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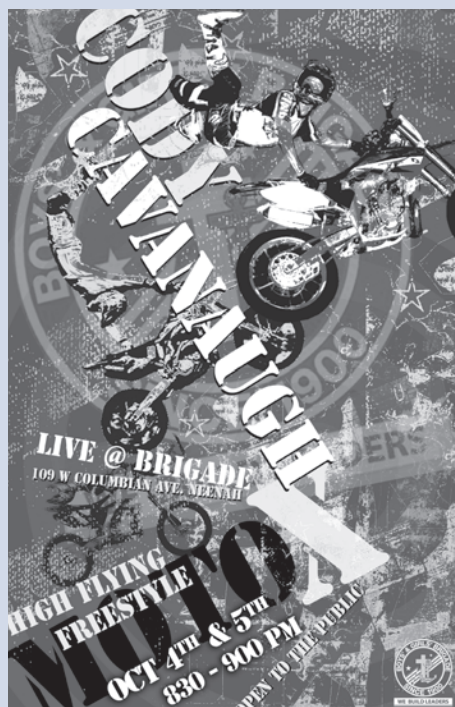
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An incredible year at BRIGADE BEGINS OCTOBER 4

Join us at 7 pm!
Bring your friends!

Cody Cavanaugh a nationally recognized, **professional freestyle motocross competitor** and native of Neenah will be performing his exciting stunts on Monday, October 4, and Tuesday, October 5.

Cavanaugh will help kickoff the fall youth programs at the Brigade by speaking to the youth about the importance of good sportsmanship, initiative, and a positive attitude after which he will perform his stunts. Parents and the public are invited to watch Cavanaugh's amazing display from 8:30-9 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Brigade.



PARENT TESTIMONIAL

SON BENEFITS FROM CAMP ONAWAY

The following letter was received by the Boys' & Girls' Brigade from a parent of a young camper. It is a great illustration of the fun and adventure kids experience at Camp Onaway, but, more importantly, it reinforces the fact that there is real purpose and tangible benefits that parents see in their child when they return from camp.

Just wanted to send a note of thanks for making it a great week for Steven. He had attended a church camp the prior year and things had just been "OK". Some of the older boys had not displayed a true Christian spirit and the leadership had very little structure concerning scheduled activities. Steven left for Onaway with an open mind and a mother at home who was a bit concerned!

Needless to say – STEVEN HAD AN AWESOME TIME!

Just to give you a sense of his enthusiasm - He told us about the swim raft, the slip and slide, kayaking, tubing, banana boating, trying to water ski, the Apache and Eye-patchi tribes, getting up early to fish, completing 8 of the Riddler's riddles, canoeing during the cross country race, eating watermelon, having breakfast at the tables outside his cabin while the guys who had their elbows on the table had to run around the entire grinder, and CATCHING A DRUM STICK FROM THE NOYZ MONKEYZ! How he ran out of time to go catch a turtle or make a new "Frost Bite" name tag.

He has recited his Menominee cheer – even if it was the same as last year – as well as a few other chants that his mother is still trying to understand!

He also learned some valuable lessons:

Leadership

He told his mom how the cabin leaders and chiefs actually helped the younger campers and had fun without being inappropriate.

He saw the planning that leaders and chiefs put into preparing for the week. How having an organized schedule made things more fun for everyone.

Teamwork

He gave examples of what happened to his cabin when everyone pitched in during cleanup/detail and what happened when not everyone was so helpful.

Anyway, he told his mom last night that she could be with him 51 weeks out of the year but during the 52nd he would be at Onaway! Thanks for being good role models for my son and helping him experience the magic of Onaway!

We're proud of the outstanding quality camps Onaway volunteer leaders consistently deliver. **Thank you volunteers for another incredible camping season!**

From the Director's Desk

Another camping season at Onaway comes to a close. Nearly 1000 campers were served by the staff and over 330 volunteers! Camps were filled with kids and wonderful volunteer leader mentors that Brigade is so well known for. Now the family reunion starts at the Brigade with the fall/winter program.

Former leaders and families are stopping at Brigade every day to register. The excitement, laughter, enthusiasm, and camaraderie is everywhere, like a build up to a big family reunion. If you've been away for a while it's time to come home. So come volunteer or register your children for the experience of a lifetime. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors. I hope to see you October 4 when Brigade Programs begin.

One important note about Camp Onaway. At the end of the season when we examined all of the equipment that has served hundreds of kids all summer, we found that the outboard motor on the Blue Pontoon (the faithful water taxi) will need to be replaced. We were blessed with an exceptional 10 years of service with the motor registering over 2000 hours of running time. We will need to raise \$7,000 before next spring when it is time to shuttle campers to and from the island again. If you are able, we will appreciate any gift you can contribute toward this critical need. Please designate your gift to—*Onaway boat motor*. Thank you for your consideration.

I hope to see you soon at Brigade.

Sincerely,

John Dery

DK2011—OUTBOUND TO DENMARK IN 2011



Bottom Row (l to r) : Erin Coenen, Sydney Kemps, Taylor Meier, Katie Hoppe, Katherine Ake, Anna Schmitt, Will Weyenberg, and Kirk Lancaster. Top Row (l to r): Elinor Bell, Samantha Jones, Taylor Gilbertson, Kelsey Laabs, Shelby Brockman, Mallory Washington, Olivia Gross, and Kelly Sorenson.

The 16 Brigaders pictured above will be traveling to Denmark in July 2011 to participate in Landslejr '11 at Camp Julso in Sletten, Denmark. The camp is held every five years and attended by over 15,000 Brigaders from around the world. This group of Brigaders has the honor and privilege of being the only American representatives. These outstanding young men and women were chosen to represent the Brigade last March and have been pounding the fundraising trail quite heavily and are half way to their goal. *Thank you!* Please support the DK2011 trippers at every opportunity. Visit us on Facebook DK2011-International Trip. Trip chaperones are Gary Madsen, Amy Clark, Denise and Kevin Willis.

Brigade Mission: We Build Leaders.

Brigade Vision: The Boys' & Girls' Brigade will be recognized as the center of excellence for youth character and leadership development.

Brigade Object: The Object of the Boys' & Girls' Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and a spirit that reflects a true Christian life.

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HOMework HELP

Beginning October 4, 2010, an expanded **homework assistance program** is available to students **on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights at Brigade**. Boys and girls can arrive at the Brigade at 5:30 p.m. for a light meal followed by tutoring from 6-7:00 p.m. Youth are then invited to participate in the Brigade programs at 7 p.m.

The homework assistance program is made possible through the generosity of a grant from the J.J. Keller Foundation that allowed for the purchase of essential equipment and other supplies for the students. It is also possible because of the enthusiasm and commitment of Brigade volunteers who are passionate about serving youth.

Participants must bring their homework materials to the session (books, worksheets, calculators, etc.). Youth will be expected to secure their own transportation to and from the Brigade. The tutoring program and meal will be provided free of charge. Parents are encouraged to call the Brigade at 920-725-3983 if they would like their child to receive the tutoring benefit.

BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE 2010 CAMP ONAWAY AWARDS

Congratulations campers, we're proud of you! Over 330 adult volunteer leaders encouraged 886 boys and girls in grades 6-12 to achieve their personal best. The following campers were recognized for outstanding achievements.

BOYS' CAMP 2 was held June 19-26. Camp Director was EJ Jelinski and Camp Manager was Kevin Willis. Parker Campbell, son of Brian and Lori Campbell, of Neenah, earned the Best All-Around Camper Award. The Blackfeet Tribe took 1st place in tribal competition with Nick Hanson as Chief and Conor Bell and Michael Burr, Jr. as Assistant Chiefs. The Outstanding Cabin Award went to cabin #8 with Zachary McKeown as cabin leader, cabin members included: Turner Acton, Patrick Witkowski, Cordell Anderson, Kyle Young, and Nathan Moder.

GIRLS' CAMP 1 was held July 10-17. Camp Director was Tracey Cochran and Camp Manager was Marnie Spielbauer. Amanda Recktenwald, daughter of Rick and Mary Alice Recktenwald, of Neenah, earned the Best All-Around Camper Award. The Oneida Tribe took 1st place in tribal competition with Jacie Ihinger as Chief and Rachel Schutte as Assistant Chief. Rachel Schutte won the four-fold award by achieving high scores in mental, physical, social, and religious areas. The Outstanding Cabin Award went to cabin #4 with Jessica Seadler as cabin leader, cabin members included: Alana Olson, Natalie Ake, Meggie DiPoto, Katie Swiecichowski, Tori Acton, and Jaclyn Erickson.

BOYS' CAMP 3 was held July 17-24. Camp Director was Mike Houlihan, Assistant Director was Keith Krueger, and Camp Manager was Kevin Willis. Riley Keating, son of John and Peggy Keating, of San Diego, CA, earned the Best All-Around Camper Award. The Oneida Tribe took 1st place in tribal competition with Bob Pawelski as Chief and Scott Danielsen and Harley Fredriksen as Assistant Chiefs. The Outstanding Cabin Awards went to cabin #17 with Jeff Maasch as cabin leader, cabin members included: Jordan Oppelt, Michael Heiser, Jordan Grapentine, Mitchell Oswald, Jake Rath, and Kameron Kudick.

GIRLS' CAMP 2 was held July 24-31. Camp Director was Rachel Best and Camp Manager was Marnie Spielbauer. Piper Owen, daughter of Dan and Lynne Owen, of Neenah, earned the Best All-Around Camper Award. The Oneida Tribe took 1st place in tribal competition with Lexie Rubsam as Chief and Maddie Drewiske as Assistant Chief. Maddie Drewiske won the four-fold award by achieving high scores in mental, physical, social, and religious areas. The Outstanding Cabin Award was won by Cabin #13, with Jadi Cort as Cabin Leader, cabin members included: Abby Argall, Madelyn Nicholson, Claire Young-Moxon, Rachel Adams, Kristi Brey, Paige Gleason, and Rhiannon Niemuth.

BOYS' CAMP 4 was held July 31-August 7. Camp Director was Paul Linzmeyer and Camp Manager was Jason Pheifer. Nick Benson, son of Rob Benson and Tina Bova, of Vernon Hills, IL, earned the Best All-Around Camper Award. The Menominee Tribe took 1st place in tribal competition with Andy Clark as Chief and Ryan Bonikowske as Assistant Chief. The Outstanding Cabin Award went to cabin #3 with Dustin Voissem as cabin leader, cabin members included: Stephen Slater, Jonathon Herman, Patrick Griffith, David Schmitt, and Taylor Flom.

GIRLS' CAMP 3 was held August 7-14. Camp Director was Sue Fleming and Camp Manager was Katie Vatland. Molly Hendries, daughter of Lee and Kay Hendries, of Menasha, earned the Best All Around Camper Award. The Blackfeet Tribe took 1st place in tribal competition with Molly Hendries, as Chief and Rachel Hoffmann as Assistant Chief. Molly Hendries won the four-fold award by achieving high scores in mental, physical, social, and religious areas. The Outstanding Cabin Award went to cabin #16 with Kaitlin Grafmeier as cabin leader, cabin members included: Lauren Welter, Jordyn Shields, Taylor Gilbertson, Monica Young, Amber Goodman, Alyssa Barnes, and Rachel Alderton.



Pictured is the graduating 3rd year class of Leadership Training Conference (LTC) held June 14-19 at Camp Onaway. LTC is a high-level, intense leadership camping experience for youth in 10th-12th grades. On a survey of LTC campers, 99% report they felt prepared to take a leadership role and 99% understand being a leader is an important role. We love these grads and greatly look forward to the day that they can return as young leaders!

OAC (Onaway Adventure Camp) was held July 26-July 2. Camp Director was Annette Swanek and Camp Manager Jason Pheifer. OAC had the largest attendance since its inception with 46 campers in 2010. The camp launches out of Onaway Island and tent camps at Hartman Creek State Park.

The Brigade would like to thank the incredible volunteers who sacrificed their time and talents to serve the boys and girls at 2010 Camp Onaway.



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Register these cards to help raise funds for the Brigade boys and girls.

2010 Top Awards

11th and 12th Grade Brigaders

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade celebrated its annual awards banquet at Bridgewood resort in March. Nearly 300 volunteers, Brigaders, and parents took part in this celebration of leadership. The top **Outstanding Brigader** awards went to Olivia Boerschinger and Eric VanRooy. Additional top award recipients were: **Sure & Steadfast** to Eric VandenLangenberg and Amber Fatland, **Seven Year Perfect Attendance** to Eric VanRooy, **Seven Year Four-Fold** to Brie Ashauer, Olivia Boerschinger, Jake Casper, Amber Fatland, Rachel Groff,

Sam Hoppe, Leah Kohls, Bridget Recktenwald, Bryce Schwister, Eric VandenLangenberg, Eric VanRooy, **11th Grade Wide Awake** to Ben Firgens and Amanda Weiss, and **12th Grade Wide Awake** to Katie Kofnetka and Bryce Schwister. The Brigade is proud of these incredible youth and congratulates them on their success.

These successful outcomes result from the nurturing of the adult volunteer mentors and we thank them for their tremendous service to youth.



The Boys' & Girls' Brigade honored Eric VanRooy and Olivia Boerschinger (l to r) with the 2010 Outstanding Brigader award the highest recognition given to twelfth grade Brigaders.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

Oct 4

Oct 15-17
Oct 18
Oct 22-24
Oct 29-31
Dec

BRIGADE BEGINS

Scrapbooking Weekend at Onaway
Wreath Sale Kick Off Week
Onaway Adult Work Weekend
Co-Leader Work Weekend
Check the website for Christmas Giving volunteer opportunities at www.bgbrigade.com/programs-christmas.asp

2011

Jan 21
Feb 4-6
Feb 11-13
Feb 25-27
Week of Mar 28
April 3
June 9-12
June 13-18
June 18-25
June 25-July 1
July 2-9
July 9-16
July 16-23
July 23-30
July 30-August 6
August 6-13

Volunteer Potluck at Brigade
Young Leader (9th-12th) Weekend at Onaway
Family Winter Weekend at Onaway
Boys Winter Camp at Onaway
Year end Award Nights
Brigade Awards Banquet
Chore Staff Training
Leadership Training Conference (LTC)
Boys' Camp 2
Onaway Adventure Camp (open to 5th graders)
Family Camp
Girls' Camp 1
Boys' Camp 3
Girls' Camp 2
Boys' Camp 4
Girls' Camp 3



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