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Tips for the Best Camp Experience

By Lysander Frankland, Troop 8

Being a first-year at Camp Cornhusker can be pretty scary. But soon you will come to realize that as big and frightening as Camp Cornhusker seems, on the inside it is one never-ending party with a whole lot to offer. But you cannot enjoy the activities if you do not know what you are doing in general. Here are some of the most helpful tips and tricks for having a successful first year at camp.

Tip #1 Always have bug spray, preferably the sprays with DEET, on your ankles. They will help prevent ticks and other unwanted bugs from crawling onto your shoes or up your legs, and possibly back into your tent. An extra towel can be treated with bug spray and placed along the bottom of the tent door.

Tip #2 Make sure to do Trail to First Class ("TTFC" for short). That class is going to knock out most of the requirements you need for the First Class rank. Although missing it is not a big deal, it is heavily encouraged as it is one of the easiest and quickest ways to finish requirements.

Tip #3 The Mountain Man Rendezvous is one of the biggest events at Camp Cornhusker. It is beneficial to have things to trade in case you see something you want to get your hands on while the council fire is burning.

Tip #4 You do not have to, but I recommend going to bed early on some nights, particularly the ones with nothing big going on. Nothing is worse than waking up and feeling completely drained with a whole nother day of activities and merit badges in front of you. With these four tips, you will be even more prepared to make the most out of Camp Cornhusker next year.



Public Safety Advisory

By Emma Hottovy, Troop 222

Captain Cornhusker strikes again!

Captain Cornhusker was last seen on the prairie grounds terrorizing campers. His grand entrance was with a "camper"... or so we thought.

His name still remains a mystery — who can we trust? Was this all a misunderstanding? Who is the person under the mask? So many questions remain unanswered. But think about this one: Was he a first-time side-kick or was he just another innocent victim?

Camp Cornhusker Market Report

By Aiden Powers, Troop 16

The most popular thing at the Camp Cornhusker Trading Post is the Sioux City Sarsaparilla. We asked around and people said they love the taste of it because of the real cane sugar that is in it and because of the feel of the bottle in their hand.

The most popular non-food item has been the custom hats. People seem to have loved the options for colors and designs.

Finding Fun at Camp Cornhusker

By Lysander Frankland, Troop 8

Have you ever been bored at Camp Cornhusker, not knowing what to do or where to go? Well, I have, so I set out on a journey to find out fun downtime activities people do in their free time. It was only after my journey that I realized how many fun pastimes are available.

Near the entrance to the camp are the shooting ranges. There are not one, not two, but three activities available there. You can choose between shooting hay bales with bows and arrows, hitting tiny targets with .22 rifles, or sniping clay targets out of the air with a 20-gauge shotgun.

Down the road a little is the legendary Trading Post, which holds the most Sarsaparilla in all of Nebraska. Right after you cool off inside and grab yourself a cold refreshing Sarsaparilla, you can enjoy a variety of games from giant chess to ping pong. If neither of these two games fancy you, you can play carpet ball, a spin-off pool game without the long sticks, or tether ball, where a rumor is floating around that Broom will give a free Sarsaparilla to whoever can beat him in a tetherball game. (Warning: Nobody has been able to best him yet.)

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Opinion: Appreciating Camp

By Emma Hottovy, Troop 222

"Camp Cornhusker is a beautiful and inspiring place."

"There is a lot of walking."

"Staff are amazing and funny."

"So many fun things to do here."

These are all opinions about camp from campers.

There are so many people who love and cherish their time here at camp. Camp Cornhusker is a place to learn new things, make new friends, and build stronger relationships.

Camp will always be a memorable place to be. It will always be a part of each and every one of us.



Choosing Merit Badges at Camp

By Aiden Powers, Troop 16

Newspaper staff polled Troop 16 and a few other people about selecting the best merit badges to work on at camp.

Some said that if you like water activities, you should do Swimming or Lifesaving.

If you like crafting and making things, they recommend Leatherwork and Basketry.

If you are a fan of weapons new and old, you should try Rifle Shooting and Archery merit badges.

If you like boats, try Canoeing or Small-Boat Sailing.

This reporter also asked around for the best merit badge classes for first-year scouts. Most people said Swimming or First Aid.

They said these two were the best because they are very helpful for getting advancement to First Class and are important Eagle Scout-required badges.

Finding Fun (cont.)

Be ready with your swimwear, because if drinking water does not sound cooling enough, you can try jumping into it. The pool's bottom drops down to ten feet, leaving lots of room for H2O fun.

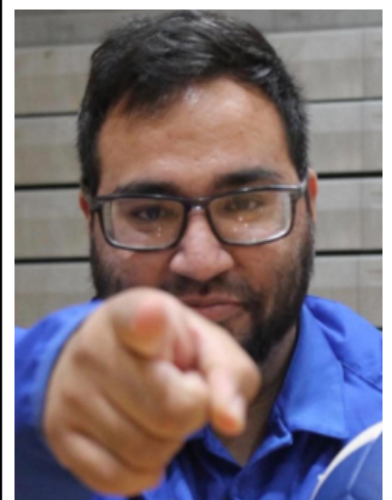
Going from a small body of water to a larger one, the lake has lots to offer. Want the adrenaline rush of catching fish, or to calm down gliding through the lake with a friend or two by kayak or canoe? Fishing and boating are the two best activities Abel Lake can provide.

Do not forget that being by yourself can be fun, but being with others is better at camp! Camp Cornhusker is all about making new friends. Now go enjoy what Camp Cornhusker has to offer!



Climber, director of the Mountain Man program, prepares a plate of vittles at Camp Streit during Wagons West.

(Staff photo)



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