

JULY 2026

Cornhusker Council Commissioner Corner

Joint Commissioner and District Committee Conference

July 25, 2026, 9am-3pm, OEC

Please make plans NOW to attend this conference — We need everyone's input to make plans to GROW scouting in our council!

Agenda topics:

Scouting America Trail Map — Review the new trail map shown below.

Which initiatives can we impact in Cornhusker Council?

Retention: How can commissioners and district committees impact retention within our units?

Retention is built on quality scouting programs. How can we help units provide FUN programs?

Recruitment: Review council membership plan and available resources

District Dashboards:

What data can be used to focus assistance to units “most in need”

Upcoming changes to member/unit renewal:

How can we prepare our units for these changes?

Commissioner Trail Map—more info to come

2027 Gold Star Unit Criteria

What changes would we recommend?

America 250 — Initiative for units to provide 250 service hours in 2026

How can we encourage units to log their service hours? Ideas for incentives for “top” units?

Other details: Uniforms not required, lunch provided

Please feel free to invite any scouts who might be interested in joining the commissioner staff or a district committee — what a great way to find out what we do!



Unit Renewal



Please contact your unit leaders ASAP to check the status of their unit renewal.

Here are the June 30 stats:

Total units:	111
Completed:	15
Started:	2
Not Started:	94

All unit renewals must be completed by July 31!

THANK YOU



to these camp commissioners for serving at Camp Cornhusker this summer:

Lead: Bill Lang

BSA Camp Week 1:

Mark Beatty, Porkchop Kahland, Lorie Lambrecht, Lonnie Pohlman

BSA Camp Week 2:

Jim Buehler, Stephanie Kist, Karen Griffin Sieber





Scouting America and the United States Secret Service Launch New Online Safety Partnership for Cub Scout Families

Scouting America announced a new national partnership with the United States Secret Service to support personal and online safety education for Cub Scout-age youth (K-5) and their parents, using KidSmartz® and NetSmartz®, the nationally recognized child safety education program developed by the [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#). This initiative aims to help families start important conversations early, develop healthy personal and digital habits, and learn how to identify and respond to risks – before those risks become serious.

Source:

<https://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/press-releases/scouting-america-and-the-united-states-secret-service-launch-new-online-safety-partnership-for-cub-scout-families/>

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Dates to Remember

July 11: First Aid, CPR, AED Training

July 11: Twilight Camp: Standing Bear

July 24: Scout Night at the Saltdogs

July 25: Commissioner & District Committee Conference

July 27: SV Membership Kick-off Cub Scouts

July 29: SV Membership Kick-off Scouts BSA

July 31: Scouting Day at Lancaster County Superfair

Aug 1: Corn to Run, Camp Cornhusker

Aug 7: Twilight Camp—Reverence

Check out these Fall Membership Recruitment Resources:



National Recruitment Kick-Off Webinars

Make plans to attend two national webinars designed to inspire, equip, and energize unit leaders and council staff with proven strategies to grow Scouting in their communities.

Cub Scouts: Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 7:00 PM CT

Register Here: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-M2HW0QJ50milKNMwZuK-A#/registration

Scouts BSA: Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 7:00 PM CT

Register Here: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ser5MsuBQxiRx62pTai9Bg

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.

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

Source: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/leader-resources/pack-meeting-resources/4month-plan/>

Salt Valley Membership Kick-Off's

Cub Scouts: Monday, July 27, 6:00 pm, OEC

Scouts BSA: Wednesday, July 29, 6:00 pm, OEC

ScoutConnect Platform

On the "Simplify. Digitize. Scale for Growth." trail on the Scouting America Trail Map, the first item is to "Implement Unified Technology Platforms." Coming this August, a redesigned BeAScout site and registration process will simplify the joining process and ultimately provide an entry point into the ScoutConnect platform for hundreds of thousands of new and existing youth, parents, and volunteers. Attendees at the National Annual Meeting were treated to a sneak peek demo of the unified ScoutConnect platform.



You can watch the demo video here:

<https://vimeo.com/1194524500/a373cf9d7b?fl=tl&e=ec>

Safety Moment: Burns



Minor burns are one of the most common camping injuries. Knowing how to treat burns can help reduce pain and prevent the injury from becoming more serious.

"The first few minutes matter," says Dr. Joe Barton, an emergency physician, recommends these five steps if your campout gets heated:

1. Cool the burn with running water.

As soon as possible, place the burned area under cool running water for about 20 minutes. This helps remove heat from the skin, limits damage to deeper tissues and reduces pain. If running water isn't available, use clean, cool water from another source. Avoid ice or ice water, which can further damage skin and slow healing. And don't apply butter, toothpaste, or other home remedies — those are just myths.

2. Remove any rings or jewelry.

Even a minor burn can cause swelling. During the cooling process in Step 1, remove jewelry such as rings or watches if the injury is on your hand or finger.

3. Cover the area with a clean dressing.

After cooling the burn, protect it with a clean, dry, nonstick dressing or bandage. Covering the injury helps keep dirt and bacteria away while reducing irritation from clothing or equipment. If a blister develops, don't pop it. Blisters are the body's natural protective barrier and can help prevent infection.

4. Use over-the-counter pain medication if needed.

Minor burns can remain uncomfortable for several hours. Over-the-counter pain relievers such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen may help reduce pain and inflammation. Follow dosage instructions, and ensure it complies with unit, camp and parental guidelines.

5. Monitor the burn as it heals.

Most minor burns improve within several days. Keep an eye on the area for signs of infection, including increasing redness, swelling, warmth, drainage or worsening pain.

When to seek medical care for a burn

According to guidelines published by the American College of Emergency Physicians, burns to the eyes, mouth, hands and genital areas — even if mild — should be treated by a medical professional.

Seek medical attention immediately if the burn covers a large area (more than 2 to 3 inches in diameter), or if you have any of the following symptoms:

- A burn that doesn't heal in 10 to 14 days
- Fever
- Pus-like or foul-smelling drainage
- Excessive swelling
- Redness of the skin
- A blister filled with greenish or brownish fluid

Source: <https://onscouting.org/2026/06/18/burns-happen-heres-what-to-do/>

