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Celebrate with us!

Join us for the
125th
Anniversary
Gala

Looking back in history and looking ahead to the future

Join us for the Boys' & Girls' Brigade's 125th Anniversary Gala, a milestone celebration honoring over a century of positive impact in the Fox Valley! This special event will take place on **January 18, 2025**, at Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center, and feature a tribute to our proud legacy, including entertainment. By attending, you'll be supporting our mission to empower and inspire future generations, with proceeds helping to modernize our historic Neenah facility that has served as a safe space for thousands of teens since 1955. Together, let's commit to another century of guiding youth to **"Be Your Best"** through local Boys & Girls Brigade Programming.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a **Mentor Sponsor** and celebrate the 125th Anniversary in a meaningful way! At the \$1,000 level you can enjoy a table for 10 with family and friends, our VIP experience and prominent recognition throughout the evening. This is your chance to support our legacy while are also passionate about the work we do. Join us in empowering future generations—secure your spot today! For more information, contact Liahoma Jackson.

EMAIL LLAHOMA

Upcoming
Events

History Exhibit

Oct 30 - Dec 4, 2024
The Brigade is hosting a pop-up exhibit from History at the Castle Museum entitled, "We Stand on Their Shoulders: A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting". The exhibit explores moments when women in Wisconsin gained political rights and highlights a few key leaders.

To learn more about the exhibit, visit the History at the Castle Museum's website!

HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE CASTLE

Friendsgiving Potluck

November 29, 2024
Celebrate Friendsgiving with us on **Friday, November 29, 5:30-7:30PM**. The Brigade will provide the main entrée, and we invite you to bring a dish to share potluck-style. Enjoy games, good company, and a festive evening with family and friends.

Click the button below to RSVP and tell us what you're bringing!

SIGN UP HERE

Giving Tuesday

December 3, 2024
This Giving Tuesday, we look forward to celebrating 125 life-changing service through fun, connection, grace, and leadership - all because of people like you! Become part of our legacy and help shape the next chapter for the Boys & Girls Brigade. Whether you're ready to give or simply spread the word online - Please join us on **December 3rd!**

DONATE TODAY!

Wreaths Across America

December 14, 2024
Honor our veterans by joining us for the annual Wreaths Across America event. Help place wreaths on the graves of those who served, and pay tribute to their legacy and sacrifice. Click the button to register and be part of this expression of gratitude.

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State of the Brigade Address

December 16, 2024
On **December 16 at 6:30 PM**, join us at our downtown facility or tune in virtually to the State of the Brigade Address, to get updates on our downtown program outlook, summer camps, financials, and pending capital projects. This event will also be live-streamed, offering stakeholders everywhere a chance to stay informed about our vision for the future!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Become a Host Family!

We're seeking host families in the Fox Valley area for fellow Brigaders from Australia who will be visiting from **December 30, 2024 to January 21, 2025**. Share a slice of everyday American life with our international guests! All adults in the household must complete a background check. Click the button below to email Nick Malcore for more information!

EMAIL NICK HERE

125th Anniversary Year of Events

2025 marks the Brigade's 125th anniversary, and we're celebrating with a series of special events, starting with our Gala on January 18, 2025 that honors our legacy and looks ahead to the future. Stay tuned for more details on all the ways we'll be commemorating 125 years of empowering youth and building community!

EVENTS

Discover Activities

We've got LOTS of fun Discover Activities going on throughout the year, like [Paine Arts Center's Nutcracker in the Castle Tour](#), glow-in-the-dark mini golf, holiday cookie decorating, and more!

Everyone is welcome to try any of our one-time events and activities!

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Seasonal Events & Opportunities

Brigade Gear: Perfect for the Holidays!

Just in time for the holiday season, Brigade gear will be available for gifting (or keeping) through our online store! Orders must be placed by **November 25, 2024**, for guaranteed holiday delivery. Stay tuned—details coming soon!

Wreath Sale

Ends December 7, 2024

The wreath sale ends **December 7!** Thanksgiving gatherings are a perfect chance to connect with family members who might want a festive wreath. This is a great way to show your support for Boys & Girls Brigade.

Click the button below to visit our Wreath Sale webpage!

BUY WREATHS HERE

We're looking for volunteers to help in the wreath sale warehouse—lend a hand and support Brigade by loading wreaths into cars this season! This opportunity is open to adults and high schoolers 10th grade and up. Click the button below to view openings and sign up!

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Christmas Giving

December 3-11, 2024

Our Christmas Giving Program is here, and you can sign up to sponsor a family in need this holiday season.

Click the button below for more information!

SPONSOR A FAMILY HERE

We're looking for volunteers to help pack gifts for unsponsored families in our Christmas Giving Program. Your time and support will ensure that every family receives the holiday cheer they deserve. Sign up today to make a difference this season!

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Past Events

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

November 2, 2024
Our Volunteer Recognition Dinner at The Done on November 2 was an **unbe-LEAF-able** evening! We were delighted to see so many volunteers. A huge shoutout to our host for generously donating the space, our fabulous board members for donating over a dozen raffle baskets, and our wonderful Community Linkage Committee members for planning the event! We were especially grateful for Ellie Hammerschmidt (Grade 12), Izzy Murray (Grade 12), and Jobea Potter (Grade 8) who shared how Brigade volunteers have impacted their lives. It was a fantastic night celebrating our amazing volunteers!

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party

April 25, 2025

Greene's Pourhouse, Neenah

Fall Adult & Co-Leader Work Weekends

A huge thank you to our adult volunteers and co-leaders for all their hard work winterizing Camp Onaway! Your dedication ensures the camp is ready for next season, and we're grateful for the time and effort that goes into closing up for the winter. We couldn't do it without you—thanks for making Camp Onaway a special place for everyone!

Golf FORE Children

We are grateful to the Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis for sponsoring the Brigade at the Golf FORE Children outing! They presented us with the check last month, and the funds will help us continue our mission. Thank you, Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis, for making a difference in our community!

Program Updates

Etiquette Dinner

Our ninth graders recently participated in a formal dinner at the Bridgewood Conference Center designed to teach valuable etiquette skills - it was a wonderful evening focused on building confidence and preparing for future professional and social settings!

Halloween CLUE

On Tuesday, October 29, our eighth grade Brigaders enjoyed a thrilling CLUE Night! Leaders dressed as classic CLUE characters, and Brigaders worked together to solve the mystery. It was an exciting night filled with costumes, clues, and plenty of suspense!

Click the button below to see pictures from that night!

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Care Packages for Veterans

As part of our Veterans Day observance, fifth and sixth grade Brigaders put together care packages for the residents of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Waupaca, as a small gesture of gratitude for their service.

Click the button to see some of the photos!

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