



BRIGADE NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN WORK WEEK AT THE ISLAND!

From May 5th to May 14th, nearly 100 volunteers helped get Onaway Island ready for campers this summer. In the picture to the left, you can see the final product of one big project: re-framing the porch of Cook's Cabin! Thank you to all of those who came up to lend their time and talents. Summer camp wouldn't be possible without you!

Co-Leader Work Weekend

During the weekend of May 19-21, Co-Leaders and adult volunteers met at Camp Onaway for Co-Leader Work Weekend. Even though they were there for a short time, a massive amount of work was done to get the island ready for camp. Specific projects included:

- Salt/charcoal/paper products/camp store snacks brought over and put away
- Cleaned out/sanitized food storage
- Private dock sign repainted at landing
- Wood moved
- Rock moved across and compacted at Hollow Dock
- Changed oil in fire pumps and small outboards
- Finished cabin window balances
- Chapel roof cleaned off



COMMUNITYFEST RIVERSIDE PARK PAVILION

July 4th

Come support Brigade at CommunityFest where we will be selling delicious food! If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up for a time slot below.



SIGN UP





On Monday, May 29th, Brigade volunteers, youth, alumni, and staff came together to march in the Neenah-Menasha Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to the Brigade veterans who rode on the back of the trailer, and to the Brigade Band for playing wonderful tunes as we marched!



Spotlight Alert! Duo Edition



Duo Leader Spotlight: Katie Bruce & Paige Preissner

What's the biggest impact Brigade has had on your life?

Katie: The leadership and teamwork skills I have learned. As a Brigader, I participated in many activities and challenges that have taught me to listen, collaborate with others, and be open to new adventures!

Has Brigade played a role in your friendship? Paige:

Yes! Katie encouraged me to join Brigade with her after I had mentioned wanting to become more involved in the community. Throughout the last two years of volunteering together, we have laughed, shared advice and rallied our groups for a little healthy competition in the gym! I couldn't be more thankful for her push to join Brigade.

What's one piece of advice you'd give to someone starting Brigade? Paige:

Don't be afraid to put yourself out there! Brigade is the perfect place to make lifelong friendships and build strong connections while trying new things.

What's a fun fact about yourself? Katie: I won first place in a cribbage tournament at Onaway my second year! I still have the medal!

Youth Spotlight: Ariana & Gavin Hones

What was your favorite part of Brigade? Ariana:

Some of my favorite parts of Brigade include hanging out with my friends (or making new ones), baking, cooking, rifle range, archery, and group games.

Gavin: My favorite parts of Brigade are meeting new people, doing activities with them, and learning who they are.

What's one thing you learned to do at Brigade?

Gavin: One thing I learned is soldering.

Ariana: I learned about social skills and physical skills such as how to use a gun, a bow, and play gym games.

Fun Fact: Ariana: I love going outdoors, camping, swimming, riding four-wheelers, baking, and cooking.

Gavin: I own so many pets I can't count them all!

What's Up At Brigade?

IN MAY, 620 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS CAME THROUGH BRIGADE.

Last month, Brigade hosted every public elementary school in the NJSD and one from Menasha for a field trip. Youth were able to spend two hours in the archery range, woodburing, and playing gym games.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped us show these kids what Brigade has to offer!



Boys' Little Wolf River Canoe Trip

On Saturday, May 20th, leaders Steve Christian, Jim Machamer, and Chuck Littlefield led the Little Wolf River Canoe Trip for boys and their adults. There were 14 total canoes on the trip, with 29 paddling and Steve supporting. Afterward, they were given the opportunity to fish, swim, and enjoy a meal around the campfire. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated!



**REGISTER NOW FOR
CAMP ONAWAY 2023!
IT'S COMING UP
SOON!**

There's still time to register for our week-long, weekend or day camps! There are camp options for youth completing 4th through 12th grade!

Stay up to date by following our socials!



REGISTER NOW >



Fall Weekends at Onaway

PARENT/DAUGHTER WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 15-17

PARENT/SON WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 22-24

FAMILY FALL WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

[> REGISTER NOW](#)



Women's Fall Craft Fundraiser

OCTOBER 12-15

[> REGISTER NOW](#)



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A Message From The Executive Director

At our most recent Board meeting, Alex Johnson was elected as President, and we thank Chris Englebert for his previous service in that role. Also, we added Tanya Schroeder to our Board at the last meeting, and look forward to working with her going forward.

Although it is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, let me emphasize the need for volunteers to help with CommunityFest this year, it takes a lot of horsepower to make this happen, please consider signing up for a shift. Make it a family activity!

It is a pleasure to announce that Monicca Winters will be joining our staff later this month in the Program Leader–Discover Plus role—we will get her profile up on our web page soon—please make her feel welcome!

Several projects have recently been completed at Onaway just in time for camp season—our athletic courts have been resurfaced, improvements were made to the Hollow Dock and new pavers/stairs were installed between the Tower and Cabin 17 for safety purposes—everything looks great!

-Executive Director, John Benberg