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## REGISTER NOW! TRAIL TO TROOPS, OCT 18TH

Trail to Troops will be held October 18th, at the Outdoor Education Center located at 800 South 120th Street, Walton, NE 68520.

Trail to Troops is an exciting event built for Arrow of Light Scouts. Statistics show that events like this are very successful in retaining AOL's in the Scouting program. AOL's get a chance to talk with older Scouts, find out how each Troop works, and discover the start to the best path to continue their Scouting adventures. Plus, they will complete an adventure or two to help complete your Arrow of Light. Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Trail to Troops](#)



## CUB SCOUT DAY OF AWESOMENESS, OCT 11<sup>TH</sup> AT THE OEC



The Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness is an opportunity for Cub Scouts (K-5th grade) and their families to start the year off with a fun outdoor event. New and existing Cub Scouts are invited to come. **This is a GREAT "bring a friend" event to recruit Scouts into your Pack!**

Weather? This is a "rain or shine" event. In case of severe weather, visit [cornhuskercouncil.org](#) or Cornhusker Council, Scouting America Facebook page.

[Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness](#)

## COMBATting ONLINE EXPLOITATION, OCT 15TH

We have partnered with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Know2Protect, a first-of-its-kind national public awareness campaign about the risks children face in the online environment, providing Scouts and families with the knowledge and skills they need to protect themselves and their families online.



Project iGuardian offers presentations designed to inform children, teens, parents, & trusted adults on the threat of online child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA), how to preventive exploitation, and how to report abuse to law enforcement.

**FREE EVENT! FREE PATCH!**

**SEATS ARE FILLING UP! SIGN UP HERE:** [Cornhusker Council - Project iGuardian Presentation-Combatting Online Threats](#)

## YOU HAVE LEADS!

As of the most recent report, nationwide, there are more than 15,820 open leads (a 0.2% increase over last week) and more than 2,320 pending applications (a 10% decrease) awaiting follow-up in the online registration system. Each lead represents a family interested in learning more about Scouting, and each pending application is an excited new youth member who has already paid to join and is just waiting for unit approval.



Now is a great time to check in with your council partners. Make sure you know how your council handles pending applications and leads from BeAScout.org. These should get a response within 24 hours.

It is important to follow the plan and make sure someone is in charge.

Pending applications need quick action. Someone has decided to join, filled out an application, and paid the money. Accept them right away.

Leads also need a quick response and follow-up. Once you have a plan, move the lead off BeAScout and into a tracking tool like a spreadsheet.

We expect thousands of applications and leads from BeAScout.org. Let's welcome each person quickly and warmly!

## POPCORN SCOUT BONUS REWARDS!



POPCORN Season Continues!!! Just look at all the things you could earn ON TOP of your Scheel's Rewards Program! If your Unit is not selling and you are interested in earning some great prizes and experiences, plus supporting your Scouting Adventures, please reach out to Michelle at: [michelle.austin@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.austin@scouting.org)

### \$500 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FUN DRAWING!



- Every \$500 sold gets one entry into the drawing
- AT LEAST 10 prizes available
- Nintendo Switch 2, 40" Fire TV, Beats, Meta Quest 3, 3D Pen, Fire Max Tablet, Projector, Family Outings and Experiences, Climbing Wall, and Free Camping at Cornhusker Council (Scouts BSA, Webelos, CS Resident or Day Camp)



### POPCORN BINGO!

- FILL the BINGO Card—This will reward Scouts with 5 Bonus entries into the \$500 FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FUN Drawing! Turn it into the Council.



### SELL \$750—BONUS PRIZE

- 5 in 1 Survival Tool or LED Flying Ring



### SELL \$1,250 (FIRST REPORTED 100)—SPIN TO WIN!

- Prizes, Food, & Fellowship
- Date & Location TBA—BUT it will be held in the Spring of 2026



### SALES OVER \$1,500—More in Scheel's Rewards!!

- \$1,500 = \$25 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$2,500 = \$50 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$5,000 = \$100 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$7,500 = \$175 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$10,500 = \$275 in additional Scheel's Rewards

**SCHEELS.**

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Day will be November 8th!

## CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

*Camp Cornhusker is your camp!*

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

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

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



### DIDN'T GET YOUR TROOP PLAQUE UPDATED OR HUNG? NO WORRIES!

This is an old, but recently forgotten, Camp Cornhusker tradition where Troops make and hang their Troop plaque in the Dining Hall. What are the requirements? Simple - attend summer camp and hang your plaque! Every year, you get a camp patch to add to your plaque



### FALL BEAVER DAYS - CAMP CORNHUSKER!

Fall Beaver Days at Camp Cornhusker are set!

Oct 11


Oct 25

### CHAINSAW BEAVER DAY AT THE OEC, NOV 15TH, 9AM-4PM

Troops can camp over the weekend or come down to camp and OEC as individuals. Meaningful work for our camp & OEC plus camaraderie! What a great way to spend a weekend! Scouts and Scouters will receive a Beaver Day patch and the work weekend serves as credit for honor troop next year at Camp Cornhusker and meets non-Eagle service hour requirement.

**CAMP WIFI!** Earlier this year, a lightning strike took out camp's WiFi. Many thanks to Evan Reeder for replacing the damaged equipment! This is a great service for those leaders who need to work from "home."

**CAMP PROMOTION** Thomas Bucks, our Camp Program Director, attended summer camp expositions in Fort Meyer, FL and Fort Lauderdale, FL on Oct 4-5 and promoted Camp Cornhusker to Troops from across the southeastern US. Many thanks, Thomas! If you would like a camp promotion presentation at your Unit, contact Will Cover ([William.cover@scouting.org](mailto:William.cover@scouting.org)).

Campsite Sign Ups Camp Cornhusker 2026			
	Week 1		Week 2
	June		June
	Session 1		Session 2
CAMPSITE			
Bear			
Beaver	56		
Bobwhite			377
Cheyenne			
Commanche	296		
Crow			
Eagle	8		54
Fox	22		
Kiowa			
Mandan	220		
Missouri			
Omaha			
Osage			
Otoe	223		
Ponca			
Wichita			
Winnebago			49
Lakota			
Ft. Atkinson			



C'mon down to Camp! I have patches!



## SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

VP Administration-Enterprise Risk Management Committee: Joy Citta

VP Risk Management: Mark Collins

Assistant Council Commissioner: Mitchell Locken

Council Training Chairman: Mike McCullough



## SAFE GUARDING YOUTH TRAINING FOR PARENTS

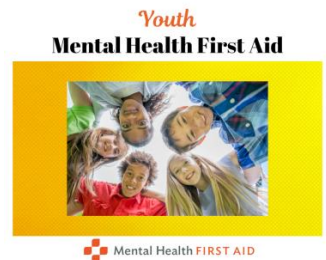
Safeguarding youth is our highest priority. As part of our continued commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for every young person in our programs, we are excited to announce the launch of the new Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) video for the parents in the Scouting Movement. This video helps parents to be informed, involved, and attentive. You can view this video here: [Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training - Parents Video](#)

## SEPTEMBER WAS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH - A YEAR-LONG COMMITMENT

Suicide looms as a growing problem for youth and their families. Depression, suicidal thoughts, and suicide can be sensitive and difficult topics to speak about openly, but studies show acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce suicidal ideation. Help is available in many forms for those struggling with mental health. This guide has been prepared to help leaders facilitate a suicide prevention session at a troop meeting and can be found here: [Suicide Prevention Discussion Guide FINAL.pdf](#)

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, OCT 25

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: October 25

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.

## SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

([info@cornhuskercouncil.org](mailto:info@cornhuskercouncil.org))

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### 1. SCOUT'S HONOR GALA AND AUCTION, OCT 9

Join us on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Robber's Cave in Lincoln, NE for our annual Prepared for Life Auction. This unforgettable evening of food, music, and fun supports the Scouting programs of the Cornhusker Council, helping build character, leadership, and life skills in young people throughout our community. There are **LOTS O' GREAT** things to bid on! Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/9ee65828-2ed2-4a0e-9add-87b078fde76e/events/vevt:3e621f03-ff51-492e-89cf-d14fdf32f757/home/story>



#### 2. CORN TO RUN TRAIL RACE, OCT 18

The first annual Corn to Run Trail Race is happening on Saturday, October 18, at Camp Cornhusker! This scenic trail run is open to all ages and experience levels, offering a fun and active way to support local Scouting programs. Choose from a 1-mile fun run, 5k or 10k to challenge yourself.



Sign-up today at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NE/DuBois/CornToRun>

Contact Jeff Johnson at [Jeffrey.johnson@scouting.org](mailto:Jeffrey.johnson@scouting.org) if you have any questions.

### SEND A SCOUT TO CAMP

Summer camp is often the highlight of a young person's Scouting journey—where they gain independence, build lifelong friendships, and discover their own strength. In 2025 alone, the Cornhusker Council approved more than \$1,500 in scholarships to ensure every Scout had the chance to attend camp.



DONATE NOW

As we look toward summer 2026, we need your help to make sure even more youth can experience this life-changing tradition. With a gift of \$250, you can help send a Scout to Camp Cornhusker for a week of adventure, leadership, and growth. Together, we can make sure no Scout misses out on the opportunity to thrive at camp.

### CORNHUSKER FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Cornhusker Fellows Program is a bold, long-term commitment to sustain and grow Scouting across southeast Nebraska, ensuring every child has the opportunity to develop into a confident, capable, and caring leader.

By becoming a Fellow, each donor commits to giving \$1,000, \$5,000, or \$10,000 annually for a period of 5 or 10 years. Flexible payment options are available, including monthly, yearly, or a single lump-sum contribution. Your support helps invest in leadership development, character building, and transformative outdoor experiences for youth in our community—empowering them to face life's challenges and make a positive impact for years to come.

Become a Cornhusker Fellow today - [CornhuskerFellowsProgram](#)

## EXPLORING, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS

Exploring: Jason Hellmuth ([info@cornhuskercouncil.org](mailto:info@cornhuskercouncil.org))

Venturing: Tom Rolfes ([trolfes\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:trolfes_77@yahoo.com))

Sea Scouts: Tom Rolfes ([trolfes\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:trolfes_77@yahoo.com))



### JOIN EXPLORER POST 575

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



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

### SEA SCOUTS IN NEBRASKA? AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!

Sea Scout units- called ships- are established all 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](mailto:info@cornhuskercouncil.org)).



### VENTURING IN THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL

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



## SALT VALLEY DISTRICT

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Commissioner: Bill Lang ([wlang50@gmail.com](mailto:wlang50@gmail.com))

Director: Drew Wicks ([andrew.wicks@scouting.org](mailto:andrew.wicks@scouting.org))

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



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

### CATCH'EM ALL AT THE FALL CAMPOREE

The Salt Valley Fall Camporee was held Sep 26-28 this year and was themed around "Pokémon Go to Work." The Scouts participated in several Pokémon themed events made to test out their scout skills. Patrols were tested on their target and range skills, orienteering, teamwork, and more. Plus, the cooking competition was held Saturday evening, with the Golden Skillet going to Troop 456! (Who's ready for chocolate ramen?) Everyone had a great time over the weekend!



### ADVANCEMENT IS A HEARTBEAT AWAY, NOV 8<sup>TH</sup>

The Fall Salt Valley Merit Badge clinic is on November 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Grace Lutheran Church. As always, this is a great opportunity for Scouts to complete, or nearly complete, a couple of merit badges in a short period of time. Be sure to sign up soon, so you don't miss out. Courses for this session are as follows:

#### Morning Session

American Business  
Animal Science  
Art  
\*Citizenship in the World  
\*Communication  
\*First Aid (first half)  
Personal Management  
Public Speaking  
(\*Eagle Required)

#### Afternoon Session

Chemistry  
\*Citizenship in the Community  
\*Citizenship in the Nation  
Crime Prevention  
\*First Aid (second half)  
Genealogy  
Journalism  
(First Aid is an all-day course. Must sign up for both sessions.)

## PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

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



## GREAT TIME AT THE PRAIRIE WINDS-SEVEN FEATHERS TAILGATE-OREE !

Prairie Winds and Seven Feathers Districts descended on Nebraska National Guard's Camp Ashland, Sep 19-21 2025 for their annual Fall Camporee. The "Tail Great" camporee was a weekend of food, fun, fellowship, and football. A relaxed atmosphere was the rule of the day as Troops set up camp and partook several offerings provided by Camp Ashland and host Troop 34 from Greenwood, Nebraska. Of course, the event's culmination was a camp wide tailgate and live stream of the Nebraska vs Michigan football game, (too bad NU lost) and the evening was capped off by a wonderful I-Guardian presentation from Homeland Security and awards ceremony. Who won the Silver Tailgate? Troop 377 from Johnson was the hands down winner with their full tailgate of SPAM inspired dishes! Congrats, Troop 377! Delish!



## PRAIRIE WINDS MERIT BADGE CLINIC THIS FALL

Watch for future announcements! The Prairie Winds District Merit Badge Clinic is an advancement opportunity open to Scouts in Troops or Crews ages 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.

## SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT

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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>



## 7 FEATHERS SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS IN ACTION AT THE TAILGATE-OREE!



## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

### FOOTBALL USHERING! YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!

Become part of a 75+ year tradition of Nebraska Scouts ushering at Nebraska home games!

You need to be at least 12 years old to usher, but 11 year old Scouts can sign up, with a registered parent/guardian accompanying.



A complete Scout Uniform (shirt, pants/shorts, belt, and socks) is required for admittance into the stadium. Ushers must be currently registered with Scouting America.

Sign up once and there is an option to mark which games you will not be able to attend, or mark that you can help with all games! If you can only make it to one game, just click on that one when signing up! Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - Ushering](#)

### BE PART OF THE EXCITEMENT!

[https://youtu.be/7rFntyM6B4g?si=CkLOZ\\_jxHwre9zy4](https://youtu.be/7rFntyM6B4g?si=CkLOZ_jxHwre9zy4)

### JOTI/JOTA, OCT 17-19 2025

**Jamboree-on-the-Internet**, or JOTI, is an annual international Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Each year, during the third weekend in October, Scouts from around the world gather online to learn about other cultures and the activities in which other Scouts participate. They communicate with each other using Internet-enabled devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. Each year, JOTI has nearly 16,000 Scouts and leaders from over 145 countries registered in the worldwide JOTA-JOTI database! Who Can Participate?

Scouts of any age can take part, from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA and Venturers. Scouts can participate at home with the help of an adult, or they can participate in a Scout group at a council event. JOTI is an economical way to participate in an international jamboree. The event allows Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the world through the Internet and share more information than just "Hi." The exchanges can include such information as name, location of event, Scout rank, age, and hobbies. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships. JOTI participation fulfills requirements for Tiger and Arrow of Light adventures, the Citizenship in the World merit badge, and the International Spirit Award. Register here: [Jamboree-on-the-Internet | Scouting America](#)



**JOTA-JOTI is back on October 17-19, 2025. Mark your calendars!**

**Jamboree-on-the-Air**, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually during the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and Radio operators around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than

to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. It's a great way to get more youth interested in amateur radio while demonstrating the fun as well as the service aspects via emergency communication of amateur radio. The scope of your JOTA activities is only limited by your imagination. Tell Me More Scouts of any age can participate: from Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers, up to BSA Adult Leaders. Any amateur mode of operation can be used such, as CW, SSB, PSK, SSTV, FM, and satellite. The more modes in operation, the more exciting the event will be for the Scouts. JOTA is not a contest. The idea is to contact other Scout stations and allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to other Scouts and learn about who they are and what they are doing. The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that nearly over 1 million Scouts and around 20,000 amateur radio operators participate in JOTA annually, from more than 17,000 stations in over 150 countries. Register here: [Jamboree-on-the-Air | Scouting America](#)

## FIRST AID, CPR AND AED TRAINING FOR ADULTS, NOV 1<sup>ST</sup>

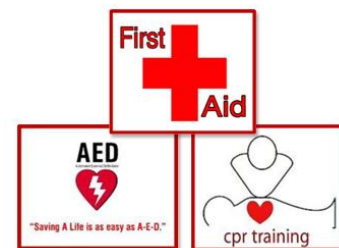
**Who:** Scouters (adults)

**When:** Saturday, November 1, 2025, 8:30-12:00

**Where:** Innovation Campus, Rise Building in the  
Nebraska Safety Center Classroom  
2125 Transformation Dr #1270  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**Why:** Important training for the safety of your unit outings and to be able to better instruct your Scouts.

Space is limited to 15 participants. Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training](#)



## JOIN US FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN SHOOT OUT, NOV 2<sup>ND</sup>!

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.

**Register here:** [Cornhusker Council - Great Pumpkin Shoot Out!](#)

## SCHEEL'S SCOUT DAY, NOV 8TH

Come join us on November 8th at Scheel's—10am-11:30am. Spend your popcorn sales gift card, or just come and shop around, and hope for a gift card from the drawings! We'll draw every 15 minutes, beginning at 10:15am. Check in is on the 2nd floor in the southeast corner!



## INDIAN LORE MERIT BADGE CLINIC, NOV 15<sup>TH</sup>

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 \$10.00 per Scout, \$5 per adult, and troop leaders are free.

Scouts who come having completed the pre-work (listed on the sign-up page with resources) will leave with their blue card! Sign up here: <https://history.nebraska.gov/education/scout-workshops-indian-lore/>

## VETERANS DAY PARADE, NOV 16<sup>TH</sup>

**We are proud to be part of the Lincoln Veterans Parade again this year! All Cornhusker Council Units are invited to participate!**

Please keep in mind the parade rules and regulations we have agreed to. Also, keep politics out of the celebration for our military veterans. Candy and other appropriate items are allowed to be handed out to the audience. Please do not throw items at the crowd.



Scouts/Scouters will need to be in Class A uniform shirt. Neckerchief, slide, hat, and Scouts pant are recommended. Scout pants are preferred, but jeans or an equivalent are fine. No shorts, please. We will be marching with the Council's flag, but your unit is encouraged to bring your unit flags.

On Site Point of Contact: Drew Wicks Email: [andrew.wicks@scouting.org](mailto:andrew.wicks@scouting.org) 402-413-9244

For more information and to register your unit in the parade, see: [Cornhusker Council - Veterans Day Parade](#)

## CUB SCOUT NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, NOV 21<sup>ST</sup>

Come join us for an "Adventure After Dark" at the National Guard Museum in Seward!

Get ready for a night full of discovery, fun, and Scout spirit as the Cub Scouts of Cornhusker Council take over the National Guard Museum after hours!

**Time:** Friday, November 21, 2025, 5pm-8:30pm

**Location:**

National Guard Museum  
201 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seward, Nebraska

**Cost:** \$25 per person

**What's included:**

- A Pizza Party to fuel your adventure
- An epic Scavenger Hunt through the museum



- Prizes for clever clue-solving
- A Scouting Patch to commemorate your courage and curiosity

Bring your flashlight, your sense of adventure, and your Scout pride for a night you won't forget! Space is limited, so register early to secure your spot. Discover history. Hunt for treasure. Be a Scout hero—at Night at the Museum!

You can register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-NightMuseum>

## 1ST ANNUAL CAMP CORNHUSKER GAME RETREAT, NOV 22-23

Come on down to Camp Cornhusker for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Game Retreat! Bring your own games or join another game. Games allowed:

- Board Games
- Card Games
- Dice Games
- Role Playing Games
- NO ELECTRONIC GAMES, SYSTEMS, OR DEVICES



Units with adult leadership or Scouts with a provisional unit and Council-provided volunteer adult leadership are welcome! You can come out for a day (Saturday) or camp overnight (Saturday-Sunday). Bring your own tent and camping equipment or you can rent one of the Camp Staff cabins (only 4/cabin; Youth Protection/Guide to Safe Scouting rules apply). Troops can either cook their own meals or you can choose to eat in the Dining Hall.

What to bring: BSA Medical Part A & B, appropriate cool-winter weather clothing...treat this like a winter campout. Be Prepared for all kinds of weather.

See the event registration page for pricing on these options: [Cornhusker Council - Camp Cornhusker Game Retreat](#)

## 2026 JAMBOREE - REGISTER NOW!

The 2026 National Jamboree will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV from July 22-31, 2026. The National Jamboree is a gathering of thousands of members of Scouting America, usually held every four years and organized by the National Council of Scouting America.

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](#)



**Spots are limited.** A \$350 deposit holds a spot (+current amount due per schedule: \$1,095). Paula Rezek can help set up a payment plan during registration.

**Further Details:** [2026 National Jamboree](#)

**Adult Leaders Still Needed!** We are accepting applications for adults to lead our contingent. You must be currently registered, current on trainings, and completed Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:william.cover@scouting.org)).

## SAVE THE DATE!!! WOODBADGE 2026! APR 10-12 AND APR 26-26, 2026

Welcome to Cornhusker Council Wood Badge! **Registration is now open!**



Wood Badge is an adult training where you work with others to learn and practice leadership skills (as a member of a successful working team) and live the values of scouting.

This course will help you understand the full values-based family of Scouting programs as well as discover ways to use the leadership skills to improve your personal and professional life.

Wood Badge gives leaders the skills they need to strengthen Scouting in meaningful ways and deliver a quality program to our youth.

### Skills Useful Outside of Scouting

You will be able to use these lessons and experiences from Wood Badge outside of scouting to make every team a successful team, whether the team is at your work or is your family. Inspired in England by Lord Baden-Powell at Gilwell Camp, Wood Badge is today offered around the world. Upon completion, a Scouter receives a certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and beads, and becomes a permanent member of Troop 1, Gilwell.

### Woodbadge Course Description

Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult leaders in all of Boy Scouting's program areas - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing - as well Council and District leaders. It teaches skills that are useful in Scouting, work, family, and other community service activities. The focus is on leadership and team-building, not outdoor skills.

### Objectives of Wood Badge

To enable you to view Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities

To help you recognize contemporary leadership concepts that applies to our values-based movement.

To apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team.

To revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an overall inspirational experience.

### Course Organization

The Wood Badge experience is divided into two parts - a practical phase and an application phase.

#### Practical Phase

The practical phase consists of Five days of instruction.

During this time you will become a member of a group, share skills and knowledge, become an effective team and have a great experience while doing it.

Themes covered in the practical phase include:

- Living the Values (developing your personal mission and vision)

- Bringing the Vision to Life (communication skills, coaching and mentoring, leveraging diversity)
- Models for Success (how your style of leadership should relate to the skills of your team)
- Tools of the Trade (project planning, managing conflict, assessing team performance, managing change, celebrating team success)
- Leading to Make a Difference (leaving a legacy and secrets of leadership)

With the help of a staffer, you will be able to develop a "ticket" by the end of the practical phase of the course. This is a set of 5 personal goals designed to significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. The ticket provides a structure for the practice of the new skills you will learn.

### Application Phase

The application phase is also known as "working your ticket". You will have 18 months to complete your ticket, which will allow you to become proficient in the leadership and team-building skills you have just learned. Upon completion of the Wood Badge ticket, as certified by a ticket counselor and the Scout Executive, you will be presented with the Wood Badge certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and beads at an appropriate public ceremony.

**UNIFORM:** *A full, official uniform is required and consists of: official BSA uniform shirt; official BSA uniform pants, shorts or skirts- skirts or shorts are worn, official BSA socks are required; and official BSA web belt.*

Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - Wood Badge](#)

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

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

Here are two key websites:

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

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



### Registration

Registration is open.

You can register as either a:

- Participant
- International Service Team (IST) member

Visit the contingent website to register: [wsj2027.us](https://wsj2027.us)

The estimated cost for each role is:

Participants and Unit Leaders  
**\$6,200 - \$6,700**

International Service Team  
**\$2,900 - \$3,100**

### FAQ:

#### Event Dates:

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

#### Who can attend?

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



## EARN YOUR RECRUITER STRIP! IT'S FREE!

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



But when considering the array of Scouting awards and recognitions available to young people, you can make the argument that one of them stands above all the others. If you think about its ability to grow Scouting and introduce this life-changing program to new people, the Recruiter Strip might be the most important patch in Scouting.

It's also one of the easiest to earn.

### How to earn the Recruiter Strip

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

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

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

Submit the completed form to the Scout Shop to receive the recruiter strip:  
[250646 4x6 BoxStuffer UniformOffer+RecruiterStrip v2](#)

### How to wear the Recruiter Strip

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

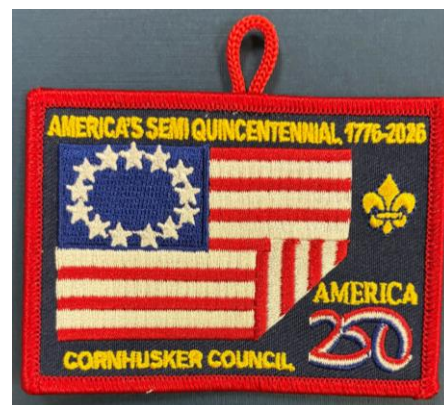
## EARN THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AWARD!

In honor of the United States' 250th anniversary, Cornhusker Council invites all youth and adult members to commemorate this historic milestone by earning a special Nebraska 250th Anniversary Patch. This program encourages Scouts to explore our state's history, recognize important figures, contribute to their communities, and reflect on Nebraska's place in the story of America.



### Historical Background:

The United States will mark its Semiquincentennial in 2026, celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Nebraska, while not one of the original thirteen colonies, played a critical role in the westward expansion of the U.S. and the shaping of the nation. From the Louisiana Purchase and the passage of the Homestead Act, to the legacy of leaders like Chief Standing Bear, Nebraska holds a unique place in America's journey toward liberty and justice for all.



To honor this milestone, this patch program combines historical learning with civic engagement, outdoor exploration, and service—true to the spirit of Scouting.

**Timeframe** - All requirements must be completed and submitted by **December 31, 2026**.

**Requirements** - You can find the award requirements and form here: [Overview : All Programs : Programs : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#). Submit your signed requirement form to the Scout Shop. The award can be awarded at an upcoming court of honor, pack meeting, or special ceremony.

### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE "VISIT A HISTORIC NEBRASKA SITE" REQUIREMENT:

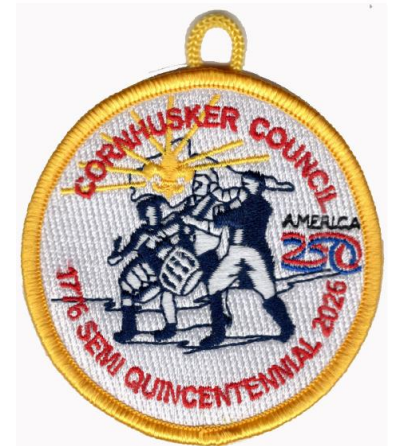
In 1973, Nebraska's "500 Mile Sculpture Garden" project was a new proposal to the Nebraska American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Thomas A. Yates, previously of Bankers Life Nebraska, and Norman Geske, former Sheldon Museum of Art Director were responsible for the idea that forged new ground and the project built excitement throughout the state. The project was accepted and executed with the cooperation of the chambers of commerce for the communities involved, the University of Nebraska -Lincoln, Sheldon Museum of Art, the Federal Highway Administration, and several state agencies. The purpose of the project was to celebrate the Nation's bicentennial by providing access to examples of the best contemporary sculpture of the time outside museum walls and contribute to Nebraska's cultural heritage.

Added requirement option: visit one of the three of the sculptures that reside in the Cornhusker Council:

1. "Crossing the Plains," located at the York Rest Area Westbound I-80.
2. "Arrival," located at the Blue River Rest Area, Eastbound I-80 near Seward.
3. "Memorial to the American Bandshell," located at the Platte River Rest Area, Eastbound I-80, near Ashland.

For more information about America 250 Nebraska Celebrations, visit: [America250 Nebraska Celebrations - Nebraska Arts Council](#)

Additionally, we are offering a patch to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The patch design is based off of the Council's Bicentennial patch offered in 1976. The only requirement to wear this patch is to be a registered Scout or Scouter! The patch is now available in the Scout Store.



### REMINDER - UPDATE YOUR "PIN!"

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

## HOW IS YOUR TROOP DOING?

Scouts BSA recently launched an online self-assessment tool for troops. Previously, this was a PDF form, but it is now available in an online format. The program is not a patch or recognition initiative but a resource to help leaders identify their unit's strengths and challenges, providing real-time resources and relevant information to address concerns. The self-assessment should complement the Commissioners of Scouting America connection guides and serve as an effective discussion point. More information can be found here:

[Troop Self-Assessments - Troop Leader Resources](#)



## SAFEGUARDING YOUTH REFERENCE CARD

The "Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Pocket Guide" is available! The pocket guides were handed out at all three September Roundtables. If you didn't get yours, they will be available at October's Roundtable and at the Scout Office. Keep this handy reference guide in your unit gear, Troop trailer, etc. for easy access. Every Scout leader is responsible for keeping youth safe—and the 'Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Pocket Guide' puts the most critical Safeguarding Youth Protection policies in your hands, right when you need them.



## ADULT LEADER TRAINING AWARDS

Scouting America's mission of building character and developing leaders in young people simply would not be possible without the dedication of its adult volunteers. These individuals are the backbone of the program, dedicating countless hours to mentoring, teaching, and serving. To recognize this immense commitment, Scouting America offers a number of adult awards and recognition.



Most Scouting America adult awards are presented with a distinctive square knot patch that is worn on the adult uniform, centered above the left pocket. Each knot's unique color combination represents a different award. The adult training awards celebrate leaders who complete required training and fulfill tenure requirements for their specific roles. When a leader completes these requirements, they earn a distinctive square knot patch to wear on their uniform.

Leaders sometimes struggle to see the importance of earning these awards themselves. Earning and displaying your adult training awards on your uniform as a Scoutmaster, Den Leader or other position in Scouting America can signal to potential Scouts and their parents that your unit may be a good choice. Those awards are a visible sign of a commitment to a well-run, safe, and quality program in your unit.

Here are some of the knots earned for training and position-specific excellence:

- **Den Leader Training Award:** Recognizes leaders of Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos dens who completes their position-specific training, have a year of tenure, and meets the designated performance standards.
- **Scouter's Training Award:** Earned by any registered adult who completes their position-specific training, has two years of tenure, and meets the designated performance standards.
- **Scouter's Keys:** These "Keys" are awarded to the unit's primary leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor, or Sea Skipper) for completing training and a minimum of three years of outstanding service and performance in their role.



These knots serve as a silent testament to a volunteer's accomplishments and dedication, making their uniform a chronicle of service and leadership. If you meet the requirements for an award we would encourage you to submit an application and be recognized for your service to your unit and Scouting America.

The completed application forms can be emailed or dropped off at the Council office or emailed to your Council Training Chair. The next time you see a leader with a knot on their uniform, take a moment to acknowledge their dedication. It's a visible sign of the profound impact they've made on the lives of young people through Scouting.

**Council Training Chair:** Mike McCollough: [scoutermike14@gmail.com](mailto:scoutermike14@gmail.com)

**Salt Valley District Training Chair:** John Schuff: [john.schuff@gmail.com](mailto:john.schuff@gmail.com)

**Seven Feathers District Training Chair:** Travis Hespen: [Twillie\\_05@hotmail.com](mailto:Twillie_05@hotmail.com)

**Prairie Winds District Training Chair:** Applications welcome, in the meantime reach out to Mike McCollough- [scoutermike14@gmail.com](mailto:scoutermike14@gmail.com)

If you are a part of the Prairie Winds District, and are interested in training, we would love to have you volunteer to be a District Training Chair. If you have any questions about being a Training Chair please reach out to Mike McCollough, [scoutermike14@gmail.com](mailto:scoutermike14@gmail.com), he would love to hear from you.

## GROW THE UNIT, GROW THE MOVEMENT

***Thank you,*** for your continued efforts thus far to grow the Scouting movement in southeast Nebraska! Our membership goal is to serve 2,500 youth by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A few suggestions to build and keep the flow of scouts into your unit:

\* **Continue to invite prospective Scouts to troop activities.** Look for "Normal Friend Activities" - "Bring a Friend" events in your Unit's program. You never know what event will peak someone's interest.

\* **Update your online presence.** Make sure your contact info, meeting time, and location are current on your unit pin. Keep unit websites and social media pages up to date. Keep up with your invitation manager in my.scouting. Contact prospective recruits in a timely manner.

- \* **Engage the parents as well as the Scouts.** We're recruiting them, too. Make sure you have a 'welcoming committee' for new parents who visit your Unit.
- \* **Work together!** If your unit isn't the right fit for your recruit, invite them to visit a neighboring unit. Everyone's contact info is on [beascout.org](http://beascout.org).
- \* **Be a presence in your neighborhood.** If no one knows you're around, they can't join you.
- \* ***Always be recruiting.*** Potential new Scouts are everywhere.

## UPDATES ON HANDBOOK TRANSLATIONS

We are excited to announce that the following Spanish-language versions of Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Handbooks are currently available for purchase on Amazon and Kindle:

- [LION HANDBOOK](#)
- [TIGER HANDBOOK](#)
- [WOLF HANDBOOK](#)
- [BEAR HANDBOOK](#)
- [WEBELOS HANDBOOK](#)
- [ARROW OF LIGHT](#)
- [SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK - GIRLS](#)
- [SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK - BOYS](#)

Print-on-demand versions of these books are in development now and will be available soon. Traditional- and Simplified-Mandarin Translations are coming in November 2025.

## FOLLOW US!

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## REGISTRAR'S UPDATE

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

## SCOUT SHOP NEWS

### CORNHUSKER COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

#### 1. Order Online with the Cornhusker Council Scout Shop! Buy local!

##### Internal Forms - Customer Online Order Request Tool

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.

#### 2. THE NEWEST TOOL TO HELP DEN LEADERS IS AT THE SCOUT STORE!

The Den Meeting Deck makes planning a den meeting fun, simple, and easy. There is a deck for each badge of rank and contains all the activities needed to earn all six required Adventures and four or five elective Adventures.

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



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

5. Can't make it into the shop before 5pm? That's okay! Email your order to the Scout Shop ([Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org](mailto: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.

#### 6. Didn't get your Camp Cornhusker swag? Stop on by the Scout Shop where we have a number of specialty items from camp available!



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



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

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

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

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

#### October 2025

- 1 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
- 2 (All Districts) Roundtables
- 4 (C) Ushering (Michigan State)
- 9 (C) Prepared for Life Auction
- 11 (C) Beaver Day at Camp Cornhusker
- 11 (C) Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness
- 13 Columbus Day (office open)
- 15 (C) Project iGuardian - Combatting On-line Threats
- 16 (SFD) Committee Meeting
- 18 (C) OA Fall Fellowship and LLD
- 18 (C) Corn to Run 5K/ 10K/ Fun Run
- 18 (C) Trail to Troops (former WEBELOS Woods)
- 20 (C) End of Popcorn Sales
- 22 (C) Final Popcorn Orders Due
- 23 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
- 25 (C) Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- 25 (C) Beaver Day at Camp Cornhusker
- 25 (C) Ushering (Northwestern)
- 28 (SVD) District Committee Meeting
- 30-31 (C) Final Popcorn Distribution

**November 2025**

1 (C) Ushering (USC)  
1 (C) 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, AED Training  
2 (C) Great Pumpkin Shootout  
5 (C) Properties Committee Meeting  
6 (All) District Roundtables  
8 (SVD) Merit Badge Clinic  
8 (C) Woodbadge Alumni Dinner  
8 (C) Scheel's Scout Day  
9 (C) Veterans Day Parade  
11 (All) Veterans Day (Office closed)  
12 (SVD) Roundtable Planning Meeting  
15 (C) Indian Lore Merit Badge Clinic  
15 (C) Chainsaw Beaver Day at OEC  
15 (PWD) Merit Badge Clinic (tentative)  
15-16 (C) Remote and Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training  
16 (C) Veterans Day Parade at the State Capitol  
16 (C) Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training  
20 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review  
20 (SFD) District Committee Meeting  
21 (C) Cub Scout Night at the Museum  
22-23 (C) Camp Cornhusker Game Retreat  
25 (SVD) District Committee Meeting  
27 (All) Thanksgiving  
28 Office Closed

**December 2025**

3 (C) Properties Committee Meeting  
4 (PWD, SVD, 7FD) Roundtables  
6 (SVD) Retreat  
13 (C) Holiday Bazaar at the OEC  
18 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review  
18 (7FD) District Committee Meeting  
23 (SFD) District Committee Meeting  
24 (C) Christmas Day

## ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

Lodge Chief: Jake Manning

Lodge Advisor: Brooks Rushman [professionalpower@yahoo.com](mailto:professionalpower@yahoo.com)

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

Website: [www.goldensunlodge.org](http://www.goldensunlodge.org)



### OA FALL FELLOWSHIP, OCT 18<sup>TH</sup>

Golden Sun Lodge will hold its annual Fall Fellowship on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at Vine Congregational Church from 6pm-9pm. Come celebrate with the Lodge as it recognizes past and present members for their leadership in service to the Golden Sun Lodge and Cornhusker Council.



### SECTION G5 CONCLAVE 2025 HELD SEP 12-14

The Golden Sun Lodge sent a large contingent of Arromen to the G5 Section Conclave, held at Camp Cedars, Sep 12-14. Section G5 consists of five OA Lodges in Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri - Golden Sun, Kansa (Wichita), Kidi Kidish (Salina, KS), Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut (Omaha), and O-Ni-Flo (St. Joe, MO). Our Scout Executive, Jeff Johnson, also ran the climbing tower for the event; he was assisted by Bruce Abernethy, our past Climbing Director (and former OA Lodge Advisor). After supper, we presented the original artist's conception drawing, dated Mar 1966, of Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut's first lodge flap to their Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor. Finally, congratulations to a couple noteworthy Golden Sun Lodge members, Russ Votova on a successful tenure as the G-5 Section Advisor and, Evan Reeder, the new G-5 Section Advisor.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Fletcher Hewitt, T. 64B  
 Noah Neeman, T. 69  
 Wesley Erickson, T.76  
 John Barger, T. 78  
 Evan Rezek, T. 144



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

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

[Eagles Nest](#)

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



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

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

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

Eagle Scouts, stay connected - join NES! [Home - The National Eagle Scout Association](#)

For a limited time Eagle Scouts who join the National Eagle Scout Association within one year of their board of review date will receive a 15% discount on a five-year or lifetime membership. The discount is automatically applied to the National Eagle Scout Association application. Read more here.

## SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

### GREAT PROGRAM AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS!

Leaders, thank you! Because of you, the Scouting program is delivered to 100s of youth in our community. You give your time, your energy, and your heart—and our Scouts are stronger, safer, and more confident because of it. Every campout, every meeting, every moment you invest makes a difference that lasts a lifetime.



The next two months are packed with opportunities for our Scouts! We've got powerful training to help protect our youth from cyber crimes - I hope you can attend the Project iGuardian presentation at 7pm on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at the OEC. This presentation was well received at the 7 Feathers-Prairie Winds Camporee last month. Very important information to help combat cyber-threats our children face every day will be presented. We also have top-notch adult leader development training - 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, and AED training on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we need to improve our 'direct contact' training percentage. Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, their assistants, and Den Leaders are strongly encouraged to complete the on-line training for your respective positions. And, there is position-specific training on-line for all adult leader positions that I encourage everyone to complete. Finally, Woodbadge 2026! Check out the newsletter article, talk to Woodbadge graduates, and sign up for this premier training experience!

We have a calendar bursting with fun and exciting Cub Scout events over the next two months. Trail to Troops for our Arrow of Light Scouts, Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness, & Cub Scout Night at the Museum. These are chances not just to strengthen our Scouts, but to recharge ourselves as leaders and remind us why we do what we do. Don't miss them!

And here's the challenge: let's grow! Our end-of-year goal is to reach 2,500 Scouts, which reflects a growth of a little over 1.5%. Scouting changes lives—and there are families in every neighborhood waiting for that invitation. Reach out, welcome new Scouts, and bring in new leaders. Every new member makes our movement stronger, our impact bigger, and our future brighter.

You are the heart of Scouting. Thank you for leading, thank you for inspiring, and thank you for making this adventure possible. Let's make the next two months unforgettable!

Always be recruiting! Be Prepared!