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REGISTER NOW! SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SALTDogs, JULY 24-25

This year, we'll watch our very own Lincoln Saltdogs play against the Cleburne Railroaders.

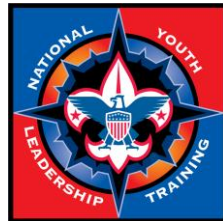
Show up in your Class A uniform, because we're bringing back the parade of flags! Plus, a few lucky Scouts will participate in the opening flag ceremony. If you have a unit T shirt, wear it under so you can get comfy during the game. And, just like every Friday night home game, there will be fireworks at the end!

The cost for this event will be \$20 per person. This fee includes admission, berm ticket, overnight camp (you provide your own tent), movie, breakfast on Saturday morning, and a patch. Additional concessions can be purchased separately through the ballpark.

You can register with your unit or as a family. Registration closes Thursday, July 16 at midnight. No late registration is available for this event. BRING A FRIEND!

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Scout Night At the Saltdogs](#)

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER TRAINING, JUNE 21-26



It is not too late to register for NYLT! NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience.

Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well.

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

REGISTER NOW! CUB SCOUT TWILIGHT CAMPS

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



June 20th:
[Cornhusker Council - Twilight Camp: Messenger of Peace](#)

July 11th: [Cornhusker Council - Twilight Camp: \(Courage\) Standing Bear](#)

Aug 7th: [Cornhusker Council - Twilight Camp: Reverence](#)



NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR

Research on what attracts people to a group - and what keeps them engaged - shows that the most important factor is a SENSE OF BELONGING. The power of feeling that you belong holds true for youth seeking friends, families finding their place in a community, citizens gravitating to a political party, adults looking for social connections, or families seeking meaningful experiences for their children. Belonging is created not only through repeated outreach and welcoming but also through recognition of shared values and sustained relationship building. We cannot grow Scouting without developing a sense of belonging for our members and volunteers. New Member Coordinators build belonging to grow Scouting. The Welcome training video on the [Volunteer Learn Center](#) is sufficient for you to get started in your exciting new role. Additional detailed training on Sharing the Benefits of Scouting, Coordinating Recruitment, and the Joining and Welcoming Process is available in Scouting America's Members Learn Center, using the same process for access. **Please email your District Executive with the name and contact information of your New Member Coordinator.**



SALT VALLEY MEMBERSHIP RALLY, JULY 27TH AND JULY 29TH

Join us at the OEC to kick-off the Fall 2026 Recruitment campaign! Cub Scout Packs will meet on Monday, July 27th and Scout BSA Troops will meet on Wednesday, July 29th. We'll share tools for Units to run their successful fall recruitment campaigns, build a strong retention plan, and develop a framework for your new unit campaign. Celebrate success! Pick up recruitment materials for your unit! For more information, contact Drew Wicks at Drew.Wicks@scouting.org.



UNIT RENEWALS ("RECHARTER") DUE JULY 31ST

Unit Key 3 - Please work on your unit and membership renewals!

The office needs the Annual Unit Charter Agreement before we can submit your unit renewal.

You can submit online or pay at council from the unit account.

The new Safeguarding Youth Training needs to be taken by everyone who's Youth Protection Training is expired.

Call if you have questions: 402-488-6039

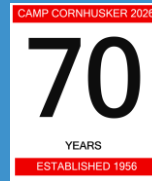


CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

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



70th
Anniversary
Open House

Celebrate an amazing milestone for Camp Cornhusker- 70 years of service to the Cornhusker Council and the Scouting America program

June 5th 2026 3pm-9pm
63375 703 TH
DuBois, NE 68345

Join us for tours, swimming, boating, Grill-Out for dinner @ 6pm, and Campfire program!

RSVP :
info@cornhuskercouncil.org



Camp Cornhusker 2026 - 70th Anniversary Open House & Scouts BSA Session 1

*Last chance to sign up for **Brownsea Wilderness Camp!*** [Cornhusker Council - Camp Cornhusker Brownsea Wilderness Camp](#)




Eagle Scout

A Rare Path with Outsized Impact

One of the most exclusive and uniquely respected milestones in the United States.




1 THE RARITY RATIOS



2%-5%
of Scouts reach the pinnacle

Out of every 100 young people who join a Scout troop, only about 2 to 5 earn the Eagle Scout rank.



~1% or less
of American men since 1912

Across the historic population of American men who have lived since 1912, Eagle Scouts represent only a tiny fraction.



The Ultimate Resume Signal

Professionals often describe the rank as an instant differentiator on an application—signaling long-term goal setting, project management, leadership, and follow-through at a young age.

2 OUTSIZED LEADERSHIP & GLOBAL FIRSTS

1


>12.8%
of NASA astronauts



Despite being a microscopic share of the U.S. population, Eagle Scouts make up more than 12.8% of all NASA astronauts.

2

12
humans have walked on the moon



Neil Armstrong—who helped lead humanity onto the lunar surface—was an Eagle Scout.

3

11%-16%
of entering cadets at top U.S. military academies



West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy consistently enroll a notable share of Eagle Scouts.

4

Launchpad for Icons



Steven Spielberg

Earned his photography merit badge by creating a short 8mm film—an experience he later credited with helping spark his cinematic path.




Sam Walton

Earned Eagle at age 14 and later built Walmart into the world's largest retail empire.

5

The Halls of Power



Eagle Scouts have also been heavily represented in national leadership, including U.S. President Gerald Ford, multiple Secretaries of Defense, and many members of Congress.

—★— **Tiny in number. Massive in impact.** —★—

Eagle Scouts are rare by any measure—yet they are strikingly overrepresented in leadership, innovation, service, and exploration.

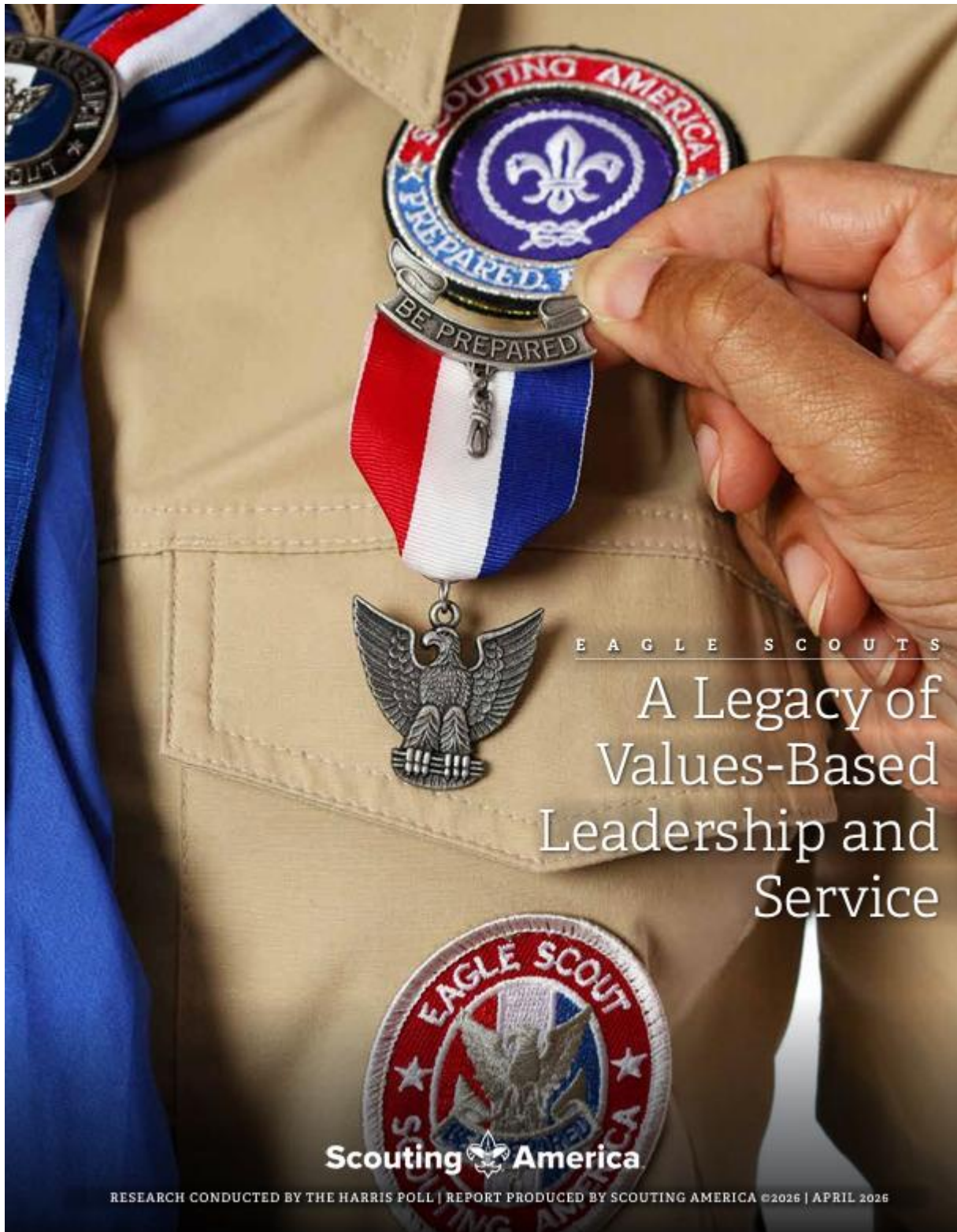


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"EAGLE SCOUTS: A LEGACY OF VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE:"

Through the Scouting program, Eagle Scouts build character and lifelong strengths that set them apart. To better understand these advantages, Scouting America partnered with The Harris Poll to survey thousands of adults and study how Eagle Scouts compare to people who have not participated in Scouting. The results of this survey help demonstrate the strong advantage Eagle Scouts gain and provide a powerful message about the value of Scouting. Review and share [this interactive website](#) on the study and download a printable booklet for the study [HERE](#).



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



GATHER 'ROUND – SAFELY

Few moments in Scouting capture the magic of the outdoors quite like sitting around a campfire. The glow of the flames, the laughter of Scouts sharing stories, and the quiet reflection that follows a day of adventure all create memories that last a lifetime. Yet, with that warmth and tradition comes responsibility. Each year, campfire-related incidents remind us that even small fires can cause serious injuries or property damage when proper safety steps aren't followed. A safe campfire isn't about limiting fun – it's about protecting people, property, and the wilderness we call home.

The summer camping season is in high gear! Let's reinforce best practices and stay aligned with Scouting America's safety policies regarding fire building, additives, and environmental responsibility.

Key Principles of Campfire Safety

Site Selection

- Use established fire rings or designated areas whenever possible.
- Keep fires at least 10 feet from tents, trees, and other combustible materials.
- Clear the area of dry leaves, pine needles, and debris before lighting the fire.

Fire Size & Control

- Keep fires appropriately sized and manageable – no larger than necessary for cooking or warmth.
- Always maintain a water source and a shovel nearby to control or extinguish the fire.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.

Extinguishing Fires

- Drown the fire with water, stir the ashes, and repeat until cold to the touch.
- Do not bury coals – buried embers can smolder and reignite later.

Policy Reminder

Prohibited Use of Accelerants and Additives - Scouting America's policy strictly prohibits the use of chemical additives or accelerants to start or enhance campfires. This includes gasoline, diesel, lighter fluid, kerosene, oil-based fuels, and aerosol-based starters.

A campfire is more than a source of heat – it's a symbol of community, tradition, and the enduring spirit of Scouting. Every spark represents curiosity and adventure, and every ember reminds us of our duty to protect what we've been given.

By practicing safe and responsible fire-building, we ensure that the next generation of Scouts experiences the same warmth, laughter, and light – without the risk of harm. Let's continue to model the Scouting SAFE principles – Supervision, Assessment, Fitness, and Equipment – to keep every campfire moment both memorable and safe. **Resources:** [Safety Moment](#), [Campfire Behavior](#)

SUPPORT SCOUTING IN SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA

(info@cornhuskerCouncil.org)

GIVE TO NEBRASKA

Founded by Nebraska Nonprofits. For Nebraska Nonprofits.



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

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

Give Nebraska partners with many public, private, and governmental entities to operate employer-sponsored charitable giving campaigns, inspiring employees to make a difference in their community. We make it easy and effective for companies and employees to support positive change in their communities. In other words, Give Nebraska exists to help YOU make a difference.

Being a part of Give Nebraska has helped us spread awareness about our cause and raise money so we can continue to enhance the quality of life here in Nebraska. Thank you Give Nebraska!

<https://www.givenebraska.org>

U-STOP'S KICK IT BACK TUESDAY FOR CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA BEGINS IN AUGUST!



Without the support of our community, U-Stop wouldn't be where they are today. As our way of saying thank you, U-Stop "Kicks It Back" to the community by partnering with various local organizations that uplift, innovate and better our communities. In August, the "Kick It Back" campaign benefits the Cornhusker Council. You can help kick things back by fueling up at your local U-Stop every Tuesday, where 2¢ of every gallon of gas sold will go to one of our giving partners.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sign up now for two special upcoming Fun-Raising events! The Second Annual "Corn to Run" trail race will be held at Camp Cornhusker on August 1st and the Third Annual Sporting Clays Classic will be held at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard, NE on Sep 26th. See the event articles for more information and how to sign up in the "Council News" section of the newsletter.

EXPLORING, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS

Exploring: Jason Hellmuth (info@cornhuskercouncil.org)

Venturing: Tom Rolfes (trolfes_77@yahoo.com)

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



JOIN EXPLORER POST 575

Interested in a career in law enforcement? Join Post 575! The program is FREE and open to those 14-20 years old interested in learning more about law enforcement.

Contact Jason Hellmuth or the Council Office at info@cornhuskercouncil.org



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

SEA SCOUTS IN NEBRASKA? AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!

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



VENTURING CREW 2 - BAHAMAS TALL SHIP SAILING TRIP!

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



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

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

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

ATTEND TWILIGHT CAMPS!

Couldn't make it to every day of Day Camp? Not able to attend an overnight camp? Our Twilight Camps are the perfect opportunity for your Scout to enjoy outdoor fun, earn adventures and patches, and make great memories—all in a convenient evening or single-day format!

Saturday, June 20 - Messenger of Peace Twilight Camp

Join us for a unique opportunity to earn the Messenger of Peace Patch!

Scouts will:

- Participating in a meaningful service project
- Learn how they can make a positive difference in their community
- Work on their Slingshot Adventure Belt Loop at the range

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Twilight Camp: Messenger of Peace](#)



Saturday, July 11 - Courage: Standing Bear Twilight Camp

Earn a special patch available only through the Cornhusker Council while learning about local Native American hero Chief Standing Bear and his lasting impact on history.

This camp also counts toward earning the Cornhusker Council America 250 Patch, a commemorative award available only during 2026!

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Twilight Camp: \(Courage\) Standing Bear](#)



Friday, August 7 - Reverence Twilight Camp

Join us as we work on the Duty to God Adventure through:

- A community service project
- Learning about a local nonprofit organization
- Participating in a non-denominational worship service

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Twilight Camp: Reverence](#)

Scouts will also have the opportunity to work on their BB Gun Adventure Belt Loop during this event.



These Twilight Camps are a great way to stay active in Scouting this summer, earn advancements, and experience exciting activities without committing to a full week of camp or an overnight stay. Each one is \$20 for Cub Scout youth, bring a friend for \$25 and free for adult participants.

We hope to see your Scout at one—or all three—of these fantastic events!

1ST AID, CPR, AED TRAINING, JULY 11TH

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

Saturday, July 11th, 2026 at 8:30am

We must have 6 participants to put the training on*

Training will be held at Innovation Campus

Rise Building

Nebraska Safety Center - Classroom

2125 Transformation Dr #1270

Lincoln, NE 68508

8:30-12:30

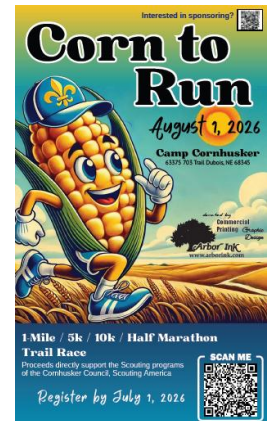
Register here: [Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training](#)



CORN TO RUN II, AUG 1ST

Get ready to hit the trails at Camp Cornhusker, just outside Humboldt, NE, for an exhilarating trail run! This isn't your average road race—our course winds through the scenic beauty of Camp Cornhusker, featuring rolling hills, wooded trails, and open fields. Designed to be both challenging and fun! Whether you're a seasoned trail runner or tackling your first off-road race, this race promises an unforgettable experience in the great outdoors with encouragement from fellow runners and volunteers along this new course.

Sign up here: <http://runsignup.com/Race/NE/DuBois/CornToRun>



3RD ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC, SEP 26TH

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

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

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



WHERE TO GO CAMPING - ROCK CREEK RENEGADES

Looking for a FREE place to go camping (a \$50 deposit, which is refundable, is required)? Consider the Rock Creek Renegades Muzzleloading Club property near Martell, NE, located at 17498 SW 14th - Lincoln NE. The club now owns 27 acres of property in Lancaster County. Salt Creek meanders through the property, and a foot bridge connects the camping areas to the shooting range on the other side. The area remains primitive, with no electricity or plumbing, but a well with a hand pump provides excellent water for those interested in historical reenactments.

For more information about the site and the club, visit their homepage:

[Rock Creek Renegades: Muzzleloading Club & Historical Reenactments](#)

HUSKER USHERING, 2026!

It is not too early to think about ushering at this season's Nebraska home games! We need you! Football season will be here before you know it! First home game for 2026 is Saturday, September 5th.

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

Register here for the game(s) you would like to usher at: [CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - USHERING](#)



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

The estimated cost for each role is:

Role	Estimated Cost
Participant and Unit Leader	\$6,200 - \$6,700
Participant - 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

VOICE OF THE SCOUT 2025 SURVEY RESULTS AND 2026 SURVEY

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

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

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



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

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

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

The Voice of the Scout will be used to measure our progress. Once per quarter, email invitations are sent to one quarter of the population of Cub Scout parents, Scouts BSA parents who have children who are 13 years old or younger, Scouts BSA youth who are 14 or older, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Unit leaders/advisors.

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

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

Q2 was sent out on June 2, 2026. Check your inbox.

Q3 will be sent on September 1, 2026

Q4 will be sent on December 1, 2026

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

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

COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER, MAY 27TH 2026

The Cornhusker Council Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, held May 27th at the Bryan East Conference Center, was a wonderful evening celebrating the volunteers who make Scouting possible across our Council. From dedicated unit leaders to outstanding community supporters, we were honored to recognize individuals whose service, leadership, and commitment continue to positively impact the lives of Scouts throughout Nebraska.

Thank you to all who attended and to the many volunteers who give their time, talents, and passion to strengthen Scouting in our communities. Your dedication truly embodies the spirit of Scouting and helps prepare the next generation of leaders.

2026 Awardees:

Silver Beaver - Jacob Rushman, Robert Nietfeld, Martin “Porkchop” Kahland

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award - Russ Votova

Gil Reinke Bronze Bison Award - Matt Kuhn

James E. West Fellowship - Bryan Welty, Joey Welty, and Loren Steinman

Certificate of Merit - Stephen Donica, Troop 290

Elbert K. Fretwell Award - Trevor Shalon, Heather Roeder, Tristen Coclasure, and Mindy Burton

Heroes and Legends - Don Ellison, Anna Ruth Miller, Don McPherson

Many thanks to our keynote speaker, Rich Claussen, Eagle Scout Tessa Sattler from Troop 93 for sharing her Scouting Journey, and our emcee, Executive Board member Dennis Wagner!



EARN YOUR RECRUITER STRIP!

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



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

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

How to earn the Recruiter Strip

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

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

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

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

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

FOLLOW US!



[\(73\) CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - YOUTUBE](#)

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[CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, BSA \(@CORNHUSKERCOUNCIL\) • INSTAGRAM PHOTOS AND VIDEOS](#)

REGISTRAR'S UPDATE

Unit Renewals Due July 31st

Please work on your unit and membership renewals.

The office needs the Annual Unit Charter Agreement before we can submit your unit renewal.

You can submit online or pay at council from the unit account.

The new Safeguarding Youth Training needs to be taken by everyone who's Youth Protection Training is expired. Call if you have questions: 402-488-6039

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.

Beginning Jan 1, 2027, members must be current in their registration to maintain active status.

Unit leaders, committee members, and families should begin planning ahead to ensure memberships are renewed on time and there is no interruption in participation, advancement, or registration status.

More information will be shared as Scouting America continues implementing its simplified membership and renewal processes.

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

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

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

CORNHUSKER COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

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

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

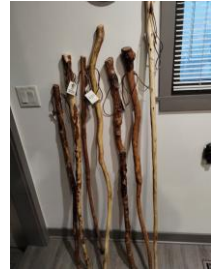
3. Can't make it into the shop before 5pm? That's okay! Email your order to the Scout Shop (Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org), let us know you will be picking up after hours, once the order is filled, we will contact you for payment options, and set your items in the pick-up box outside the Scout Shop. You are then able to come by and pick up at your convenience.

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



5. 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.



6. 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.

DAY CAMP 2026 HELD

Cornhusker Council's 2026 Day Camp is in the books, and it was an incredible week! None of it would have happened without our amazing adult and youth staff. A huge thank you to every single person who showed up, set up, and gave their all for our Scouts.

You may not know this, but our entire Day Camp staff, both adults and youth, is made up of volunteers. No paid positions, just dedicated Scouters who collectively contribute hundreds of hours of their time to create a fun and engaging program. That is the spirit of Scouting in action.

A huge thank you to each and every one of our Day Camp volunteers. You are what makes this program great.

Interested in joining the team? If you have a week, or even just a few days, next summer where you could volunteer on Day Camp staff, please reach out! We are always looking for people who bring new ideas and enthusiasm to Day Camp. *Day Camp 2027 will be held July 5th-9th.*



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

7-13 (C) Scout BSA Resident Camp - Week 1
8-12 (C) Cub Scout Day Camp at OEC
14-20 (C) Scout BSA Resident Camp - Week 2
19 (C) Scout office closed
20 (C) Twilight Camp: Messenger of Peace
21-25 (C) NYLT
21-27 (C) Brownsea Wilderness Camp at Camp Cornhusker
21-24 (C) WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp at Camp Cornhusker
24-27 (C) WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp at Camp Cornhusker
25 (SFD) District Committee Meeting
26 (C) Scout office closed
27-29 (C) Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Cornhusker

July 2026

3 (C) Office closed
4 (C) Independence Day
10 (C) Office closed
11 (C) 1st Aid, CPR, AED Training
11 (C) Twilight Camp: (Courage) Standing Bear
17 (C) Office closed
22-31 (C) National Jamboree
24 (C) Office closed
24-25 (C) Scout night at Salt Dogs
27 (SVD) Cub Scout Fall Recruitment Rally
29 (SVD) Scouts BSA Fall Recruitment Rally
30 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
30 (C) ALL UNIT RENEWALS NEED TO BE COMPLETED

August 2026

1 (C) Corn to Run II
5 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
6 (SVD, PW) Roundtable
7 (C) Twilight Camp: Reverence
7-9 (C) OA Pow Wow
13 (7FD) Roundtable
15-16 (C) OA Vigil Weekend
15 (C) Popcorn University
17 (C) Show & Sell Orders due
27 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
28-30 (C) Outdoor Preparedness/Outdoor Adventure



AMERICA 250 KICK-OFF HELD MAY 30TH

We kicked off the A250 summer of celebration on May 30th at the OEC! In case you missed it, check out the video of the event: [\(1\) Facebook](#)

Many thanks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Post 131 for presenting the colors, Troop 78 for the flag retirement ceremony, Dennis Wagner for the reading of the Declaration of Independence, the Lancaster County Sheriff Department, Southeast Rural Fire Department, Sons of the American Revolution, the Otoe County Emergency Management Agency, and the Lincoln Skyhawks. Also, thanks to our COPE & Climbing, STEM, and Range & Target Activities Committees; Troop 142, Crew 30, and Crew 2 for providing programs for the event.



A FUN HISTORY LESSON



AMERICA 250 AWARDS

Information on the Cornhusker Council’s America 250 Award and Scouting America’s 250 Anniversary Challenge can be found here: [250th Nebraska Celebration](#)



AMERICA 250 CORNHUSKER COUNCIL PATCH

Scouts and Scouters may wear the Cornhusker Council’s America 250 award on their uniform. Show your pride in celebrating America’s 250th anniversary! Available in the Scout Shop!



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



JOIN THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL ALUMNI GROUP! ATTENDING UNL? JOIN THE SCOUTING STUDENT ORGANIZATION!

We are excited to begin building a Scouting alumni group in the Cornhusker Council, and we want you to be part of it! This is not just a group for former Scouts and Scouters. It is also for anyone who has had a positive experience with Scouting or supported it along the way. Maybe you were a Scout, a leader, a parent, a volunteer, or maybe you were the neighbor who bought popcorn or Scout greens. If Scouting has meant something to you, there is a place for you in this group.

We hope this will be a fun and welcoming way for people to connect, enjoy fellowship, share memories, and stay involved with Scouting in a relaxed and meaningful way. The group will focus on friendship, shared experiences, and giving back through service projects that support Cornhusker Council.

Additionally, if you are currently or were involved in Scouting and attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, we are inviting you to join a forthcoming Scouting America “Recognized Student Organization” or RSO at UNL. If you are interested, contact Dr. Mittelstet at tmittelstet@unl.edu

For those who are still active Scouters, joining is also a meaningful way to show your support for Scouting alumni efforts. It can also help you work toward the Scouting Alumni Award, with the opportunity to proudly wear the Scouting Alumni knot on your uniform.



Click on the Alumni knot for more information.

If that sounds like something you would enjoy, we would love to hear from you. Just email me at CCAlumni@gmail.com or visit this link to sign up for free!

<https://www.cornhuskerCouncil.org/scouting-alumni/join-scouting-alumni.html>

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



FALL POW WOW, AUG 7-9

The Golden Sun Lodge will hold its annual Fall Pow Wow at Camp Cornhusker, Aug 7-9. Scouts and Scouters who were elected into the Order of the Arrow this past spring can participate in the induction weekend and Ordeal members can seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood. Arrowmen, join us in a weekend of fellowship and service! You can register here:

[Cornhusker Council - Golden Sun Lodge Fall Pow Wow](#)

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS AND DEADLINES

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

- Lodge officer nominations for 2026-2027 are due Aug 8th
- Founder's award nominations are now open
- Pow Wow, Aug 7-9



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE G5 SECTION CONCLAVE, SEP 11 - 13.

The G5 Section Conclave will be held Sep 11 - 13 at Camp Geiger near St. Joseph, MO. Stay tuned for more details on this fantastic event!

YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS



Colton Brunkow, Troop 64




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

COMMEMORATIVE EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE

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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION EAGLE SCOUT CONTEST

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all Eagle Scouts interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. See the SAR Website for more information: [SAR High School Eagle Scout Contest - National Society Sons of the American Revolution](#)



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

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

**Eagle Scout 77
Russ Votava
Troop 174**

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

[Eagles Nest](#)

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





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



Any Field of Study
Pursue your passion and further your education



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

NEBRASKA EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP!

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

[NE Eagle Scout Scholarship](#)

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

May was an incredibly busy and exciting month across the Cornhusker Council, and none of it would have been possible without the dedication of our outstanding volunteers. From celebrating the accomplishments of our volunteers and Scouts at the Annual Awards Dinner, to launching our America 250 Kickoff event, to welcoming Scouts to Resident Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp, volunteers stepped forward at every turn to make these experiences meaningful and successful.



Whether you served behind the scenes, led activities, helped with event logistics, worked directly with youth, or supported our programs in countless other ways, thank you for your commitment to Scouting and the young people we serve. Your time, talents, and passion continue to create life-changing opportunities for Scouts throughout southeast Nebraska.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the many donors who supported the Cornhusker Council during the 2026 Give to Lincoln campaign, which culminated on Give to Lincoln Day on May 28. Thanks to your generosity, we surpassed our 2025 fundraising total, helping make this year's campaign our most successful yet. As a result of the increased support, the Council will receive an even larger share of the challenge match funds, amplifying the impact of every donation. These contributions directly support local Scouting programs, camps, leadership development, and outreach efforts that help prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives.

Finally, thank you to Dennis and Linda Wagner for providing Wednesday's dinner meal for both sessions at Camp Cornhusker! Pulled pork and all the fixings for a great meal! Dennis is a camp staff alumni and Council Board member.

As we enjoy another great summer of Scouting adventures, now is also the time to begin preparing for our fall recruitment efforts. Every new Scout who joins our movement starts with a welcoming invitation and a dedicated volunteer willing to share the value of Scouting. Together, we can build on our momentum and ensure even more youth have the opportunity to experience the fun, leadership, character development, and outdoor adventures that Scouting provides.

Thank you again for everything you do. Let's finish the summer strong and get ready to grow Scouting across the Cornhusker Council this fall!