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### **Boys' & Girls' Brigade Opens Registration for Camp Onaway**

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade in Neenah announced that registration is now open for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to sign up for 2011 summer camps. The week-long camps include three boys' camps and three girls' camps held June through August at Camp Onaway, an island on the Chain O' Lakes in Waupaca. Dates of the camps and registration forms are available on the Brigade website. The camps are staffed by experienced adult volunteer mentors with a low camper to leader ratio providing a fun family atmosphere. The unique island environment offers lots of opportunity for water and other activities that help youth reconnect with nature and build lifelong friendships.

A tent camping experience called Onaway Adventure Camp will be held June 25-July 2 at Hartman Creek State Park. The Brigade provides all of the necessary tents and camping equipment. This outdoor adventure experience includes daily rotations that like wilderness hiking, trail biking, kayaking, and canoeing. Leave-No-Trace principals are taught along with teamwork and other challenges with plenty of time to make new friends and have fun.

The Brigade also offers a higher level leadership experience for older youth in grades 10-12 called Leadership Training Conference to be held from June 13-18 at Camp Onaway. Youth are encouraged, although not required, to attend for all three years for a continuum of leadership training. The camp is a unique blend of professional presenters and seasoned adult volunteers where youth learn leadership and teambuilding skills, participate in fun activities and perform community service all in a natural environment with opportunities to grow in confidence and leadership.

The Brigade includes round trip bus transportation to all of the camps departing from and returning to Neenah. Registration is open to all youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and not just Brigade members. Camps fill quickly and youth are encouraged to register as soon as possible to avoid being placed on a waiting list. Forms are available at the Brigade office at 109 W. Columbian Avenue in Neenah or online at [www.bgbrigade.com](http://www.bgbrigade.com) or call 920-725-3983 for more information.

CAPTION: Amber Fatland, Neenah, gets advice from teammates on how to negotiate a teambuilding exercise held last summer at Camp Onaway. Registration is now open for the Boys' & Girls' Brigade summer youth camps.

