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UPCOMING EVENT

SCOUTING FOR FOOD, APR 5-6 AND APR 12

The Cornhusker Council - Scouting America will be collecting food for the local community. Units can pick up flyers at your District Roundtable in April, Distribute to local homes on April 5th or 6th then Pick up Food on April 12th. Details can be found in the Scouting For Food email that was sent out this week.



UPCOMING EVENT

2ND ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC, MAY 10



Join us on May 10 for our Sporting Clays Classic at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard. Put together a team of 4 or sign up as an individual shooter. Either way the day will be filled with fun and camaraderie as we come together to support Scouting! Register Today: [SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

HOOKED ON SCOUTING WITH FRIENDS, MAY 17TH

May 17th is Nebraska Game and Parks “free fishing/park admission” day. This year our Cub Scout Spring Event will be a Council-wide fishing derby on May 17th to coincide with the free fishing/park day for all of our active Cub Scouts. We’re asking Cub Scouts and their families to invite their friends to this event. While Packs have the autonomy to go to any park of their choosing, Salt Valley District will set up at Holmes Lake and Bowling Lake with extra fishing gear and volunteers will be taking pictures for the fishing awards. Prairie Winds and 7 Feathers sites are to be determined. See the article below for more information or contact your District Directors.

REGISTER FOR CAMP!

Camp Cornhusker has been the Council’s camp since 1956. We have a fantastic first year camper program to help Scouts earn their 1st Class. ATV, COPE, Mountain Man, and more are available for older Scouts. Troop not attending? Scouts can still attend and join a Provisional or another Troop.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Scout BSA Resident Camp](#)



COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER, MAY 21ST

The Annual Council Recognition Dinner will be held May 21st, 2025 at Lazlo’s in the Haymarket. Silver Beaver nominees must be registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the Cornhusker Council. We are also accepting nominations for the North Star Award. This award is on the same level as the Silver Beaver, but for non-registered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the Council.

Registration link:

[Cornhusker Council - Council Dinner](#)



REPORT TO STATE

After a lengthy hiatus, we held the Scouting’s Annual Report to the Governor of Nebraska on March 25th. Oliver Brassil from T.16 was the Emcee, Lucas Davis from Crew 324 reported on Venturing, Sophie Masciale from Pack 1 reported on Cub Scouts, and Alex Masciale from Troop 8 reporting on Scouts BSA. They all did a fantastic job! We had a great turnout from Cornhusker’s Scouts, parents, volunteers, and Professional Staff! Many thanks for the great showing!



CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp!

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

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

Overview : Camp Cornhusker : Camping & Activities : Cornhusker Council, BSA



2025 PROGRAM FEATURE - STEM & TRADES

Camp isn't just about the outdoors—it's about learning awesome new skills! Check out some of the unique STEM & trades Merit Badges offered at Camp Cornhusker:

Robotics & Game Design - Build, design & innovate!

Electricity & Welding - Learn hands-on trade skills!

Chemistry & Electronics - Learn the best of science!

Scouts can explore careers and develop real-world skills while having fun! Which merit badge are you excited for?



PRE-CAMP SWIM CHECKS, MAY 10TH

Would you like to take care of your swim tests BEFORE you get to camp this year? Take advantage of our Pre-Camp Swim Checks. This will be from 9:00am-11:30am at Lincoln Southeast High School's pool.

Groups of 15 will be going in 15 minute blocks. We will be starting these sessions on time. You will need to check in and register, so please allow enough time, but do NOT come too early, so we can maintain our schedule.

"Please come to the event wearing your own swimming suit. Access to the locker rooms will be available after you are completed with the swim test. Bring your own towel."



CAMP CORNHUSKER 2025 AMAZON "WISH LIST"

Support Camp Cornhusker—Make a Difference Today!

Help us create unforgettable adventures for Scouts by donating much-needed supplies from our Amazon Wishlist! Every item brings more fun, learning, and growth to the next generation of leaders.

👉 Click here to give back: Camp Cornhusker Amazon Wishlist:
<https://a.co/91upEaR>



REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP!

Camp Cornhusker is calling! Secure your spot now for an unforgettable summer of adventure, leadership, and fun! Register your Scouts for their Merit Badges

Scouts, BSA Summer Camp

Dates: June 8-14, 2025, or June 15-21, 2025

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Scout BSA Resident Camp](#)

Webelos and Arrow of Light Resident Camp

Dates: June 22-25, 2025 or June 25-28, 2025. What to Expect: A 3-day camp perfect for Webelos and Arrow of Lights to experience camping while working on rank advancements, outdoor skills, and fun adventures.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Webelos Resident Camp](#)

Cub Resident Camp

Dates: June 27-29, 2025

What to Expect: A short but exciting camp filled with crafts, outdoor fun, and age-appropriate adventures for our youngest Scouts.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Resident Camp](#)

Let's make this summer one to remember.

For more information, check out the Camp Guides:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uKvrEF5VCVHRbv61DOsVhjfsTLCE8oi?usp=sharing>
<<https://t.e2ma.net/click/ii2n4g/2px0rrnb/ym8j2l>>

See you at camp!

SCOUT BSA RESIDENT CAMP - MERIT BADGE SIGN UP IS OPEN!

Attention Scouts and Leaders!

Merit Badge Registration is OPEN for summer 2025 at Camp Cornhusker!

Get ready for an unforgettable summer of learning, adventure, and outdoor fun. Choose from a variety of merit badge classes, connect with fellow Scouts, and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Register your troop today! Don't wait—spots fill quickly. Let's make this summer at Camp Cornhusker one for the books

WE'RE HIRING!

2025 CAMP STAFF

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

Camp Dates for 2025

Staff Week: June 1 - 7, 2025
 Scouts, BSA Week 1: June 8 - 14, 2025
 Scouts, BSA Week 2: June 15 - 21, 2025
 Webelos Session 1: June 22 - 25, 2025
 Webelos Session 2: June 25 - 28, 2025
 Cub Resident Camp: June 27 - 29, 2025
 Closing Days: June 29 - June 30, 2025

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

SCOUT BSA RESIDENT CAMP - THEME DAY RETURNS!

Get Ready for Camp Cornhusker's 2025 Theme Days!

Camp isn't just about adventure—it's about FUN and creativity! Join us each day for a unique theme that will make your Camp Cornhusker experience unforgettable.

Take a trip down memory lane the photos from 2024 and prepare for 2025 with the themes below!

'Merica Monday - show off your patriotic spirit with America-themed attire!

Tie Dye Tuesday - break out your groovy tie-dye gear and add some color to camp!

Wayback Wednesday - time travel with vintage Scouting uniforms, old Camp Cornhusker hats, or throwback t-shirts!

OA Thursday - wear your Order of the Arrow gear and represent your Scouting honor society!

Frenzy Friday - end the week with a bang—dress up in your wackiest outfit and go all out!

Learn more and register now: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-25ScoutsBSA>

Don't forget to pack for these fun-filled theme days! We can't wait to see your creativity shine at Camp Cornhusker!

We Are **HIRING** Camp Staff 2025

Position	# Needed	AGE Needed
Aquatics Lifeguard Pool	2	15
Aquatics Lifeguard Waterfront	1	16
COPE Instructor	1	18
Cook	2	18
Prep Cook	2	16
Dishwasher	1	15
Trades Director (Welding, Plumbing, Automotive Maintenance)	1	18
Trades Instructor (Welding, Plumbing, Automotive Maintenance)	1	16
CIT 1		14
Technology Aide	1	16
Office Manager	1	16
Archery Instructor	1	18
Trading Post Aide	1	16



UPCOMING BEAVER DAYS AT OEC AND CAMP CORNHUSKER!

What is Beaver Day you ask? Well... it is an opportunity for your troop to get in a weekend of Free Camping and log some service hours and **earn a patch!** We need help! Contact Will Cover or DJ Davis with questions.

Camp Cornhusker: April 12th, May 17th (Camp Staff workday), April 26th (Big Mow), and May 24th (Mini Mow)

OEC: May 10th

Come as an individual or bring the troop! * Beaver days are considered one day events but overnight camping is available.



CUB SCOUT WEEK-LONG DAY CAMP (OEC)

JUNE 9-13, 2025

This weeklong Day Camp is just right for any Cub Scout wanting to have fun and earn requirements toward your adventures during the summer. Join us **June 9-13th 2025**. You will shoot rockets, BB-guns, archery, play games, go on adventures, and have a blast working on your rank with other Scouts from all over Cornhusker Council. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun at the Outdoor Education Center for 5 days of adventure. (Tiger Cub and Lions parents **MUST** attend with child) Not a Cub Scout yet? E-mail info@cornhuskercouncil.org to get signed up before Day Camp!

REPORT TO STATE



**SNEAK PREVIEW - CAMP WITH HOMER AND THE
SALTDogs, JULY 12TH**

Mark your calendar now! Haymarket Park! More details to follow!

SALT VALLEY DISTRICT


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

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



SALT VALLEY DISTRICT EVENTS [\(CLICK HERE FOR ALL EVENTS CALENDAR\)](#)

Talking with Friends about Scouting

 **Share the Excitement:** Spread the word about upcoming events, fun activities, and cool badges they can earn. Show others that Scouting is not only about learning but also about having a blast along the way.

April 2025

3: Roundtable -7:00pm --8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln,
 4: SVD Pinewood Derby Weigh-In - 6pm-8:30pm, St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd,
 5: SVD Pinewood Derby Races and Show Cars - St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd,
 5-6 Scouting for Food Flyers distribution
 12 Scouting for Food Pick up and deliver to drop off sites
 22: Salt Valley District Committee Meeting -6:30-8:30pm, OEC
 24: Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review - 6:30-9:00pm, OEC
 25-27 SVD Spring Camporee - E-Prep-Oree - Pioneers Park Lincoln, NE.
 28-30: Spring into Scouting Week- ALL District Membership Day/Night



May 2025

1: Roundtable -7:00pm --8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln
 14: Roundtable Planning Meeting - 6:30pm-9pm, OEC
 17: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day - 1pm-5pm, OEC
 17: Cub Scout Spring Event (Hooked on Fishing with Friends)
 22: Eagle Board of Review - 6:30pm-9:30pm, OEC
 27: District Committee Meeting - 6:30pm-9pm, OEC



June 2025

1-7 Camp Staff Week
 9-13 OEC Week-Long Day Camp for Cubs (Olympic Theme)
 6 Twilight Camp
 8-14 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 1
 15-21 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 2
 22-27 NYLT
 22-25 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 1
 25-28 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 2
 27-29 Cub Scout Resident Camp



July 2025

12 Salt Dogs (Pregame activities, Tailgate food, Flags, First Pitch, Run the bases, Campout and Movie)
 31 July (Special Roundtable and Fire Side Chat)

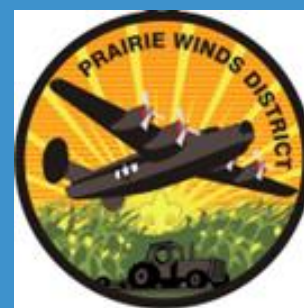
PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

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Commissioner: Lonnie Pohlman (lpohlman@gmail.com)

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

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



DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER APR 6TH

The Annual Prairie Winds District Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting will be on April 6, 2025 at the Pizza Kitchen 411 1st Street Milford, NE.

Gathering time at 5:00pm. Meal served at 5:30pm and program to follow.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Awards Dinner](#)



PRAIRIE WINDS SPRING CAMPOREE "SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, 26-28 APR

Come test your survival skills and your capacity for preparedness at the **Survival of the Fittest Spring Camporee!** Sign up now to learn and practice Survival, Preparedness and First Aid Skills. Camporee will be held, April 26,27,28 at the Crete Youth Cabin Property, 877 County Rd 2350, Crete, NE 68333.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Spring Camporee](#)



UPCOMING PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

April 2025

- 1: District Committee Meeting
- 3: Roundtable
- 5: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 6: District Dinner 5:00pm Pizza Kitchen Milford
- 16: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom
- 25-27: District Spring Camporee [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Spring Camporee](#)

May 2025

- 1: Roundtable
- 6: District Committee Meeting
- 21: Council Annual Dinner

June

- 1-7 Camp Staff Week
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- 6 Twilight Camp
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 22-25 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 1
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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 SPRING CAMPOREE - “SPRING FLING,” APR 4-6

Sign up now for this AWESOME Spring Camporee at Camp Cornhusker, April 4-6, 2025!

Featuring: Competitive Tomahawk Throwing, Disc Golf, Archery SACO Tree Dueling, Ultimate Frisbee, Cribbage, and Cornhole.

This event promises all sorts of Throwing, Tossing, Flipping, Flicking, and Target activities! TONS OF FUN! Plus, the Silver Skillet award for best meal preparation and creativity!



\$20.00 for youth, \$12.00 for Adults. Registration closes April 3th at 9:00 am

Event check in begins April 4th, 2025, 5:00pm at Camp Cornhusker
 63375 703 Trail, Du Bois, NE 68345

All troops will be camping in campsites that have fire pits available for use. We ENCOURAGE you to supply your own portable stoves and the fuel to run the stoves.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Seven Feathers District Spring Camporee](#)

CONGRATS TO ALL THE PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS!



DISTRICT DINNER

The Seven Feathers District Dinner was held March 15th at the Elks Lodge in Falls City. Congratulations to the following Awardees!

Walking Sticks for Going the Extra Mile in the Seven Feathers

Colton Nichols - Troop 337/ District Co-Activities and Service chair

Ashley Emerson - Pack 337 revitalization of Pack in Syracuse

Josh Parde - Troops 223 (B&G) and Messengers of Peace

Joel Webber - new Commissions and new unit champion

Walking stick Toppers for going above and beyond the Extra Mile in the Seven Feathers

Robert Niefeld - COR for Pack and Troop 223B and soon 223G), Co Activities Chair, Council Range and Target Activities Director.

Marilyn Loubert - COR and Mom to all Scouts of Pack and Troops 34!

Two Masters Award for Simultaneous leadership as both Cubmaster and Scoutmaster

Tajia Sohnholz - Pack and Troop 377, Johnson (tremendous pack growth in 2023 (over 100%-tripled in size)

Chris Lindell New Unit/Recruitment Champion - embraced the membership growth initiatives for Scouts BSA Recruitment, showing it can be done!

Travis Hespern - **Innovation to Excellence**; continues to innovate and bring new opportunities to the cub scouts of his pack and making sure they are very much in the public eye in a positive and active light.

Michael McCaw Rising Star; For moving Cub Scouting in Palmyra/Bennet area to Family Pack, strong recruitment and lots of activity to aid in retention.

Finally, this year's District Award of Merit was presented to Marilyn Loubert, the Chartered Organization Representative Pack and Troops 34 in Greenwood, NE.



UPCOMING SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

April 2025

3: Roundtable

4-6: Seven Feathers District "Spring Fling" Camporee at Camp Cornhusker

5: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day

16: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom

May 2025

1: Roundtable

6: District Committee Meeting

21: Council Annual Dinner

June 2025

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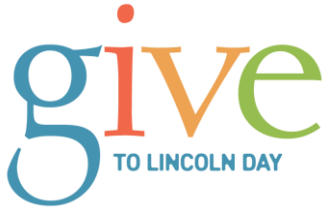
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COUNCIL NEWS

GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY - THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025



The Cornhusker Council is proud to participate in Give to Lincoln Day - a powerful day of giving that supports local nonprofits making a difference in our community. Through this community campaign, we invite friends, families, and Scouting supporters to invest in the character development, leadership training, and outdoor adventures that scouting provides.

Every donation made through our Give to Lincoln Day website between May 1 and May 29 makes a bigger impact because participating nonprofits also receive a proportional share of a \$650,000 match fund made possible by LCF and generous sponsors, including Presenting Sponsor, West Gate Bank. Keep an eye out for more information on our Give to Lincoln Day campaign.

2025 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

Our annual Friends of Scouting Campaign is underway. To make this year's campaign the most successful yet, we need your help!



1. Schedule your Scout Unit's 2025 FOS Presentation.

This is a great way to share the story of Scouting and inspire families to join the mission. Presentations are quick, impactful, and ensure everyone has the opportunity to support the future of our programs. To sign up, please contact your District Executive today!

2. Check with your employer about matching gift programs.

Matching gifts can double or even triple the impact of your donation. Many employers - such as State Farm, NELNET, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe, Ameritas - will match your gift. Check with your employer today to see if they participate and maximize your contribution to Scouting.

3. Become a Trailblazer.

As a Trailblazer, your gift helps the Cornhusker Council with sustainable giving all year round, at a donation level you're comfortable with. Donation Levels begin at \$15/month. Please visit <https://www.cornhuskerCouncil.org/trailblazerclub/> for more information.

4. Give Nebraska

We are a proud member agency of Give Nebraska. Ask your employer if your company participates in a worksite giving campaign! Giving to the Cornhusker Council is easy with monthly payroll deductions.



Donate Online



Together, we can ensure that Scouting in the Cornhusker Council remains strong and accessible for generations to come. Please join us and make your 2025 FOS donation today!

Donate Online: [Other Ways to Support Scouting](#)

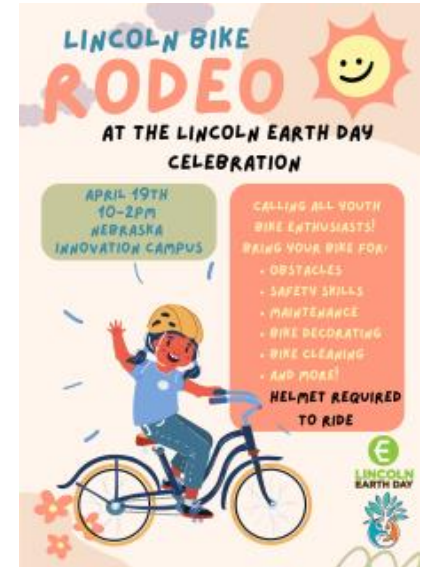
LINCOLN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2025, APR 19TH

Mark your calendars, the highly anticipated Lincoln Earth Day Celebration 2025 will return to Nebraska Innovation Campus on Saturday, April 19th from 10am - 2pm. Lincoln Earth Day is a free event designed with the whole family in mind! There will be 50+ booth exhibitors, live music, local food vendors, a bike rodeo and a city wide clothing swap. Grab your friends, family and coworkers and enjoy this Earth Day celebration! No registration needed.

WHEN: Saturday, April 19th from 10am - 2pm

WHERE: Nebraska Innovation Campus (2021 Transformation Dr, Lincoln, NE)

MORE INFO: <https://lincolnearthday.org/>



SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, MAY 1ST

Sacred texts provide an important way for Scouts and families to connect with their religious beliefs. That's why [Scouts Read Sacred Texts](#) can be so valuable.

Scouts Read Sacred Texts, an initiative from Scouting America's National Religious Relationships Committee, is a worldwide invitation to Scouts designed to inspire them to set aside some time to read a sacred text from their religion.

The event is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, which in 2025 is scheduled for May 1. Scouts are encouraged to read their text on May 1 or anytime that week when it's convenient.



"The Scouts Read Sacred Texts event gives Scouts the opportunity to practice their duty to God," says National Religious Relationships Committee Chairman Bob Wedig. "While reading the sacred texts of their faith, Scouts will be part of a larger movement of other Scouts doing the same and, in the process, learn more about their faith traditions.

"Through the support of their fellow Scouts, and by understanding their faith better, Scouts can grow closer to God and learn what He wants them to do to become a better person."

For last year's event, nearly 4,000 youth read their sacred texts for more than 800 combined hours.

How to participate: Most Scouts will set aside some time to read the sacred text of their religion at home with their families on the evening of May 1. You can also do it at your place of worship or wherever else you please.

Now is a good time to consult with your religious leader or have a family discussion about which portion of the text might be good to read on that day. The National Religious Relationships Committee is suggesting that everyone read for around 15 minutes, but that is up to each family or individual who participates.

Scouts from all over the world are invited to take part. Scouts from Kenya, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Bangladesh, Chile, Singapore, Okinawa and the Philippines participated in the 2024 event.

Scouts and families who will be participating in the Scouts Read Sacred Texts event are asked to [fill out this form](#). Contact our Scout Shop (info@cornhuskercouncil.org) to order your patches and they will submit the order, as there is a price break if we order in bulk.

HOOKED ON SCOUTING WITH FRIENDS, MAY 17TH (A FREE EVENT!)

Fishing is the perfect introduction to outdoor activities. It's readily accessible, has a very low barrier to entry with lots of inexpensive options, and the kids love to catch fish. This year for our Cub Scout Spring Event on May 17th, 2025, we are doing things a little differently. We are holding a Council Wide fishing derby for all of our active Cub Scouts and asking them to invite their friends who were not Cub Scouts with the hope of recruiting them to the pack. We hope for a wildly successful multiple location event. This event can be held practically anywhere where there is a waterfront. The Council has a loaner program for fishing gear if you need Rods, Bait, Bobbers and Hooks. May 17th is a free fishing day for Nebraska, so you won't need a fishing license or park permit. However all local fishing regulations and park regulations apply. The Derby will have Council prizes, for the Biggest fish, Smallest fish and Ugliest fish. Contact your District Professional Staff to get you set up for this awesome Derby or contact Lee Peterson. He is a BSA Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) and looks forward to helping.



CUB SCOUT RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES DAY, MAY 17TH

Spend a day at the OEC practicing your Archery Skills, BB Gun, or Slingshots. Everyone must register to participate. Welcome to units.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day](#)



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, MAY 31ST

Mental Health First Aid is an international evidence-based education program proven to be effective in teaching adults how to recognize and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges. Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or is in crisis.



Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including ADHD), and eating disorders.

Course workbook is provided

Date: May 31

Time: 8am-5pm

Location: Cornhusker Council, Outdoor Education Center

Cost: \$20 (covers a continental breakfast and lunch)

Instructor Bio:

Kristi Lange is a licensed clinical social worker, licensed mental health practitioner, and a provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselor. She has been working within the mental health field for more than 10 years. She currently serves as a social worker on the LPS Threat Assessment Team. Kristi also serves on the HopeLNK Suicide Prevention Coalition. She has been teaching Youth Mental Health First Aid courses for the last 4 years.

REMINDER - UPDATE YOUR "PIN!"

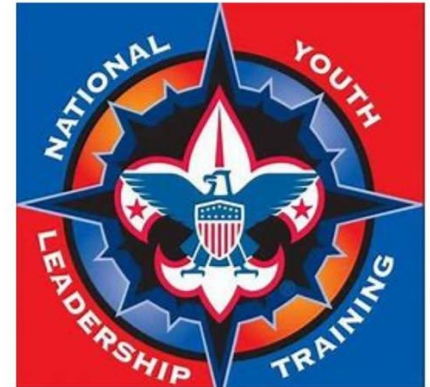
Unit and District Leadership - please continue efforts keep your Unit's "pin" updated in beascout.scouting.org. The upcoming National Marketing Campaign, starting next month, will use this website exclusively to link up potential new members ("leads") with local units. Nationally, 50% of all leads go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

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, JUNE 22-27, 2025

NYLT is designed to have youth staff teach leadership skills to youth participants. From beginning to end, it is a YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM!

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops, crews, ships, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and of others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.



NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - \(NYLT\) National Youth Leader Training](#)

WELCOME TO THE 2026 JAMBOREE - SIGN UP BELOW!

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



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

For more information-

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

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

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

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

REGISTRAR'S UPDATES

1. GUIDANCE FOR UPDATING COUNCIL POLICIES ON EAGLE SCOUT LETTERS OF REFERENCE

The Scouts BSA Advancement committee has created two documents to assist Councils in updating their policies for Eagle Scout letters of Reference. You can find the templates here:

[Guidance for Updating Council Policies on Eagle Scout Letters of Reference | Boy Scouts of America](#)

2. MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR REGISTRATION

Did you know that you can renew your Merit Badge Counselor status when you are renewing for your membership in your My.Scouting account?

Here is a step by step:

- Log into your MyScouting account
- Menu
- My Application
- Scroll to your Merit Badge Counselor status
- Renew

3. STEM NOVA COUNSELOR UPDATE

STEM Nova is no longer in Scoutbook and the STEM Nova Counselor is no longer a position. All STEM Nova content will be removed from Scouting.org on June 1, 2025. We are looking at ways to implement this program locally and offer it to Cornhusker's Scouts.

4. RENEWING A SEPARATED/REREGISTERED UNIT

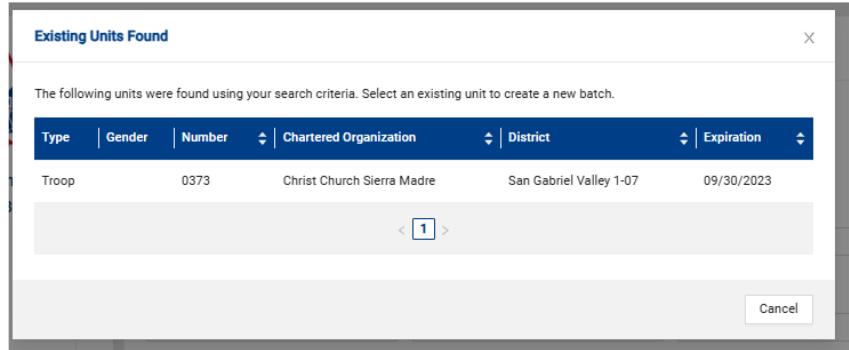
This will walk you through the UNIT renewal process (member renewal is a separate process).

4.A. Go to my.Scouting>Registrar Tools>New Unit

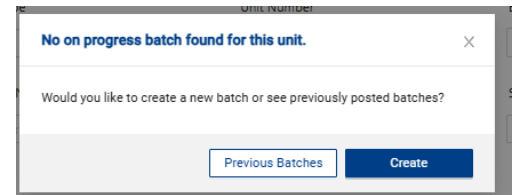
You can use either Search or Create. If you use Search, confirm the Status filter is set to "All." If you use Create, you must match the Chartered Organization, District, Unit Number, Program, Program Type, and Accept Gender exactly to the unit being processed.

Select Search (Search) or Next (Create):

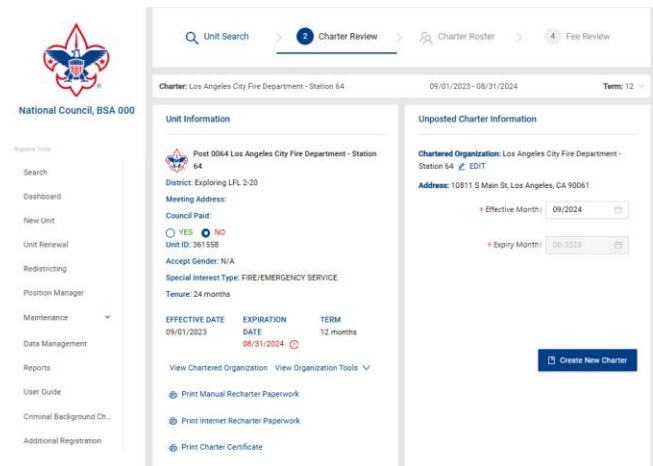
4.B. Select the Unit



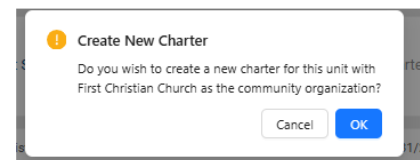
4.C. Select “Create”



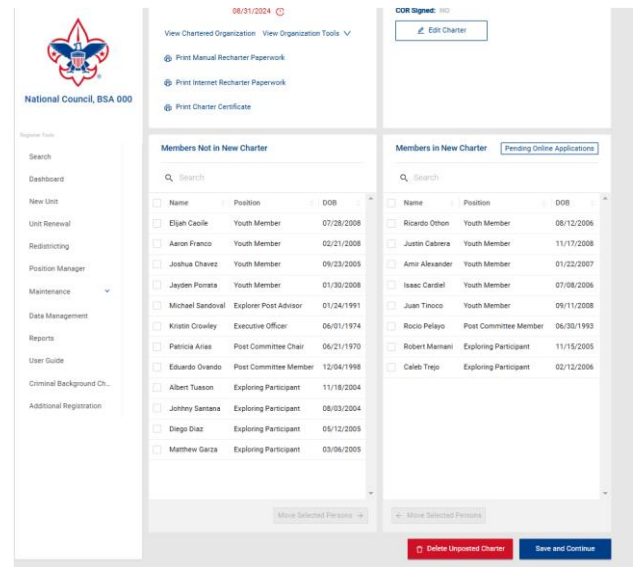
4.D. Select “Create New Charter.” This refreshes the charter and automatically pulls in anyone that has already renewed themselves with the unit and removes all expired members.



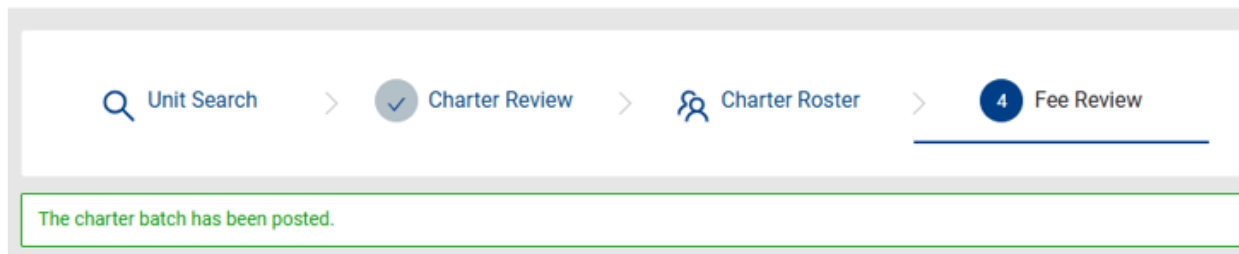
4.E. Select “OK”



4.F. From here, you can only ADD someone to the unit. If you remove someone, you will receive an error message. NOTE: Keep in mind that adding someone to the unit renewal does no renew that peron, nor does it renew their position. The only people you need listed are those in the required leadership positions. Select “Save and Continue.”



In the next screen, select “Continue.” In next screen, select “Post.” In the final screen, select “Ok” and you should see this screen.



SCOUT SHOP NEWS CORNHUSKER COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

1. 115 Years Collector Patch Set Now Available for Order

This will be a very popular set throughout the patch collecting community and will only be available while supplies last. We recommend you place your order now so that you don’t miss out. Contact the Scout office to order.



2. We have Sioux City Sarsaparilla in the Scout Store! Stop on by the OEC 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.

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

April

- 2 Council Properties Committee Meeting, OEC
- 3 Roundtable - All Districts
- 4,5,6 Seven Feathers Camporee at Camp Cornhusker
- 5 Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 5 Scouting for Food - hand flyers
- 12 Scouting for Food - pick up donations
- 16 Commissioners Meeting via Zoom
- 20 Easter
- 23 Final Popcorn Order Due
- 25-27 Salt Valley District Spring Camporee /
Prairie Winds District Spring Camporee

May

- 1 Roundtable - All Districts
- 2-4 OA Spring Event
- 7 Council Properties Committee Meeting, OEC
- 10 Clays for Cornhusker
- 10 Pre-Camp Swim Checks
- 11 Mother’s Day
- 14 Pre-Camp Swim Checks
- 17 Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 17 1st Aid, CPR, AED Training
- 17 Cub Scout Hooked on Fishing
- 19 Spring Popcorn Money Due
- 21 Council Dinner
- 31 Youth Mental Health 1st Aid

June

- 1-7 Camp Staff Week
- 6 Twilight Camp
- 2-6 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 8-14 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 1
- 15-21 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 2
- 22-27 NYLT
- 22-25 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 1
- 25-28 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 2
- 27-29 Cub Scout Resident Camp

2025 Camp Cornhusker

Campsite Reservations

A \$250 deposit locks your Troop in at your favorite campsite.

“New” Campsite Available! After a long hiatus, Fort Atkinson is now open for Troops to camp in. The “Fort” campsites were always favorites for some Troops.

2025 CAMP CORNHUSKER SIGNUP		
CAMPSITE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Bear	337	321
Beaver	56	
Bobwhite	174	64
Cheyenne	CLOSED	CLOSED
Commanche	296/144	142
Crow	334	572
Eagle	8	54B
Fox	456	
Kiowa	78 (LFC)	212
Mandan	34G	
Missouri	78	122 (MAC)
Omaha	220	
Osage	111B/45	16
Otoe	36	
Ponca	100 (HOAC)	222
Wichita	223	
Winnebago	159	49
Lakota		
Rt. Atkinson		

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

- Andrew Payne, T.45
- Spencer Krenk, T.55
- Neil Olson, T. 268
- Johnny Hudgens, T. 36
- Owen Allison, T. 25
- Thomas Easley, T. 32
- Noah Kloch, T. 456
- Benjamin Kendle, T.456
- Trent Hraban, T. 76
- Mason Dovel, T. 346
- Liam O’Neal, T. 8
- Jacob Diedrichsen, T. 144
- Chase Oakes, T. 93



A screenshot of the NE Eagle Scout Scholarship website. It features a header with the logo and navigation links (Eligibility, Application Process, FAQs, Contact). Below is a main image of three scouts in front of a building. To the right, there's a text box titled "NE Eagle Scout Scholarship" with a description and an "Apply Today!" button. Below the image are three icons representing eligibility criteria: "Any Eagle Scout", "Any Field of Study", and "Any Nebraska Institution".

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](#)

A photograph of a brick path leading through a grassy area. A brick in the foreground is engraved with the text "Eagle Scout 77 Russ Votava Troop 174".

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

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

The logo for APO Eagles, featuring an eagle with wings spread, holding a shield with a yellow and blue design. Below the eagle is the text "APO EAGLES" and "APO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION & NESA AFFILIATE GROUP".

APO Eagles the Eagle Scout Alumni Association of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity (APO), and National Affiliate of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is proud to sponsor a Scholarship for college-bound scouts. The program seeks to recognize Scouts who have demonstrated they are leaders, are friends with all, and are of service to the communities in which they live.

A scholarship between \$2,000 and \$5,000 will be awarded to an Eagle Scout who has shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service. In addition, they will have demonstrated a commitment to Leadership Friendship & Service. Deadline is April 30th.

[SCHOLARSHIP - APO EAGLE SCOUT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION](#)



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

ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

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OA SPRING EVENT, MAY 2-4

The Golden Sun Lodge Spring Event is coming up, and will be held at camp Cornhusker, the first weekend in May. This is one of two of our annual induction weekends, the other of which being the Fall Pow-wow. We encourage all members to show up to participate in service projects, helping get camp ready for summer camp, and join in fellowship. This is an opportunity for candidates to get their Ordeal and Ordeal members who have been Ordeals for at least six months to get their Brotherhood. We hope to see you there! [CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - OA SPRING EVENT](#)

OA ELECTIONS

The Golden Sun Lodge is holding OA Elections. Chapter Election Coordinators will be working with Troops to schedule these elections on Lodgmaster and will be asking Arrowmen to assist with these. Requirements for eligibility:

- Be a registered member of Scouting America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of Scouting America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type unit in which they are being considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery rank, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Not sure who your Chapter Chief or Chapter Advisor are? Check out the Golden Sun Lodge website at: www.goldensunlodge.org

REGALIA SURVEY

American Indian Activities (AIA) - the Lodge has formed a task force regarding the possibility of forming a relationship with a local tribe. The purpose of this survey is to gauge how the membership feels about different aspects of AIA. Arrowmen are encouraged to participate in this survey:

[Golden Sun Lodge- American Indian Activities Survey](#)

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

Safety - our goal is ZERO reportable incidents & ZERO fatalities.

As we step into spring, let's take a moment to reinforce the importance of **safe transportation** for all Scouting activities. Whether heading to a weekend campout, a high-adventure trek, or a local event, ensuring Scouts arrive safely is a shared responsibility. Proper planning, adherence to policies, and vigilance on the road are key to preventing accidents and ensuring every trip is a safe and successful one.



Drive Responsibly and Follow the Law

Safe transportation starts with responsible drivers who follow all traffic laws and Scouting policies.

Before hitting the road, conducting a Pre-Trip Vehicle Inspection helps prevent accidents and breakdowns. Pre-Trip Vehicle Inspection & Safety Checklist: [680-696\(21\)-SAFE-Transportation-Checklist-FPO3-5172021.pdf](#)

Use the SAFE Transportation Checklist to confirm:

- *Tires, brakes, lights, and seatbelts are in good working condition.*
- *The vehicle meets state-required insurance coverage (at least \$100,000 combined single limit recommended).*
- *All safety equipment is checked and functional.*

Emergency Preparedness and Contingency Planning

While we strive for safe travel, emergencies can still happen. Every driver should be prepared with:

- A fully stocked first-aid kit in the vehicle.
- Contact information for emergency services and a designated point of contact for the trip.
- A plan for inclement weather, including alternate routes and emergency shelter locations.
- An understanding of what to do in case of an accident, breakdown, or medical emergency.

Driver Fatigue & Rest Breaks - to ensure driver alertness and safety:

- Limit total driving time to 10 hours within a 24-hour period, no matter how many drivers are available.
- Plan for frequent breaks for rest, meals, and stretching.
- Never drive when feeling drowsy, fatigued, or distracted.

The safety of our Scouts is **everyone's responsibility**. By following these transportation guidelines—driving safely, maintaining proper supervision, completing vehicle inspections, and prioritizing driver alertness—we can ensure that every trip is **secure, smooth, and successful**. Let's work together to keep our **Scouts safe on the road**. You play a crucial role in maintaining the safety and well-being of the Scouting America community. Be Prepared!

Every driver must:

- *Hold a valid driver's license (not suspended or revoked).*
- *Be at least 18 years old (youth drivers are not permitted).*
- *Avoid distractions, including texting or using a phone while driving.*
- *Never drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any impairing substances.*
- *Ensure all passengers wear factory-installed seatbelts and use appropriate car seats for younger Scouts.*

Certain vehicles are not permitted for Scout transportation:

- *15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005*
- *Pickup trucks, truck beds, recreational campers, or towed trailers for passenger transport*
- *Private aviation for travel*