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JOIN US!

SCOUT EXPO AT WOODS PARK, OCT 10TH

Get ready for a day of adventure, excitement, and family fun! We are inviting the public to Scout Expo, an interactive outdoor event at Woods Park in Lincoln on October 10th from 9am - noon.

Scout Expo gives families an opportunity to experience Scouting firsthand by exploring a variety of hands-on activities hosted by local Scout units. Throughout the park, Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and other Scouting programs will showcase the adventures that make Scouting one of America's premier youth leadership organizations.

Sign up here for your Unit's booth:
[Cornhusker Council - Scout Expo](#)

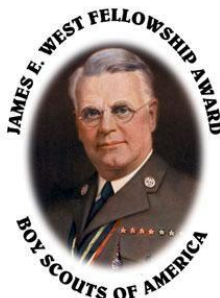


SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP AWARD

A James E. West Fellowship gift will help ensure the future of Scouting's outstanding character-building programs. Gifts made to the endowment fund will last in perpetuity. The interest from this special fund will be used to support the Cornhusker Council's values-based programs. The award includes a personalized certificate, a lapel pin, and an embroidered square knot.

[James E. West Fellowship : Ways to Support : Support Scouting : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#)



REGISTER NOW!

2026 HUSKER USHERING



It's not too late to join in the fun and be a Scout Usher at this season's Nebraska home games and we need you!

If you are interested in ushering at the home football games, all you have to do is get signed up on-line. You need to be at least 12 years old to usher. All 12 year olds need to have partner that is 16 years or older.

Scouts and their parents who usher all (6) remaining games can still earn significant camp scholarships at Camp Cornhusker 2027!

Register here for the game(s) you would like to usher at:

[CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - USHERING](#)

HELP FAMILIES FIND SCOUTING THIS FALL – REFRESH EVERY UNIT'S BEASCOUT PIN TODAY!



One small update, one big impact! Before fall Scouting activities take over the calendar, now is a great time to refresh a unit's BeAScout pin. Here are four things to check:

- Contact info – current phone and email for key contacts
- Meeting location and details – when and where the unit meets
- Website and/or socials – showcase the unit and upcoming events
- Online applications turned "On" – make it easy for youth to join and parents to volunteer

Check now before heading out on fall Scouting adventures. It takes just a few minutes, and instructions are [here](#).

ORDER YOUR RECRUITMENT FLYERS HERE: [Recruitment Flyer Request](#)

We can also provide materials to help with your recruitment campaign: decorate your booth, yard signs, posters, tablecloths, activities, etc. *Contact your District Executive to reserve these materials!*

UNIT AND MEMBER RENEWAL COMBINING IN FEBRUARY 2028

By popular demand from Scouting's adult leaders, Scouting America will be combining unit and individual member renewals to February. For the Cornhusker Council, next year's unit renewal (July 2027) will have a prorated fee schedule to February 2028. In January 2027, new members begin to register through February 2028 using a prorated schedule. Starting in March 2027, renewing members begin transitioning on a monthly pro-rated schedule to February 2028.



CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp!

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

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

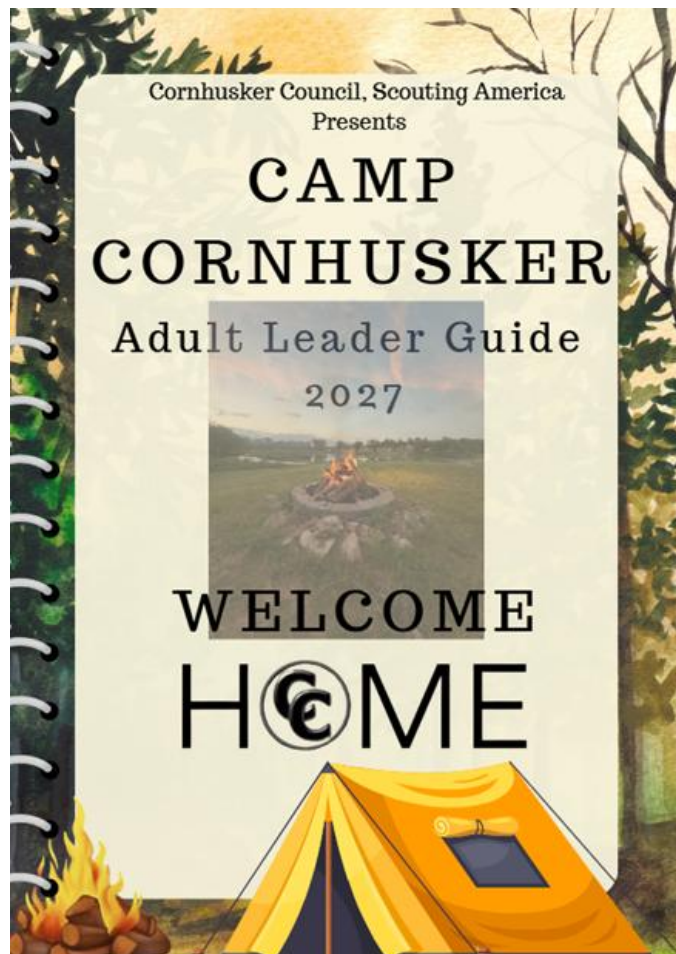
[Overview : Camp Cornhusker : Camping & Activities : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#)



2027 CAMP FEES - NO INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR!

THE 2027 CAMP CORNHUSKER LEADER GUIDE IS OUT!

We've updated everything in the guide for the upcoming camping season. The only thing missing right now is **pricing**—those details will be added and shared as soon as they are available. As of right now, we only have a digital copy for you to look through. Click on the photo or look here: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/97dee5bcd.html> Look through the guide and start planning for another great summer at Camp Cornhusker! We'll see you at camp!



SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

VP Administration-Enterprise Risk Management Committee: Joy Citta

VP Risk Management: Mark Collins

Assistant Council Commissioner: Mitchell Locken

Council Training Chairman: Mike McCollough



FALL IS BACK: HAYRIDES AND A LITTLE COMMON SENSE

Fall is here again, which means it is time for the annual reminder about pumpkins, hayrides and all the other things that make this one of the best times of the year to be outdoors.

There is just something about the fall season in Scouting. The air gets cooler. Campfires become a little more inviting. Leaves start changing. Flannel shirts come out of storage. And somewhere, someone is probably planning a fall festival complete with pumpkins, cider, games, and a hayride through camp. These are the kinds of activities that create the stories Scouts remember.



But every year, it is worth taking a few minutes to look at those traditions through the lens of the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). The goal is to make sure the fun we plan today becomes a great memory tomorrow.

The Hayride Is Ready to Roll - Few things say "fall camp" quite like climbing onto a wagon loaded with hay and heading down a camp road as the sun starts to disappear.

Hayrides and parade floats are specifically addressed in the Guide to Safe Scouting. While Scouting America generally prohibits transporting passengers in the backs of trucks or on trailers, hayrides and parade floats are an exception when specific safety requirements are followed.

There are four rules to remember:

1. Transportation to and from the parade or hayride site is not allowed on the truck or trailer.
2. Everyone riding, whether seated or standing, must be able to hold onto something stationary.
3. No one may have their legs hanging over the side.
4. After dark, the vehicle used for the hayride must have flashing lights, or it must be followed by a vehicle with flashing lights.

Those may sound like simple rules, but they are also important reminders that a hayride is still a vehicle activity. That means the planning should start before the first Scout climbs aboard and using the SAFE Checklist before you begin. Make sure the trailer or wagon is properly secured to the tow vehicle. Make sure the driver understands the equipment and the route. Have adults positioned where they can actively supervise participants. Think about where people will get on and off. Consider the weather, the condition of the route and what happens if the temperature drops or rain moves in.

Remember that a hayride doesn't have to be complicated to be memorable. A trip around camp with a few songs, some storytelling, a stop to look at the stars and maybe a cup of warm cider afterward can be every bit as exciting as a professionally produced attraction. Sometimes simple is exactly what Scouts need.

SUPPORT SCOUTING IN SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA

(info@cornhuskercouncil.org)

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER MATCH YOUR GENEROSITY?

Did you know your employer may be willing to make your support to Scouting go even further? Many companies offer matching gift programs that match employees' charitable donations or provide contributions based on volunteer hours. Participating employers include, but are not limited to:

Allstate Walmart Farmer's Mutual
Dollar Tree BNSF Ameritas and MORE!

We encourage all Cornhusker Council, Scouting America parents and volunteers to check with their employers to see if they offer donation-matching or volunteer hour grants. A quick conversation with your human resources department could mean additional funding for Scouting programs, camps, and activities that benefit youth throughout southeast Nebraska.

Your time and generosity already make a difference. With a little extra help from your employer, that impact can go even further!



GIVE NEBRASKA



Founded by Nebraska Nonprofits. For Nebraska Nonprofits.

Give Nebraska's 2026 campaign is underway! Your employer may be promoting this campaign in your workplace and may match a certain percentage of your donation. In 2025, the Top 5 Public Sector Campaigns were: UNL, LPS, City of Lincoln, LES, and Lancaster County. The Top 5 Private Sector Campaigns were: Crete Carrier Corporation, UNMC, Pinnacle Bank, INSPRO, and Clark & Enersen. The Cornhusker Council is a proud partner with Give Nebraska!

Give Nebraska is a federation of nonprofit member agencies operating across the state to make our communities a better place for all who live, work, and visit Nebraska. From the arts and education to animal welfare and the environment, Give Nebraska champions nonprofit organizations that enhance the quality of life in Nebraska and connect donors with the local causes they care most about.

Give Nebraska partners with many public, private, and governmental entities to operate employer-sponsored charitable giving campaigns, inspiring employees to make a difference in their community. We make it easy and effective for companies and employees to support positive change in their communities. Being a part of Give Nebraska has helped us spread awareness about our cause and raise money so we can continue to enhance the quality of life here in Nebraska. Thank you Give Nebraska! <https://www.givenebraska.org>

EXPLORING, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS

Exploring: Jason Hellmuth (info@cornhuskercouncil.org)

Venturing: Tom Rolfes (trolfes_77@yahoo.com)

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



JOIN EXPLORER POST 575

Interested in a career in law enforcement? Join Post 575! 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. 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).



VENTURING CREW 2 - BAHAMAS TALL SHIP SAILING TRIP!

Crew 2 will be going to Sea Base for the Bahamas Tall Ship sailing trip, July 16-23, 2027. Fly directly to the Bahamas! Experience all the Bahamas Adventure has to offer aboard a Tall Ship. This adventure is for groups of 18-20 people who are willing to explore the Sea of Abaco. This is an active ship and requires everyone to work as a team as you learn and experience the workings of sailing and sea travel.



The vessel currently being used in this program is a 60' catamaran perfect for the depth and conditions in the Sea of Abaco. The cost for the adventure is \$1500. Plus passport, airfare and crew gear fees. Contact Bryan Welty for more information: mkbwelty@gmail.com

Venturing is an inclusive (co-ed) youth-led program (ages 14-20) 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!

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES & NEWS

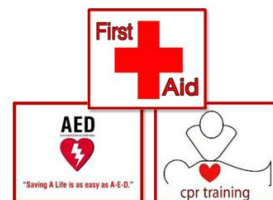
1ST AID, CPR, AED TRAINING, OCT 10TH

First Aid, CPR and AED Training for Adults. Space is limited to 15 participants. Saturday, Oct 10th, 2026, 8:30am-12:30pm

****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

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training](#)



WILDERNESS PARK CLEAN-UP, OCT 11TH

Scouts and their Troops are invited to participate in the 2026 "Wilderness Park Paddle and Clean-up" on Sunday, October 11th from 1pm-4pm.

This event is sponsored by UNL's Outdoor Adventures in partnership with the "Friends of Wilderness Park." Scouts can log their service hours for the "Scouting for Clean Waterways" and America 250 recognition. [SCW Home | Scouting America](#)

SIGN-UP HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTZN5ckNhelnuJ3p-ShQOeZowN9cNAgx1Z4nFnPAgVsxqlag/viewform?usp=dialog>



What is provided?

- Canoes/Kayaks and paddles
- Lifejackets
- Reusable river trash bags
- Gloves
- Snacks and Drinks following the cleanup!

How will we do this cleanup? You will be assigned to a team, some of which are on the river paddling and others that are on land. This all depends on how high the stream is, and how much trash we see on the surrounding land. Meet at Wilderness Park's Old Cheney Parking lot for check-in and team assignment.

Safety Afloat. If Troops are assigned to an afloat work crew, Scout leaders must follow Safety Afloat guidelines and have a Safety Afloat-trained leader present (one trained adult for every 10 Scouts). See Scouting Safely-Safety Afloat for more guidance: [Aquatics Safety | Scouting America](#)

For any questions or concerns, contact Josie Lahm at jlahm3@huskers.unl.edu or 402-277-0527

COUNCIL FALL CAMPOREE AT CAMP CORNHUSKER, OCT 16 - 18

Join us for a Council Camporee-Celebrating America's 250!

CHECK IN: 4:00 PM.-8:00 PM. on Friday October 16, 2026. Please check in on arrival.

MEALS: Each troop is responsible for providing your own meals. You will also need to make sure that you have water. There are limited water spigots available.

AOL Scouts: In accordance with the overnight camping provisions for adult leadership.

All AOL leaders must be Registered with Scouting America and SYT current if the AOL den is staying overnight at this event.

Registration and Troop Guide are here: [Cornhusker Council - Council Camporee](#)



WILDERNESS 1ST AID TRAINING, OCT 17-18

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 Scouting America High Adventure Bases.



Participants must be at least 12 years old at the time of the course, registered with Scouting America, 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 (provided).

Where: Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center

When: October 17-October 18, 2026

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

SCOUT'S HONOR GALA AND AUCTION, OCT 29TH

Join us for this special evening at James Arthur Vineyards, Oct 29th, from 6pm-9pm as we celebrate Scouting in southeast Nebraska those who support the Cornhusker Council.

Purchase your tickets here: <https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/>



GREAT PUMPKIN SHOOT OUT, NOV 1ST

Join us for the 10th Annual Great Pumpkin Shoot Out!

Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center

Come shoot at some pumpkins! We will feature Shotguns, Tomahawks and Throwing Knives for Scouts BSA and Archery for the Cubs! Guns, ammunition, equipment and hearing/eye protection will be provided.



Scouts BSA: Price is \$5.00 for 5 shots plus knife throwing. Each additional shot is \$1.00 a piece. Extra shots (up to 5) can be purchased during registration, or you can purchase at the event.

Cub Scouts: Price is \$5.00

Adults: Price is \$5.00 for 5 shots plus knife throwing. Each additional shot is \$1.00 a piece.

CAMP CORNHUSKER GAME RETREAT, NOV 6-8

Back by popular demand! Fall 2026 Game Retreat at Camp Cornhusker!

You bring some games and play them with others or join another game!

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Camp Cornhusker Game Retreat](#)



GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE CLINIC, NOV 7TH

Join the Nebraska State Historical Society genealogy team to explore your roots. Become a history investigator—discover what daily life was like for your family, where they lived, what they liked to do, and more!



Fee is \$20.00 per Scout, \$7 per adult, and Scoutmasters are free!

Scouts who come having completed the pre-work (listed on the sign-up page with resources) will leave with their blue cards!

Register here by Oct 7th: <https://history.nebraska.gov/education/scout-workshops-genealogy/>

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, NOV 7TH

Where: Museum of American Speed (Speedway Motors)

599 Oak Creek Drive Lincoln, NE

Event Date: Nov 7th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Activity and Touring:

- The entire museum will be open to us. Volunteers will be available around the museum to answer any questions and guide Scouts along the path for the scavenger hunt.
- A pizza party and drinks are included in the cost.
- Come join us at this top-rated, nationally renowned racing museum!

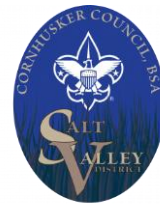


Cost: \$20 for Cub Scouts, \$10 for adults, siblings, and friends of Cub Scouts. **THIS IS A GREAT BRING A FRIEND EVENT!**

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Night at the Museum of American Speed](#)

SALT VALLEY MERIT BADGE CLINIC, NOV 14TH

The Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic is an advancement opportunity open to Scouts in Troops or Crews age 11-17. Scouts will be introduced to a variety of subjects geared to help them, not only advance along the trail to Eagle, but also learn more about career opportunities and experiences that may interest them. Each Scout is expected to fulfill all the merit badge requirements by reading through the merit badge book, doing prerequisites, and participating in class. ****Bring a sack lunch****



Where: 1st United Methodist Church

2723 N. 50th Street, Lincoln, NE

When: Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9 AM - 3:30 PM (Doors open at 8:00am/check in starts at 8:30am)

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic](#)

EARLY LOOK! HOLIDAY BAZAAR, DEC 12TH

Saturday, December 13th from 9am-1pm.

Visit the Cornhusker Council, Outdoor Education Center for unique, handmade shopping options and for interactive activities for youth. Visit with Santa, make a holiday craft and this year, take a treat home with you.

This is free and open to the public!



SENIOR PATROL LEADER VIRTUAL SUMMIT, OCT 25TH

Scouts BSA is excited to announce the first-ever Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Summit, bringing Scouts together from across the nation for an evening of connection and collaboration.

Who Should Attend? Each troop's Senior Patrol Leader or a designated Scout participant

When and Where?

Date: Sunday, October 25, 2026

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00-7:30 PM local (Daylight Savings Time)

(Participants are welcome to attend any of our four identical sessions at 7:00 Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific Time if that better fits their schedules.)



Why Participate?

Scouting happens locally, and the troop experience should shape the program nationally. SPLs will share what's working, what isn't, and what could make Scouts BSA even better.

What to Expect:

- Share your ideas with Scouts nationwide and national leadership
- Discover what's working in troops across the country
- See how your troop's experience compares
- Help shape the future of Scouts BSA

Each Scoutmaster will be emailed a registration link to distribute to the troop's SPL or other youth delegate approximately one month before the Summit.

We look forward to seeing your Scouts at the first-ever SPL Summit on October 25th!

GEAR DISCOUNTS YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT USING (BUT SHOULD BE)

If you volunteer in Scouting or work at a summer camp, you qualify for perks most people never find out about: the outdoor industry's "pro deal" system. Dozens of gear brands offer 30-70% discounts to people who work outdoors. Camp counselors, program staff, and volunteers often qualify. **These deals are open to Scouting Volunteers!** These don't require a "pro-industry" status – just a registered/current BSA membership card or unit affiliation, which makes them the easiest tier for Scout leaders, committee members, and merit badge counselors to access. See the link for a listing of participating outdoor stores, like Coleman, Bass Pro Shops, L.L. Bean, Sierra, and many others.

Link: [The Guide to Pro Deals for Volunteers and Camp Staff | Scouting America](#)

EARN YOUR 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. ***THE PATCH IS FREE!***

FOLLOW US!



(73) CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - YOUTUBE

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REGISTRAR'S UPDATE

1. Membership "Lapse Period" to be phased out.

Scouting America has announced that the current membership lapse period will be phased out and will end on December 31, 2026.

What Is Changing?

The lapse period has allowed members a short grace period after their renewal date before their membership becomes inactive. As Scouting America moves toward a simpler and more consistent renewal system, this lapse period will gradually be reduced and then eliminated.

Key Dates

Members with an Oct 2026 renewal date will be the last to receive the full "two-month lapse period".

Members with a Nov 2026 renewal date will receive a "one-month lapse period".

Members with a Dec 2026 renewal date will receive "no lapse period".

Beginning in Sep 2026, new and renewing units will use the standard charter fee **plus** pro rata fees through Feb 2028. This is part of the "new" combined unit-member renewal that will go in effect in Feb 2028.

We expect National membership fees to increase Jan 1, 2027. Avoid the increase and renew on time!

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

2. Update your Unit PIN settings!

BeAScout.org introduced an updated look and feel designed to better support prospective families. The enhanced experience will provide answers to common questions before families contact a unit, including:

- Estimated cost to join
- Unit meeting days and times
- Whether the unit charges additional dues

To support these improvements, several new fields have been added to the **Unit Pin** page in Organization Manager:

- Fundraising Helps Cover Costs
- Trial Visit Encouraged
- Unit Fee
- Meeting Schedule: Meeting Frequency, Meeting Day, Start Time, End Time

3. Merge your Membership Number!

Merging Member IDs is now live in My.Scouting. A Scouter will be able to merge their member IDs that have been created across different councils (or the same council in some cases) or the National Council. They can now merge these down to one single, surviving member ID that will follow them across their Scouting America registrations. This process will also merge training records. To start this process, a user will need to navigate to "Manage Member ID" in My.Scouting. Be patient, the merger is an overnight process. A job aid with frequently asked questions is available [here](#).

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

3. 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.

4. 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.



5. 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.

6. Leuenberger Lavender for sale in the scout shop! Support one of our own local farmers! A new line-up of lavender products just arrived!!



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

1 (PWD/SVD) District Roundtable
2 (C) 3rd Popcorn Distribution
3 (C) Ushering (Maryland)
7 (C) Properties Committee
8 (SFD) Roundtable
10 (C) 1st Aid, CPR, AED Training
10 (C) Scout Expo
10 (C) Ushering (Indiana)
12 (C) Columbus Day (office closed)
16-19 (C) Council Camporee
20 (C) POPCORN ENDS
22 (SV) Eagle Board of Review
22 (SF) District Committee Meeting
24 (OA) Fall Fellowship Banquet
29 (C) Scouts Honor Auction
30 (C) Final Popcorn Distribution
31 (C) Ushering (Washington)

November 2026

1 (C) Great Pumpkin Shoot Out
4 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
5 (PW/SV) Roundtable
6-8 (C) Camp Cornhusker Game Retreat
7 (C) Genealogy Merit Badge Clinic
7 (C) Night at the Museum
11 (C) Veterans Day (office closed)
12 (SF) Roundtable
14 (SV) Merit Badge Clinic
15 (C) Veterans Day Parade
16 (C) Popcorn money due
19 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
21 (C) Ushering (Ohio State)
24 (SV) District Committee Meeting
26 (SF) District Committee Meeting
26 (C) Thanksgiving (office closed)
27 (C) Office closed

December 2026

2 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
3 (SV, PW) Roundtable
5 (C) American Indian Culture Merit Badge Clinic
5 (C) Wood Badge Alumni Dinner
10 (SF) Roundtable
12 (C) Holiday Bazar
17 (SV) Eagle Board of Review
22 (SV) Committee Meeting
24 (C) Christmas Eve (office closed)
25 (C) Christmas Day (office closed)
31 (C) New Year's Eve (office closed)



AMERICA 250 AWARDS - THERE'S STILL TIME!

While Independence Day has passed, you can still earn the Cornhusker Council's America 250 Award and Scouting America's 250 Anniversary Challenge can be found here: [250th Nebraska Celebration](#)



AMERICA 250 CORNHUSKER COUNCIL PATCH

Scouts and Scouters may wear the Cornhusker Council's America 250 award on their uniform. Show your pride in celebrating America's 250th anniversary! Available in the Scout Shop! **Once they are gone, they're gone!**



250 SERVICE HOURS FOR AMERICA 250

Get ready, Scouts and Explorers – this is YOUR moment! As America continues to celebrate 250 years, you're invited to dive into the adventure of a lifetime. Explore bold ideas, take on creative challenges, visit historic places, and team up with friends and family to make a real impact in your community.

Impact365 is designed to be flexible. Councils, districts, units, and families can all shape service projects around local needs and passions. The annual themes ([Celebrating America 250 | Scouting America](#)) are thought-starters, but are certainly not required. We all have opportunities to serve in many ways. Find the ways that best meet your needs! In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary, every unit is encouraged to complete 250 hours of community service in 2026. Every hour matters. Every act strengthens a community. Every service project builds character. **Be sure to log in hours in Scoutbook!**

Scouts BSA Program and Requirements: [Liberty in Action A250 Challenge Final](#)

Cub Scout Program and Requirements: [Liberty-in-Action-Cub-Scout-Activity-Idea-Guide.pdf](#)

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



RETURN TO THE CAMPFIRE ALUMNI EVENT, OCT 18TH

The Cornhusker Alumni Association is getting together for its first official gathering on Sunday, October 18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Tanner's Bar & Grill in Lincoln.



If Scouting has been a positive part of your life, you're invited. Former Scouts, leaders, camp staff, volunteers, parents, family members, friends, neighbors – even if your main contribution was buying popcorn from a Scout, there's a place for you around the campfire. That broad, welcoming definition is exactly how Scouting Alumni describes its community. [Scouting-Alumni-Guidebook-2026.pdf](#)

We'll have appetizers, plenty of conversation, old friends, new friends, and a chance to talk about what we'd like the Alumni Association to become. There's no cost to attend; if you'd like to help cover the food, we'll have an optional free-will contribution available.

Please RSVP to Cornhusker_Alumni@outlook.com

Come pull up a chair. The campfire's still burning.

UNL'S SCOUTING STUDENT ORGANIZATION INAUGURAL MEETING HELD

"Husker Scouting" held its organizational meeting on Sep 16th at "Food 123" on UNL's East Campus! Their next meeting is Oct 14th at "Food 123" at 7:00pm. Stop by and see them at the Woods Park Scout EXPO on Oct 10th! Check us out on our website or on Facebook. If you are interested, go to <https://go.unl.edu/scouting> or contact scouting@unl.edu!

COUNCIL ALUMNI GROUPS

Click on the picture to join one or more of the Council Alumni groups.

Click on the Alumni knot for more information on how to earn this award.



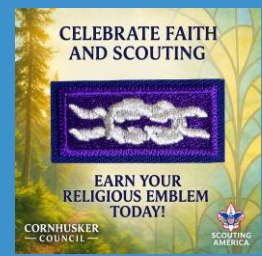
 Cornhusker Council Scouter Alumni Join the Cornhusker Council Scouter Alumni Network! Once a Scout, always a Scout! The Cornhusker Council Scouter Alumni program is open to anyone who has ever been part of the Scouting family!	 Eagles Nest The Eagles Nest is the official Eagle Scout alumni group of the Cornhusker Council. Open to all Eagle Scouts	 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.	 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.	 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.
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Join us on Facebook: [Cornhusker Council Alumni Association | Facebook](#)

Camp Cornhusker Camp Staff Alumni (C3SA): [Camp Cornhusker Staff Alumni | Facebook](#)

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAMS

Council Religious Emblems Program Coordinator: TBD



A Scout is Reverent. A Scout is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed several religious emblems programs. Scouting America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. There are several informational Zoom calls scheduled this month for Unit Leaders, parents, and District leaders:

VIRTUAL RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAM FOR PROTESTANTS

Looking for an easy way to help your Scouts earn their Protestant religious emblem this year? Registration is now OPEN for the 2026 Virtual P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblems Classes!

Whether your Scout is in Kindergarten or High School, these interactive Sunday Zoom classes connect youth with peers across the country to explore their faith in a fun, supportive environment.

- Dates: Sundays, October 11 - November 22, 2026
- Format: Online via Zoom
- Grades: K-12 (Jesus & Me, God & Me, God & Family, God & Church, and God & Life)
- Cost: Free instruction! Families only purchase the student workbook and recognition items.
- Scholarships: Financial assistance is available through P.R.A.Y. Pub if needed.

Spots are limited to ensure quality small-group interaction. Learn more and reserve your Scout's spot today!

Register here: <https://dutytogodbsa.org/portfolio/2026-virtual-religious-emblems-programs/>

SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS

Scouts Read Sacred Texts aligns with the values, principles, and spiritual aims of Scouting. It is intended for Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Advisors, and other adult leaders seeking a simple, respectful way to support a Scout's Duty to God.

How This Aligns with Scouting

- It supports the Scout Oath commitment to Duty to God
- Encourages personal faith reflection consistent with BSA principles
- Respects each Scout's family and faith tradition
- May be completed individually, with family, or as a unit activity
- Requires no religious instruction by the unit leader

Appropriate Use in Units

Scouts Read Sacred Texts does not replace religious emblems programs or formal religious instruction. Instead, it offers a simple opportunity for Scouts to engage personally with the sacred writings of their own faith as encouraged by Scouting. Suggested Applications: A meeting reflection or

CORNHUSKER SCOUTS
READ SACRED TEXTS

We invite Scouts & youth across the world to join us again in reading the **Bible, Torah, Qur'an**, or **other sacred text** of their faith.

Together, we can recognize our **Duty to God**, participating as a group or on your own.
Read your sacred texts between **Oct. 1, 2026 & May 31, 2027**. Join Scouting America, other youth organizations and all faith youth groups in a celebration of sacred texts.

 **MORE INFO & TO REGISTER**
ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org 

quiet activity; a home-based Duty to God assignment; Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath observance; participation during National Day of Prayer week; A Wood Badge ticket or unit faith emphasis activity

ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

Lodge Chief: Jake Manning

Lodge Advisor: Brooks Rushman professionalpower@yahoo.com

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

Website: www.goldensunlodge.org



MARKET TO MARKET, OCT 17TH

Help the Lodge serve the people who are running in the Market to Market Relay, 9am-6pm on October 17th at the Outdoor Education Center. Wear your Class B Golden Sun Lodge T-shirt, and be ready to direct drivers, cheer on runners, and so much more.



LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND BANQUET, OCT 24TH

Join the Golden Sun Lodge Leadership Team in learning how to become a better leader, gain skills, and have fun with games and activities.

When: Oct 24th from 9am - 4:30pm

Where: Vine Church 1800 Twin Ridge Road

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Golden Sun Lodge-Lodge Leadership Development](#)

Register here for the Banquet: [Cornhusker Council - OA Fall Fellowship Banquet](#)

UPCOMING GOLDEN SUN EVENTS

See the Golden Sun Lodge website for more details: [Golden Sun Lodge](#)

- Market to Market, Oct. 17
- Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) at Vine Congregational Church, Oct. 24
- OA Fall Fellowship Banquet, Oct 24 [Cornhusker Council - OA Fall Fellowship Banquet](#)
- Halloween Party at Outdoor Education Center (OEC), Nov. 1



CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS



Korben Payne, Troop 16
Ryan Mace, Troop 56
Reece Osborn, Troop 56
Landyn Hewitt, Troop 64
Jacob Borrell, Troop 93



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

NESA EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL TO OPEN DEC 1ST

BE PREPARED! NESA's scholarship portal for the 2026-2027 year will open Dec 1st. For eligibility and application requirements, see NESA's website at: [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association](#)

Key dates:

Eagle Board of Review Date:

Must be on or before January 24, 2027.

Application Portal Open:

December 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

Application Must be Completed and Submitted

By 11:59 p.m. CST on January 31, 2027.

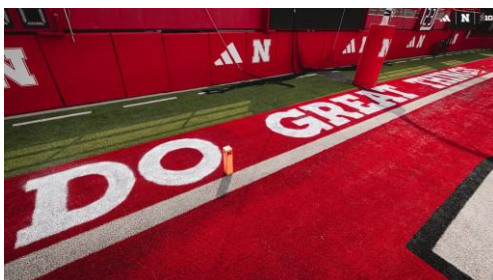
Announcement of Scholarship Awards:

June 10, 2027.

NE EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS RECOGNIZED AT MEMORIAL STADIUM

Since 1925, local Scouts with Scouting America have played an integral role in Nebraska Football game days, serving as ushers to assist Husker fans.

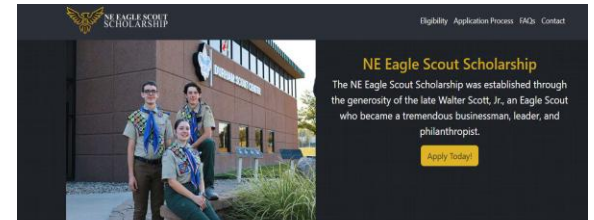
During the Nebraska-North Dakota game on Sep 19th, the 2026-27 recipients of the Nebraska Eagle Scout Scholarship, made possible through the Walter Scott Family Foundation. In recognition of his generosity, one of Walter's mantras is painted in the back of the end zones: "Do Great Things."



In addition to the National Eagle Scout Association's Scholarship and the NE Eagle Scout Scholarship, there are a numerous 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!



Any Eagle Scout
From Nebraska or from Harrison, Mills, or Pottawattamie counties in Iowa

Any Field of Study
Pursue your passion and further your education

Any Nebraska Institution
Choose from a list of over 30 colleges or universities

NEBRASKA EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP!

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

[NE Eagle Scout Scholarship](#)

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

Invite a Friend, Grow Scouting

As we move through the fall, recruiting new Scouts must remain one of our highest priorities at Cornhusker Council, Scouting America. Growing Scouting allows us to reach more young people, strengthen our units, and better serve the communities of southeast Nebraska.



The best way to recruit a new Scout is also the simplest: invite a friend.

Scouts know other young people who would enjoy the adventure, friendships, leadership opportunities, camping, and experiences that Scouting provides. Parents know other families looking for positive activities for their children. A personal invitation from a friend is often all it takes to introduce someone to Scouting.

We have several great opportunities coming up that make it easy to Bring a Friend:

- **Scout Expo - October 10 at Woods Park.** This is a great opportunity for Scouts to show their friends what Scouting is really about. Units will be demonstrating the activities, skills, and adventures that make Scouting fun. **Invite a friend and bring them along!**
- **Speedway Motors Night at the Museum, November 7th.** Another great Bring-a-Friend opportunity for Scouts and families to experience something special together while introducing new families to Scouting.

Recruiting isn't just the responsibility of a few volunteers—it is **something every Scout and every Scouting family can do**. Take a moment this week to think of one friend, classmate, neighbor, or family who might enjoy Scouting. Make the invitation. Bring them to an activity. Let them experience Scouting for themselves.

One Scout inviting one friend can make a difference. Together, we can introduce more young people to Scouting and continue Growing Scouting in southeast Nebraska.

Invite a Friend. Bring a Friend. Grow Scouting in Nebraska.