

Cornhusker Council Commissioner Corner



Gold Star Unit Visits



THANK YOU to those commissioners who completed a “detailed coaching meeting” with one or more units! The commissioner’s goal of the meeting was to identify the successes of a unit as well as the challenges. Your commitment to make those visits is very much appreciated!

Not every unit in the council received such a visit, so we have a lot of room for improvement in 2027! Special recognition to the Prairie Winds and Seven Feathers districts where commissioners completed a detailed coaching meeting with over 50% of the units in their districts! **THANK YOU!**

May Commissioner Priority — Unit Renewal (also known as recharter)

Please share these reminders with unit leaders:

- ◆ Any unit leader position changes need to be completed before submitting the annual renewal. These can be changed in Organization Manager/Position Manager in the My.Scouting account by the COR or the COR Delegate (assigned by the COR).
- ◆ Verify volunteers are current in their Safeguarding Youth Training
- ◆ The Annual Unit Charter Agreement **NEEDS TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE.**

The renewal process will “OPEN” on June 1, 2026 and must be finalized by July 31, 2026.

If help is needed with a Renewal, please encourage unit leaders to reach out to set up an appointment. Appointments can be made over the phone or in person, but leaders should call ahead to do so. Call 402-488-6020, ext. 202 or email: manuela.mcdonald@scouting.org. Unit leaders should have all the signed necessary paperwork with them, along with payments.

If renewal is completed online, there is no need to submit or renew again in the office.

SPECIAL RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Units can earn \$200 by completing the following by July 1:

1. Register five (5) new youth by July 1, 2026
2. Complete their Unit Renewal
3. Every Scout due to renew by July 1 is renewed

Council will help by providing units the following:

- Outdoor signs for their meeting place
- Flyers to pass out at the neighborhood school
- Cub Scout “Day Camp” Trailer to help provide program activities (reserved on first come, first served basis)



AMERICA America250—In celebration of our nation’s 250th anniversary, national is asking every unit to provide 250 hours of community service throughout 2026.



May 2026 Priorities



Summertime Pack Award:

Encourage packs to start planning their summer activities so that their scouts can earn the **Cornhusker Council Summertime Pack Award**. The only requirement is to participate in a total of three Cub Scout activities anytime after school gets out and before school begins again in August. Remind units to have scouts invite friends to bring more youth into the program!

Summer Camp Plans:

Let’s make sure “outing” stays in “SCOUTING” by encouraging every scout to attend camp this summer — day camp, residence camp, or even unit campouts!

Congratulation to our Graduates of the 2026 Commissioner College!

The following completed their Masters Degree:

- * Pam Chandler
- * Dave Shoff



The following completed the coursework for their Doctorate Degree:

- * Mitchell Locken
- * Bryan Welty

Special thanks to those who served as instructors:

- Pam Chandler, Bill Lang, Mitchell Locken, Dave Shoff, Karen Griffin Sieber, Bryan Welty

Save the Date:
Saturday, July 25

8:30 am—??????

Commissioner & Joint District
 Committee Conference

Outdoor Education Center

More details to come!

Contact Karen if you have
 suggestions for topics
 and/or trainings

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Dates to Remember

- May 7: PW and SV Roundtables
- May 8-9: SV District Spring Camporee
- May 9: First Aid, CPR, AED Training
- May 14: 7F Roundtable
- May 24: Unfurl & Raise World's Largest American Flag
- May 27: Council Awards Dinner & Annual Meeting
- May 28: Give to Lincoln Day
- May 30-31: Wilderness First Aid Training
- May 31: ROHVA Training

**Make MAY Unit Leader
 Appreciation Month!**



I challenge every commissioner and/or district committee member to visit as many units as possible during May to say THANK YOU to all the unit leaders — committee chairs, scoutmasters/cubmasters, den leaders, committee members and parents!

We ask a lot from our unit leaders — recruitment, advancement, monitor BeAScout pins, plan program, recharter, monitor membership renewal and training status. It's time to thank them!

Please share that the council and district appreciate the time and efforts they give to Scouting America!

*Thank you to all the commissioners
 across Cornhusker Council!*

- Roundtable Commissioners
- Unit Commissioners
- District Commissioners
- Assistant Council Commissioners

Karen

Council Membership Plan—May 2026

- * Continue to distribute spring flyers in to schools and churches if permitted. (District Membership Committee and DE's)
- * Membership Inventory of AOL's to Scout Transition to identify what AOL's have not crossed over yet. (DE for report, Outreach with district commissioner staff and district membership committees)
- * Continue New Unit work (DE's, membership and Commissioners)
- * Continue to work BeAScout leads (district membership committees)
- * Hold spring recruitments (all)
- * Weekly Membership social media posts (Council Membership Chair)
- * Recruitment Fun Day in districts, Ice Cream Social (Each district holds an event)
- * Commissioners work with Scout units to complete charters (Commissioners)
- * Promote renewal nights (Commissioners, Council webmaster and email blast)
- * Conduct renewal nights (Commissioners)
- * Weekly membership social media posts (Council Membership Chair)

**Safety Moment:
 Safeguarding Youth Refresher
 Training**



The new *Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training* will launch this week to help Scouters renew this annual training required.

- Anyone who has completed the full *Safeguarding Youth Training* course and it is currently active or has expired within the last 7 days, is eligible to take the refresher training.
- If the full *Safeguarding Youth Training* has been expired for 7 days or more, you will need to complete the full Safeguarding Youth Course again before receiving credit.
- Participants taking the refresher training must successfully pass the exam on the first attempt to receive credit for the Y01 training code. *If the exam is not passed, the system will automatically route to the full course to ensure a complete review of the material. Once the refresher exam is failed, the refresher course cannot be relaunched, and the full course must be completed.*
- The training will be available in English and Spanish in the Volunteer Learn Center on My.Scouting.

New Planner for Cub Scout Leaders



The **Four-Month Program Planner** provides a simple roadmap for Pack leaders who want to guide their Cub Scouts through their **Badge of Rank requirements in just four months**. By following the planner, a Cub Scout can complete all **six required Adventures and two Elective Adventures**, freeing the rest of the year for additional electives, activities, and fun—without the pressure of advancement deadlines.

The planner begins each month with a **Parents' meeting**, helping leaders involve families in the program and share responsibilities for the month's activities. In the first month, an additional **introductory meeting for Cub Scouts and parents** helps build connections between new and returning Pack families.

The guide then outlines a **week-by-week program plan**, including required and elective Adventures, a **service project (Scouting for Food)**, and a **campout for Arrow of Light Scouts**. For the first elective Adventure, the planner suggests a **Raingutter Regatta**, though Packs could choose to run a **Pinewood Derby** instead. A second elective Adventure is left entirely up to the Pack.

The Planner will be available as both a **two-page guide** and a **card deck** with detailed instructions and QR codes linking to resources for each activity. Both formats will be showcased at the National Annual Meeting in May.

For more info: <https://vimeo.com/1178530605>

