

Cornhusker Council Commissioner Corner

How can we HELP our units in February?

The Council Registrar, Manuela, recently emailed the following "Mid Year Unit Check Up" to all units. Please review and verify unit leaders have completed these steps to ensure a smooth unit renewal process!

- Check your roster attachment.
- Identify youth & adults that are expired or about to expire. If so, renew the Scouts online or call us with payment and I can renew if the Scout or adult is still listed. Are you missing any youth that may have dropped or didn't get registered? If they are participating in your program, they **MUST BE REGISTERED!!!**
- Compare your attached roster to your Scoutbook account. These should match! If you have Scouts in Scoutbook that do not show on this roster, they need to be registered!
- Check your adults Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) dates. Remind your adults to take the new Safeguarding Youth Training by May 31st. **Everyone has to take the new training by the end of May. This is important for our summer unit renewals.** (This holds up the unit renewal most often!).
- Do you have adults registered in dual positions within your unit? Example: Committee Member and Committee Chair? You would need 2 separate people.
- Are all your unit adult positions filled? Example: IH, COR, CC, CM x2, Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, DL
- Are your adults trained in all their positions, can you say that your unit is 100% trained? This matters for your yearly health assessment and FOS Goals.
- *The Council can reset your MyScouting password!*

Family Troops

The National Executive Board for Scouting America approved the implementation of the combined troop option. The "Family Troop" option is now available to all chartering organizations as a third option as of December 15th, 2025. Troops will continue to be able to organize as boy troops and girl troops.

If any troop is interested in the combined troop option, the unit leadership must contact their district executive to begin the paperwork process. A team of commissioners is developing a "Best Practices for Combined Troops" that will be available after the team completes their interviews with troops that participated in the pilot.



Gold Star Unit



To achieve Gold Star:

- * Complete an in-person detailed coaching meeting with your Unit or District Commissioner by April 1
- * Achieve a 90% or higher FULL trained leader status for the unit by April 25.
- * Complete the Unit online commitment form for 2026 Council Fundraising: **Packs** must commit to 2026 Fall Popcorn Sale-**Troops** and Crews commit to either 2026 Fall Popcorn Sale, 2026 Spring Digital sales, or BOTH.
- * Meet or exceed the Unit Family FOS goal in 2026 before April 25.

Annual Membership Fee

Effective January 1, 2026, Cornhusker Council will implement an annual membership fee for both youth (\$60) and adult members (\$30) due upon the individual's annual renewal.

**College of
Commissioner Science**
April 11, 2026
Bellevue University



Increase your commissioner knowledge and skills to provide better unit service.

We need instructors!

Cornhusker Council will be responsible for conducting the **Master** level classes, so if you are interested in serving as an instructor, please contact:

Karen: karenseiber@live.com
or Bill: wlang50@gmail.com.



Impact365 is a multi-year initiative that will remind our Scouts and Scouting families of the importance of community service and the impact we make in serving others.

In Scouting, we serve others everyday, striving to make an impact 365 days a year!

America250—In celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary, we're asking every unit to provide 250 hours of community service throughout 2026.



New CS Meeting Resources

These resources give pack leaders a clear, practical road map for guiding meetings that engage every Scout while efficiently covering Adventure requirements across all ranks. The latest release includes cross-rank planners for several Adventures: Cycling, Fishing, Let's Camp, Paddle Craft, Race Time—PWD or Raingutter Regatta, & Swimming. Each Adventure plan outlines:

- **A full sequence of activities**, stations, skill-builders and ceremonies
- **Clear cross-rank alignment**, ensuring every Scout moves toward Adventure completion together
- **Instructions for before, during and after** so leaders never start from scratch
- **Built-in supply lists** for easy material gathering
- **A pack meeting planning worksheet** to use with your leadership and parents to easily plan your pack meeting or multi-rank den meeting <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2026/01/08/get-more-from-your-meetings-with-these-new-resources/>

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Dates to Remember

Feb 5: SV & PW Roundtables

Feb 12: 7F Roundtable

Feb 21-22: OEC Cabin Fever Gamefest

Feb 28: SV District Dinner

Mar 5: SV & PW Roundtables

Mar 7: 7F Merit Badge University

Mar 12: 7F Roundtable

Mar 14: ROHVA Training

Merit Badge Updates

Effective January 1, 2026, over 80 merit badges have updates ranging from minor clarifications to substantial content changes. Some badges have new requirements added, while others have been reorganized or updated to reflect current practices and knowledge.

Updated Career Exploration Requirements

Many merit badges now feature expanded career exploration options that help Scouts research real-world job opportunities, understand education requirements, and explore how Scouting skills connect to future careers or hobbies. These updated requirements encourage Scouts to think about how their interests might shape their future.

Enhanced Safety and Outdoor Ethics

Several badges now include important discussions about Leave No Trace principles and the Outdoor Code, helping Scouts understand their responsibility to protect natural areas during their adventures.

Modernized Content and Skills

Merit badges have been updated to reflect current technology, safety practices, and knowledge.

List of changes: https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Major-Requirement-Changes-as-of-1_1_2026.pdf

Source: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/scouts-bsa-advancement-updates-effective-january-1-2026/>



Commissioner Tools - Updated Council Dashboard and Reports Layout

The following new items are available in Commissioner Tools:

- ◊ Updated Council Dashboard reflecting the changes released earlier this year in the District Dashboard, showing data and trends council-wide.
- ◊ Updated report layout, moving older reports related to simple and detailed assessments, contact statistics, and unit service plans to a collapsible section labeled "Archived Reports". Some report names and descriptions will also be updated.
- ◊ New At-a-Glance report presenting a summary of units with connections in the last year, units with 0-2 metrics, unrenewed units, volunteer SYT statistics, and Commissioner training.
- ◊ Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLsjfZjgU6Q>



Camp Commissioners

What better way to spend a week during the 70th Anniversary of Camp Cornhusker than as a camp commissioner!

Help is needed to assist scouts and leaders have an awesome camp experience during these Scout BSA camps:

June 7-13, 2026

June 14-20, 2026

Room and board provided!

Contact Bill if you are interested.



Safety Moment:

Hypothermia



Signs/Symptoms of Hypothermia

- Feeling cold, shivering uncontrollably
- Cool or cold skin on the abdomen, chest, or back
- Presence of the "umbles"
 - * Stumbles: loss of control over movement
 - * Mumbles: slurred or incoherent speech
 - * Fumbles: poor coordination or reaction time
 - * Grumbles: change in behavior or attitude

Care of Hypothermia

- Get the victim out of the cold.
- Remove wet clothing and wrap them up in warm, dry clothes. Add additional layers such as a sleeping bag, blankets, or some form of plastic to hold in body heat.
- If the victim is conscious and able to swallow, offer warm liquids to drink. **Do not** give alcoholic drinks.
- Apply warm, dry compresses to the neck, chest, and groin areas. **Do not** apply heat to the arms or legs, because this speeds cold blood back to the heart, lungs, and brain, causing the core temperature to drop even lower; this can be fatal.
- **Do not** apply direct heat as with hot water bottles, a heating pad, or a heating lamp. This extreme heat can cause skin damage, an irregular heart rhythm, or even cardiac arrest.
- If a person with severe hypothermia who is unconscious seems to not have a pulse or not be breathing, perform CPR. CPR should continue during rewarming. Sometimes, people experiencing hypothermia can be successfully resuscitated.
- Get emergency care/call 911.

Source: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hypothermia/>

