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JOIN US!

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

The entire museum will be open to us and docents will 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!

THIS IS A GREAT BRING A FRIEND EVENT!

Register here: Cornhusker Council - Night at the Museum of American Speed

SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

VETERANS DAY PARADE, NOV 15TH

We are proud a part the Lincoln Veterans Parade. This year's parade will be honoring "The Legacy of Military Families". Scouts/Scouters will need to be in Class A uniform shirt. Neckerchief, slide, hat and scouts pants are recommended. Jeans are fine. No shorts, please. We will be marching with the Council's flag, but your unit is encouraged to bring your unit flags.

For more details: Cornhusker Council - Veterans Day Parade



REGISTER NOW!

2026 HUSKER USHERING

ONE chance left to participate! Buckey comes to town on Nov 21st. It's not too late to join in the fun and be a Scout Usher at the OSU game 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.

Register here for the game here: CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - USHERING

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

One small update, one big impact! Help families find your unit - refresh your 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



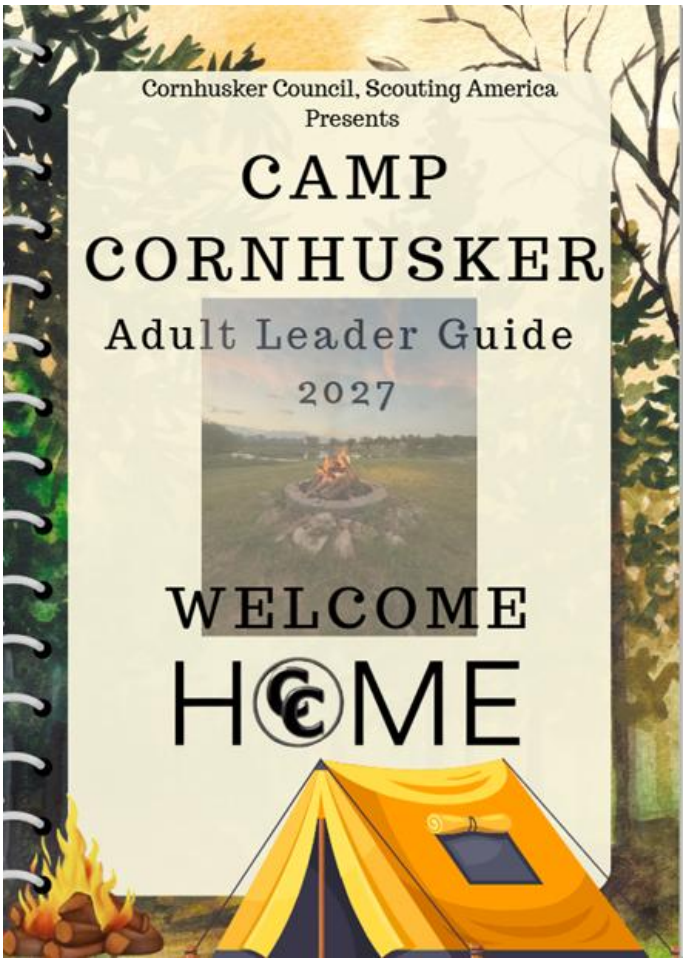


2027 CAMP FEES – NO INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR!

THE 2027 CAMP CORNHUSKER LEADER GUIDE IS OUT!



We've updated everything in the guide for the upcoming camping season. 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/97dee5bced.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

WINTER CAMPING SAFETY



As we 'gear up' for winter-time Scouting programs, take time to refresh your winter camping safety tips. There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures and one of the most rewarding for our Scouts! Special considerations for winter camping are:

1. **Qualified Supervision.** It is vital that a leader be an experienced winter camper with strong character and common sense.
2. **Equipment**. Be completely outfitted for cold weather. Equipment should be checked to ensure good condition for the activity and proper maintenance while in use. Youth should be adequately clothed, and blankets should be a suitable quality and weight.
3. **Physical Fitness**. Youth should be suitably fit for the activity. Periodic rests while building snow caves and engaging in other strenuous cold-weather activities will help prevent accidents and overheating.
4. **Buddy System**. Having Youth paired aids in monitoring each other's physical condition and observation of surroundings and circumstances.
5. **Planning**. Safe activities follow a plan that has been conscientiously developed. In winter, plan to cover no more than 5 miles per day on snowshoes or 10 to 12 miles on cross-country skis. Allow ample time to make it to camp at the end of the day.
6. **Safe Area**. Leaders should determine whether an area for winter camping is well-suited and free of hazards.
7. **Weather Check**. Weather conditions, potential hazards, and the appropriate responses should be understood and anticipated. Go to my.scouting.org for Hazardous Weather training.
8. **Burning**. Never use flames in tents, teepees, or snow shelters. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel; using features of tents or teepees that support stoves or fires; and use of chemical-fueled equipment and catalytic heaters.
9. **Discipline**. Rules are effective only when followed. All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for a safe winter camping experience. Applicable rules should be discussed prior to the outing and reviewed for all participants when leaving for the winter campout.

Nebraska weather changes faster than your Wi-Fi signal. Check your weather forecast before heading out! A "balmy" week of 50-degree weather can rapidly turn to a sub-zero Saturday night. Check the forecast and Be Prepared!

For more on Winter Camping Safety and Winter Sports Safety, please review the Guide to Safe Scouting on these program activities and, as always, Be Prepared!

Please review: Winter Activities | Scouting America

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!

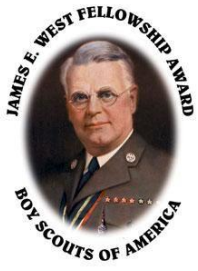
We encourage all Cornhusker Council, Scouting America parents and volunteers to check with their employers to see if they offer donation-matching or volunteer hour grants. A quick conversation with your human resources department could mean additional funding for Scouting programs, camps, and activities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

GIVING TUESDAY, DEC 1ST

GivingTuesday is a growing global generosity movement that drives giving and collective action in communities around the world. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past 14 years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity year-round. There are official GivingTuesday national movements in over 110 countries, led by a global network of passionate, entrepreneurial leaders. At a grassroots level, people and organizations participate in GivingTuesday in every single country in the world. Giving Tuesday serves as a reminder for end-of-year giving to take advantage of certain tax breaks. We hope you also remember the Cornhusker 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

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

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 30



Gaming Crew 30 meets most weeks (they will not meet 11/25 this month) on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church. The crew likes to play all sorts of board games, card games and RPG games (like Dungeons and Dragons). The Crew loves to have visitors (ages 14 -20) join us! If you are already registered in Scouting there is no additional fee to join our crew (if not in Scouting currently, the fee is just Scouting registration cost)!

VENTURING CREW 16

Crew 16 is a High Adventure Crew that meets on the 1st Sunday of every month from 1:30pm-3pm.

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

COUNCIL TRAINING

Council Training Chair: Mike McCullough
VP Program: Chad Brassil (info@cornhuskercouncil.org)

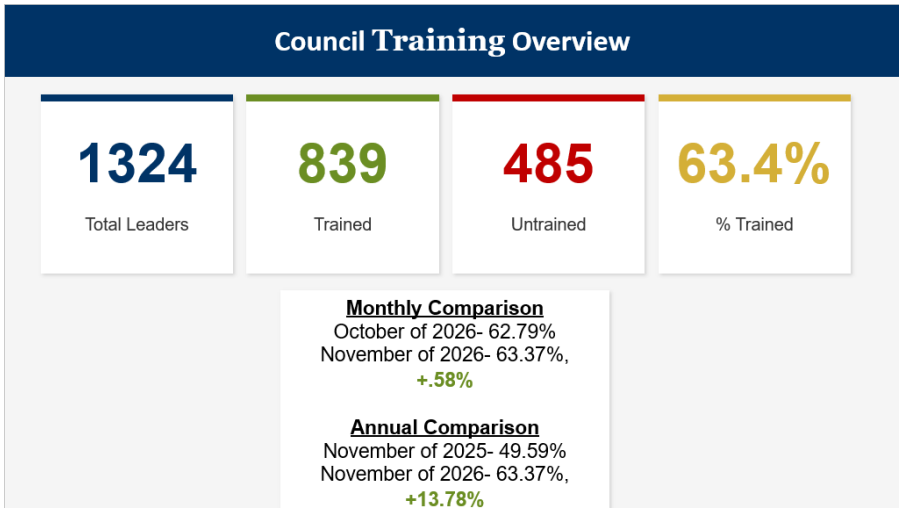
Congratulations to the Scout Units throughout Cornhusker Council that have achieved 100% Adult Leader Training and Gold Star status (units where 90% of Adult Leaders are trained)!

100% Adult Leaders Trained: Pack 34, Pack 36, Pack 220, Pack 223, Pack 324, Troop 30, Troop 34, Troop 159, Troop 222, Troop 223, Troop 337, Troop 377, Troop 456

Training Qualifiers for Gold Star (90% min): Troop 12 (94%), Troop 22 (91%), Troop 36 (92%)

This accomplishment demonstrates an outstanding commitment to providing quality Scouting programs and ensuring our youth are served by knowledgeable, prepared, and well-trained adult volunteers. Reaching this benchmark reflects a strong commitment to leadership development and delivering the best possible Scouting experience. Training is more than simply checking a box. It equips our volunteers with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to provide safe, engaging, and meaningful programs for our Scouts. Well-trained leaders make stronger units, create better experiences for youth, and help strengthen Scouting throughout southeast Nebraska.

Our goal is simple: 100% trained leaders in every unit! Together, we can ensure that every Scout in Cornhusker Council has the opportunity to experience the very best that Scouting has to offer.



A dramatic improvement in Direct Contact training from 2024 and 2025. We still have a ways to go:

Council Wide Direct Contact Leader Summary

Position	Trained Count	Untrained Count	Trained %	Untrained %	Total
Assistant Scoutmaster	69	66	51.1%	48.9%	135
Den Leader	64	61	51.2%	48.8%	125
Cubmaster	38	13	74.5%	25.5%	51
Scoutmaster	34	13	72.3%	27.7%	47
Asst. Den Leader	7	8	46.7%	53.3%	15
Assistant Cubmaster	5	7	41.7%	58.3%	12
Post - Explorer Post Associate Advisor	1	4	20.0%	80.0%	5
Venturing Crew Assoc. Advisor	3	4	42.9%	57.1%	7
Venturing Crew Advisor	1	3	25.0%	75.0%	4
Explorer Post Advisor	1	0	100.0%	0.0%	1
TOTAL	**223**	**179**	**55.5%**	**44.5%**	**402**

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES & NEWS

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: https://history.nebraska.gov/education/scout-workshops-genealogy/

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

SCOUT'S HONOR AUCTION, DEC 10TH

Join us for this special evening at the Museum of American Speed from 6:30pm-10pm on Dec 10th as we celebrate Scouting in southeast Nebraska those who support the Cornhusker Council.

The Museum is located at: 599 Oak Creek Drive in Lincoln

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

EARLY LOOK! HOLIDAY BAZAAR, DEC 12TH



Saturday, December 12th 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!

AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE MERIT BADGE CLINIC, DEC 5TH

Nebraska State HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us at the Nebraska History Museum in exploring the unique and influential cultures of Nebraska's Indigenous Nations. Discover the rich history of the tribal lands on which many of our communities are built today, and learn about the countless contributions made to our state by the numerous Native tribes and Indigenous populations, past and present.

Fee is $15.00 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: https://history.nebraska.gov/education/scout-workshops-indian-lore/

CAMP CORNHUSKER GAME RETREAT RESCHEDULED



The Fall 2026 Game Retreat at Camp Cornhusker has been rescheduled to February 20, 2027 at the OEC! Register here: Cornhusker Council - Cornhusker Council OEC Cabin Fever Gamefest 2027

KLONDIKE DERBY ANNOUNCED! JAN 29-31, 2027



Klondike 2027 - January 29 – 31 – Yeti in the Wizarding World. Mark your calendar!

Stay tuned for more details and check the registration page:

Cornhusker Council - Klondike Derby

SCOUT YOUR FUTURE, DEC 1ST



The University of Nebraska's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in coordination with the Cornhusker Council is excited to announce a special event on Dec 1st at UNL's East Campus, 6pm-9pm. Scouts can explore college life, learn about majors, scholarships, student organizations, and simple steps to get ready for college. Discover your interests, build your plan, and get excited about what's next!

For more information: Cornhusker Council - Scout Your Future OR contact Connor Nichols (connor.nichols@scouting.org)

REGISTER HERE: Scout Your Future Registration Form

Get ready to Explore. Prepare. Succeed.

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:

https://onscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Recruiter-Strip-Flyer.pdf

The embroidered cloth strip is worn on the uniform, below the right pocket. *THE PATCH IS FREE*!

FOLLOW US!

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CORNHUSKERCOUNCIL
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAMPCORNHUSKER
CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, BSA (@CORNHUSKERCOUNCIL) • INSTAGRAM PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

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.

Avoid the increase and renew on time!

*** "How-to" guide for taking safeguarding youth training**: HOW_TO_TAKE_SAFE_GUARDING_YOUTH_TRAINING.PDF

2. New National Membership Fees

The National Council voted to increase membership and unit charter fees, effective January 1, 2027. Members who are set to expire on Dec 31, 2026 should re-new prior to their expiration to avoid the fee increase!

Registration type	Monthly	Annualized
Youth (Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, Venturing)	$8	$96
Exploring Youth	$5	$60
Scoutreach Youth	$3	$36
Adults (all programs)	$6	$72
Unit Charter Fee (all programs)	$10	$120

The Council Program Fee remains unchanged.

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! 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 is here!!



7. New Military Service Knot available in your Scout Shop!

Reserved exclusively for those who have served or currently serve in the U.S. Military, full time or in the Reserves. Every purchase helps fund the registration for children of military families. Available in your Scout Shop!





7. The new Military Service and Veterans Merit Badge. This new merit badge was introduced to the Scouts BSA Test Lab on March 12, 2026. This badge invites Scouts to explore the values, history, and human stories behind military service. Designed to deepen understanding and foster respect, this badge connects Scouts with the heritage of our Armed Forces and the individuals who have served our nation with courage and commitment.

Through hands-on learning, meaningful conversations, and active community involvement, Scouts develop a richer appreciation for service, leadership, peace, and patriotism.

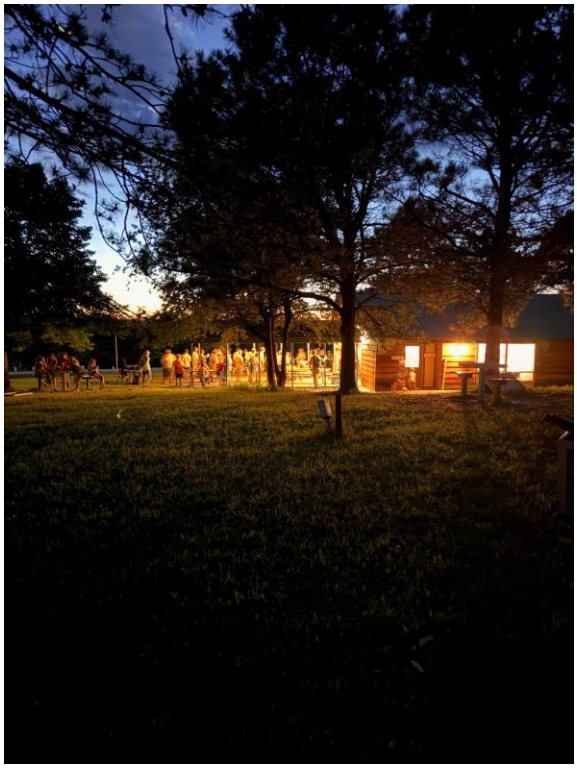
Honoring Service. Understanding Sacrifice. Inspiring Leadership.

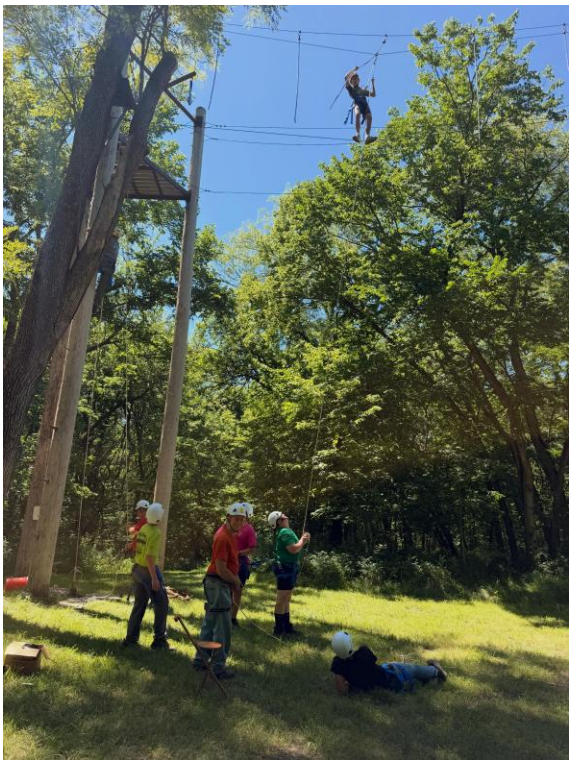
As a Test Lab badge, Scouts have a chance to help shape what this badge becomes. Learn more about the Test Lab Rules and this new badge at https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/

9. Limited Edition! Get your 2026 National Jamboree Collection set before they are gone! Order your set here: 2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE COLLECTION SET



SEE YOU AT CAMP CORNHUSKER 2027!





2027 Gold Star Unit Incentive Program

Cornhusker Council, Scouting America

Purpose. The **Gold Star Unit Incentive Program** recognizes Scouting units that demonstrate excellence in **fundraising, membership growth, leader training, commissioner engagement, and participation in council programs** in the 2027 Calendar Year (Jan 1 – Dec 31). Units that meet the Finance Achiever requirements earn valuable fundraising-related benefits, while units that achieve **Gold Star status** receive the full package of program incentives.

Requirements for 2027

Gold Star Finance Achiever – FOS and Sales. A unit must complete **both** requirements below:

1. **Participate in a Council Fundraising Program.** Participate in **one** of the following
   - **2027 Fall Council Popcorn Sale**. – **OR** –
   - **2027 Spring Council Online Product Sale** *(Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews only).*

   ***Minimum sales requirement for both sales.** The unit must sell at least **$150 of product per registered Scout**.*

2. **Meet Your Family FOS Goal.** Meet or exceed the unit's **2027 Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) goal by April 30, 2027**.
   2027 FOS Goal: $100 × number of registered youth as of December 31, 2026

Gold Star Program Achiever. In addition to the two Finance Achiever requirements, a unit must complete the following:

1. **Meet With Your Commissioner.** Participate in a meeting (in person or via Zoom, Teams, etc.) with your **Unit or District Commissioner by June 1, 2027**. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:
   - Unit successes
   - Challenges facing the unit
   - Membership
   - Program
   - Leadership
   - Opportunities for growth

2. **Maintain Trained Leadership.**
   - Achieve at least **90% position specific trained leader status**, **or have no more than one untrained leader***.
   - Achieve at **least 98% trained leader status in Safeguarding Youth Training**.
     Position-Specific Training

   **** Important:** The one untrained leader **may not be the same individual in subsequent years**.*

3. Complete at Least Two Additional Requirements. The unit must accomplish **at least two** of the following three requirements:

- **Roundtable Participation.** Have the unit represented **at least three of the nine Roundtables** scheduled between **September 2026 and April 2027**.
- **Grow Your Unit.** Recruit enough new Scouts to:
  - **Replace the number of Scouts lost at 2026 renewal + 5 additional Scouts**
  - Deadline: **December 28, 2026**
- **Double Your FOS Goal.** Raise **twice the amount of the unit's 2027 Family FOS goal**.

Gold Star Unit Benefits***

Cub Scout Packs

Benefit	Finance Achiever	Gold Star
Free rank advancement patches*	✓	✓
10% off one unit shop order in May/June 2027	✓	✓
Free one-weekend campsite rental at OEC	–	✓
Free one-weekend campsite rental at Camp Cornhusker	–	✓
5% discount on Cub/Webelos Resident Camp fees	–	✓

Scout BSA Troops and Crews

Benefit	Finance Achiever	Gold Star
Free rank advancement patches*	✓	✓
10% off one unit shop order in May/June 2027	✓	✓
Free Eagle Kits	✓	✓
Free one-weekend campsite rental at OEC	–	✓
Free one-weekend campsite rental at Camp Cornhusker	–	✓
One free adult registration at Scouts BSA Resident Camp	–	✓
5% discount on Resident Camp youth/adult fees	–	✓

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

** Resident Camp discounts must be used in 2027

*** Units will typically be awarded their Gold Star benefits prior to completing all of their requirements (i.e. Fall Popcorn & Spring Digital Sale) and before the end of the Gold Star campaign (Dec 31, 2027). Benefits awarded prior to completion is based on trust that they will fulfill their commitment and pledge. If a unit fails to achieve the Gold Star requirements (by December 31, 2027) that they committed to and received Gold Star benefits, these discounts will be totaled up and monies returned to the Council.

COUNCIL & DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: Cornhusker Council)

November 2026
4 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
5 (PW/SV) Roundtable
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 (C) Thanksgiving (office closed)
27 (C) Office closed

December 2026
1 (C) Scout Your Future at UNL East Campus
2 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
3 (SV, PW) Roundtable
5 (C) American Indian Culture Merit Badge Clinic
5 (C) Wood Badge Alumni Dinner
10 (C) Scout's Honor Auction
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)

January 2027
1 (C) New Year's Day (office closed)
6 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
7 (SVD, PWD) Roundtable
9 (C) 1st Aid, CPR, and AED Training
14 (SFD) Roundtable
16 (C) NYLT Staff Development
18 (C) MLK Day (office closed)
22-24 (OA) Winter Event
26 (SVD) District Committee Meeting
28 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
(SFD) District Committee Meeting
29-31 (C) Klondike Derby

Cornhusker Council
On-Line Holiday Sale
Click the Image for the Link







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 Challege 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! Aavailable 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 (dwags5550@gmail.com)
Eagles Nest: Dennis Wagner
Woodbadge Alumni: Karren Griffin Sieber
Long Tooth Circle: TBD
Camp Cornhusker Camp Staff Alumni: Jeff Johnson

SCOUT YOUR FUTURE, DEC 1ST

Explore. Prepare. Succeed.

Join us for a fun evening exploring college life. Learn about majors, scholarships, student organizations, and simple steps you can take today to get ready for college. Discover your interests, build your plan, and get excited about what's next!

Hosted at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus on December 1, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

This free event is open to all Scouts in middle or high school (14+).



Schedule:

6:00 pm - Welcome and Overview
6:30 pm - First Rotation Session
7:10 pm - Second Rotation Session
7:50 pm - Third Rotation Session

8:30 pm - Closing/Wrap-up

Register here: Scout Your Future Registration Form

UNL'S SCOUTING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Attending UNL? Join "Husker Scouting," UNL's Recognized Student Organization for current and former Scouts and Scouters. 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.



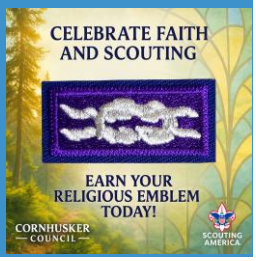


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Camp Cornhusker Camp Staff Alumni (C3SA): Camp Cornhusker Staff Alumni | Facebook

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAMS

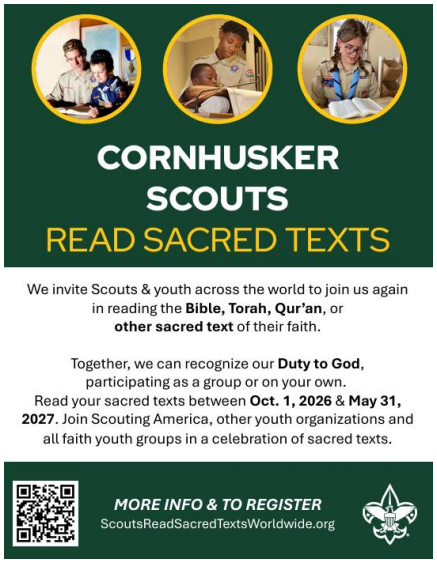
Council Religious Emblems Program Coordinator: TBD



A Scout is Reverent. A Scout is faithful in his/her 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:

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.



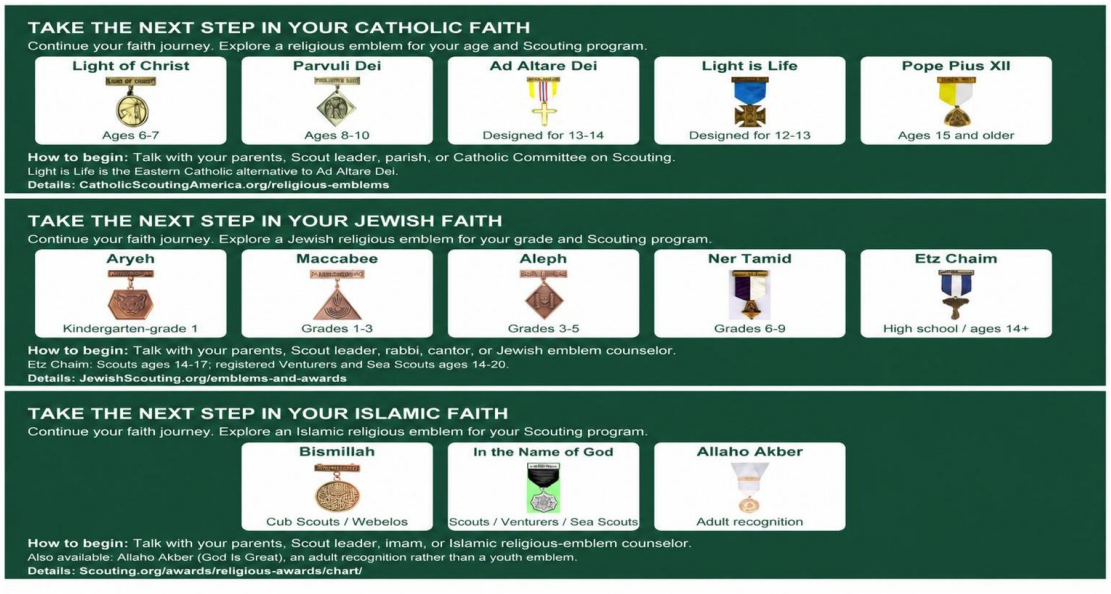
How This Aligns with Scouting

- 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 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.

Register here: [Register for 2026-2027 at Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide](#).



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

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND BANQUET



The Lodge Banquet was held Oct 24rd and Vine Congregational Church in Lincoln. Congratulations go out to Lew Siebers for being awarded the Founder's Award. The Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates that they personify the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by Order of the Arrow founder E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson.

Congratulations also goes out to Bruce Abernethy for being presented the Pete Crawford Golden Sun Award. This award is named after Pete Crawford, who served the Lodge unselfishly for many years. This award is presented to a lodge member who serves the lodge in the same way.

OA WINTER EVENT, JAN 22-24, 2027

Food, Fellowship, Fun, Trainings for Elections, Inductions, and Ceremonies
Winter Event is coming up soon! Come join us for a weekend full of fun and fellowship. Winter Event is a lodge-wide lock-in. This is the perfect event for every OA member, whether you just joined or you've been a member for years. Check back here for more details: Cornhusker Council - OA Winter Event





CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Ethan Brown, Troop 8
Connor Sadowski, Troop 8
Barrett Smith, Troop 45
Matthew Frost, Troop 54
Hunter DeFreece, Troop 64
Julian Trosper, Troop 456

[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.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK RELEASED

Scouts BSA has released the October 2026, edition of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook. The new workbook is shorter and easier to use. It focuses on what a Scout needs to do to complete an Eagle Scout leadership service project. The workbook and more information may be found here.

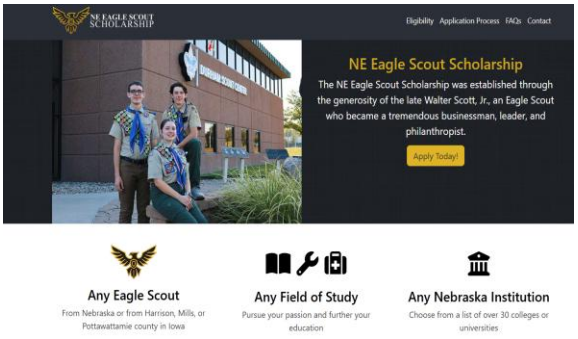
BE SURE TO CHECK THE "EAGLES NEST" FOR MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Eagles Nest

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!



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



Scout Executive Minute: Thank You for Making Scouting Happen!

As we reflect on another busy and successful Scouting fall season, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the many volunteers, parents, and supporters who make Scouting possible throughout Cornhusker Council.

From recruiting new families and welcoming new Scouts into our units, to completing leader training and strengthening our programs, your commitment makes a tremendous difference. Thank you to everyone who spent time recruiting in our schools and communities, encouraging friends and neighbors to join, and helping families discover the opportunities Scouting has to offer.

A special thank-you goes to our volunteers and families who supported the annual popcorn sale. Whether you sold popcorn, coordinated a sale, staffed a storefront, delivered orders, or encouraged our Scouts along the way, your efforts help provide the resources necessary for camping, activities, and meaningful program experiences.

Most importantly, thank you for delivering on the promise of Scouting. Every meeting, campout, advancement opportunity, service project, and conversation with a young person represents an investment in their future. The time you give creates the impact you have on a young person's life that will last a lifetime.

Scouting doesn't happen because of one person or one organization. It happens because parents, volunteers, chartered partners, and community supporters believe in the value of helping young people become responsible, confident, and productive citizens.

On behalf of Cornhusker Council, thank you for everything you do. Your generosity, dedication, and willingness to serve are what keep Scouting strong in southeast Nebraska. Together, we are not just delivering a program; we are building character, developing leaders, and changing lives.
Yours in Scouting!

Invite a Friend. Bring a Friend. Grow Scouting in Nebraska. Always be Recruiting.