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SUBMIT YOUR SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS! COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER, MAY 2026



Submit your 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.

The Council Awards Dinner and Annual meeting will be held in late-May 2027. Exact date and location will be announced soon.

Nomination forms can be found at: [92-103.pdf](#)

WATCH FOR AN EMAIL! ANNUAL SPIN TO WIN EVENT, MAR 22ND

Congratulations to the first 100 Scouts that qualified for the Spin to Win. You get to participate in our 11th Annual Spin to Win Event! Come out for great prizes (Lego's nerf, Camping Equipment, and more!!), food and fellowship - and enjoy the fun as we celebrate your sales and leadership to the 2025 Council Popcorn Sale.

This event is for the qualifying Scout and one adult, as seating is limited to this number of guests.

The event is on Sunday, Mar 22nd, 2pm, at the OEC in the amphitheater!

Qualifying Scouts will receive an email with the code to register.

REGISTER NOW! PLAN NOW FOR YOUR CUB SCOUT SUMMER ADVENTURE!

Registration is open for several adventures for your Cub Scouts this summer!



Cub Scout Day Camp is June 8-12 at the OEC.

Register here:

[Cornhusker Council - OEC](#)

[Weeklong Day Camp \(Roar and Explore Dinosaurs\)](#)



Cub Scouts and WEBLOS-Arrow of Light Resident Camps in June at Camp Cornhusker.

There are two WEBELOS-AOL sessions and one Cub Scout session. See pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter for more details and registration information.



NEW - COUNCIL SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD

The Council Summertime Pack award has been reimagined into an Adventure for all Cub Scout Packs! This new Adventure may be one of the simplest Adventures, it has one requirement and that is: anytime during May (after school gets out) through August (before school begins) participate in a total of three Cub Scout activities.



Cub Scouts earning this award will receive a special "Summertime Pack" award patch. Packs earning this award will receive a FREE camping experience at the OEC from September 2026 and May 2027.

The new Summertime Fun elective Adventure is available for Tiger through Arrow of Light. Lions do not begin Cub Scouting until they are attending Kindergarten in the fall so there are no summertime activities for Lions. Award applications will be emailed to Cub Scout Pack Key 3 Leaders in April.

NEW SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY! DISCOVER THE ADVENTURE OF CAMP CORNHUSKER BROWNSEA WILDERNESS CAMP! JUNE 21-27, 2026

Step into the heart of Scouting at **Camp Cornhusker Brownsea Wilderness Camp**, where new Scouts begin their journey and experienced Scouts sharpen their skills—all in an unforgettable outdoor setting. *Where Scouts Begin Their Journey—and Discover Who They Can Become.*



What Makes Brownsea Wilderness Camp Special

- A true **wilderness-style camp** focused on outdoor living and Scout skills
- Hands-on learning in camping, pioneering, orienteering, American Indian Cultures, Scouting Heritage, nature, wilderness survival, first aid, and teamwork
- Patrol-based program that builds confidence, leadership, and independence
- Experienced, enthusiastic staff dedicated to helping Scouts succeed

Built for New Scouts. Perfect for All.

Brownsea Wilderness Camp is the ideal introduction to Scouts BSA, helping new Scouts advance while learning the fundamentals of Scouting the way it was meant to be—outside, active, and fun. Returning Scouts will enjoy challenges that strengthen leadership and outdoor mastery.

More Than a Camp

At Camp Cornhusker Brownsea, Scouts don't just earn requirements—they build friendships, self-reliance, and a love for the outdoors that lasts a lifetime.

Join the Adventure

Spaces are limited, so don't miss the chance to experience Scouting at its best.

Special pricing for Scouts who will attend Scouts BSA Resident Camp with their Troop!

CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - CAMP CORNHUSKER BROWNSEA WILDERNESS CAMP

SPRING RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES & INCENTIVES

Nothing highlights the fun and excitement of Scouting like being in the outdoors. Whether it's daycamp, summer camp, or a fall camporee, getting outside is what kids want to do! And no one does "the outdoors" better than Scouting America. Let's help new families join the fun.

"SPRING INTO SCOUTING" NIGHT

Why wait for the school year to begin? Tons of Scouting fun await this spring and summer! Units are encouraged to hold a spring recruitment night in your unit! We will assist by providing:

- Outdoor signs for your meeting place
- Flyers to pass out at your neighborhood school(s)
- Cub Scout "Day Camp" Trailer to help you provide program activities. We only have two "Day Camp" Trailers; so, first come, first served.

Look at Scouting America's Brand Center for recruitment resources and tips: [Recruitment | Scouting America](#)

ALL new Scouts or recent Arrow-of-Light cross overs will receive early-bird pricing at Cub Day Camp, Cub & WEBELOS Resident Camp, and Scout BSA Resident camp!

UNIT RENEWAL AND RECRUITMENT - WE'LL PAY YOUR RENEWAL FEE+\$100!

As you know, all units are scheduled to re-charter their unit by July 31, 2026. The key to a successful re-charter is to START EARLY! The first step is to secure your updated Unit Charter Organization paperwork. You can do that NOW! Second, make sure all leaders have their SYT up-to-date. National will open the unit re-charter portal 60-days prior (on or about May 31, 2026) for on-line rechartering.

WHY WAIT? WANT TO EARN SOME \$\$\$ FOR YOUR UNIT?

- Complete your Unit Renewal AND register five (5) new Youth by July 1st, the Council will pay your unit's \$100 Unit Renewal fee PLUS credit your unit account \$100!

SO NOW WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL THESE NEW SCOUTS?

Sign up for camp! Early bird pricing exists for all NEW Scouts, to include AOL crossovers! Additionally, Cub Scouts can earn the Summertime Fun Award AND Packs can earn the Council Summertime Pack Award! What's the difference? The Summertime Fun Award is an individual recognition for your Cub Scouts. Do the same number of activities as a Pack, your Scouts can earn both!

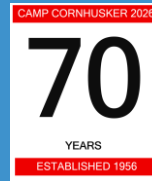
Looking for summer time fun ideas? See the link below:

[75 Pack Activities for the Summertime Fun Adventures » Cub Scout Ideas](#)

CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp!

Camp Director: Sammi Lowery (campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com)
 Staff Advisor: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)



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

SPRING 2026 BEAVER DAY! Come out and help Camp Cornhusker set up for the upcoming camping season. Everyone is welcome to come help. We do need a head count, so please sign up (and if your unit will be camping) [Cornhusker Council - Welcome](#)
 Spring 2026 dates are: April 11-12 / April 18-29 / April 25-26 / May 29-31



Come on down for this, or a host of other important projects, to get camp ready for its 70th anniversary this summer! Troops can use a Beaver Days work weekends as a credit for Honor Troop next year at Camp Cornhusker. Scouts can also log non-Eagle service hours.

BEST JOB I EVER HAD!

Key positions we will be hiring:
 Kitchen Manager/Cooks (18-21+)
 Area Directors (18-21+) for COPE (21+ low and high ropes course), Outdoor Skills (18+), Waterfront Instructor (18+)
 Instructors (17+) Merit Badge
 Aides (16+) Merit Badge and Kitchen Aids
 CIT 2 (15+) Dishwashers pick
 CIT 1 (14+) Volunteer Positions rotating through each area

Campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com

Cub Scout Resident Camps!

The ultimate Cub Scout experience! Register here:

June 27-29: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Resident Camp](#)

WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp! June 21-24 and June 24-27: [Cornhusker Council - Webelos/Arrow of Light Resident Camp](#)

CAMPSITE	Session 1	Session 2
Bear		
Beaver	56 (pd at camp)	305
Bobwhite	34	
Cheyenne		
Commanche	2	377
Crow		572
Eagle	8 (paid at camp)	54 (pd at camp)
Fox		
Kiowa	212	40 CAC
Mandan	22	334
Missouri	78	
Omaha	220	
Osage		16
Otoe		
Ponca		30
Wichita	223	142
Winnebago		49 (pd at camp)
Lakota		
Ft. Atkinson		
	32-Waiting to assign campsite	

REGISTRATION OPEN! Secure your spot for one of the most memorable weeks of your Scouting year. Merit badge sign-ups are now available, so Scouts can start planning which badges they want to work on during camp!

Week 1: June 7th- June 13th, 2026
 Week 2: June 14th- June 20th, 2026
 Register & choose your merit badges here:
<https://scoutingevent.com/324-101501>

Use this video to help promote camp in your unit: [CAMP CORNHUSKER PROMO](#)

CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp!



WEBELOS AND ARROW OF LIGHT RESIDENT CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We're excited to announce that **registration is now OPEN** for **2026 Webelos & Arrow of Light Resident Camp at Camp Cornhusker!** This camp is designed to help Scouts take the next big step toward Scouts, BSA while enjoying adventure, challenge, and classic summer camp fun.

- **Camp Dates:**
 - **Session 1:** June 21-24, 2026
 - **Session 2:** June 24-27, 2026

Register online here: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-WebCamp26>

What Makes Webelos & AOL Resident Camp Special

This four-day, three-night resident camp bridges the gap between Cub Scouting and Scouts, BSA. Scouts will camp with their Pack, explore the full camp, and take part in activities that build independence, outdoor skills, and confidence – all while having a blast.

Scouts will be placed into **Webelos or Arrow of Light cohorts** and rotate through adventure-based program areas designed specifically for their rank.

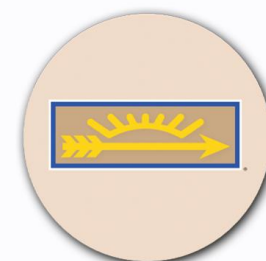
Adventure-Based Activities Include:

Webelos Scouts

- Modular Design
- Earth Rocks
- Let's Camp Webelos
- Aquanaut & Paddle Craft
- Archery and BB Guns
- Engineering, fishing, swimming, and outdoor skills

Arrow of Light Scouts

- Champions of Nature
- Engineering & Into the Wild
- Paddle Craft & Swimming
- Archery and BB Guns
- Knife safety, fishing, and advanced outdoor skills



Why Attend Webelos & AOL Camp?

- Work on advancement in a focused, hands-on environment
- Experience a longer-term camp similar to Scouts, BSA
- Build leadership, teamwork, and outdoor confidence
- Explore Camp Cornhusker's ranges, waterfront, trails, and program areas

Camp fees include **meals, program supplies, a camp patch, and a camp T-shirt** (guaranteed if registered by **June 1, 2026**). Camp scholarships are available for families who qualify.

We encourage families to review the **Webelos & Arrow of Light Resident Camp Guide** for packing lists, schedules, and important details—and to register early to secure your preferred session.

We look forward to welcoming your Scout to Camp Cornhusker for an unforgettable step forward on their Scouting journey. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp!



CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We're excited to share that **registration is now OPEN** for **2026 Cub Scout Resident Camp** at **Camp Cornhusker!** This is a fantastic opportunity for your Scout to experience outdoor adventure, build confidence, and create lifelong memories alongside their fellow Cubs. **Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts**

Camp Dates: June 27-29, 2026

Register here:

<https://scoutingevent.com/324-105538>

What to Expect at Cub Resident Camp

This three-day, two-night experience is designed specifically for Cub Scouts and their families. Scouts will participate in hands-on, age-appropriate adventures while enjoying classic camp fun like campfires, hiking, games, and time together as a Pack or with their families.

Den-Specific Adventures & Activities

Scouts will work on adventures aligned with their rank, including these updated program highlights:

Tiger Scouts

- Tiger Tag
- Let's Camp Tiger
- Archery, BB Guns, fishing, water activities, crafts, and games

Wolf Scouts

- Air of the Wolf
- Spirit of the Water
- Let's Camp Wolf
- Archery, BB Guns, fishing, nature activities, and more

Bear Scouts

- Forensics
- Let's Camp Bear
- Archery, BB Guns, fishing, whittling, and outdoor skills

All programs run at the same time, allowing Packs with multiple ranks to attend together while Scouts participate in activities tailored to their level.

Why Attend Resident Camp?

- Earn adventure requirements in a fun, supportive environment
- Strengthen parent-Scout connections
- Build skills that prepare Scouts for Webelos and beyond
- Enjoy Camp Cornhusker's trails, lakefront, ranges, and open program areas

Camp fees include meals, program supplies, a camp patch, and a camp T-shirt (guaranteed if registered by **June 1, 2026**). Scholarships are available for families who qualify.

We encourage you to review the **Cub Scout Resident Camp Guide** for packing lists, schedules, and important details—and then get registered early to secure your spot.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can't wait to welcome you and your Cub Scout to Camp Cornhusker for an unforgettable summer adventure!

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

VP Administration-Enterprise Risk Management Committee: Joy Citta

VP Risk Management: Mark Collins

Assistant Council Commissioner: Mitchell Locken

Council Training Chairman: Mike McCullough



SAFEGUARDING YOUTH WHILE KEEPING SCOUTING OPEN TO ALL

Safeguarding youth is Scouting America's first responsibility. The safety of every young person shapes how Scouting programs are designed, delivered, and supervised. Clear safeguards, defined boundaries, and strong partnerships with parents and guardians are essential to protecting youth and maintaining the trust families place in Scouting.

Safeguarding is reflected in how programs are structured, how adults are trained, and how expectations are communicated and enforced. When safeguarding is prioritized, Scouting programs function as intended - providing youth with opportunities to grow, learn, and participate in a safe and respectful environment. These principles are consistent with our practice that a youth has the right to participate in the unit which best fits the youth's needs, subject to approval by the youth's parents or legal guardian and the unit's leadership, and in compliance with Scouting America's policies.

Safeguarding in Practice

Scouting welcomes every youth and is committed to treating each young person with dignity and respect. Harassment, bullying, or mistreatment of any kind is not tolerated. Parents and guardians should expect Scouting activities to be delivered responsibly, with safety, prevention, and appropriate supervision at the forefront.

In privacy-sensitive settings such as sleeping accommodations, shower facilities, and changing areas, Scouting maintains separate spaces for males and females, consistent with Safeguarding Youth Training and long-standing Barriers to Abuse. These safeguards are prevention-focused and designed to protect youth privacy and maintain appropriate boundaries.

Parents as Partners in Safeguarding

For safeguarding and privacy purposes, including planning sleeping arrangements and access to privacy-sensitive facilities, Scouting relies on information provided by a parent or legal guardian during the youth registration process. Scouting does not independently verify this information or replace parents or guardians as decision-makers.

Safeguarding works best when parents and guardians are active partners. Families know their children best, and Scouting relies on that partnership to support safe participation and responsible program delivery.

Accommodations Without Stigma

When individual circumstances require accommodation, as determined in partnership with parents or guardians, Scouting applies practical, privacy-respecting solutions consistent with Safeguarding Youth Training. These may include single-user facilities, private changing options, or appropriate scheduling adjustments based on age, setting, and activity.

Accommodations are intended to be implemented without drawing attention to any youth and without guaranteeing any specific facility configuration. The goal is always to protect youth privacy, maintain appropriate boundaries, and enable participation with confidence and dignity.

Why Clarity Matters

Safeguarding Youth Training reinforces core principles that guide Scouting's approach: every youth must be treated with care and respect, clear boundaries are critical to preventing abuse, and clarity builds confidence for parents, leaders, and youth alike.

Safeguarding youth is Scouting America's first responsibility. Keeping Scouting open to participation follows from that responsibility.

This guidance reflects Scouting America's national standards and is intended to be applied consistently across the organization. As with all national standards, implementation will occur in compliance with applicable law. To the extent a specific legal requirement necessitates any adjustment, Scouting America will address that circumstance while maintaining the underlying intent and safeguarding objectives of the national standard.

SEX-BASED PERSONAL SPACE PROTECTIONS WITH PRIVACY-BASED ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Purpose

Scouting America's foremost obligation is the prevention of abuse and harm to youth. This standard formalizes and clarifies existing safeguarding practices related to environments involving privacy and vulnerability, including restrooms, showers, changing areas, and sleeping accommodations.

Sex-based boundaries in personal spaces are implemented solely for youth-protection and abuse-prevention purposes. These boundaries support consistent application, oversight, and auditability of safeguarding controls across the Scouting Movement, while ensuring that all youth are treated with dignity and respect.

This standard is designed to provide clarity for units, councils, families, and external safeguarding partners and does not alter youth eligibility for participation in Scouting programs.

2. Core Safeguarding Principles

- Prevention First
- Privacy as the Accommodation
- Dignity and Respect for All Youth
- Partnership with Parents and Guardians
- Consistency Across the Scouting Movement

3. Definitions

Biological Sex (Sex at Birth):

Male or female, referenced for the limited purpose of applying safeguarding and abuse-prevention standards related to intimate facilities and sleeping accommodations.

Privacy-Based Accommodation:

An accommodation that provides a youth with private access to facilities or sleeping arrangements without placing the youth in communal spaces designated for the opposite biological sex, including restrooms, showers, changing areas, tents, or sleeping accommodations organized on a sex-separated basis for safeguarding purposes.

4. Personal Facilities

Youth use communal restrooms, showers, and changing areas in accordance with sex-based separation requirements established in Scouting America's Barriers to Abuse.

When a youth has a legitimate need for additional privacy, as determined through consultation with the youth's parent or legal guardian and unit leadership, an appropriate privacy-based accommodation will be provided, consistent with this standard and the practical realities of the setting.

5. Sleeping Accommodations

Youth sleeping accommodations are arranged in accordance with Scouting America's Barriers to Abuse and the Guide to Safe Scouting, including sex-based separation and appropriate supervision.

When additional privacy is needed, privacy-based accommodations may be used to enable participation while maintaining safeguarding boundaries.

6. Registration and Administrative Alignment

Scouting America's membership application includes two sex designations: male and female. For purposes of safeguarding and youth protection, these designations refer to biological sex at birth.

For youth members, the sex designation is indicated by the parent or legal guardian, acting in good faith, as part of the registration process. Scouting America does not require, request, or verify birth certificates or other medical or legal documentation for this purpose.

7. Governance

Units and councils are not authorized to request, collect, or verify documentation related to a youth's sex designation beyond the parent or legal guardian's indication made during registration.

Decisions regarding whether a privacy-based accommodation is needed, and the form of such accommodation, are made at the unit or council level in consultation with the youth's parent or legal guardian and must align with national safeguarding standards.

Authoritative Sources and Resolution of Conflicting Guidance

Safeguarding requirements are established by published national policy, mandatory Safeguarding Youth Training, and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

From time to time, explanatory guidance, interpretive materials, FAQs, or other resources may be issued to assist units, councils, and families in understanding and implementing safeguarding expectations. If any such materials are inconsistent with published national policy, Safeguarding Youth Training, or the Guide to Safe Scouting, the published policy, training, and Guide to Safe Scouting control and must be followed.

Units and councils should rely only on these authoritative sources when making safeguarding decisions.

SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

(info@cornhuskercouncil.org)

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2026 CAMPAIGN & 2026 GOLD STAR UNIT

For 116 years, Scouting has immersed young people in the lives of their communities - teaching them practical skills to have fun in the outdoors, encouraging them to serve others and developing their leadership skills so they continue to make a difference as they grow. The 2,000 plus Scouts of the Cornhusker Council are tomorrow's leaders. Our communities are better places because of the effects of the Scouting program, but we all know that Scouting doesn't just happen on its own. It takes the dedication of our adult volunteers, who share their time, talent, and energy with our Scouts, and it takes financial support from families, supporters and the community.



2026 FOS Campaign

This funding comes first and foremost from the Friends of Scouting charitable giving campaign and the Council membership fee (new in 2026). Those two programs total less than one quarter of the delivery cost. Additionally, the Council relies on other sources of income to provide our annual operating budget. Popcorn sales provide about 25% of the Council's annual revenue. Camping/Activities add another 24%, while foundations and other miscellaneous revenue account for another 20%. That leaves about 31% of the Council's financial needs to be provided through direct fundraising - our annual Friends of Scouting campaign and other special fundraising events.

Become a Gold Star Unit

Units qualify for this program from the date they complete their Unit Family FOS Goal, and the other qualifiers as listed below, if the presentation is held, the unit goal is met, and paperwork is turned in and processed between November 1st, 2025, and April 25th, 2026. They are eligible to receive the incentives until March 31st of the next calendar year. Of note, Resident Camp discounts must be used in the year earned calendar.

How do you qualify for the Gold Star Unit Finance /performance Incentive Program?

Currently our unit FOS goal is based on your December 31st, 2025, youth membership multiplied by \$100. It is critical that every family participates to the best of their ability and that each unit strives to grow.

To achieve Gold Star unit status in 2026 you will need to do the following:

- Have completed an in-person detailed coaching meeting with your Unit or District Commissioner in the first quarter of the year (By April 1)
- Achieve a 90% or higher Full trained leader status for the unit by April 25
- Complete Unit online commitment form for the 2026 Council Fundraising: Packs must commit to 2026 Fall popcorn Sale - Troops and Crews commit to either 2026 Fall Popcorn Sale or 2026 Spring online sale.
- You can commit to Popcorn and the Spring online sale here: [Sign up to sell Popcorn](#)
- Meet or exceed your Unit Family FOS goal in 2026 before April 25,

Gold Star Unit Incentives

- Cub Scout Pack Incentives - Awarded a Gold Star unit ribbon to display from unit flag
 - Free Rank Advancement Patches (This does not include belt loops; rank patches only)
 - 10% discount on a single unit order from the shop in May or June (any merchandise)
 - Free (one weekend) single campsite rental at the Outdoor Education Center (this applies to site rental only. All other fees still apply)
 - Free (one weekend) rental of a single campsite at Camp Cornhusker
 - 5% Discounted youth fees for Cub Resident, Webelos Resident Camp must register as unit
 - 5% Discounted adult fees for Cub Resident, Webelos Resident Camp must register as unit
 - One Free Adult for Cub Resident or Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Cornhusker must register as a unit

- Scout Troop and Crew Incentives Awarded a Gold Star unit ribbon to display from unit flag
 - Free Rank Advancement Patches (This does not include Merit badges, rank patches only)
 - 10% discount on a single unit order from the shop in May or June.
 - Free Eagle Recognition Kits
 - One Free Adult at Scouts BSA Resident Camp (Camp Cornhusker)
 - 5% Discounted Youth and Adult Fees at Scouts BSA Resident Camp (Camp Cornhusker)
 - Free (one weekend) single campsite rental at the Outdoor Education Center (this applies to site rental only. All other fees still apply)
 - Free (one weekend) rental of single campsite at Camp Cornhusker

*The Gold Star discount for Resident Camps can only be applied to the camp fee prior to final payment. The Gold Star Discount cannot be applied to the early bird rate. It may only be used to reduce the regular or late fee rates.

*** Double your FOS goal and receive a Free Wall Climb for the Unit at the OEC, and free unlimited Campsite Rental at the OEC and Camp Cornhusker (subject to availability and scheduling)

3RD ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC, MAY 23RD

Join us for our 3rd annual Sporting Clays Classic at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard, NE. The day will be filled with 20 stands of sporting clays, shooting games, camaraderie, and fun as we come together to support Scouting.

Join as a team of 4 or be an individual shooter. A maximum of 60 shooters will be allowed (either individuals or grouped as 4 person teams).

Price is \$500 for team and \$125 for individual shooters. Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Sporting Clays Classic](#) For more information contact Jeff Johnson at Jeffrey.Johnson@scouting.org



EXPLORING, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS

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Sea Scouts: Tom Rolfes (trolfes_77@yahoo.com)



JOIN EXPLORER POST 575

Explorer Post 575 is in full swing and there is room to join! The program is FREE and open to those 14-20 years old interested in learning more about law enforcement. Contact Jason Hellmuth or the Council Office at info@cornhuskercouncil.org



Exploring exists to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders like you. Together, we equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future career. Scouts can be dual enrolled in a Scout Troop and an Explorer Post. If there are other career areas outside of the Law Enforcement career that your Scouts may be interested in and would like to help start an Explorer Post, contact info@cornhuskercouncil.org.

SEA SCOUTS IN NEBRASKA? AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!

Sea Scout units- called ships- are established across the country on oceans, bays, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouting is an inclusive program through Scouting America for all youth aged 14-21 (co-ed) (or 13 and completed the 8th grade). Youth can be dual registered in a Troop and a Ship. Cadets can still earn their Eagle Scout and the Quartermaster Award. We have a sailboat, we have adult leaders, we need you! If you are interested, contact Tom Rolfes or the Scout Office (info@cornhuskercouncil.org).



NEW VENTURING CREWS IN THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL!

We are excited to announce the formation of two new Venturing Crews in the Cornhusker Council! **Crew 16 at Southview Christian Church** is focused on high adventure! Contact Drew Wicks if you are interested! Also, **Crew 30 at Grace Lutheran Church** is forming up and is focused on board gaming. If you or someone you know is interested in gaming, please reach out to Faye Oaks at fayetteoakes@gmail.com.



Venturing is an inclusive (co-ed) youth-led program (ages 14-20) all about building adventures with your friends. Choose to do activities that matter to you and develop essential skills like leadership, event-planning, organization, communication, and responsibility while having a blast! Everyone has that moment that opens their eyes to a bigger world than they ever imagined. It might happen while paddling a quiet lake, bonding with new friends around a beach bonfire, or rising to the challenge of leading an exhausted crew to the edges of adventure. Venturing empowers you to create your own experiences while bringing Scouting values to life through high adventure outdoor activities and challenging real-world projects. We continue to grow our Venturing program. Interested? Contact us!

SALT VALLEY DISTRICT

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Executive: Drew Wicks (andrew.wicks@scouting.org)

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



SALT VALLEY PINWOOD DERBY, MAR 28TH

Register up to 12 cars from your Pack for the race division and 12 car for the show car division. Council rules will apply.

When: Saturday March 28th, 2026

Where: St. Mark's United Methodist Church -- Family Life Center, 8550 Pioneers

What Time: Racers Grand Entrance at 9:00 a.m.

Mandatory Check-in: Friday, March 27th, 2026, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Races Begin: Immediately following Grand Entrance and National Anthem (approximately 9 15 a.m.).

Trophy Presentation: Approximately 2:30 p.m.



For more information: [Cornhusker Council - Salt Valley District Pinewood Derby](#)

SPRING CAMPOREE, MAY 8 - 9

Camporees are a chance to join in one of the oldest traditions in Boy Scout history - Coming together as a District for Scouting. District gatherings provide an opportunity to match skills against others within our district. There will be fun, friendship, and fellowship. This guide is intended to help your unit prepare for the fun and excitement of this year's Spring Camporee.

[CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - SALT VALLEY DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE](#)

SALT VALLEY DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER HELD

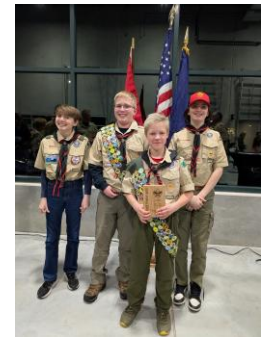
The Salt Valley District Recognition Banquet was held on Saturday, February 28. It was a great evening of fellowship and appreciation for some of those Scouts and Scouters who did some of the heavy lifting in the district in the past year.

Those that were recognized include:

* 38 new Eagle Scouts, including Henry Bettey winning Eagle Project of the Year



- * Salt Shaker Award Winners: Dave Thompson, Dave Schmitter, Krissy Hanner, Sarah Grimm, & Chris Blackstock
- * Salt of the Earth Recipients: Lynn McCullough, Mike McCullough, Trev Peterson, & Bryan Welty
- * Cub Master of the Year: Nate Grim Scoutmaster of the Year: Roger Clinard
- * Committee Chairs of the Year: Ben Sedevy & Chris Sabor Shoff
- * Den Leader of the Year: Rose Munderloh
- * Fundraising Heros: Megan Leaman & Thomas Goulette
- * Good Turn Award Recipient: Mitch Allemang
- * Top Units: Pack 76 & Troop 25
- * Olsen Mentoring Award Recipient: Tom Rolfes
- * District Award of Merit Winners: John Schuff & Faye Oakes



A huge thank you to Morrow Collision Center for hosting and for Chef au chef catering for the meal.

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/prarie-winds-district.html>



PINEWOOD DERBY, MAR 22ND

Mark your calendar NOW for the annual running of the Prairie Winds District Pinewood Derby! Gymnasium at St Joseph School York NE.



Race schedule:

- 1:30pm-2:30pm: Check In & Inspection of race and show class cars
- 2:45 pm-3:00 pm: Opening & Flag Ceremony
- 3:00pm: Race Begins
- 4:30pm (or at completion of the races) Awards Ceremony for Cub Scouts
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Fee 15.00 per participant/car

Continue to check here for more details: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Pinewood Derby](#)

PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT DINNER, APRIL 26TH

Mark your calendar NOW for the annual Prairie Winds District Recognition dinner and annual business meeting



Help us celebrate the 2025 Class of Eagle Scouts from the district, the recipient of this year's District Award of Merit and other special recognitions.

Backroom at the Pizza Kitchen in Milford NE

Doors open at 5:00pm to mix and mingle, Dinner at 6:00 program to follow.

\$20.00m per person

PRAIRIE WINDS - SEVEN FEATHERS SPRING CAMPOREE, APR 17-19

The Prairie Winds District and the Seven Feathers District are teaming up together again to bring you the Spring Camporee 2026!

When: April 17 18 19

Where: Lone Star NRD <https://www.nrdnet.org/rec-area/lone-star>

More details to come!

\$20.00 for youth

\$12.00 for adults

2026 Prairie Winds/Seven Feathers
Spring Camporee



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>



SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT DINNER RESCHEDULED TO MAR 29TH

Due to the Sunday, March 15th snowstorm, the District Dinner in Nebraska City has been rescheduled to Mar 29th at Valentino’s Grand Italian Buffet in Nebraska City. Dinner starts at 5:30PM



Celebrate the 2025 Class of Eagle Scouts from the district, the recipient of this year’s District Award of Merit, and other special recognitions. There’s still time to sign up! [Cornhusker Council - Seven Feathers District Dinner](#) If you already signed up, your registration will transfer to the new date. Contact the Scout office if you need a refund.

DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY, MAR 28TH

We are pleased to announce that the 25th annual running of the Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby will take place on March 28, 2026. At the Beatrice Municipal Auditorium, 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 (minimum of 2 Adults). Fee is \$15. Check here for updates: [Cornhusker Council - Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby](#)



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

ONLINE UNIT FUNDRAISER, SPRING 2026

You may have seen the digital, on-line sales campaigns we held over the Holidays (fudge, wreaths, and Stuckey's pecan candy) and for Valentines Day (See's Candy). We plan on offering this opportunity for units to hold a Spring on-line sale using this new digital product sales platform. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to earn money for camp! The specific product or vendor has not been selected; however, we are working on adding a local Nebraska vendor to the approved list.

What are the benefits in participating in an on-line sale? Your unit nor your Scouts don't handle any inventory! Your unit and your Scouts build their online storefront and simply share the link out and invite people to support Scouts. Once the order is made, the product is shipped directly to them from the vendor to the buyer. No product to handle! Timeline:

- Now through March: Unit sign up
- April: Training and set up Unit and Scout storefronts
- May: Sale dates

If your unit would like to participate in the digital, on-line sale, fill out the on-line form at the following link: [page : Digital Commit : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#)

WILDFIRE MERIT BADGE TEST LAB POSTPONED

Due to the four active wildfires in central and western Nebraska, the March 21st Wildfire Management Merit Badge test lab is postponed. As you can imagine, our instructors and facilitators for the test lab are involved in fighting the fires. Stay tuned for updates for this unique opportunity!



[CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT MB TEST LAB](#)

WOODBADGE 2026 - THERE'S STILL TIME!

There are only a few openings for this year's Woodbadge Course! Registration is open until Friday, April 3, so if you are interested, sign up now! If you know of a friend who might be interested, encourage them to sign up, too! <https://scoutingevent.com/324-98310>.



Wood Badge is the premier adult training in Scouting America. In Wood Badge you experience the scouting program, learn leadership skills, and practice teamwork in the patrol method, all while living the values of scouting.

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE, APR 11TH

The Cornhusker Council-MAC College of Commissioner Science offers something for every registered scout leader! You will be able to select the track you want to study. Commissioners are encouraged to use this continuing education event to



facilitate improved service to their Units/Districts/Councils. Every Scout deserves a well-trained leader and every leader deserved a well-trained commissioner. The 2026 College of Commissioner Science will have new events and keynote. All Commissioners should attend. Event is open to any adult volunteer, not just registered Commissioners. The following programs will be offered: Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, and Continuing Education.

WHEN: April 11, 2026

Registration begins: 7:30 a.m.

Classes: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bellevue University

Hitchcock Humanities Center

1040 Bruin Blvd

Bellevue, NE 68005

Register through MAC: <https://scoutingevent.com/326-CCS>

NRA SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR COURSE, APR 18TH



This training is another step in becoming a certified instructor/MB counselor for rifle, shotgun and pistol safety courses.

This course teaches the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to organizing, promoting, and teaching NRA's Basic Shotgun Shooting Course.

Prerequisite: Possession of basic firearm safety and shooting skills is a prerequisite for certification as an NRA instructor. Successful completion of the Shotgun Basic Course is required for this class. Prior to the instructor training, candidates complete a pre-course questionnaire and demonstrate their firearm background in pre-course assessment exercises. Course is presented in two parts: basic instructor training and discipline specific instructor training. Students having completed the Basic Instructor Training Course in the last two years will not be required to attend that portion of the course.

Cost of this standalone course is \$125.00

Individuals who indicate a wish to become a Merit Badge Counselor and make commitment to provide that service to the BSA for a minimum of 2 years will be given a discounted rate of \$50.00

You will need to bring a sack lunch.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - NRA Shotgun Instructor](#)

Please also register online with the NRA for this course at: <https://nrainstructors.org/search.aspx>

CORNHUSKER SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS, MAY 7TH

The 2026 “Scouts Read Sacred Texts” event is scheduled for May 7th, encouraging Scouts across the world to engage with their faith’s sacred texts. The “Scouts Read Sacred Texts” initiative invites Scouts and youth from various faith traditions to read their sacred texts, fostering spiritual growth and reflection. This event aligns with the values and principles of Scouting, emphasizing the importance of faith and character development.



The event will take place May 7, 2026 coinciding with the U.S. National Day of Prayer. Participants are encouraged to read their sacred texts on this day or at any time during that week.

For more information and to register (it’s free!): [Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide](https://www.scoutsreadtextsworldwide.org)

CORNHUSKER SCOUTS
READ SACRED TEXTS

We invite Cornhusker Council Scouts & youth across the world to join us again in reading their own faith’s sacred texts. Together, we can recognize our **Duty to God**, participating as a group or on your own.

Read your sacred texts on **May 7th, 2026**, or any time that week.

Join Scouting America, other youth organizations and all faith youth groups in a celebration of sacred texts.

REGISTER NOW

INFO & TO REGISTER
 ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org

QUESTIONS?
 ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com

1ST AID, CPR, AED TRAINING, MAY 9TH

First Aid, CPR and AED Training for Adults. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Saturday, May 9th 2026 at 8:30am

****We must have 6 participants to put the training on*****

Training will be held at Innovation Campus

Rise Building

Nebraska Safety Center - Classroom

2125 Transformation Dr #1270

Lincoln, NE 68508

8:30-12:30



WILDERNESS 1ST AID TRAINING, MAY 30-31

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: May 30, 8am-6pm and May 31, 8am-6pm (both days are required)

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Wilderness First Aid Training](#)

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Adult leader training is a cornerstone of our Council's ability to deliver a safe, meaningful, and values-driven program for youth. Well-trained leaders are better equipped to understand the aims and methods of Scouting, creating environments where young people can grow in character, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness. Training ensures that volunteers, many of whom come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, share a common foundation in program delivery, youth development, and the mission of Scouting.



Equally important, adult leader training promotes safety, consistency, and quality across all units. Through structured education in youth protection, outdoor skills, and effective leadership practices, trained adults can confidently guide activities, manage risk, and respond appropriately to challenges. By investing in adult leader training, Scouting America strengthens its programs, supports its volunteers, and ultimately provides youth with the positive, life-shaping experiences that define Scouting.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training - almost 31% of our Packs (14 out of 46) do not have a BALOO trained leader according to the latest training report. BALOO is required to take your Cub Scout Pack on overnight camping trips. Kudos to Pack 223, Pack 25, and Pack 36 for leading the Council in BALOO training!

Adult Leader Training (all leaders, all positions) - Kudos to Pack 223 for having 94% of its leaders trained! Pack 223 now leads the Council! 53 Units have 0-49% of its leaders trained; 31 units have

50-74% of its leaders trained; and 11 units have 75-89% of its leaders trained. Troop 36 and pack 223 have at least 90% of their leaders trained!

Direct Contact Leader Training - only 41.0% of our Direct Contact Leaders are trained (a 0.7% decrease since last month). We need your help in improving these numbers. Direct Contact Leader positions include:

- Assistant Cubmaster
- Assistant Scoutmaster
- Assistant Den Leader
- Cubmaster
- Den Leader
- Explorer Post Advisor
- Explorer Post Associate Advisor
- Scoutmaster
- Venturing Crew Advisor
- Venturing Crew Associate Advisor

Safeguarding Youth Training - we have made significant gains in the SYT and are now in compliance with National standards! Thank you, leaders! 97.56% of our adult leaders have completed SYT, a 0.5% drop from last month! Of note, the "old" YPT training expires for everyone on May 31, 2026.

Several adult leader training courses are offered over the next few months and are included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, contact your District Executive or the Council Training Chair, Mike McCollough (scoutermike14@gmail.com)

ROHVA TRAINING

The March 14th ROHVA Training was cancelled as our instructor was responding to the wildfires in Central and Western Nebraska. We will be rescheduling this training. Stay tuned for an updated course date! The May 31st ROHVA Course at Camp Cornhusker also available!



OEK ROHVA Registration: [Cornhusker Council - ROHVA Training](#)
Camp Cornhusker ROHVA Registration: [Cornhusker Council - ROHVA Training](#)

2026 JAMBOREE - LIMITED ROOM AVAILABLE!

The 2026 National Jamboree will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV from July 22-31, 2026. The National Jamboree is a gathering of thousands of members of Scouting America, usually held every four years and organized by the National Council of Scouting America. ***We only have a couple of spots left in our Council Contingent!*** Sign up soon! For more information, contact Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org).



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](#)

WOODBADGE 2026! APR 10-12 AND APR 25-26, 2026

Welcome to Cornhusker Council Wood Badge Course 5-324-26-1!



Wood Badge is the premier adult training in Scouting America. In Wood Badge you experience the scouting program, learn leadership skills, and practice teamwork in the patrol method, all while living the values of scouting.

Created by Lord Baden-Powell at Gilwell Park in England, today Wood Badge is offered around the world. Across the two weekends of Wood Badge, you begin your experience as a Cub Scout and cross over to a Scouts BSA Troop, gaining the perspective of a youth and deepening your understanding of the Scouting America program. While portions of the course take place camping, the focus is not outdoor skills and scoutcraft, but rather on leadership and team building. You learn both the theory of leadership and the tools of leadership in ways that not only strengthen your contribution to scouting, but also to your personal and professional life. Don't be surprised if you find yourself applying lessons learned in Wood Badge to improve the communication and team effectiveness in your day-job as well!

[Cornhusker Council - Wood Badge](#)

PROMOTE YOUR UNIT ACTIVITIES LOCALLY!

Units are encouraged to promote their events in local newspapers, neighborhood newsletters, church newsletters, social media, etc! Spread the word of all the great activities your unit is doing! Cudos to Pack 61 and Eli Horst for promoting their Pinewood Derby in a Lincoln neighborhood newsletter!



SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY 2026

WRITTEN BY ELI HORST, PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY TOM SALISTEAN

MY NAME IS ELI HORST. I live in the Country Club neighborhood, and I am a Webelos in Cub Scout Pack 61. Our Pack is based at Westminster Presbyterian Church. I have been in scouts since 1st grade and my dad is an Eagle Scout and my troop leader.

This January we held our annual Pinewood derby, which is so fun! Everyone gets a kit and builds their own car for a big race. There are awards for fastest car, and for "Best in Show" (The scouts get to vote for their favorite car!) There are even trophies for the slowest car - "Best of Slow"

Making the cars is super fun! You can sand your car, spray paint it, and you can add graphite power or weights to make your car really fast. The car has to weigh 5 ounces or less, so you have to weigh it, and it can't be too high. Other than some basic rules, you can design whatever you want.

We had to check in our cars the night before to be ready. Lots of volunteers go the night before to set up everything. It was freezing cold out. They place a track down. Parents and troop members and older kids all helped. I think they use sensors to measure the timing, because sometimes the races are really close!


The variety of car designs included a cool train, a Puerto Rican island car, a snowman, a gold brick and cheese car and so many more great ideas. I decided this year to design my car around the small from Spongebob, "Gary." It was a bright small with big round eyes. He looked silly and I used foam. We used a foam wire cutter and wood cutter. I walked around the hobby store to get the things I needed.

The Cub Scout Motto is "Do Your Best" During the race everyone cheers for one

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STROLL Country Club 28



another. I was so lucky to win first place for the whole pack for "Best in Show" and the fastest car in my den, (don't ask how many are in my den currently) I won 4 trophies this year. They are so shiny and cool. If you would like to join, please do!

We get to eat donuts and drink hot chocolate and there was coffee for the adults.

Thank you to whoever brought those Harbor Coffeehouse.

In scouts we get badges for activities and adventures we do out of our scout handbook.

We put the badges on our scout's belt and have a shirt and uniform with a scarf.

In Scouts we learn first aid and life skills, fitness, camping outdoors in a tent, we get to eat s'mores, build gingerbread houses around wintertime, go fishing, climbing and lots of other fun stuff. We sell popcorn to support our activities - if you've bought scout popcorn, thank you!

I have made so many friends in Cub Scouts. I think you should join! If you would like to join please reach out to our Scout leader, Tom Salistean (tom.salistean@gmail.com), or visit bsa.org and find Pack 61.

We'd love to get to know the young people on your block. Do you know a family with children of any age who would enjoy being featured? Let us know by contacting emiliewillett@gmail.com.



30 March 2026

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE, JULY 30-AUG 8, 2027, GDANSK, POLAND

Registration is now open for the 2027 World Jamboree! The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years at locations all around the world. The next World Jamboree will be held in Gdansk, Poland in the summer of 2027 and will have approximately 45,000 Scouts and leaders from over 140 countries in attendance. Participants must be between age 14-17 at the start of the Jamboree on July 30, 2027. Anyone older than that can apply to be a unit leader or on staff. Anyone younger than that will have to wait for the 2031 Jamboree in Denmark.

Here are two key websites:

The World Scout Jamboree website: <https://www.jamboree2027.org>

The US Contingent website: <https://wsj2027.us>

Registration 📣

Registration is open.

You can register as either a:

- Participant
- International Service Team (IST) member

The estimated cost for each role is:

Role	Estimated Cost
Participant	\$6,200 - \$6,700
International Service Team member	\$2,900 - \$3,100

Visit the contingent website to register: wsj2027.us

FAQ:

Event Dates:
July 30, 2027 - August 8, 2027
(there will be 4-5 day pre-tour)

Who can attend?
Scouts- born between July 30, 2009 and July 30, 2013
Adults (troop leaders, IST and CMT Born after July 30, 2013)

EARN YOUR RECRUITER STRIP!



The Arrow of Light badge of rank marks a major milestone in a Cub Scout's growth. The senior patrol leader badge represents one of the most important positions of responsibility in a Scouts BSA troop. And the Eagle Scout award symbolizes an incredible journey of perseverance.

But when considering the array of Scouting awards and recognitions available to young people, you can make the argument that one of them stand above all the others.

If you think about its ability to grow Scouting and introduce this life-changing program to new people, the Recruiter Strip might be the most important patch in Scouting. It's also one of the easiest to earn.

How to earn the Recruiter Strip

The Recruiter Strip has just one requirement: recruit a friend into Scouting.

Any youth member – in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouts – who gets a friend, classmate or relative to sign up for Scouting can receive the red, white and blue patch.

Each Scout unit comes up with its own procedure for awarding the strip. In most packs, troops, crews and ships, the young person receives the strip the first time he or she successfully recruits someone into the unit. Submit the completed form to the Scout Shop to receive the recruiter strip:

[250646 4x6 BoxStuffer UniformOffer+RecruiterStrip v2](#)

The embroidered cloth strip is worn on the uniform, below the right pocket.

NEW INFORMATION FIELDS ADDED TO YOUR "PIN!"

Fields for a Unit's meeting day, times, and locations have been added to your Unit PIN! Please log in and add that information so that families can better link up with your unit. Please continue efforts to keep your Unit's "pin" updated in beascout.scouting.org. The National Marketing Campaign uses 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 by keeping our information on this site updated. **Unit leaders, be sure to follow up on ALL leads!**

VOICE OF THE SCOUT 2025 SURVEY RESULTS AND 2026 SURVEY

To impact membership growth, Scouting America must focus on Supporting Unit Leaders and provide them with the information, tools, and support they need to execute our world-class programs.

Scouting America's 6 organizational goals to enhance performance, drive growth, and ensure we continue to deliver exceptional value to units and members includes a "Satisfaction Index" goal. The goal metric for determining if we are improving in this area comes from the Voice of the Scout Unit Leader Council/District satisfaction score.



Why use the Unit Leader Council/District satisfaction score as our national metric? Unit leaders drive retention and recruitment through the quality of the program they provide to youth. Through Voice of the Scout and other member research, we know that youth and families leave Scouting because of disorganized or non-existent program, and problems with unit leadership. Conversely, they join and thrive in Scouting programs where leaders plan and execute an active and engaging program for youth. Voice of the Scout also reveals that many leaders feel unsupported and are less satisfied in their leadership role. And, an unhappy, unsupported leader cannot lead to their fullest potential.

In 2025, the satisfaction index score was 46.1 - which was an increase from 2024 (43.3%), but still, fewer than half of our volunteers were satisfied with the support and service they received. We also know what drives satisfaction with the council and district. Councils that score higher on these four questions have higher overall satisfaction scores:

1. **I feel the council/district is very responsive to my needs.** (Does your council answer calls and emails in a timely manner? Do you proactively reach out to unit leaders just to find out how things are going and if they have anything you can help them with without asking them to do something for you?)
2. **My council is doing everything it can to deliver quality programs to Scouts.** (Are your day camps and summer camps organized and fun? Do you provide quality district and council events for youth and families?)
3. **I receive clear and timely communications that apply to me.** (Are you keeping your leaders up to date on changes through a variety of communication channels? Do you plan your council program and have an up-to-date calendar before units start planning their yearly calendar?)
4. **Scouting is a great value for the money.** (Do you provide enough support so leaders feel the cost is justified by the value they receive? Are you managing funds responsibly? Do you clearly communicate how money is used?)
5. **Scouting is really fun for me.** (Do you have fun activities for volunteers? Do you thank them for their unit volunteer efforts?)

Our target for the 2026 Satisfaction Index score is 50.0% - an ambitious goal of increasing the score by almost 4 percentage points. But we feel confident that if the National Service Center and councils partner, we can raise these scores together.

The Voice of the Scout will be used to measure our progress. Once per quarter, email invitations are sent to one quarter of the population of Cub Scout parents, Scouts BSA parents who have children

who are 13 years old or younger, Scouts BSA youth who are 14 or older, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Unit leaders/advisors.

Surveys are sent on the first Tuesday of the last month of the quarter:

Q1 was set out on March 10. Check your inbox.

Q2 will be sent on June 2, 2026

Q3 will be sent on September 1, 2026

Q4 will be sent on December 1, 2026

Voice of the Scout emails come from noreply@scouting.org, with the name "Voice of the Scout" in the invitation. Please respond to the survey and add the above address to their "safe sender" so that the survey will not go to their spam folder.

All parents are encouraged participate! We need (50) unit leaders to participate in order to get a tailored, Cornhusker Council report.

DETAILS FOR CITIZENSHIP IN SOCIETY MERIT BADGE DISCONTINUANCE

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge has been discontinued effective February 27, 2026.

Beginning on February 27, 2026, Scouts are no longer able to start requirements on the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge.

Those Scouts who had already started **and completed** any requirements for the merit badge will be allowed the rest of 2026 to complete the full merit badge and still utilize it for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. This has been standard practice for Eagle requirements and other advancement changes in the past.

Effective February 27, the rank of Eagle Scout will have 13 required merit badges instead of 14. All of the remaining 13 Eagle Required merit badges will still apply, just not Citizenship in Society, but Scouts will have 8 elective merit badges from which to choose instead of 7, and the total for Eagle Scout will remain at 21 merit badges (13 required + 8 elective = 21 merit badges).

Council & District Advancement Chairs as well as Council Registrars (Eagle Scout app processors) will have the ability to allow the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge to count towards Eagle Scout for those few Life Scouts who started the requirements prior to the discontinuance date, and will complete the merit badge before Dec. 31, 2026.

These details are available on <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/citizenship-in-society-merit-badge-discontinuance/>.

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REGISTRAR’S UPDATE

* “How-to” guide for taking safeguarding youth training: [HOW TO TAKE SAFE GUARDING YOUTH TRAINING.PDF](#)

It is not too early to thing about unit renewal/unit re-chartering! Here is a great information video that walks you through the process: [Key 3 Process Unit Renewal 101624 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#)

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

[CORNHUSKER COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP](#)

1. **Order Online with the Cornhusker Council Scout Shop! Buy local!** We are set up with our new online ordering system that goes directly into the Cornhusker Council Trading Post email. A unit can upload their advancement form for rank advancements and browse for other advancements and items needed. Uniform etc. Units will click Cornhusker Council to place their order and we try to fill it within 24 hours. [Internal Forms - Customer Online Order Request Tool](#)

2. **BACK IN STOCK! Sioux City Sarsaparilla in the Scout Store!** Stop by the OEC later this summer and get one of your camp favorites!



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

4. **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.

5. **Didn't you get your Camp Cornhusker swag?** Stop on by the Scout Shop where we have several specialty items from camp available!



6. **Leuenberger Lavender for sale in the scout shop!** Support one of our own local farmers!



7. OWN A PIECE OF CAMP CORNHUSKER HISTORY!

The latest batch of hiking sticks are in the OEC Trading Post. The one on the right is cedar, the one in the middle is locust and the rest are ash. After the extensive tree trimming work at camp this fall (we were especially sad to see the Ash trees die...doggone ash borer!), Kevin Potter decided to make some limited-edition Camp Cornhusker walking sticks.

**8. Do you have any Cub Scout uniform shirts tucked away in a closet or drawer, no longer in use?**

We're collecting gently used uniform shirts to help Scouts in need who may not have the resources to get one of their own. Your donation can make a big difference for a Scout who's just starting their journey! If you have a shirt to donate (any size!), please bring it to the Scout Shop.

Let's help every Scout feel proud and included in uniform! If you have a new Scout that needs a uniform, stop on by the Scout Shop and ask! We also have a lot of camping equipment available to help 'fit out' a new Scout.

COUNCIL & DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: [Cornhusker Council](#))**March 2026**

20-23 (C) Outdoor Preparedness & Outdoor Adventures

21-22 (C) NRA Basic Instructor Training

21 (PWD) Pinewood Derby

22 (C) Popcorn Spin to Win

24 (SVD) Committee Meeting

26 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review

28 (C) Beaver Day/Pool Sandblast at Camp Cornhusker

27-29 (C) NYLT Staff Development

28 (SVD) Pinewood Derby

28 (SFD) Pinewood Derby

April 2026

1 (C) Properties Committee Meeting

3 (C) Good Friday (OEC Closed)

5 (A) Easter

9 (SFD) (PWD) (SVD) Roundtable

10-11 (C) Woodbadge

11 (C) Cornhusker-MAC College of Commissioner Science

11 (C) Beaver Day/Pool Painting at Camp Cornhusker

16 (SFD) District Committee Meeting

17-19 (PWD, 7FD) District Camporee

17-19 (C) NYLT Staff Development

18-19 (C) NRA Shotgun Instructor

18 (C) Beaver Day/ "Big Mow" at Camp Cornhusker

23 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review

25-26 (C) Woodbadge

25 (C) Beaver Day/Pool Work at Camp Cornhusker

26 (PWD) District Dinner

28 (SVD) Committee Meeting

May 2026

- 1 (C) NYLT Staff Development
- 1-3 (C) OA Spring Event
- 6 Properties Committee Meeting
- 7 (PWD/SVD) Roundtable
- 8-10 (SVD) Spring Camporee
- 9 (C) 1st Aid, CPR, and AED Training
- 10 (C) Happy Mother's Day!
- 14 (C) Pre-Camp Swim Checks
- 14 (7FD) Committee Meeting
- 16 (C) Pre-camp swim checks
- 21 (7FD) District Committee Meeting
- 23 (C) Sporting Clays Classic
- 25 (C) Memorial Day (OEC Closed)
- 26 (SVD) District Committee Meeting
- 28 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
- 30 (C) Beaver Day (mini-mow) at Camp Cornhusker
- 30-31 (C) Wilderness 1st Aid Training
- 31 (C) ROHVA Training at Camp Cornhusker



CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD AND PATCH



Award requirements: [resources](#) [forms](#) [help](#)

Available at the Scout Shop!

LAUNCH OF THE LIBERTY IN ACTION: 250TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Scouting America is proud to announce the official launch of the new Liberty in Action: 250th Anniversary Challenge, a special program celebrating the values, service, and civic spirit that define our nation and our Scouts.

Beginning March 2, Scouts across the country can earn the Liberty in Action 250th Challenge patch by participating in activities that highlight patriotism, community service, responsible citizenship, and an understanding of the principles that shape our democracy. The program empowers Scouts to connect with their communities, learn about the responsibilities of citizenship, and take meaningful action that reflects the ideals of liberty, leadership, and service.

The Liberty in Action 250th Anniversary Challenge gives Scouts a powerful way to deepen their understanding of what it means to contribute to their communities and country. This initiative encourages young people to translate our shared values into actions that make a real difference.

About the Liberty in Action Patch

The Liberty in Action patch can be earned by completing a set of age-appropriate activities such as:

- Participating in a community service project
- Learning about local, state, or national government
- Exploring historical landmarks or events connected to American liberty
- Demonstrating good citizenship within their unit, school, or neighborhood

The launch of the Liberty in Action 250th Anniversary Challenge reinforces Scouting America's commitment to preparing young people for lives of leadership, civic responsibility, and purpose. By engaging Scouts in hands-on learning and service, the program helps cultivate the next generation of informed, active citizens. Scouts, families, and leaders can find patch requirements through their local council or Scouting America's program portal.

ALUMNI NEWS

Cornhusker Council Scouting Alumni: Dennis Wagner
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 Eagles Nest: Dennis Wagner
 Woodbadge Alumni: Karren Griffin Sieber
 Long Tooth Circle: TBD
 Camp Cornhusker Camp Staff Alumni: Jeff Johnson



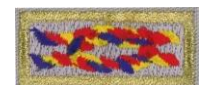
The spirit of Scouting doesn’t end when a young person earns their final badge or ages out of their unit—and across the Cornhusker Council, Scouting America, alumni are proving just that. Former Scouts, leaders, and families are reconnecting through a renewed network of Scouting alumni groups, all committed to supporting today’s youth, strengthening local units, and preserving the traditions that shaped their own lives. From community service to mentorship to celebrating Scouting’s lasting impact, these alumni are stepping forward in growing numbers, demonstrating that once you’re part of Scouting, you’re always part of the family!

<p>Cornhusker Council Scouter Alumni Join the Cornhusker Council Scouter Alumni Network! Once a Scout, always a Scout! The Cornhusker Council Scouter Alumni program is open to anyone who has ever been part of the Scouting family!</p>	<p>Eagles Nest The Eagles Nest is the official Eagle Scout alumni group of the Cornhusker Council. Open to all Eagle Scouts</p>	<p>Long Tooth Circle Scouters from across the Council join the Long Tooth Circle to support Camp Cornhusker through volunteer time and donations to foster a sense of ownership.</p>	<p>Wood Badge Alumni Join the Cornhusker Council Wood Badge Alumni! If you’ve completed Wood Badge in the Cornhusker Council, you’re part of a special group of Scouters.</p>	<p>Camp Cornhusker Camp Staff Alumni Join us for the Camp Cornhusker Council Staff Alumni Group. We will share upcoming staff events and celebrate the annual success of staff and camp.</p>

The Cornhusker Council Scouting Alumni group is the Council’s overarching alumni group and open to any Scout or Scouter. The Eagles Nest is for Eagle Scouts residing in the Cornhusker Council. The one-time dues go to support the Eagle Scout banquet. The Long Tooth Circle is Camp Cornhusker’s alumni group. Annual dues go to support projects and program at Camp Cornhusker. Wood Badge Alumni is for those Scouters who completed Wood Badge in the Cornhusker Council; one-time dues go towards Woodbadge scholarships. Finally, the C3SA is an alumni group for Scouts and Scouters who served on camp staff at Camp Cornhusker.

For more information: [Cornhusker Council Scouting Alumni](#) Do you know a Scouter? Share the link!

EARN SCOUTING AMERICA’S ALUMNI AWARD



The Alumni Award encourages participation and work in council alumni relations programs, including NESAs activities; areas of work include alumni identification/promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, and education. Presented to Scouting alumni who promote continued engagement with Scouting America.

Eligibility - Registered adult Scouters may submit a completed application for approval by the local council alumni committee. Approved applications are forwarded to the National **Scouting Alumni** Relations Committee. Those approved will be sent a certificate that can be used to purchase a square knot and/or lapel pin from the Scout shop.

[Alumni-Award-Requirements-3 2025.pdf](#)

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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CROSSOVER AND ELECTIONS

Starting this month, the Golden Sun Lodge will begin performing crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout Packs. This is a great opportunity to welcome our Arrow of Lights into Scouts BSA! Contact your Chapter Chief or one of the Lodge Key 3, listed above, to arrange for a Crossover team to assist in your ceremony! OA election season also begins this month! Scoutmasters can contact their Chapter Chief or Lodge Key 3 to schedule an OA election for their Troop.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

Retain your membership in the Golden Sun Lodge and the OA by paying your annual dues. You can pay either online by clicking on the "Pay Dues Online" button to the right or by paying at the Outdoor Education Center. There are many, many eligibility benefits the Lodge receives that are based on our registered membership numbers. You can register here: [Golden Sun Lodge | Dues](#)

VIGIL HONOR NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN



Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position office to one or more of the following: Golden Sun Lodge, OA, Scouting community, and Camp Cornhusker

The nomination form can be found here [Golden Sun Lodge #492 - Vigil Honor Nomination](#)

OA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR, OMAHA, APR 24-26

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference that focuses on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to Scouting America and the greater community. The weekend format complements the National Youth Leadership Training (for youth) and Wood Badge (for adults). Course participants make a promise to themselves to apply the skills learned on projects in their lodge, council, and community. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside the Scouting program

SPRING EVENT, MAY 1-3, 2026


Mark your calendar! The Spring Event will be held May 1-3, 2026 at Camp Cornhusker. This is a great opportunity for candidates to complete their Ordeal and for Ordeal Members to complete their Brotherhood. It is also a time to enjoy fellowship and service with your fellow Arrowmen. Register here: [Cornhusker Council - OA Spring Event](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Ayden Martin, Troop 256
 Joseph Stratman, Troop 28
 Gage Thorning, Troop 572
 Tessa Sattler, Troop 93
 Noah Polacek, Troop 268
 Isaac Enns, Troop 221



[Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association](#)



Purchase a Brick for the Path at the Outdoor Education Center.

[Buy a Brick : Ways to Support : Support Scouting : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#)

Eagle Scout 77
 Russ Votava
 Troop 174

Congrats to Jon Lindell for making Dean’s List at UNL last fall! Jon is an Eagle Scout from Troop 223 in Beatrice and a recipient of the NE Eagle Scout Scholarship. The application deadline is June 1 of the year you intend to begin college. For more information, see the Eagles Nest website or [NE Eagle Scout Scholarship](#).

In addition to the National Eagle Scout Association’s Scholarship, there are a number of other scholarship opportunities for our Eagle Scouts. Find them here on the Cornhusker Council Alumni page:

[Eagles Nest](#)

There may be other opportunities, as well. If you find one, let us know and we’ll add it to the Alumni page!

Eagle Scout Project Request! The Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees approached us with an Eagle Scout Project idea to document and map the 1-2000 Veteran gravestones that are in the cemetery. Currently, there is no documentation where Veterans are buried at Wyuka and the Board is seeking assistance so they can better honor the Veterans interred there (Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Wreathes Across America). If your Eagle candidate is interested, contact the Scout Executive (Jeffrey.johnson@scouting.org)

COMMEMORATIVE EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and in recognition of our partnership with America250, Scouting America will present all Eagle Scouts who earn the rank in 2026 with a special commemorative Eagle Scout certificate. This limited-edition certificate will be available only to Scouts who achieve the Eagle rank during the 2026 calendar year. The special certificate will be issued automatically beginning February 1, 2026. No special request is required; it will replace the standard Eagle certificate for all 2026 recipients. Scouts who earned the Eagle rank in January 2026 may request a reprint through their local council.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

SPRING INTO GROWTH: SAFEGUARDING YOUTH, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING.



Spring is an exciting season for Scouting units. As the weather warms and families begin looking for activities for their children, it creates a perfect opportunity to welcome new members, strengthen leadership, and recommit to the values that make Scouting such a powerful experience for young people. This year, units are encouraged to focus on three key priorities: family engagement in Scouting America's new safeguarding youth policies, spring recruitment, and adult leader training.

Engaging Parents in Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Policies. Scouting America continues to strengthen its commitment to youth safety through updated Safeguarding Youth policies. These policies reinforce the organization's dedication to creating a safe environment where young people can grow, learn, and thrive.

Parents play an important role in this effort. Units are encouraged to:

- Inform parents about safeguarding policies and how they protect youth
- Encourage parents to complete available awareness training
- Promote transparency and open communication about safety practices
- Invite parents to volunteer and participate in the program

By engaging parents as partners in youth safety, units help build trust and reinforce a culture where the well-being of every Scout is the top priority.

Spring Recruitment Opportunities. Spring offers a wide variety of recruitment opportunities that units can use to introduce families to the Scouting program. Check out the articles on page 3 for incentives and support! Many schools host spring carnivals, family nights, STEM fairs, and field days. These events are excellent opportunities to set up a table, display Scouting activities, and talk with parents about what the program offers. Bring-a-Friend Activities are always the most effective recruitment tools. Plan outdoor activities such as hikes, fishing days, bike rides, service projects, or campfire gatherings where current Scouts invite friends to participate. These informal events help prospective families experience the fun and camaraderie of Scouting firsthand.

The Importance of Adult Leader Training. Every Scout deserves a trained leader! Adult leader training ensures that volunteers have the tools, knowledge, and confidence needed to deliver a safe, engaging, and meaningful program. When leaders are trained, units run more smoothly, youth receive a higher-quality program, and families feel confident in the organization's commitment to safety and excellence. Units are encouraged to help new leaders complete required training quickly and to support experienced leaders in continuing their development.

Building a Strong Future Together. Spring is more than just a recruitment season—it is an opportunity to strengthen the entire Scouting community. By welcoming new families, ensuring leaders are trained and prepared, and actively involving parents in safeguarding youth, units can continue delivering the life-changing experiences that define Scouting.

Together, we can make this spring a season of growth, leadership, and adventure for every Scout.