

WINTER AMIDSHIPS

February 20, 2010

Celebrating 100 years of Boy Scouting in America

The 36th WAM

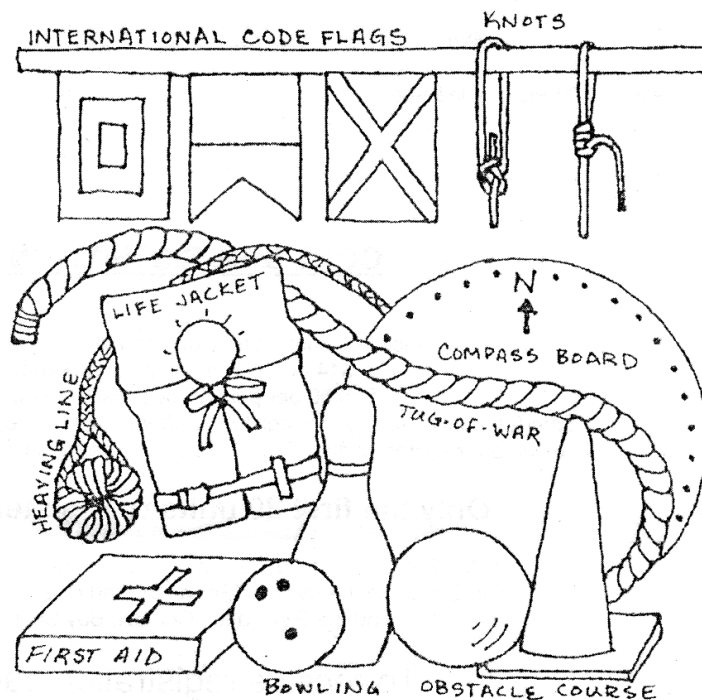
A 1-day event for Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, career Explorer Posts, and American Heritage Girl Troops. Activities include indoor and outdoor competition, dinner, awards and a dance. Youth participants must be at least 14 years old as of Feb. 20, 2010, AND must have completed the 8th grade, AND must be a registered member of the Girl Scouts-USA, or Boy Scouts of America (Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post participant), or American Heritage Girls.

DATE: Saturday, February 20, 2010; 8:30AM-11:00 PM

PLACE: University of Wisconsin Center-Fond du Lac, 400 University Dr., Fond du Lac, WI, in the University Center (Student Center)

What's inside:

- Schedule of events
- Event descriptions
- Travel directions
- Rules of the road
- Overnight accommodations
- Registration forms



How to reach us...

Please feel free to contact us with any of your questions, comments, or concerns.

MAIL ALL FORMS AND MONEY TO: Bay-Lakes Council Winter Amidships
c/o Ann Gratton
2102 Doty St.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902
(920) 231-3015

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hkienast@baylakesbsa.org

This flyer will also
be on line at
www.baylakesbsa.org

Ann's Cell # for use on Feb. 19/20 ONLY: 1-920-427-6919

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (approximate)

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Check-in. Weigh-in for tug-of-war. Sign your unit's number on event score sheets.
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	General information meeting for all participants in the Student Center dining area. Any schedule changes will be announced and questions answered. Your Tug-of war opponent will be randomly chosen at this time.
~10:00 AM	Opening Flag Ceremony conducted by <u>SHIP 007 . Please bring your flags!</u>
10:05 AM - 12:30 PM	Indoor Competition. Events and locations will be announced at the general meeting. Some outdoor events may also open at this time.
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch. Bring your own, or fast-food within 1 mile on Johnson (Hwy 23).
1:30 PM - finished	Complete Indoor Competition, then Outdoor events: Tug-of-War, Obstacle Course, Bowling. Free Time. Changing rooms will be assigned. NO showers.
6:00 PM	Dinner. Please let us know if you have participants that require vegetarian meals.
7:00 PM	Awards Presentation
7:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Dance - A "Song Request Form" is included in this flyer. Please submit your requests with your registration fees.
10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Clean-up

COST & REGISTRATION DUE-DATE

Includes competition, dinner, awards, dance, and event patch.

\$15.00 per person, postmarked by Feb. 4, 2010.

\$17.00 per person, postmarked on Feb. 5, 2010 or later.

Late fee applies to anyone registering after the due-date, even if your unit registered on time.

If you are registering after Feb. 4, we recommend that you call to confirm your registration.

Only the first 20 units to register will be accepted.

WINTER AMIDSHIPS is supported by alumni of the Fond du Lac scout units:
Girl Scout Mariner Ship 8 "Seawitch", Boy Scout Sea Explorer Ship 5772 "Conquistador",
and the Bay-Lakes Council, Boy Scouts Of America, Inc.

Please use registration forms included in this mailing.

Mail all forms and money to: Bay-Lakes Council Winter Amidships
c/o Ann Gratton
2102 Doty St.
Oshkosh WI 54902

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

KNOTS RELAY

4-member team, timed event. Each person crosses start line, chooses a card with the name of a knot on it, ties knot, returns to start line and tags the next person. No talking is allowed. Eight knots will be tied. A (*) following the knot means the knot must be tied on a horizontal bar (broom stick). Knots: square, bowline, sheet bend, figure eight, clove hitch*, two half hitches*, taut-line*, marling hitch* (a separated clove hitch is not acceptable). Ropes used are 4 feet long. Eight ropes provided. 1 knot per rope. 2 knots per person. 10 minute time limit. 30 seconds added per mistake.

COMPASS BOARD RELAY

4-member team, timed event. Each person crosses start line, chooses one of 32 compass point tags, places it on the compass board, returns to start line and tags the next person. No talking is allowed. North will be marked. You may place tags on top of one another, but you may not uncover tags. No tag can be moved once you turn away or take two steps from the board. Each team member will place 8 tags on the board. There is a 10-minute time limit. 30 seconds added per mistake.

LIFE JACKET RELAY and ALUMNI (LEADERS) LIFE JACKET RELAY*

4-member team, timed event. Each person properly puts on and takes off a regulation Coast Guard approved collar type life jacket, then returns to the start line and tags the next person. A full bow (2 loops) will be required on the tie.

*Leaders may combine with another unit's leaders to put together a team of 4.

HEAVING LINE and ALUMNI (LEADERS) HEAVING LINE*

3-member team. Each person attempts 3 throws of a weighted rope (monkey's fist) in a 1-minute time limit. The target consists of point sections valued at 1 - 3 - 5 - 3 - 1 at a distance of approximately 25 feet. The total of the 9 throws will be the team's score. Time will be used to break ties. For practice refer to the section on "throwing assists" in a life guarding/water safety book.

*Leaders may combine with another unit's leaders to put together a team of 3.

FIRST AID

4-member team. Score determined by points accumulated. Format used is decided on by the judge and may include relay, multiple choice, written or oral response formats. You may have to demonstrate something, using supplies provided. May include CPR. Time will be used to break ties. There will be a time limit.

TUG-OF-WAR

Weight limit: 800 lb. Weigh-in will be during registration, 8:30 AM. An outdoor event. Gloves and boots are strongly recommended. No spiked or cleated shoes allowed. You may not wrap any part of the rope around your body. Opponents will be paired-up by random drawing at the 9:30 AM meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS *

4-member team. Each team provides 2 readers and 2 scribes (recorders). Each reader/scribe pair will compete separately and the two scores will be added for the team's score. Readers are expected to know all 26 alphabetical and 10 numerical (0-9) code flags. Alphabetical flags will be 12" x 18" (numerical flags are slightly narrower and longer) and will be official international colors. Flags will be randomly arranged and toggled together horizontally. Flags are read from left to right. Each reader will have up to 1 minute to announce the code to his/her scribe. You may use phonetic alphabets. The scribe, who has his/her back to the flags, records the code on a score sheet. You may skip 1 or more flags, but you must skip the corresponding blank(s) on the score sheet. You will not be allowed to fill in the blanks that you skip. The scribe is not allowed to ask questions during the competition. Time will be used to break ties.

*This event may be changed to an AV format if we are unable to hang real flags.

OBSTACLE COURSE

4-member team, timed event. An outdoor event, conditions permitting. No spiked or cleated shoes.

ROLLING BOWLING

3-member team. An outdoor event. Each person will attempt 5 rolls of the ball at ten pins for a possible score of 50. The 3 team members' scores will be added together for the team's score. Must use balls provided. Each team will reset pins for another team. In case of a tie, the number of strikes will be counted.

SCOOTER RELAY

Due to popular demand, Scooby-Doo and his friends are back for another round of scooter races. A 4-member team. Each member gets the chance to become one of the famous gang and take Scooby for a ride in the "Mystery Machine".

SURPRISE EVENT

At printing time this event was still under development.....4 -Member team.

AWARDS

Your unit will compete in either the Girls division or the Guys/Co-ed division.

Each unit will receive a WAM participation ribbon.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded for each event in both divisions.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded to the top scoring units in each division.

Point distribution: 1st = 20, 2nd = 15, 3rd = 10, PARTICIPATION = 5

Participation in all events is strongly encouraged! Participation points can make a difference in your overall scoring!

The WAM over-all traveling trophy will be awarded to the top-scoring unit based on a second set of scores. This scoring system awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd and participation points to units (girls and guys/coeds) as if they were all competing against each other.

Every effort will be made to break ties.

These things will make the day run smoother, and be more fun:

Read "Winter Amidships Rules of the Road" with your unit before you come.

Arrive on time! Please check-in as soon as you arrive.

Please have your Tug-of-war team weigh-in as soon as possible. Units that arrive late cause a delay in the start of competition.

Units are invited to bring cards, board games, and other activities to fill time while waiting for competitive events.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

If the weather is threatening...

We monitor weather conditions. A final decision will be made by the Bay-Lakes Council by 10:00p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19th. If the event is cancelled we will make every effort to contact units. Registration fees will be refunded.

If you need to contact us on Friday or Saturday, please use our cell phone numbers:

Heather Kienast (Bay-Lakes Council) cell (920) 889-9445

Ann Gratton (Chairman) cell (920) 427-6919

I do not leave this phone turned on at other times. I do not receive messages on this phone.

The address is: University of Wisconsin Center Fond du Lac, 400 University Drive, Fond du Lac, WI. From North or South on US 41- Exit Hwy 23 East (Johnson St.). Go approximately 3 ½ miles to University Drive. Turn left (North). Go about 1/2 mile to the University Center (Student Center). Park in either the Visitor Lot on left or the East Lot on the right. When you enter the main entrance, proceed to the right.

Hotel/Motel information is included here for those groups interested in staying overnight. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are a SCOUT group. This may reduce your room rate. Also check for AAA discount.

	Phone / Area Code (920)	Comments
Baymont Inn & Suites; 77 Holiday Lane	921-4000	Cont. Breakfast, pool, www.wiscohoteles.com
Country Inn & Suites; 121 Merwin Way	924-8800	Cont. Breakfast, www.countryinns.com/fonddulacwi
Days Inn; 107 N. Pioneer RD	923-6790	
Econolodge; 649 W. Johnson	923-2020	
Economy Inn; 77 N. Pioneer Rd	922-6030	pool, coffee & donuts
Holiday Inn; 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr.	923-1440	Worldwide reservations 1-800-465-4329
Microtel Inn & Suites; 920 S. Military Rd.	929-4000	Cont. Breakfast, 1-888-771-7171, www.microtellinn.com
Super 8; 391 N. Pioneer Rd.	922-1088	Cont. Breakfast, 1-800-800-8000, www.super8.com

WINTER AMIDSHIPS RULES OF THE ROAD

Eligibility

All youth participants must be at least 14 years of age AND have completed grade 8, and must be current members of the Girl Scouts-USA or Boy Scouts of America (Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post participant) OR American Heritage Girls. Registered Venture and Explorer youth may compete through age 20.

Adult Leadership

Each unit must provide a minimum of 2 adults, one at least 21 years of age. Co-ed units must provide 1 male and 1 female adult leader. Units are required to meet their own council's adult to youth ratios. Adults must be present for all activities, and are responsible for the actions and dress of their unit members and themselves.

Unit Leader Certified in First Aid/CPR Required

Each unit must provide at least one adult who is currently certified in First Aid and CPR, and possesses up-to-date medical records/histories of each member of their unit. Units must also provide their own first aid kit.

Indoor Competition

(1) All indoor competition takes place on the first level of the Student Center. No participant may be on the second level of the building without permission from the event chairman. (2) Adult advisors and non-competing unit members may be allowed into closed-door events at the discretion of the judge. They must not interfere or aide their team in any way.

Outdoor Competition

All participants - youth and leaders - will go outside for the outdoor events. Dress appropriately!

Smoking Policy/Drug use

Smoking is not permitted. The use or possession of drugs and/or alcohol by any participants is prohibited.

Youth Permission Forms

All youth are required to submit a Winter Amidships permission form. This is in addition to whatever your council requires. Forms should be submitted when you check in or you may mail them with your registration.

Dress Code

Wear comfortable clothing or your unit's uniform for indoor events. Outdoor events require suitable protection from the elements: Extra layers, boots, hats, gloves, etc. Check the weather forecast/ Be Prepared! Remember, Everyone goes outside! **Proper attire for the dance excludes torn or immodest clothing, sweatsuits, flight suits, and T-shirts.**

Small units/Large units

Units with low membership may combine as one. **Any combination of units must be pre-approved by the Winter Amidships committee.** Small units may "borrow" youth from another unit for an event as long as: (1) your entire unit is participating in the specific event, and (2) the person/s you choose are not competing in the same event for their own unit, and (3) you clear it with the WAM committee. **Large units may not divide into 2 or more smaller competitive teams.**

Non-compliance

Any violation of the Winter Amidships Rules of the Road, or state and local laws and ordinances, will result in action which may include one or more of the following:

- * Points deducted from unit's score
- * Immediate expulsion from the Winter Amidships event
- * Disqualification from 1 or more competitive event
- * Contacting local law enforcement agencies.

Remember to send in your "Dance Song Request Form" with your registration papers!

WINTER AMIDSHIPS 2010 PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

My son/daughter _____ who is a current member of the Girl Scouts - USA or Boy Scouts of America (Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post participant) or American Heritage Girls, and is at least 14 years of age and has completed the 8th grade, has my expressed written consent to attend the Winter Amidships Event on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the University of Wisconsin Center in Fond du Lac, WI.

I have read the Winter Amidships Rules of the Road and I understand and agree that:

The Winter Amidships Committee/volunteers, University of Wisconsin Center- Fond du Lac, and the Bay-Lakes Council of Boy Scouts of America are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property of participants, nor injury to those attending the event.

Each unit is responsible for its own insurance and First Aid. The unit leaders/advisors are responsible for the actions and dress of their youth members and themselves. Alcohol and/or drug use or possession, including smoking, is prohibited. Violation of the Rules of the Road or state/local laws may lead to disqualification, expulsion, and/or contacting local authorities.

I also grant permission to St. Agnes Hospital and any rescue personnel for the medical treatment of the youth(s) listed on this form. **Please state any concerns or limitations on the back of this form.**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

YOUTH PARTICIPANT: I agree to abide by the rules outlined for this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Check your competition division: _____ Girls or _____ Guys/ Co-ed

Unit # _____ Unit Name _____

Circle 1: Girl Scout Troop Boy Scout Troop Sea Scout Ship Explorer Post**
 Mariner Ship Venture Crew American Heritage Girl

**Explorer Posts: Does your unit have separate accident insurance? yes _____ no _____

Council Name/ Mailing Address _____

Please list an attending leader who is certified in First Aid/CPR: _____

Unit Leader's Name/Address _____

 _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ email _____

Attending unit leader's name/ Address (if different from above) _____

 _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ email _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER THAT YOU CAN BE REACHED AT WHILE TRAVELING: _____

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$ 15.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE ADD \$2.00 PER PERSON (AT BOTTOM) AFTER FEB. 4, 2009. PLEASE COMPLY WITH THESE FEES. WE WILL COLLECT LATE FEES AT THE EVENT!!!

# OF GS/MARINER/AHG YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	Please list 2 or more of your adult leadership staff that will be available to help judge or time events. We will call you as needed.
# OF BOY SCOUT YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	
# OF FEMALE SEA SCOUT YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	Name _____
# OF MALE SEA SCOUT YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	Phone _____
# OF FEMALE VENTURE CREW YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	event(s) _____
# OF MALE VENTURE CREW YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	Name _____
# OF FEMALE EXPLORER YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	Phone _____
# OF MALE EXPLORER YOUTH	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	event(s) _____
# OF MALE LEADERS	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	Use back if needed!
# OF FEMALE LEADERS	_____ @ \$15.00 EACH = \$ _____	
LATE FEE (after Feb.4)	_____ @ \$2.00 EACH = \$ _____	

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$ _____ no refunds

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO:	MAIL TO:
BAY-LAKES COUNCIL	Bay-Lakes Council Winter Amidships c/o Ann Gratton 2102 Doty St. Oshkosh WI 54902

Checklist -PLEASE USE THIS TO PREPARE FOR WAM!

- ____ Unit First Aider must possess a Class 1 Health Form or equivalent for each participant.
- ____ Please make every effort to mail your registration early! Don't wait for a couple of kids to make up their minds or check sport schedules.---Send in the money for those that you know will attend, and add the rest later (by mail or phone).
- ____ Bring WAM permission slips for each youth.
- ____ PLEASE read the "Rules of the Road" page with your unit! "Unscoutsmanlike" conduct, of any kind will not be tolerated. This goes for adults as well as youth!!!
- ____ PLEASE discuss what is appropriate/inappropriate dress and behavior for the day/dance! We have had several complaints about this subject. Any advisor has the right (and duty) to stop inappropriate behavior at any time.
- ____ Read the flyer thoroughly. Most of your questions will be answered in the text. Call Ann (1-920-231-3015) with questions!
- ____ Apply for trip tour permit through your council.
- ____ Share a copy of this flyer with other council units/acquaintances.
- ____ Set up practices for the events listed in this flyer.
- ____ Secure an emergency contact person for your unit. Pack your unit's first aid kit.
- ____ Make overnight accommodation reservations (if so desired).
- ____ Please work out some kind of agreement among your advisors as to supervising your youth at the dance. At least 1 unit advisor must be present in the dance area.
- ____ Please send the dance song request form (below) with your registration forms!

LET'S DANCE!

We occasionally receive complaints that the DJ "did not play our request". The DJ that we hire is instructed to screen requested music for inappropriate language/lyrics. REMEMBER this is a Scout Event. Let's all have a great time without offending others! Each unit may request 3 songs (plus 1 from the advisors) on the form below. Advance requests can only be granted if we receive them in a timely manner!. Please include this form with your registration forms and register early!

Cut and send in with registration _____ Cut and send in with registration

WINTER AMIDSHIPS DANCE SONG REQUEST FORM

Unit # _____
City _____

Request:Choice 1: _____ Artist: _____

Request:Choice 2: _____ Artist: _____

Request:Choice3: _____ Artist: _____

Advisors' request: _____ Artist _____