trailers and one vehicle may be parked in campsites. Scouts are welcome to hand carry belongings from the check in area to their campsites across the bridge; trailers can carry gear and can access the other side of the river from the road south of camp, 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 should plan to check out between 8:30 and 10:00 am on Sunday, October 11th. 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. 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	A copy of your BSA Health Forms A&B are required for each person attending the Camporee and must be surrendered to the registration staff and will be kept on file by the Bay-Lakes Council.
Parking	All motorized vehicles should park in designated parking areas only. There is a parking lot on the main side of camp, as well as one on the campsite side across the river.
Campsites	Campsites are assigned before 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.
Golden Spatula	The annual Golden Spatula competition will take place during the afternoon on Saturday. Adult leaders or older Scouts wishing to enter a Dutch Oven food item for the competition should come prepared with equipment, food, charcoal and all supplies. Cooking will take place below Heckrodt Lodge near the Campcraft area. Judging will be held at 4:00 pm.
Water	Available at campsites and throughout camp.
Garbage	Each Unit should bring plastic garbage and recycling bags or containers. You may use the garbage dumpsters behind the dining hall.
Restrooms	Pit 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.
Uniforms	Full field 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. Activity uniforms (class B t-shirts) or casual clothing is appropriate for the remainder of the Camporee. Scouts should come prepared for the weather.
Costumes	As always, costumes should be appropriate to the values and aims of Scouting and leaders should use their discretion when approving costumes.
Headquarters	Headquarters is located in Strayer Lodge 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.

Worship Service	A non-denominational worship service will be held for those interested on Saturday evening prior to the Campfire.
Emergency	Kent Pauli (Fall Camporee Event Chair) 920-740-0582; Krpauli70@gmail.com OR Tick Hayes (Camp Ranger) 920-636-6582; tick.hayes@scouting.org OR Stephanie Foth (Health Officer) 920-312-1615; froggyrose1003@yahoo.com

Fall Camporee 2026 Schedule: Welcome to the Wild West!

Day	Time	Activity Description
Fri, Oct 09	5:00pm-9:00pm	Check-in
Fri, Oct 09	9:00pm	Leader meeting at Outfitter Office
Sat, Oct 10	7:00am-8:20am	Troop breakfast at camp site
Sat, Oct 10	8:30am	Flags and Announcements
Sat, Oct 10	9:00am-10:00am	Station 1 Rotation
Sat, Oct 10	10:00am-11:00am	Station 2 Rotation
Sat, Oct 10	11:00am-12:00pm	Station 3 Rotation
Sat, Oct 10	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Troop Lunch at Camp Site
Sat, Oct 10	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Station 4 Rotation
Sat, Oct 10	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Station 5 Rotation
Sat, Oct 10	4:00pm-6:00pm	Troop Dinner at Camp site
Sat, Oct 10	6:00pm	Closing flags and move to Fire Bowl
Sat, Oct 10	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Fire Bowl Activities
Sat, Oct 10	9:00am-11:00am	Adult Leader Cook-off
Sat, Oct 10	11:00am	Cook-off Voting
Sun, Oct 11	7:00am-9:00am	Troop breakfast at camp site
Sun, Oct 11	7:00am-10:30am	Check-out/Departure