



Bimonthly Newsletter

International Trippers

Here's the team headed to Denmark in 2026!

Students

- Carter B
- Layla B
- Elizabeth B
- Joseph B
- Makayla E
- Rylee E
- Declan E
- Alina G
- Gracie H
- Annabelle H
- Alice T
- Jackson M
- Emerson P
- Jacob R
- Kyle S
- Samantha V
- Amelia W

Not Pictured:

- Rhett P
- Seamus M
- Braden W

Chaperones:

- Janie Anderson
- Anja Marker
- Kurt Wismer
- Darel Schoening

Happy Birthday, Brigade!

As we reflect on the rich history of The Brigade, it's remarkable to think about the journey that began in Glasgow, Scotland in 1883 and has touched the lives of countless individuals. From the enrollment of 30 young men on January 22 in Neenah, to today, where we serve hundreds of kids each week, The Brigade has evolved while staying true to its commitment of building character and nurturing the positive potential of youth. The acquisition of Onaway Island in 1910 marked a pivotal moment in our history, fueling the expansion and enhancement of our programs. Throughout these changes, the dedication to instilling wholesome values and fostering leadership has remained unwavering.

Looking Ahead to 125 Years

Looking ahead to the 125th birthday celebration in 2025, we are excited to honor the legacy of The Boys' & Girls' Brigade with a renewed commitment to empowering youth and making a positive impact in our community. As we continue with initiatives such as the Building Leaders program, Camp Onaway, and the Discover Series, we carry forward the spirit of unity, growth, and service that has defined The Boys' & Girls' Brigade for over a century. We hope that you will join us in celebrating this momentous occasion at our 125th Anniversary Gala on January 18, 2025, as we reflect on our past achievements and look forward to many more years of shaping young minds and building a brighter future for the generations to come. More details on this event to come!

We're also looking for volunteers to help with planning the event. If you're interested, please reach out to Jody Hoppe (jhoppe@bgbrigade.com).



Senior Awards Banquet

March 17, 2024
5:30 PM (dinner)
6:00 PM (awards)

Awards Week & Last Week of Building Leaders Programming

March 18-21, 2024
Parents are encouraged to attend!

Camp Leader Volunteer Registration

March 26, 2024

Camp Onaway Work Week

May 3-10, 2024

Memorial Day Parade

May 27, 2024
All youth are highly encouraged to participate!





Onaway 2024!

Register Now!

Experience a mixture of healthy competition and structured activities this summer at Camp Onaway during a week of camp! Activities you can expect during your week-long camp include swimming, tubing, skiing, canoeing, crafts, team tournaments, campfires, volleyball, basketball, and much more! Plus, you get the chance to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Click the button below for more info and to register!

Summer Camp Schedule 2024

Week-Long Camps open to youth who have completed any grade from 6th-11th this spring:

Girls Camp 1:	June 22-29, 2024	Boys Camp 2:	June 15-22, 2024
Girls Camp 2:	July 13-20, 2024	Boys Camp 3:	July 6-13, 2024
Girls Camp 3:	July 24-Aug. 3, 2024	Boys Camp 4:	July 20-27, 2024
Girls Camp 4:	August 3-10, 2024		

Week-Long Co-Ed Camps:

Leadership Training Conference (LTC) (open to youth who have completed grades 10th, 11th, or 12th this spring)	June 9-14, 2024
Onaway Adventure Camp (OAC) (open to youth who have completed any grade from 5th-11th this spring)	August 10-17, 2024

Anchor Camps open to youth completing 5th Grade this spring:

Boys Anchor Camp	August 10-13, 2024
Girls Anchor Camp	August 17-19, 2024

Day Camps are co-ed and open to youth completing 4th or 5th Grade this spring:

June 25
July 5
August 14 & 27

Camp Booklet Cover Contest

Hey Brigaders and Campers! Do you have a knack for creativity and a love for Camp Onaway? We've got an exciting opportunity just for you!

We're searching for a captivating cover design for our camp booklets distributed to campers and volunteers during each of our summer camps. Your design should capture the spirit of Camp Onaway and what it means to you.

The contest runs **January 29-February 29, 2024**. Then, the top three submissions will be voted on by your Brigade peers **March 4-15, 2024**. Keep an eye out for the winner's announcement in the week of **March 18, 2024!**

Let your creativity shine – whether it's a physical drawing or a vibrant digital masterpiece, we want to see it all! For contest rules, submissions, and additional details, click the button below and start creating!



Jody Hoppe

Q: What does “Brigade’s legacy” mean to you?

A: The Brigade’s legacy is a combination of our history, the accomplishments of Brigade alumni, and involvement of the community. We see it in action when Brigade alumni come back and volunteer to invest in the next generation both at The Brigade and Camp Onaway.

Q: How can The Brigade continue to stay relevant in our community for the next 100 years?

A: I think we need to continue to keep up and adapt with the needs and interests of today’s youth. We also need to keep being a safe space for kids to be who they are and to connect with their peers and adult leaders.



Anaya W.

Q: Tell us a little bit about yourself!

A: My name is Anaya, and I’m a fifth grader. This is my first year at Brigade!

Q: What has been your favorite part of Brigade?

A: The leaders and friends who help me understand when I have questions about how to do things or about Brigade. And I have a lot of fun!

Q: What makes you want to come back next year?

A: Probably all the memories I had with the leaders, friends, and the fun activities we did.

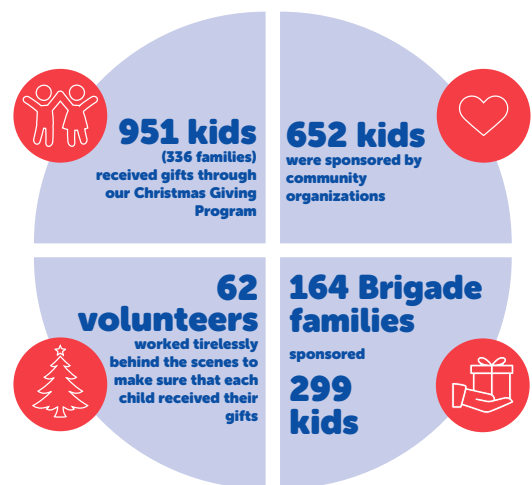
Wreath Sale & Christmas Giving Results 2023

Wreath Sale



Top wreath sellers will be announced during the Awards Week (March 18-21, 2024)!

Christmas Giving



Thank you so much to the community, volunteers, and sponsors for your support!

Summer Hobby Clubs

Approximately two years ago, we created a new "Discover" portfolio to give youth more fun experiences outside of our 20+ week downtown program, and the response has been very positive. As part of our ongoing work around rebranding, we are transitioning what was known as "Discovery Mini Series" to "Hobby Clubs," and "Discover Breakouts" will now be referred to as "Discover Activities" instead, anticipating these headers will resonate even better with youth and families. So, we will continue to offer (and expand) these opportunities beyond our downtown program and encourage anyone to give them a try!



Summer Music Camp

June 10-14, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$200

Our Summer Music Camp welcomes students in grades 5-8 who enjoy music and technology. They can explore music production, sound editing, and more through various activities. Campers will also enjoy gym time, rock climbing, crafts, and daily lunch provided by The Brigade.



Health & Wellness Camp

June 3-7, 2024 | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM | Cost: \$100

Our Health and Wellness Summer Camp is a week-long camp open to youth who have completed 5th-8th grade. We will have a variety of fun activities that focus on health, wellness, fitness, meditation, body positivity, and nutrition. It will incorporate a different physical activity and a daily lunch.

Climbing Club

Every Monday*
April-September
**(Meeting times/dates may vary. Check the Brigade Calendar for more info!)*

4:30-6:30 PM | Cost: \$20
Open to grades 4th-12th

Creative Writing Club

June 5, 12, 19, 26
2:00-3:00 PM | Cost: \$15
Open to grades 5th-12th.

Dance Club

June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21, 28
September 11, 18, 25, 29*

5:00-6:00 PM | Cost: \$30
Open to grades 5th-12th

Ice Cream Social Club

June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21, 28
September: 11, 18, 25

3:30-4:45 PM | Cost: \$25
Open to grades 5th-12th

Karate Club

Ever Mon., Wed., & Sat.*
April-September
**(Meeting times/dates may vary. Check the Brigade Calendar for more info!)*
5:00-6:15 PM (M, W)
8:00 AM-12:00 PM (Sat)
Cost: \$20
Open to grades 4th-12th

Run Club

June 18, 20, 25, 27
July 2, 9, 11, 16, 23, 25, 30
5K: August 4
8:00-9:00 AM | Cost: \$20
Meets @ Fritse Park
(899 N Lake St., Neenah)
Open to grades 5th-12th

Discover Activities

Anastasia Music @ Appleton North

Thurs. March 7 | 6:15 PM-TBD
Cost: \$15
Open to grades 5th-12th

Altitude Trampoline Park

Fri. March 8 | 1:30-4:30 PM
Cost: \$25
Open to grades 4th-12th

Choreography Dance

Thurs. March 14 | 5:00-6:30 PM
Cost: \$5
Open to grades 5th-12th

DISCOVER Music

Thurs. March 21 & 28 | 5:30-7:30 PM |
Cost: FREE
Open to grades 4th-12th

NEW Zoo: Conservation Connection Class

Tues. April 2 | 12:40-5:00 PM
Cost: \$12
Open to grades 5th-12th

Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

Wed. April 3 | 10:00-11:30 PM
Cost: \$15
Open to grades 5th-12th

Horseback Riding @ Lucky Stables, LLC

Wed. April 3 | 2:00-3:00 PM
Cost: \$25
Open to grades 5th-12th

Paper Science Lab

Thurs. April 4 | 2:00-4:00 PM
Cost: \$10
Open to grades 4th-12th

The PAWsitives of Dog Training

Mon. April 14 | 5:30-6:30 PM
Cost: \$10
Open to grades 5th-12th