Seven Feathers Roundtable

Sep 10, 2026

Welcome, Pledge, Prayer, Scout Oath and Law
District Information: District Committee Chairperson, Troy
Safety: Wil
Big Rock: Retention and Program
Training: Travis
Order of the Arrow: Jacob Manning Open Discussion: Everyone is welcome to participate in this time of importance within our district

Breakouts: Webelos, Arrow of Light, to Scouts BSA
Commissioners: What Can I Do to Help?

Closing Notes: Will & Troy
Membership Moment: Will

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES:

Cub Scouts

Recruitment/Retention Range Day: OEC, Sep 19, 9:00 to Noon

Scouts BSA

OA Section Conclave: Camp Geiger, St. Joseph, MO, Sep 11,
Archeology Merit Badge: NE History Museum, Sep 9, 9 AM to Noon:
Ushering: Sep 12 , 11AM Game Ushers are NEEDED!!!
Life to Eagle Seminar: OEC, Sep 16, 7 PM to 9 PM
OA LEC: CC, Sep 26, 9M to 10 PM
Council CampORee: Camp Cornhusker, Oct 10,

Geneal Importance:

America 250 Relay Race: 10 mile hike, Sep 21st, 42.5 mile bike ride, Sep 22nd
(Lincoln segment is on the MoPac Trail)
Seven Feathers District Comm Meeting: Sep 24, OEC School House, 7 PM
Sporting Clays Classic: Oak Creek Sporting Club, Brainard, NE, Sep 26, 8:30 Check-in

Next Roundtable:

October 8, OEC, 7 PM, Wood's Room/Ring Central

Thank you for your service and support!

WHAT PACKS CAN DO — RESOURCES 1, 2, 3

Increase Retention of First-Year Cub Scouts

Scouting America
New Programs

1. MAKE IT PERSONAL!

- Create immediate, personal connections.
- What to say: *Hello (name), we are so glad you are part of our pack. We look forward to seeing you at our next activity (date/time/location).* Send as a text or email within 48 hours of joining.
- Welcome new families: WelcomeNewCSFamily_WEB.pdf
- Video: Welcoming New Families
- Welcome ceremony: Welcome to Our Pack
- Team building pack meeting planner: Team Building
- Order pack T-shirts. National vendors include Scout Shop, 4imprint, and ClassB. Check with your council for local options as well. Use the Brand Center for logos: Brand Center: Cub Scouts.

2. MAKE IT FUN!

Deliver Early Fun and Outdoor Experiences

- Check with your local council for activities and events.
- Planning tools: Outdoors Pack Meeting Plan Worksheet
- Outdoor Adventures by den: Cub Scouting Outdoor Adventures
- Video: Cub Scouting Camping

Run Simple, Fun, Activity-Based Meetings

- Den Leader Resources
- Activities for Adventures by rank: Cub Scout Adventures
- Fun and games: Cub Scout Fun and Games
- Den leader tips and tricks: Tips and Tricks Videos
- Four-Month Plan (best for new and small packs): Pack Program Planning Deck
- Den Decks: Planning Decks by Den or to purchase

3. MAKE IT EASY!

Provide Strong Early Leader Support

- Encourage training: Adult Leader Training.
- Check with your executive and/or Scout office for roundtables/den leader rallies/forums, etc.
- Watch #CubChatLive on Fridays at 2 p.m. CST (Cub Chat Live) or listen to the podcast afterward

Set Clear Expectations and Structure

- Publish a full-year calendar early with a consistent schedule using the Scoutbook Plus Calendar Guide or other online calendar creations: Canva, Calendar.online, Adobe Express.
- Communication options beyond email: ScoutBook, groupme, band, or other channels of your choice

Engage Parents Early with Small Roles

- How to Volunteer in Cub Scouting
- Family Talent Survey
- Videos: Getting Parents Involved, From Parent to Leader
- Committee Resources: Pack Committee Resources

SEPT 2026

Cornhusker Council Commissioner Corner

Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader

Many of you know that we have a number of leaders across the Council who have not yet completed their position-specific training. As we continue encouraging every leader to become fully trained, let's also make a point to recognize and celebrate those who ***have*** completed their required courses.

Top 5 Untrained Positions- Council Wide

Position	Trained Count	Untrained Count	Trained %	Untrained %	Total
Committee Member	211	180	54.0%	46.0%	391
Assistant Scoutmaster	74	75	49.7%	50.3%	149
Den Leader	56	58	49.1%	50.9%	114
Chartered Organization Rep.	66	43	60.6%	39.4%	109
Committee Chair	69	38	64.5%	35.5%	107

Why does training matter? Trained leaders deliver stronger, safer, and more consistent program experiences. They understand the aims of Scouting, know how to use the available resources, and feel more confident in guiding youth.

In Scouting America, a leader is considered **"Trained"** when they have completed **Youth Protection Training** and the **position specific training** required for their role. For direct contact leaders, this includes **Hazardous Weather Training** as part of the position specific requirements. Find the position specific training courses required at: https://www.scouting.org/training/position-trained-requirements/

How can we celebrate and recognize these leaders?

Let's award this patch at a pack meeting or a Court of Honor!



September Commissioner Challenge: (Source: Commissioners of Scouting America Facebook)

September is Self-Improvement Month, and it's a great time for Scouting America commissioners to invest in themselves so they can better support the units, leaders, and volunteers they serve.

As commissioners, we're always encouraging others to grow, so why not challenge ourselves to do the same?

Here are a few ways to participate this month:

- Learn something new. Take a Scouting training, attend a roundtable, explore a new resource, or strengthen a skill that will help you in your commissioner role.
- Reconnect with your purpose. Spend some time reflecting on why you serve and how your service helps deliver the best possible Scouting experience to youth.
- Seek feedback. Ask a unit leader, fellow commissioner, or Scouting volunteer: "What's one thing I could do better to support you?" Then listen and act on what you learn.
- Set one personal goal. Choose something realistic you can improve during September, such as communication, time management, leadership, organization, or simply making more intentional contacts with your units.
- Share what you learn. Self-improvement becomes even more valuable when we help others grow too. Share a resource, lesson learned, or success with your fellow commissioners.

This September, let's make Self-Improvement Month more than a slogan. Let's become better commissioners, better leaders, and better servants of the Scouting movement, one small improvement at a time.

What will you work on improving this September?

September 2026 Priorities for Commissioners

Membership, Membership:

- Has unit updated their units' BeAScout info?
- Are units monitoring BeAScout leads and responding in a timely manner?
- Is there a Unit calendar of events ready for distribution to families. Encourage many FUN activities!
- Has unit followed-up with contacts made at Open House and/or Sign-Up events?
- Encourage use of *Invite a Friend* to upcoming activities.
- Encourage training of leaders

Logging Connections/visits in Commissionr Tools:

Please document any contacts you have with unit leaders, even if you are not "assigned" to that unit — this includes all UC's & RTC's! Focus on Membership Growth (fall recruitment plans), Retention (annual planning), Leader Training (efforts to get new Cub leaders trained), and Outdoor Activities (summer camp review).

Save the Date!

College of Commissioner Science

April 10, 2027

Bryan Medical Center

We will host the 2027 College, so we will need instructors, participants and others to assist the day of the event with registration, etc. Let Karen or Bill know if you can help!

Have your unit(s) updated their BeAScout Pin?



Thousands of families visit BeAScout.org every day. The new BeAScout site has added features to provide those families with even more information to help them decide what unit to join, but that only happens if units update their pin information. Currently, only 40% of pins have been updated to provide that key information. That is why every unit should be reminded to review and update the details on that pin. Information on how to make those updates can be found at https://www.scouting.org/pin/

Preparing Units for the New Registration & Renewal Process

This webinar should help us prepare for these upcoming changes in 2027:

Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 pm

Please register: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/cgpswxybSYu2gdARJYsF0Q#/registration

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Dates to Remember

Sept 4: Fall Popcorn Sale begins

Sept 10: Seven Feathers Roundtable

Sept 11-19: Scout Spirit Week

Sept 12: Archeology Merit Badge Clinic

Sept 16: Life to Eagle Seminar

Sept 19: Recruitment/Retention Range Day

Sept 21: America 250 Relay Race

Sept 25: OA New Inductions Experience

Ask a Commissioner

Q. "What are the concerns that young families have about joining a Cub Pack for the first time?"

A. The biggest concerns are time, cost, safety, the commitment expected of parents, and whether their child will feel welcomed and have fun. Families want to know that Cub Scouts will fit into their busy lives, provide meaningful experiences for their children, and not become another complicated or overwhelming obligation.

Pack volunteers can address these concerns by making the experience simple, welcoming, and transparent. Be clear about the schedule and expected commitment, explain costs up front, and communicate that families do not have to attend every activity or take on a major leadership role to participate. Create a welcoming environment where new families are introduced, children quickly make friends, and parents know who to turn to with questions. Make safety and youth-protection practices visible rather than assuming parents already understand them.

Most importantly, show families the fun and value of Cub Scouting. Give prospective families opportunities to experience a meeting, outdoor activity, or special event before they commit. Let them see children having fun, learning new skills, making friends, and spending quality time with their families.

The goal for pack volunteers should be to answer the question every new parent is asking: "Will this be worth our family's time, money, and effort, and will my child love being a Cub Scout?"

If the pack can make the answer "Yes, and it's easier than you think," it removes many of the barriers that keep young families from joining.

Source: August 31 Commissioner EBlast

Cub Scout 4-Month Plan Workshops

Two additional sessions have been added due to high demand. These are designed to familiarize district executives, commissioners, and other folks who support new leaders with the recently released 4-month plan. This plan pulls together specific (and fun!) activities to support Cub Scout rank advancement with weekly meetings. At its heart, it is designed for small and new packs, with multi-grade dens. Sign up for one of the webinars hosted by our national Cub Scouting committee. The *September 15* and *September 29* sessions are full. Register in advance for these added workshops.

- *Thursday, September 10 at 11:00 am Central*
- *Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm Central*

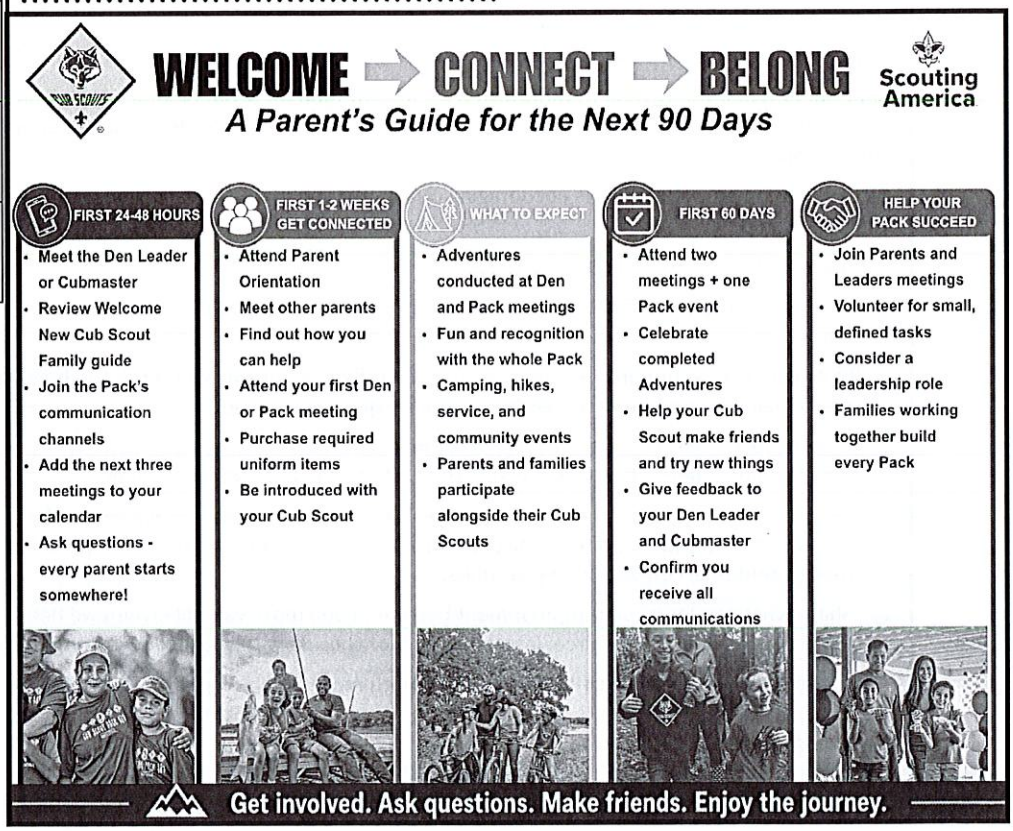
Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/lwSDDnxdTH6qWFuaitgZ2g#/registration

Safety Moment:

Updated Guide To Safe Scouting 2026

The 2026 updates to the Guide to Safe Scouting emphasize strengthened youth protection, expanded SAFE requirements, updated activity standards, and alignment with new 2026 program manuals such as the National Range & Target Activities Manual and the Belay On (COPE & Climbing) Manual. These changes reinforce supervision, risk assessment, fitness checks, equipment standards, and environmental monitoring.

https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/



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Roundtable Membership Moment

New Member Coordinators

Let's talk about the New Member Coordinator and how having one (or more) in your unit can help with membership recruitment and retention.

A new member coordinator –

- Shares the benefits of Scouting
- Coordinates unit recruitment
- Guides the joining and welcoming process for youth and their families



You can recognize a New Member Coordinator by the "Welcome" logo they display on their shirts or hats. They welcome and keep in touch with your new families and make sure they know how to get a uniform, when the next activity is, and answer any other questions they might have.

We know that if new members and their families have someone they have made a connection with, they are more likely to stay in the unit. And, you are not limited to just one New Member Coordinator - you can have as many as you want. Spread out the work and the responsibilities so that no one feels like they have too much to do.

For more information on the New Member Coordinator and how they benefit units, follow these links:

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/09/25/new-member-coordinator/
https://scoutingwire.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/NMC-Why-What-Who-How-.pdf
https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/councils/new-member-coordinator/
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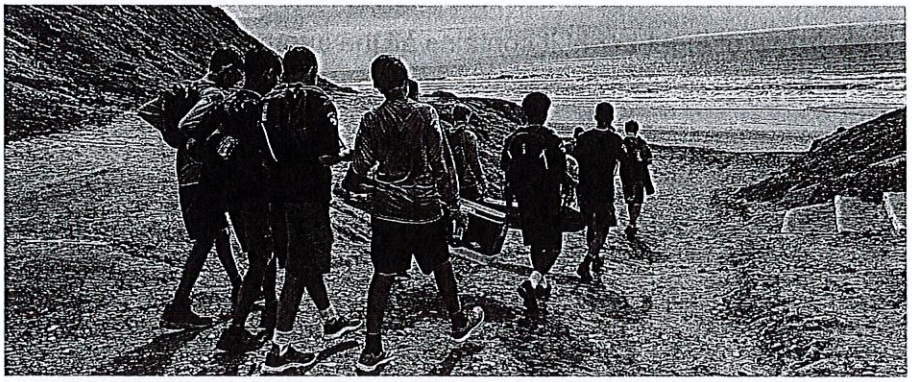






Roundtable Hot Topic

Troop Visits for Arrow of Light Scouts



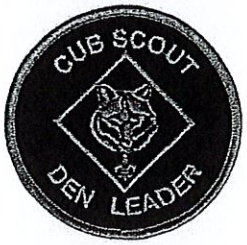
Beginning June 1, 2024, Arrow of Light Scouts will need to visit with a Scouts BSA troop right away in order to complete their Bobcat Adventure requirements. The new Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required adventure completed each program year. One of the Arrow of Light Bobcat requirements is to visit a Scouts BSA patrol with their parent/guardian or with their Cub Scout den. Troops and patrols should plan now to hold fun activities where they can welcome Arrow of Light Scouts.

Invite Arrow of Light Scouts to a Patrol Meeting
Reach out to nearby Cub Scout packs with an invitation to attend a troop meeting, outing, campout or event. Scouts may visit the Arrow of Light den and give personal invitations to visit their patrol meeting.

Brainstorm Activity Ideas
Scouts can brainstorm ideas for activities that involve Arrow of Light Cub Scouts. Some ideas include:

- Campouts
- Outdoor Activities
- Field Trips/Outings (fire station, police station)
- Ten Essentials Scavenger Hunt
- Work on a Cub Scout Adventure
- Learn the Scouts BSA Sign, Salute and Handshake
- Learn about the patrol method, meet the members of the patrol they are visiting and learn what they do.

Make it Fun and Welcoming
Start by having someone say "welcome!" at the event. Have Scouts practice welcoming Arrow of Light Cub Scouts during a patrol meeting where they are planning the event. When Cub Scouts arrive, involve them in activities and having fun right away. Encourage Cub Scouts to bring a friend to the event. The friend and the Cub Scout can both join the troop!



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SCOUT SPIRIT WEEK

Sept 11-Sept 19

We want to see how your Scouts are living the Scout Oath and Law this week. Whether your pack is rocking their Class B t-shirts at school, or your troop is completing a service project, capture those moments, post on social media and share with us!

Sept. 11
FRIDAY

PATRIOT DAY IN SCOUTING



Sept. 12
SATURDAY

CLASS A UNIFORM & INVITE FRIEND TO JOIN

Sept. 13
SUNDAY



Favorite Scouting Memory



Sept. 14
MONDAY



FAVORITE SCOUT PATCH/SHARE STORY





Sept. 15
TUESDAY

FLAG CEREMONY



Sept. 16
WEDNESDAY

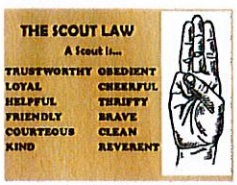
SOMETHING YOU MADE IN SCOUTING





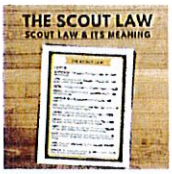
Sept. 17
THURSDAY

SCOUT LAW DAY #1



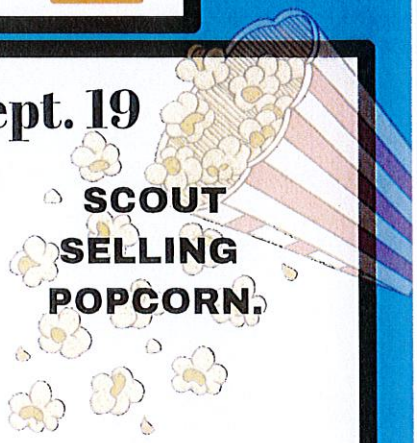
Sept. 18
FRIDAY

SCOUT LAW DAY #2



Sept. 19
SATURDAY

SCOUT SELLING POPCORN.



Take a photo each day of you or your unit participating in the daily spirit challenge, post them directly to your personal or unit social media page and then share them with the Cornhusker Council Facebook page!


CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA
RECRUITMENT, RETAIN,
& RANGE DAY
ALL CUB SCOUTS WELCOME! NEW SCOUTS ESPECIALLY!
SAFE BB GUN SHOOTING
ARCHERY BULLSEYE CHALLENGE
ACTION SLINGSHOTS
DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
LOCATION: OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER (OEC)
800 S. 120th Street, Lincoln, NE
TIME: 9am-Noon
COST: $5

Scouting America
Cornhusker Council

We Want You for Scout EXPO!



Woods Park
401 South 33rd Street (33rd and J)
Lincoln, NE
Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, 9am - Noon

Scout Expo is a day of adventure, excitement, and fun for the families in our communities to showcase what Scouting is all about to the public! This will be an interactive, FREE, outdoor event at Woods Park in Lincoln on October 10th from 9am – noon.

HERE'S A CHANCE to showcase your Unit's program, events, and activities to the community! Units can sign up on the Council event calendar page (Cornhusker Council - Scout Expo) and enter what type of game or activity you will be demonstrating (we don't want 10 rope-making booths).



We suggest the following for your booth:

- Unit Flag and U.S. Flag
- Table and chairs
- "Pop-up" canopy
- Photo-Display board on their unit's activities
- Information hand-out on where & when the unit meets
- Water & snacks for your unit
- Selling items (i.e. popcorn) or fundraising is NOT allowed at this event

Examples of Unit Activities and Games include, but are not limited to, the following:

Cub Scouts
Rat-tail Tag
4-square
Stomp Rockets
Frisbee Golf
Parachute Games
Pinewood Derby Track
Rain-gutter Regatta

Scouts BSA
Exploding Frisbee
Model Campsite
Rope Making
Canoeing Demo
Make mini-1st Aid Kits
Pioneering & Signaling
Basic Compass Course

If you have other ideas for your Unit's activity or game, let us know! Program materials for some activities may be available through the Council. Tell us which program activity or game your unit is organizing. Then, discuss program material availability with Will Cover (William.cover@scouting.org) or bring your own. We will also work with other youth-related organizations, Exploring Posts, Venturing Crews, and the prospective Sea Scout Ship to set-up information booths for the community.



SCOUT EXPO

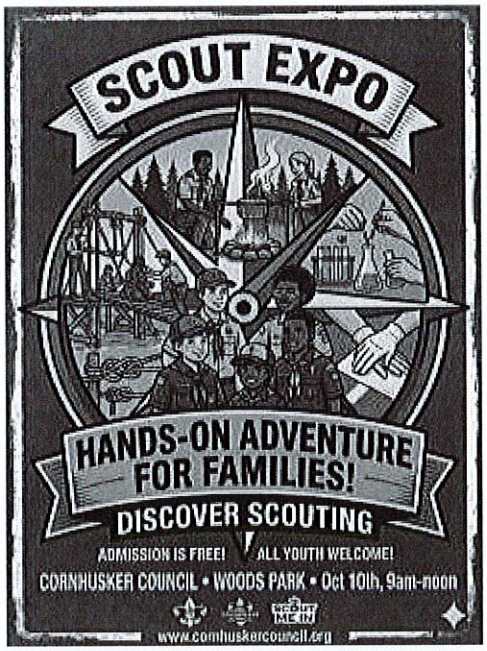
COME SEE WHAT SCOUTING IS ALL ABOUT!

WOODS PARK
401 SOUTH 33RD STREET
LINCOLN, NE

ADMISSION IS FREE!
OCTOBER 10TH
9 AM - NOON

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Cornhusker Council

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Have your **Unit** Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Post be a Scout Expo Exhibitor!

We need your unit to help showcase the amazing program and adventure that Scouting can offer at this Year Scout Expo this October.

The point of the Expo is to share Scouting with new families and communities, help with recruitment at every level and provide a alternative fall program activity for our current members.

Units who want to be Exhibitors will need to commit to having a manned presence and activity as part of the program for the Scout Show.

Units will need to provide the following: youth and adults to staff to set up /run event/and tear down

October 10th from 8:00am to 1:00 pm at Woods Park in Lincoln (33rd and O street)

A table and or popup unit flags and any unit specific banners or signs you have.

A display, scout-oriented craft, interactive exhibit or a small group activity to highlight Scouting and what your unit does best.

For example;

A Troop might want to set up a model campsite (no Fires) or a pioneering project

A Pack might want to show the Cub Scout essentials and do a presentation on their use or supervise a craft or game

A Venturing Crew/Sea Scout Ship might want to show the pictures or footage from their last high adventure or other activity

An Explorer Post might want to highlight the carrier field that they are perusing.

If your unit doesn't have a specialty to highlight you could run one of the Council Provided station Ideas:

Ski ball

Plinko

Corn hole

Bean bag toss and other carnival style games /large yard games

Learn to cast a fishing pole

Bead craft

Leather craft

Paper airplanes/gliders

Information and check in booth (join scouting)

First aid station

Orienteering course/compass work

The outdoor code

Scouting basics 101 (the oath, law, motto etc)

STEM trailer activities

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