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J.J. Keller Foundation Puts out Fires at Onaway Island

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade recently was awarded a \$6,400 gift from the J.J. Keller Foundation to replace the fire pump at 100-year-old Camp Onaway Island in Waupaca and to provide scholarships for camp fees and Brigade memberships to children in need.

Camp Onaway Island is not accessible to local fire departments because of its island location. "It is critical to safety and preservation for Onaway to have its own fire department with reliable equipment," stated Brigade executive director John Dery. "We are so grateful to the Keller Foundation for meeting this very important need." Brigade staff are trained in fire fighting by various fire department personnel volunteering their time and expertise.

"In this difficult economic climate the Kellers have also made it possible for struggling families to still send their children to camp and help them become a part of the leadership and character development programs within the Brigade," said Dery. "All applications for financial assistance to Brigade programs and Camp Onaway are kept confidential. This community is certainly blessed by the generosity of the Kellers, they have very big hearts."

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade is currently accepting registration for Camp Onaway and for the Brigade fall program. For more information about registrations and scholarships call 920-725-3983 or visit the web at www.bgbrigade.com.

CAPTION: Brigaders participate in a Brigade program team building exercise in the J.J. Keller Family Gymnasium.

