



CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS & MILESTONE LEADERS!

The annual Awards Banquet was held Sunday, March 19th at Bridgewood Resort and Conference Center in Neenah. Many gathered to celebrate our graduating seniors and Milestone Leaders. Congratulations to our volunteers and youth who earned awards, and a special congratulations to the 2022-2023 Outstanding Brigaders, Ryan and Anna Foucault!

BRIGADE NEWSLETTER



Leader Spotlight: Trevor Pedersen

Favorite Part of Brigade: Helping the community while at the same time hanging out with my friends. Being a Brigade volunteer, I never run out of activities to do or stories to tell friends.

What You're Involved In: Thursday Archery Leader, Sunday Brigade Leader, STEAM Club Leader, Adventure Camp Director, Rough Craftsman, Former Board Member

Fun Fact: The only bone in my body I have ever broken is my skull (cliff climbing accident).



Youth Spotlight: Katelyn Taylor

Favorite Part of Brigade: Meeting new people and getting a chance to learn new things.

What I'm Looking Forward To: Growing in the program and becoming a co-leader when I'm older.

Fun Fact: I loved spending a week at Onaway so much last summer, so this year I saved my money from wreath selling and I'm going to two camps this summer!



ONAWAY WORK WEEK

May 5-14 @ Onaway Island
Call to let us know you're coming or sign up in the office.

CO-LEADER WORK WEEKEND

May 19-21 @ Onaway Island
Co-Leaders can sign up in the office.

BOYS' LITTLE WOLF RIVER CANOE TRIP

May 20th
This trip is for boys 6th grade and up. Please pick up a registration form at the Brigade office. Fathers/uncles welcome.



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WELCOME, RILEY!!
PROGRAM LEADER

Riley Driscoll is a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Leadership Development. She is currently attending The University of Wisconsin - Parkside for her Masters in Business Administration. Prior to Brigade, she worked at Appleton International Airport doing Human Resources and worked as a waitress most of her teenage/adult life.

Outside of work, she loves spending time with her fiancé and their three cats (Baxter, Jelly, and Otis). She also loves learning how to play new board games and doing jigsaw puzzles!



Family Night Recap

On March 1st, over 250 Brigade staff, volunteers, youth, and their families came together at The Plaza for a fun night of ice skating, games, a STEAM presentation with robotics, and good company. Thank you to everyone who came out and our presenting sponsor, TDS Fiber, for making this happen!

What's Up At Brigade?

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: PASTA FOR PASSPORTS

On Friday, March 11th, Brigade's International Trippers and chaperones hosted Pasta for Passports, a fundraiser offering folks a delicious meal and the chance to bid on raffle prizes. The event was sold out, with 225 in attendance, and \$13,000 was raised for the trip. Eighteen youth and four adults will be leaving July 6 for Ireland, Scotland, and the UK.



BIONIC GIANT

A HYBRID CREATIVE BOUTIQUE

STAY UPDATED ON THE BIONIC GIANT PROCESS

The Brigade has partnered with creative agency, Bionic Giant, to work closely with stakeholders to craft strategy, branding, and design assets to help the organization make a bigger impact. You can follow along with the Bionic Giant project by clicking on the banner on our homepage or the button below.

LEARN MORE



**CAMP REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN FOR
YOUTH AND
VOLUNTEERS!**

Register for summer camp
at Onaway today!

REGISTER NOW >



Stay up to date by following
our socials!





Volunteer For School Visits At Brigade!

This May, hundreds of youth from elementary schools will be coming to Brigade for school visits with their class. Kids will have the opportunity to come explore our building and learn what Brigade has to offer. We're looking for volunteers interested in helping staff these school visits that are happening during the day. If interested, press the button to see specific dates, times, and volunteer roles we need filled!

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A Message From The Executive Director

After the downtown program cycle ended, we surveyed* participants as part of continuous improvement efforts, highlights appear below:

-92% looked forward to returning next year

-89% felt cared for by their leaders and saw them as role models

-90% believe their Brigade involvement helps them abstain from risky behaviors such as alcohol, drug and tobacco use

-90% indicated that their Brigade involvement has taught them to be a better person

*we had a 44% response rate (210 of 480 registered)

As always, we are grateful for the many volunteers who are essential to the downtown program, and hope the experience is rewarding for you as well. Please feel free to give us feedback on the menu of opportunities, communication, building condition, staff support or anything else that impacts volunteer satisfaction.

We realize it seems a long way off, but our 125th Anniversary will take place in 2025 and there will be related events/activities throughout the year, but mark your calendars for Saturday, January 18th to join us at the Best Western Bridgewood for the big kickoff celebration. Stay tuned for more about the 2025 schedule, including a call for host families, as we are inviting our international friends to visit.

Speaking of celebrations, especially those that mark a long span of time, next Wednesday (April 26th) our dear friend Don Weber will be 98 years young! And still serving coffee on Wednesday mornings!

See you at Onaway this summer!

-Executive Director, John Benberg



Pictured: (Left to Right) Madelyn Arndt, Michelle Cramer, Joey Duvall, Anna Foucault, Jensen Haese, Kat Landsverk,

Wide Awake Award

Carson Schroeder (12th grade)
 Joey Duvall (12th grade)
 Dani Pupp (11th grade)
 Peter Ranger (11th grade)
 Carter Epley (10th grade)
 Elliot Pershing (10th grade)
 Skyler Van Buren (10th grade)
 El Voigt (10th grade)

7-Year Perfect

Attendance

Anna Foucault
 Carson Schroeder

7-Year Four-Fold

Michelle Cramer
 Theo Bjornstad
 Anna Foucault
 Ryan Foucault
 Carson Schroeder

My Own Self Scholarship Winners:

Anna Foucault
 Jensen Haese
 Quentin Reichard

Congratulations to all the 2022-2023 award winners!



Pictured: Back Row: Max Diekfuss, Middle Row (left to right) Reece Kandler, Quentin Reichard, Eduardo Rangel, Carson Schroeder, Jadon Ziebell, Theo Bjornstad Front Row (left to right) Ryan Foucault, Josh Bellin, Jack Zemlock, Milo Runnerstrom

Outstanding Brigaders

Anna Foucault
 Ryan Foucault

Sure & Steadfast Award

Reece Kandler
 Max Diekfuss
 Michelle Cramer

Plans After Graduation

Julia Arendt: UW-Oshkosh for Kinesiology /Pre-Med

Madeline Arndt: Honors College at UW-Oshkosh

Josh Bellin: University of Minnesota for Business

Theo Bjornstad: Lawrence or Beloit for Chemistry/Pre-Pharmacy

Jason Coates Sanders: FVTC or NWTC

Michelle Cramer: Entering Workforce

Max Diekfuss: University of Minnesota for Chemical Engineering

Casey Driscoll: UW-Oshkosh for Nursing

Joey Duvall: UW-Madison for Biology

Anna Foucault: UW-Platteville for Industrial Technology Management

Ryan Foucault: Northern Michigan University for Mechanical Engineering

Jensen Haese: Northern Michigan University for Art Education

Reece Kandler: Entering the Workforce

Kat Landsverk: University of Iowa

Eduardo Rangel: UW-Madison for Mechanical Engineering

JT Misevicz: UW-Platteville for Engineering

Quentin Reichard: UW-Oshkosh

Emma Rollefson: UW-Eau Claire for Business + Marketing

Milo Runnerstrom: FVTC + Entering Workforce

Nyles Schneider: UW-Oshkosh

Carson Schroeder: University of Minnesota for Business

Jack Zemlock: UW-Madison for Bio-Medical Engineering

Jadon Ziebell: University of Minnesota