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UPCOMING EVENT

KLONDIKE 2025

Return of the "Yeti" May the Frost Be with You!

It is not too late to sign up for Klondike 2025, Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025 at Camp Cornhusker. The cost for the event is:

Youth: \$20.00
 Adults: \$15.00
 Staff: \$15.00

Register for the Klondike 2025 here: [Cornhusker Council - Klondike Derby](#)

This year's events include: Carbonite Conundrum, Find the Wampa's Lair, Rescue the X-Wing, Attack on the Death Star, Ewok Chase, Clone Wars, and Pie Fighter.

KLONDIKE 2025 (CONT.)

Earn extra points at each station by answering a Star Wars Trivia question. Patrols are encouraged to create a themed, Estes Rocket to compete against other Patrols. Patrols must bring a compass, an "R2D2" (6-10 inches in diameter, 8-12 inches tall), and an Estes rocket with motor. More details will be in the Klondike Leader's book, which was handed out at the December District Roundtables at available at the Scout Office.

[Five things to think about when asking Scouts to camp in the cold](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

TRAINER'S EDGE, JAN 18

If you are involved in Scouting America, then you will likely be training someone else. This is why all adults and youth over the age of 14 are encouraged to complete Scouting America's Fundamentals of Training and The Trainer's EDGE courses.

Fundamentals of Training and Trainer's EDGE are two parts of a 3-part "Train the Trainer" program for youth and adult trainers. If you want to be a better teacher, trainer, and Scouter join us on Jan 18th, 9am-3pm, at Grace Lutheran Church. Bring a lunch! Register at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/324-89588>



COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

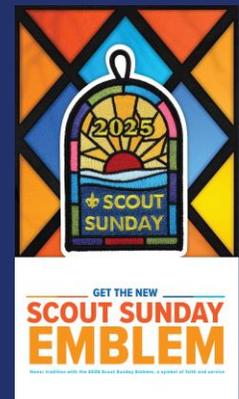
While the exact date in May 2025 has not been established, it is not too early to submit Silver Beaver nominations. Presented by the National Court of Honor, nominees must be registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the Cornhusker Council. We are also accepting nominations for the North Star Award. This award is on the same level as the Silver Beaver, but for non-registered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the Council.



Nomination forms can be found at:
[Silver Beaver Nominees Adult recognition North Star Award.pdf](#)

SCOUT SUNDAY FEB 9, 2025

On this important day, timed to fall near the Feb 8 Anniversary of Scouting, Scouts give back in visible and meaningful ways. In some units, that means simply wearing the full field uniform to worship services, where the worship leader presents religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters respectively. In others, the pack, troop, team or crew conducts a service project that benefits the religious organization. Contact the Scout Office to order your Scout Sunday 2025 patch for your Scouts.



REMINDER - UPDATE YOUR "PIN!"

Unit and District Leadership - please continue efforts keep your Unit's "pin" updated in beascout.scouting.org. The upcoming National Marketing Campaign, starting next month, will use this website exclusively to link up potential new members ("leads") with local units. Nationally, 50% of all leads go unanswered! Our Council does not have that problem, but we need to maintain our current level of excellence in keeping our information on this site updated. **Unit leaders, be sure to follow up on ALL leads!**



CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp

Camp Director: Sammi Lowry (campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com)

Staff Advisor: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)

[Overview](#) : [Camp Cornhusker](#) : [Camping & Activities](#) : [Cornhusker Council BSA](#)



2025 PROGRAM FEATURE - ATV

Rev Up the Adventure: Camp Cornhusker's ATV Program!

Get ready to ride! The ATV Program at Camp Cornhusker offers Scouts an unforgettable experience full of thrills and excitement while teaching safe and responsible riding techniques.

Program Highlights:

Hands-on training and safety certification for ATV use.

Explore Camp Cornhusker's rugged terrain on four wheels!

Develop confidence, responsibility, and a love for outdoor adventure.

Must be 14 the Monday of the week of participation

Program Dates:

Week 1: June 8-14, 2025

Week 2: June 15-21, 2025

Important. Participants must meet minimum age and safety requirements. All necessary equipment is provided!

Sign up today to secure your spot! Visit:

<https://scoutingevent.com/324-25ScoutsBSA>

Don't miss this high-octane adventure—join us at Camp Cornhusker this summer!





We're Hiring

Key positions we will be hiring:
Kitchen Manager/Cooks (18-21+)
Area Directors (18-21+) for COPE, Aquatics, Outdoor Skills, Ecology and Conservation, Mountain Man
Instructors (17+) for these areas
Aides (16+)/ **Kitchen Aids** for these areas
CIT 2 (15+)/ Dishwashers pick a specialty area to be placed in
CIT 1 (14+) Volunteer Positions rotating through each area

 Campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com

WE'RE HIRING!

2025 CAMP STAFF

When you work at camp you don't just get a paycheck, you get life skills, great memories, a community, meet life-long friends, and make connections for your future career path. Camp Staff is a great way to keep older Scouts active in Scouting.

Staff Hiring Interview Day was held on Dec 30 and we had several qualified applicants! If you couldn't make it, no worries as there are still positions available. Questions? Email our Camp Director, Sammi Lowery at: campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com

Camp Dates for 2025

Staff Week: June 1 - 7, 2025

Scouts, BSA Week 1: June 8 - 14, 2025

Scouts, BSA Week 2: June 15 - 21, 2025

Webelos Session 1: June 22 - 25, 2025

Webelos Session 2: June 25 - 28, 2025

Cub Resident Camp: June 27 - 29, 2025

Closing Days: June 29 - June 30, 2025

SCOUT BSA RESIDENT CAMP

2025 LEADERS AND PROGRAM GUIDES AVAILABLE AT THE O.E.C. AND DECEMBER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES

Stop by the O.E.C. or your District Roundtable to pick up this year's Leadership Guide and Program Guide. Units may reserve their campsite NOW. Individual registration opens Mon, Dec 30th. This year's fees per Scout are:

"Early Bird:" \$395.00 (due Mar 11, 2025)

Regular: \$420.00 (due by May 19, 2025)

Late Fee: \$450.00 (after May 19, 2025)

NEW cross-over into Scouts BSA (youth): \$395 (due by May 23, 2025)

Adult: \$195.00

See the Leader's Guide for Cancellation Policy and the Council website for details on FOS discounts. Camperships are available! Check the website or contact your District Key 3 for details.

[Overview : Camp Cornhusker : Camping & Activities : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#)

WEBELOS AND CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMPS (CAMP CORNHUSKER)

GUIDES FOR 2025 WEBELOS, CUB SCOUT RESIDENT, AND CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP FORTHCOMING

Cub Scout Resident Camp is specifically designed to provide you and your Cub an exceptional weekend adventure! Earn advancements and create memories with your Scout this summer. Dates for Cub Scout Resident Camp are: June 27-29, 2025

WEBELOS/Arrow of Light Resident Camp: An elite camp experience for youth who will be in the 4th and 5th grade! Webelo Scouts and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to come with a parent or as a den. The activities are planned specifically for each grade level and will significantly aid the Webelos

Leader and Arrow of Light Leader in helping those energetic Scouts to try new skills in the outdoors. Webelos and Arrow of Lights will be instructed in a variety of activities and advancements throughout the entire four days at Camp.

Webelos Camp is an adventure...with a purpose. It's camping out in a safe, pleasurable environment to ensure that our Webelos have an exceptional camping experience. It's learning how to work together and play together. In the great outdoors, Webelos gain in experience, knowledge, and self-reliance with the help of their Webelos Leader and a trained camp program staff.

Leader's Guides will be distributed at December's Roundtable and are available at the OEC.

Session 1: June 22-25, 2025

Session 2: June 25-28, 2025

CUB SCOUT WEEK-LONG DAY CAMP (OEC)

JUNE 9-13, 2025

This weeklong Day Camp is just right for any Cub Scout wanting to have fun and earn requirements toward your adventures during the summer. Join us **June 9-13th 2025**. You will shoot rockets, BB-guns, archery, play games, go on adventures, and have a blast working on your rank with other Scouts from all over Cornhusker Council. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun at the Outdoor Education Center for 5 days of adventure. (Tiger Cub parents **MUST** attend with child)

Not a Cub Scout yet? E-mail info@cornhuskercouncil.org to get signed up before Day Camp!

SALT VALLEY DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Jim Buehler (svdistcommchair@gmail.com)
 Commissioner: Bill Lang (wlang50@gmail.com)
 Director: Lee Peterson (Lee.Peterson@scouting.org)

<https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/aboutus/cornhusker-council-districts/salt-valley-district.html>



SVD MERIT BADGE CLINIC, JAN 18, 2025 AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 22ND AND WASHINGTON

Registration closes January 5th for the Salt Valley District Merit Badge Clinic. Thirteen different merit badges to choose from! \$22.00 per person.

Sign up at: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-SVMBU25>

UPCOMING SALT VALLEY DISTRICT EVENTS

January 2025

2: Roundtable,

7pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

SPECIAL GUEST: Jeff Johnson Cornhusker Council Scout Executive

8: 110th Anniversary of Scouting

9: Scout Sunday

11: NRA Basic Rifle Training: 8am-8pm, at the OEC.

18: The Fundamentals of Training and Trainers EDGE

9am-3pm, Cornhusker Council OEC, 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524

If you want to be a better Teacher, Trainer and Scouter join us for the combined Fundamentals of Training and The Trainer's EDGE courses. Required for future Wood Badge Staff.

18: Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic

9am-3:30pm (registration closes 1/5/2024 11:59pm), Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

AM Session: Game Design, Personal Management, Digital Technology, Bird Study, Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid.

PM Session: Chess or Theater, Disability Awareness, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the world, First Aid.



23: Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review
6:30-9:00pm at Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524
(Woods Room & Board Room)

28: Salt Valley District Committee Meeting
6:30-8:30pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524
(Woods Room) *OFFICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE SESSION - VOTING ON SLATE FOR 2025*

February 2025

6: Roundtable
7-8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

22: Salt Valley District Recognition Dinner (registration is open!)
6pm, Lincoln Firefighters' Reception Hall 241 Victory Ln, Lincoln, NE 68528

Join us at the annual District Recognition Dinner held to recognize those leaders who go above and beyond in the service of youth. All Scouters in the Salt Valley District are invited and encouraged to attend. At the dinner we honor our Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2024. We also recognize many Unit Level Volunteers nominated by their peers and by District Leadership.



25: Salt Valley District Committee Meeting
6:30-8:30pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

27: Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review
6:30-9:00pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room & Board Room)

March 2025

6: Roundtable
7-8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

8: 1st Aid/CPR/AED Training

15: Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training
10am-5pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

Would you like to learn how to set up the BB Gun and Archery Ranges for Cub Scouts? Join us for Range Training. Check and see if you need to update your training. These are good for 2 years.
10:00AM-2:00pm Classroom
2:00-5:00PM-Practical for Cub Scouts and Archery Make UP.

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6:30-9:00pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE, 68524 (Woods Room & Board Room)

28: Pinewood Derby Weigh-In

6pm-8:30pm, St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE, 68520

29: Pinewood Derby

22-23: Wilderness First Aid Training

8:30am, 29 Mar - 6:30pm, 30 Mar, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street
Lincoln, NE, 68524 (Woods Room)



Salt Valley District Award Nominations Portal:

Cubmaster of the Year - Recognize a Cubmaster, who not only performs his/her duties within your unit but frequently goes above and beyond those duties for the benefit of the youth and families.

Scoutmaster of the Year - Recognize a Scoutmaster who not only performs his/her duties within their unit but frequently goes above and beyond those duties for the benefit of the youth in their unit.

Crew/Post Advisor of the Year - Recognize a unit leader who not only performs his/her duties within their unit but frequently goes above and beyond those duties for the benefit of the youth in the unit.

Den Leader of the Year - Recognize one of your pack's den leaders who not only perform their job as den leader within their pack but frequently goes above and beyond for the benefit of the youth and their unit.

Committee Chair of the Year - Do you have an amazing committee chair in your troop crew or pack? Then you want to nominate them for this award. These leaders frequently go above and beyond for the benefit of the youth and their unit.
Commissioner of the Year - Commissioners are the connection between the unit and their Council. Their goals are to be 1: the single, best resource for your unit; 2: ensure S.A.F.E programs; and 3: enable significant, sustainable growth. Nominate a commissioner who has been there for your unit this past year, reaching these goals and adding advice and experience to your leaders.

Salt Shaker Award - Nominate a leader in your Troop, Pack, Crew, or Post who has jumped in and done what needs to be done, filled in where needed, added great ideas, and, in general, added spice to your program!

Fundraising Hero - We all know those who take on the job of popcorn kernel and fundraising chairs put in a lot of hard work in ordering, keeping track of popcorn, trading, calculating, organizing booths, and often donating not only their time but their space to make sure the unit has what is needed for your unit and scouts to fund their adventure.

Good Turn Award - Nominate a unit or individual who has provided outstanding community service projects in our community

District Award of Merit - Available to registered Scouters who render outstanding service at the district level (please list below all District level events they've helped with). This is the highest award given to a Scouter at the District level and the only "non-square knot" in the knot award group. A District awards the District Award of Merit to volunteer adults for service to youth.



Sign-up for your 2025 Unit presentation by clicking the image.

PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Russ Ebke (pwdistrictchair@gmail.com)

Commissioner: Lonnie Pohlman (lpohlman@gmail.com)

Director: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)

<https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/aboutus/cornhusker-council-districts/prairie-winds-district.html>



DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the District Nominating committee, nominations are open for the 2025 District Annual Meeting in March.

If you have a name for nomination of an adult Scouter, COR, or community member who would be willing to be registered as a member of the district committee please forward those nominations/names and contact information to Will Cover District Director William.cover@Scouting.org or to Russ Ebke District Chair at pwdistrictchair@gmail.com



UPCOMING PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

January 2025

2: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford

11: NRA Basic Rifle Training: 8am-8pm, at the OEC.

18: Fundamentals of Training and Trainers EDGE, OEC, 9 AM to 3 PM

21: District Committee Meeting

24-26: OA Winter Event. Further details to follow soon!

Jan 31-Feb 2: Klondike Derby at Camp Cornhusker, [Return of the Yeti, May the Frost be with You](#)

February 2025

6: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford

8: 115th Anniversary of Scouting

9: Scout Sunday

18: District Committee Meeting

March 2025

1: Seven Feathers Merit Badge University: SE Community College, Beatrice

6: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford

15: Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training

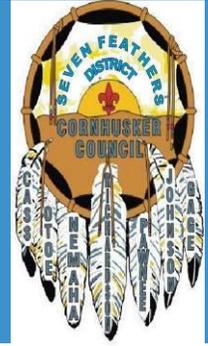
18: District Committee Meeting

22: Wilderness First Aid

SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Peggy Nietfeld (Scouting@nietfeldfarms.com)
 Commissioner: Richard White (rwhite4576@gmail.com)
 Director: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)

<https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/aboutus/cornhusker-council-districts/seven-feathers-district.html>



DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the District Nominating committee, please note that the requisite 90-day notice of nomination acceptance is open as of December 4, 2024 for the 2025 District Annual Meeting in March. If you have a name for nomination of an adult scouter, COR or community member who would be willing to be registered as a member of the district committee please forward those nominations/names and contact information to Will Cover District Director William.cover@Scouting.org or to Troy Nichols District Nominating Committee Chair at Troy.nichols@conagrafoods.com



SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT DINNER

The Seven Feathers District Committee invites you to join us March 15th, 2025, 5:30 pm at a location to be secured in Richardson County, to recognize the outstanding dedication of our amazing Seven Feathers District volunteers and leaders.

We will spend the evening reminiscing about a wonderful year of Scouting. We will talk about the Seven Feathers District vision for 2025, a vision to re-establish ourselves as the top performing District in the Cornhusker Council and to demonstrate to the communities we serve that Scouting is very much alive and growing. Most importantly we will also be presenting tokens of our appreciation to volunteer leaders and recognizing this year's recipient of the District Award of Merit. Of course, we will be celebrating the achievement of those youth who have arrived at the summit of Eagle Scout in 2024. These young Scouts, tomorrow's leaders, are some of our country's greatest assets. Please come and fellowship with us as we congratulate them and let them know how proud we are of their monumental achievement and promising futures.

SEVEN FEATHERS PINWOOD DERBY

Hello Cub Scouts and Scouters of the Seven Feathers District!

I am pleased to announce that the 23rd annual running of the Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby will take place on March 22, 2025. We have received confirmation that Pack 337 Syracuse has agreed to be the host this year, venue location to be announced as soon as it can be secured but plan on being in the Syracuse area.

The district has been planning for both a Race and a Car Show, allowing 12 entries in each category from each pack- for a total of 24 entries from each pack.

Please be sure to bring at least one adult for every 3 Scouts. Fee is \$15.00 per race or show entry. Spectators are free.

SEVEN FEATHERS PINWOOD DERBY (CONT.)

Schedule:

9:30am to 11:00am: Check in & inspection of race and show class cars

11:15am - 11:30am: Opening & Flag ceremony and simulcast to begin

11:30am: Race begins

1:30pm (or at completion of the races): Awards Ceremony for Cub Scouts

UPCOMING SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

January 2025

9: Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Baptist Church, Tecumseh

11: NRA Basic Rifle Training: 8am-8pm, at the OEC.

16: District Committee Meeting, 7 PM, 1st Baptist Church, Tecumseh

18: Fundamentals of Training and Trainers EDGE, Grace Lutheran Church, 9 AM to 3 PM

24-26, 2025: OA Winter Event. Faith Lutheran Church, 1245 N. 2nd St, Seward

31-Feb 2: Klondike Derby at Camp Cornhusker, Return of the Yeti, May the Frost be with You

February 2025

6: Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Baptist Church, Tecumseh

8: 115th Anniversary of Scouting

9: Scout Sunday

20: District Committee Meeting

March 2025

1: Seven Feathers Merit Badge University: SE Community College, Beatrice

15: District Dinner, 5:30pm, exact location in Richardson County is TBD.

20: District Committee Meeting

22: District Pinewood Derby, 9:30am-1:30pm, location TBD

IMPACT DISTRICT

District Executive: Drew Wicks (Andrew.Wicks@scouting.org)



As mentioned last month, the Impact District is made up of all the Cub Scout Clubs run through the Scoutreach Program. Much like our traditional units, these clubs meet once a week and are open to students in their respective elementary schools. Along with the already prepared lessons and projects, our club leaders do what they can to guide these students to enroll in our traditional units. Unfortunately, they do not usually have specific information for the closest units. This is where we need your help. Below is the list of schools where we have clubs and when they meet.

Monday:

- Pack 6: Belmont Elementary
- Pack 5: Norwood Park Elementary
- Pack 9: Pershing Elementary

Tuesday:

- Pack 404: Elliott Elementary
- Pack 48: Holmes Elementary
- Pack 35: Riley Elementary

Wednesday:

- Pack 18: Everett Elementary
- Pack 17: Saratoga Elementary
- Pack 630: West Lincoln Elementary
- Pack 2014: Heyword Elementary in Nebraska City - We are attempting to expand our Scoutreach and recruiting efforts into the Middle School in Nebraska City. If you're in the area, additional hands at Hayword are needed.

Thursday:

- Pack 1930: Prescott Elementary
- Pack 2323: Roper Elementary

Friday:

- Pack 12: Lakeview Elementary
- Pack 11: McPhee Elementary

If your unit recruits through one or more of these schools, this is a built-in group of students that are already interested in what we do. A couple of volunteers visiting from the closest traditional Cub Scout Pack to help would go a long way to bringing some of these Scouts over. Drew Wicks will be reaching out to Cubmasters in some of these units over the next few weeks and months with thoughts on where your unit can help. If you already have ideas, don't hesitate to reach out first.

COUNCIL NEWS

Prepared. For Life.

**You wonder how they're
going to find their way.**

**How to get them ready for the times
you won't be there to help.**

**How to help them to be strong enough,
brave enough, mentally sharp, and moral.**



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING KICKOFF, JAN 16, 2025

Our 2025 Friends of Scouting Campaign kicks off 6:30pm on Jan 16, 2025 at the OEC-Woods Room for Board Members, District Key 3, FOS Torchbearers, and any other interested party. Friends of Scouting is Cornhusker Council’s annual giving campaign that provides vital programs to Scouts and Venturers and is a critical source of revenue that provides life-changing experiences for our young men and women. Unit leaders, contact your District Executive/District Director to schedule your unit’s FOS presentation.

Coinciding with FOS Kickoff is the 115th Anniversary of Scouting and the National Scouting Days of Giving, Feb 3-14. For over a century, Scouting has transformed lives by teaching character, leadership, and service. Right here in southeast Nebraska, countless Scouts have developed skills, built friendships, and made memories that last a lifetime. Scouting Days of Giving is your opportunity to invest in the youth and families in our community, ensuring Scouting continues to thrive where it matters most—locally.



WELCOME TO THE 2026 JAMBOREE - SIGN UP BELOW!

The 2026 National Jamboree will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV July 22-31, 2026. The National Jamboree is a gathering of thousands of members of the Boy Scouts of America, usually held every four years and organized by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Referred to as “the Jamboree”, “Jambo”, or NSJ, Scouts from all over the nation and world have the opportunity to attend. The first jamboree was scheduled to be held in 1935 in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting, but was delayed two years after being cancelled due to a polio outbreak. The 1937 jamboree in Washington attracted 25,000 Scouts, who camped around the Washington Monument and Tidal Basin.



We will be sending two units to the Jamboree, one Troop of 40 Scouts (Boys) and one Crew of 20 Scouts (Boys and Girls). Adult Leaders and Scouts wishing to be part of the Council’s contingent, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/FyNDajbo7WTuvqj69>

For more information-

Cornhusker Council Jamboree Link: [2026 National Jamboree](#)

National 2026 Jamboree Link: [Home - National Jamboree](#)

Council Contingent Guide: [2026 National Jamboree Council Contingent Guide Fall 2024-Master](#)

Adult Leaders Needed! We are accepting applications for adults to lead our contingent. You must be currently registered, current on trainings, and completed Wilderness 1st Aid. Previous experience in leading contingents to a previous Jamboree or a National High Adventure base is desired. For more information, contact Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org).

	2025 CAMP CORNHUSKER SIGNUP		
	CAMPSITE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
<p>2025 Camp Cornhusker</p> <p>Campsite Reservations</p> <p>A \$250 deposit locks your Troop in at your favorite campsite.</p> <p>“New” Campsite Available! After a long hiatus, Fort Atkinson is now open for Troops to camp in. The “Fort” campsites were always favorites for some Troops.</p>	Bear	337	
	Beaver	56	
	Bobwhite	174	64
	Cheyenne		
	Commanche	296	142
	Crow		
	Eagle	8	54B
	Fox		
	Kiowa		
	Mandan		
	Missouri		
	Omaha	220	
	Osage		16
	Otoe		
	Ponca	100 (HOAC)	
Wichita			
Winnebago	159	49	
Lakota			
Ft. Atkinson			

Range & Target Activities



Would you like to learn how to set up the BB Gun and Archery Ranges for Cub Scouts? Join us for Range Training on Mar 15, 2025. Check and see if you need to update your training. Certification is good for 2 years. Sign up at: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training](#)

Schedule of events:

10:00am-2:00pm - Classroom Session

2:00-5:00pm - Practical for Cub Scouts and Archery Make UP

Registration has closed for the NRA Rifle Basic Course. This training is the first step in becoming a certified instructor/MB counselor for rifle. Contact our Shooting Sports Chair for the next course. (DJ.Davis@scouting.org)

WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

Wilderness First Aid Training focuses on the prevention, assessment, and treatment for an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. This course is intended for anyone planning a remote high adventure experience, including BSA High Adventure Bases.

Participants must be at least 12 years old at the time of the course, registered with the BSA, and hold a current First Aid/CPR certification.

This course requires active participation and for all skills to be demonstrated with minimal prompting to obtain certification. We will be doing some activities outside and kneeling or laying on the ground, so please dress accordingly or have extra clothing. We will be doing scenarios where gear may be used for improvised support. We encourage bringing your own gear so that everyone can see what may potentially be used in an emergency. We will also have examples and practice kits available. We will take breaks during the course including a break for lunch. Snacks are encouraged. Lunch is provided. Please let us know of any dietary concerns and we will do our best to accommodate.

Course (Approx. 16 hours)

Skills Practice Approx. 4 hours

Where: Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center 800 South 120th Street Walton, NE

When: March 22 and 23 (both days are required)

Cost: \$125.00

For more information, contact Pam Chandler, Council Training Chair (aquilaguide@gmail.com) or Will Cover, District Director (william.cover@scouting.org)



HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

Effective Dec 1, 2024, all direct-contact leaders are required to complete Hazardous Weather Training (course number SCO_800). A notification from Scouting U was sent to each affected member. Log into your my.Scouting account and select "My Training" and navigate to the course. More information regarding safety training can be found at: [Health and Safety website](#)

REMINDER: GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING: UPDATED SAFETY AFLOAT AND TOW SPORTS POLICIES

The following updates have been made to the Guide to Safe Scouting: Safety Afloat-Qualified Supervision:

Added - "In addition, when swimming is in conjunction with towed activities or motorized watercraft a designated observer or designated lookout must be no less than 18 years of age and present on the watercraft."

Tow Sports - "The designated observer must be no less than 18 years of age and present on the watercraft."

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

We have Sioux City Sarsaparilla in the Scout Store! Stop on by the OEC and get one of your camp favorites!

We offer free shipping on orders over \$125. (Handbooks do not apply).

Can't make it into the shop before 5pm? That's okay! Email your order to the Scout Shop (Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org), let us know you will be picking up after hours, once the order is filled, we will contact you for payment options, and set your items in the pick up box outside the Scout Shop. You are then able to come by and pick up at your convenience.



ORDER YOUR SCOUTING AMERICA T-SHIRT!

Scouters and Parents,

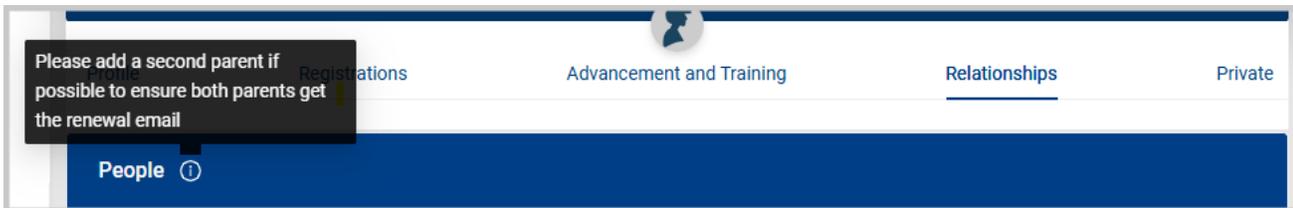
We are excited for the rebranding! Scouting America officially rolls out on Scout Sunday, February 9th, 2025, so now is the time to pre-order your new Cornhusker Council, Scouting America t-shirt.

Whether you want to purchase 1 or 50, you can order shirts here for \$17.00 each. Shirts will be delivered to the February Roundtable.



REGISTRAR'S UPDATES

1. There is now a note on the Relationships tab for a youth member. If you hover over the icon next to "People" a note pops up recommending entering more than one parent where possible. This ensures both parents/guardians get the renewal emails and not just the one parent associated with this youth.



2. The new Eagle Scout Rank Application is now available. The new application reflects new changes regarding references in the *Guide to Advancement*. Find the new form [here](#).

MERIT BADGE UPDATES FOR 2025

The following Merit Badges have updated requirements for 2025: Animal Science, Archery, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Citizenship in the Community, Climbing, Cooking, Crime Prevention, Cycling, Dentistry, Digital Technology, Dog Care, Drafting, Electricity, Electronics, Emergency Preparedness, Energy, Environmental Science, Family Life, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, First Aid, Fish and Wildlife Management, Fishing, Gardening, Horsemanship, Insect Study, Landscape Architecture, Law, Metalwork, Motorboating, Nature, Plumbing, Pottery, Programming, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Skating, Snow Sports, and Sports. Specific changes can be found here: [Merit Badge Requirement Updates \(Effective January 1, 2025\) - Google Sheets](#)

REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL 2026 HIGH ADVENTURE OPENS NOW!

Start planning to experience Scouting's ultimate adventure. Registration for a 2026 trek at an iconic high adventure base will open on Jan 14, 2025. You do not want to miss this opportunity of a lifetime.



Mark your calendars for the registration dates below:

- Philmont - registration is open now
- Summit 1/14/25
- Northern Tier 1/15/25
- Sea Base 1/16/25

COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: [Cornhusker Council](#))

January

- 1-2 Scout Shop closed for inventory; office open by appointment only
- 2 Prairie Winds and Salt Valley District Roundtables
- 9 Seven Feathers District Roundtable
- 11 NRA Rifle Basic at the Cornhusker Council OEC
- 16 FOS Kick-off, 6:30pm at the Cornhusker Council OEC (Council Board, District Key 3, FOS Presenters)
- 18 Fundamentals of Training/Trainers Edge), 9am-3pm, Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln
- 18 Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office Closed
- 24-26: OA Winter Event. Faith Lutheran Church, 1245 N. 2nd St, Seward
- 31 - Feb 2 Klondike Derby

February

- 1-2 Klondike Derby
- 8 Scouting's 115th Anniversary
- 8 Ushering Party, 11am-3pm at the OEC; RSVP please! [Cornhusker Council - Ushering Party](#)
- 9 Scout Sunday
- 16 Scout Sunday (Methodist)
- 17 Washington's Birthday, Office Closed
- 22 Salt Valley District Recognition Banquet

March

- 1 Seven Feathers Merit Badge University at SCC Beatrice
- 6 Roundtable all Districts
- 15 Seven Feathers District Dinner
- 15 Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training
- 22-23 Wilderness 1st Aid Training
- 22 Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby
- 29 Cornhusker-MAC College of Commissioner Science, 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellview, NE

**March 29,
2025**



**College of
Commissioner Science
Bellevue University**

Increase your commissioner knowledge and skills to provide better unit service.

We need instructors!

Cornhusker Council will be responsible for conducting the **Roundtable** and **Master** level classes, so if you are interested in serving as an instructor, please contact:

Karen: karensieber@live.com
or Bill: wlang50@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Jayan Hraban, T. 69
 Andrew Wood, T. 8
 Logan Sutter, T. 12
 Henry Lingen, T. 36



NEW EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEBRASKA EAGLE SCOUTS!

The NE Eagle Scout Scholarship provides Eagle Scouts from Nebraska and from Harrison, Mills or Pottawattamie counties in Iowa scholarship funds to attend a post-secondary institution in the state of Nebraska. Students attending a two-year institution in Nebraska are eligible for up to \$6,000 (\$3,000 annually) and students attending a four-year institution in Nebraska are eligible for up to \$12,000 (\$3,000 annually). For more information, see their website:

[NE Eagle Scout Scholarship](#)

NESA



**SCHOLARSHIP
 DON'T MISS THE
 DEADLINE!**

Eagle Scouts must be a member of NESA. Eagle Scouts may apply for scholarships in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program or halfway of their associate degree program or trade school. Important dates:

Board of Review: on/before Jan 24, 2025

Application portal open: Dec 1, 2024 - Jan 31, 2025

Application submitted by 11:59CST on Jan 31, 2025

Announcement: June 10, 2025

Link: [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout](#)

ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

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Lodge Advisor: Brooks Rushman professionalpower@yahoo.com

Staff Advisor: Will Cover (William.cover@scouting.org)

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YOUR DUES ARE DUE

It's time for all Arrowmen to renew our membership dues for 2025! We have many options for your renewal. You can pay the annual dues of \$20, or you could renew your annual dues with the Event Annual Pass for \$125. To pay your dues go to the Golden Sun Lodge Website. [Golden Sun Lodge | Dues](#)

Dues are \$20 a year. Event Annual Pass's are \$125 a year.

Our dues period is from Jan 1-Dec 31. If you underwent your Ordeal at the Spring Event, your dues will expire at the end of the year. If your Ordeal was at the Fall Pow Wow your dues will expire at the end of the following year.

If you have not paid dues in a few years do not worry. Pay the current OA dues and you will have an active membership.

Paying your dues allows you to wear our Lodge flap on your uniform to show your membership. You are also able to attend all of the fantastic Order of the Arrow events, such as Conclaves, Fall Pow-Wow, Spring and Winter Events, and much more! You will also receive a copy of the Sundial, the Lodge's newsletter. Annual Pass is a benefit to members by having all 4 main Golden Sun Lodge events (Fall Powwow, Fall Fellowship, Winter Event, Spring Event) for 2025 paid for at a discounted price! Bonus you will get a unique Golden Sun Lodge flap that can be worn on Class A uniform.

If you have any questions about your membership with the Golden Sun Lodge, you may contact myself or our Lodge Adviser Brooks Rushman. His contact information is professionalpower@yahoo.com or 402-416-9781 call/text.

From the Chief - What is my WHY? OA is helping me experience what a bigger leadership position will ask of you. It brings together different people from around the state to enjoy fun events and service projects. OA has given me a bunch of fun and amazing memories and lessons for life.

WINTER EVENT, JAN 24-26, 2025

The Winter Event is coming up soon! Come join us for a weekend full of fun and fellowship. Winter Event is a lodge-wide lock-in. This is the perfect event for every OA member, whether you just joined or you've been a member for years. This event will be from January 24th to January 26th. We'll be having a lodge-wide capture the flag game and a lodge UNO game (using the lodge rules). And I've heard rumors that there might be a TTRPG game going! And we'll have a few training sessions on conducting ceremonies and meeting your Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). These trainings are perfect for people who want to get more involved in the OA or just want to learn how things work.

This event will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Seward. Come for some trainings, games, and a weekend full of fun! The Winter Event will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, located at 1245 N 2nd St., Seward, NE 68434

OA ELECTIONS AND WEBELOS CROSS OVERS

Starting in January and until late winter, the Golden Sun Lodge is offering to conduct WEBELOS cross-over ceremonies for Cub Scout packs in the Council. This is a great opportunity to make Scouts aware of the OA at an early age and to make a positive impression on WEBELOS-Scout transition. For more information, contact your Chapter's Crossover Coordinator or Chapter Advisor. If you are unsure who that is, reach-out to your Chapter Chief (adults, remember to follow Youth Protection Guidelines when communicating electronically with youth).

Also starting this winter, the Golden Sun Lodge Chapters will hold OA Elections. Chapter Election Coordinators will be working to schedule these elections on Lodgemaster and will be asking Arrowmen to assist with these. Not sure who your Chapter Chief or Chapter Advisor are? Check our website at: goldensunlodge.org

IN MEMORIUM

JIMMY CARTER WAS A SCOUT LEADER AND SILVER BUFFALO RECIPIENT KNOWN FOR TELLING GREAT STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Before serving as the 39th president of the United States, before serving as the 76th governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter served in a smaller but just as vital role: his children's Scout leader.

Carter, who died Dec 29th at the age of 100, served in a variety of adult leader roles beginning in 1951 for what was then known as the Chehaw Council (now the South Georgia Council). At various times, Carter was a troop committee member, committee chair and Scoutmaster; and also served as an Exploring Advisor and Cubmaster.

Mr. Carter's youngest child, Amy, is the mother of Errol Carter Kelly, a Scout in Troop 101 in Atlanta. In one of his last public appearances before entering hospice care, the former president [joined the Scouts of Troop 101 for a walk in Plains, Georgia.](#)

"Dad was the Scoutmaster," Amy said.

Amy said Chip, her brother, told her, "They did a lot of camping and a lot of hiking. No one ever missed a Scout meeting or Scout trip because it was just the happening thing that was going on." Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, who died in November 2023, was also a Scout volunteer and served as the den mother for the Carters' oldest son, John. "Mom helped out a lot," Amy said.

Among Chip's favorite memories of Scouting with their dad, Amy said, was camping in an area they called Little Grand Canyon (likely Georgia's Providence Canyon State Park), building a donkey (or was it a horse?) out of pipes with the help of a local plumber, and perhaps most of all, hearing their father tell scary ghost stories around the campfire.



"Dad was famous for telling the best ghost stories around the campfire while camping," Amy said. "That was his specialty."

Chip told Amy that he remembered one time when his tentmate had to use the restroom in the middle of the night, but he was so scared from Mr. Carter's ghost story that he wouldn't go more than 3 feet away from their tent.

Carter always had his Scouts working on something that they could put to use at their next campout, Chip told Amy.

"He had a different project for every campout," Amy said. "They had a lot of fun."

Chip said the Scout hut in which the troop met is now a voting precinct in Plains.

Mr. Carter was known for his service to organizations like Habitat for Humanity long after leaving office. The Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project is an annual home-building initiative organized by Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliates.

Amy said Errol seems to have some of those same traits, and she credits Troop 101 for reenforcing them.

"The idea of service is something Errol has really taken to," Amy said. "He says nothing makes him feel better than when he volunteers. That's a wonderful thing that's come out of Scouts for him."

On April 23, 1977, the BSA held a Scouting Environment Day in support of President Carter's appeal for an energy conservation program.

On Feb. 15, 1978, [President Carter received the 1977 Report to the Nation in the Oval Office](#). He also received the [Silver Buffalo award](#), Scouting's highest commendation. The Silver Buffalo recognizes service to youth either nationally or internationally, whether connected to Scouting or not.

"As a former volunteer Scout leader, I am greatly impressed by the role of your fine program in our national life," [Carter said](#). "It is a constructive initiative on the part of young Americans to explore career interests and to become better prepared for a more satisfying and rewarding future."

In June 1979, the Association of Baptists for Scouting presented Carter with the Good Shepherd recognition, an award for Baptist adult Scouters and pastors designed to recognize distinguished service "leading toward the spiritual, physical, mental and moral development of youth through service to the church and its Scouting program on all levels," according to Scouting America records.

In addition to going on the walk with President Carter and Rosalynn last year, the Scouts of Troop 101 also got to talk with Donald Witham, a Secret Service agent assigned at the time to the Carter



Protective Division. Witham, himself an Eagle Scout from Troop 24 in Charlotte, North Carolina, told me via email that he had the opportunity to speak with the Carters about Scouting a handful of times.

"It has been an honor serving our former and sitting presidents for the last 25 years," Witham wrote. "President Carter has embodied the teachings of Scouting throughout his lifetime of service."

A newspaper story published after Carter was elected president, and now preserved in the Scouting America archives, called Carter "The Tough Scoutmaster."

"I remember him as a serious man who was a strict disciplinarian," said one former Scout from Carter's troop. "He wanted an orderly troop – and he made sure he got it. There was no corporal punishment, no chewing out, but he had a way of talking and acting that gave him a great air of authority."

Another former Scout said Carter the Scout leader "dazzled" the troop with stories of his time serving in the Navy.

"He used to bring navigation charts to Scout meetings," he said. "He let us pore over them and taught us how to chart a ship's course and use a compass. I was fascinated ... and later spent three years in the Navy."

Another former Scout said his greatest memory of Carter was how he encouraged everyone to strive to be the best at anything they undertook.

"He used to tell us, 'Listen, if you're going to do something, do it right. Set your goals high, and always try your hardest to complete what you start,'" the former Scout said. "I remember him telling us we should aim for the highest position in Scouting: the Order of the Arrow. I made it, but when Jimmy congratulated me, he said, 'This is just the beginning. ... Apply the same rule to everything in life. Aim for the top.'

"He was a great example."

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE - HAPPY 115TH ANNIVERSARY!

Each year on Feb. 8, we celebrate Scouting America’s birthday. It’s a date officially known as Scouting Anniversary Day, and it’s the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was inspired and modeled by The Boy Scouts Association, established by Lord Baden-Powell in Great Britain in 1908. During a trip to London, W.D. Boyce received assistance from one of Baden-Powell’s Scouts and when Boyce offered him money for his assistance, the Scout refused. Boyce was so impressed by the young lad, he picked up information about Baden-Powell’s group and brought it back to the U.S. The BSA was quickly founded in 1910 at the “first encampment” in Silver Bay, NY and grew rapidly to become the largest youth organization in the United States. Similar youth programs also formed during this time, such as Seton’s Woodcraft Indians and Beard’s Boy Pioneers, that both eventually merged with the BSA under the first “Chief Scout, James West.

In Nebraska, several small Councils were formed in places like University Place, Grand Island, Nebraska City, North Platte, Lincoln, Ogalala, and many other towns during that rapid growth era of the 1910s. They eventually consolidated into the Lincoln Area Council in 1919, which was later renamed the Cornhusker Area Council by 1932.

Scouting’s birthday is also a time when Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships historically honor a Scout’s “Duty to God.” This year, Scouting America designates February 9, 2025 as Scout Sunday.

Through a trio of faith-based celebrations known as Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah, young people in Scouting can give back to their religious communities. The exact dates may vary, but each one is an opportunity for Scouts to publicly demonstrate the 12th point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent. It can be particularly meaningful when the Scout unit itself is chartered by a religious organization, and the Scouts and leaders of the unit use the occasion to recognize that support.

What does that look like? It might mean an act as simple as wearing the full field uniform to worship services. It might mean participating in services by doing a reading, singing a song, or presenting religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters. Or it might be something as grand as a service project to benefit a religious organization in the community.

What is your Unit planning for Scout Sunday? We want to know! Share your photos and videos of your Scout Sunday activities with us! Send to: info@cornhuskercouncil.org

Be Prepared!



Robert Baden Powell



Ernest Thompson Seton (left), Baden Powell (center), and Dan Beard (right)



W.D. Boyce



James West