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REGISTER NOW!

CUB SCOUT NIGHT AT
 THE MUSEUM, NOV 21ST



Get ready for an evening 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 8th Street, Seward NE

A pizza party is included in the event! For more information and to register: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Night at the Museum](#)

REGISTER NOW!

SCOUTS BSA 1ST ANNUAL
 GAME RETREAT, NOV 22-23

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 (Sat) or camp overnight (Sat-Sun). 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.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Camp Cornhusker Game Retreat](#)

REGISTER NOW!

SALT VALLEY MERIT BADGE
 CLINIC, NOV 8TH

The Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic will be held Nov 8th from 9am-3:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 22nd & Washington. Scouts, age 11-17, will be offered a variety of subjects geared to help them along the trail to Eagle and to learn more about career opportunities & 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.

Adult training sessions will also be offered; registration for each course is done individually:

- In-person Safeguarding Youth Training \$5.00
- In-Person Pack Committee Member Training \$10.00
- In-Person Troop Committee Member Training \$10.00

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic](#)

YOU HAVE LEADS!

As of the most recent report, nationwide, there are more than 11,820 open leads (a 6% decrease over last week) and more than 1,310 pending applications (a 6% 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 District partners. Make sure you know how your Unit and District 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!

COUNCIL-WIDE RECRUITING CHALLENGE! INCENTIVES!

Our end-of-year recruitment campaign kicks off November 1st and runs through December 31st. We have several incentives for your unit and your Scouts who recruit new members.



Top Troop and Pack in EACH District (minimum of five NEW Scouts during the campaign):

- Free Climbing Wall session at the OEC for the Unit
- \$500 discount to the Unit attending a resident camp at Camp Cornhusker 2026.
- Cake and ice cream party for a unit Function.

Each Unit that registers 5 NEW Scouts gets an ice cream or slushie party during their stay at a Camp Cornhusker resident camp, a free Council Strip Patch for new members, and a free camping session at the OEC or Camp Cornhusker with a SMORES package.

Each Scout who recruits a new member receives a Recruiter patch and a walking staff (stave) or a staff medallion.

This campaign is for NEW Scouts registered between Nov 1st and Dec 31st, 2025.

Who's going to be the top unit?

CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp!

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

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

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



GETTING READY FOR 2026!

A LOT of work was accomplished this fall by the Properties Committee! All of the ash trees along the road between Staff City and the Dining Hall succumbed to the dreaded Ash Borer this year and, along with some 'widow makers' had to be removed. Many thanks to Troop 34 from Greenwood for helping plant over 40 replacement trees on the other side of the road and in the Arboretum.



New trees planted along the main road



New trees planted around Staff City



Limb removal & storm clean-up



Kevin Potter replacing trim boards on the Dining Hall

Campsite Sign Ups Camp Cornhusker 2026



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

CAMP PROMOTION Check out the new camp promo videos in the links below! If you would like a camp promotion presentation at your Unit, contact Will Cover (William.cover@scouting.org).

YouTube: [CAMP CORNHUSKER PROMO](#)

Follow Camp Cornhusker on Facebook - Learn more about our Programs!

- ATV Video: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BwTP5mauK/>
- COPE: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Hn7c3tQx4/>
- Camp Tour: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Cvdrcj63F/>

Follow Camp Cornhusker on TikTok: [Camp Cornhusker Scout Camp \(@campcornhuskerbsa\)](#) | [TikTok](#)

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 PROJECT TOOL USE

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority. This article outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders, parents, and other volunteers must consider for Scouting serviced projects that include the use of tools.

S = Supervision. Qualified adult supervision is on site. They must have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to operate or supervise the operation of all tools and equipment used for an activity or service project.

A = Assessment. Check the area of the project for any hazards, and clear workspace for tool use between participants. An assessment by qualified supervisors determines what personal protective equipment (PPE) is required. Examples of PPE include:

Work gloves	Safety glasses or face shield	Safety helmets/hardhats
Earplugs or muffs	Steel-toe shoes or sturdy work boots	Protective aprons or clothing
Fall protection	Recommendations of tool manufacturer	

F = Fitness and Skills. Participation in projects and the use of tools should be based on the mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of youth and adult members. Lions and Tigers cannot use tools during service projects.

E = Equipment and Environment. Leaders must follow the most restrictive and protective guidelines. The table on page 2 is not comprehensive; tool or equipment manufacturers' safety literature about age and skills restrictions will supersede the recommendations. If in doubt, properly trained and/or experienced adults should be recruited for all tool use or job functions that might be hazardous or dangerous. All work at any elevation 4 feet or higher is prohibited for any youth. The first three steps of a step stool or ladder may be appropriate for older Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts. Work below grade that includes trenching or excavations (2 feet deep or more) is not appropriate for projects. Below grade work such as shallow foundations, post holes, or trail work is appropriate if using hand tools for youth – no powered tools – provided all underground utilities are clear of the area.

Resources

SAFE: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>

SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf>

Prohibited Activities (See numbers 16 & 17): <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/#b>

Ladder Safety Moment: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/ladder-safety/>

Portable Hand and Power Tools Checklist (NIOSH): <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-101/chklists/r1n50p~1.htm>

SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

(info@cornhuskercouncil.org)

A NEW INITIATIVE: ON-LINE HOLIDAY SALE CAMPAIGN

We kicked off a new, on-line Holiday Sale campaign this month that, depending on the product, will run through mid-December (with the exception of Stuckey's, which ends Nov 27th). We are one of the first Council's to take part in their on-line sales platform provided by Scouting America! All products are at the vendor's MSRP and will be shipped directly to the consumer/buyer.

We will be advertising this Holiday Sale via email and on social media in the next couple of weeks. The campaign relies solely on "crowd sourcing." **So, please share with your contacts, email groups, friends & followers on social media, etc.**

This campaign serves as a test-bed for us. Our plan is to offer this service to all Units in the Council in the spring to help out with fund-raising needs, such as for summer camp.

Until we email and post information on the campaign, you can order **NOW** by clicking on the images for each product.

Cornhusker Council Holiday Wreath Sale. We selected several Mickman Brothers options to choose from. Everyone will love welcoming home friends and family for the holidays with their beautiful wreaths and evergreens. Mickman Brothers is the top national Christmas wreath provider for non-profits and they are offering **FREE SHIPPING** with our sale!



Cornhusker Council "Stuckey's" Pecan Harvest Sale - Enjoy a piece of Americana this Holiday Season with Stuckey's! Discover Stuckey's, an American icon since 1937, known for delicious candy and warm hospitality on highways across the USA. Purchase pecan log rolls as a stocking stuffer or a bag of Georgia pecans for baking. The only place in Nebraska to buy Stuckey's is right here!



Cornhusker Council Holiday Fudgie Wudgie Sale - Voted America's best fudge! Think deep, rich Belgian chocolate that'd make Willy Wonka jealous, creamy goodness, and flavors that make your taste buds dance. Small batch, hand-stirred, and exclusive use of Belgian chocolate. Enjoy one or several of the products we selected for our sale.



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](#)

CORN 2 RUN INAUGURAL RACE HELD!

Over 50 runners converged onto Camp Cornhusker, Oct 18th for the inaugural Corn2Run race! Runners had a choice of three courses - a 1 mile, 5K, and 10K. Many thanks to Sam Cressler, Travis Hespun, and Charlie Cover for all your work setting up the race! And, thanks to the Executive Board members who ran the race and helped out - Colton Schilling, Tyler Fritz, and Dennis Wagner. Congrats to our top race winners!

5K: Trent King, Nicholas Stamos, and Michelle Glathar

10K: Jacob Cover, Tyler Fritz, Noah Temme

By the way, we have Corn2Run t-shirts for sale in the Scout Store!



Executive Board member,
Colton Schilling



10K Top 3 (L-R)
Jacob Cover, Noah Temme,
Tyler Fritz



Executive Board members,
Tyler Fritz and Dennis Wagner



Charlie Cover, race co-chair
welcoming the runners across
the finish line

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

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



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.

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).



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)

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

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



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

ADVANCEMENT IS A HEARTBEAT AWAY, NOV 8TH

The Fall Salt Valley Merit Badge clinic is on November 8th, 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.)



Pssst...save the date...Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2026...KLONDIKE DERBY!

PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Russ Ebke (pwdistrictchair@gmail.com)

Commissioner: Lonnie Pohlman (lpohlman@gmail.com)

Director: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)

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



PRAIRIE WINDS MERIT BADGE CLINIC, NOV 15TH

The Prairie Winds District Merit Badge Clinic will be held on Nov 15th at Doane University in the Chab Weyers Education Building. The MB clinic is an advancement opportunity open to Scouts in Troops or Crews age 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. \$20 fee includes morning session, afternoon session, and lunch ticket.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds Merit Badge Clinic](#)



SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Peggy Nietfeld (Scouting@nietfeldfarms.com)

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>



While we've completed our Fall 2025 District program activities, Units are welcome and encouraged to attend other Districts' events, such as the Prairie Winds or the Salt Vally Merit Badge Universities! Additionally, there are several Council-wide events coming up before the end of the year, such as: Cub Scout Night at the Museum, Nov 21st in Seward; the Indian Lore MB Clinic at the NE Historical Museum later this month; the 1st Annual Cornhusker Council Game Retreat, Nov 22-23, Wilderness & Remote 1st Aid Training, Nov 15-16; and don't forget about the Klondike Derby!

By the way, the Seven Feathers District Merit Badge University will be held Mar 7th at Southeast Community College!

ALWAYS BE RECRUTING!



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

FOOTBALL USHERING! YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!

One more home game left in the season! Nebraska vs Iowa, Nov 28th! 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

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!



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

Come on out to the OEC for the last Beaver Day of 2025! Troops can camp over the weekend or as individuals. 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.



WILDERNESS AND REMOTE 1ST AID TRAINING, NOV 15-16

The Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid training focuses on the prevention, assessment, and treatment for an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician is more than 60 minutes away. This course is intended for anyone planning a remote or high adventure experience, including Scouting America High Adventure Bases. Course Prerequisites, Participants must:



- Be at least 14 years old at the time of the course.
- Be registered with Scouting America.
- Hold an Adult CPR/AED certification that is current at the time of the course. If the certification is not from the American Red Cross or American Heart Association, please submit in advance of the course for review.

The course consists of around 12 hours of classroom learning and 4 hours of scenario-based learning. To obtain certification participants will be required to be active in discussions and be able to demonstrate all skill with minimal prompting. Activities may be done outside and will involve kneeling or laying on the ground, so please dress accordingly or have extra clothing.

During the scenarios in the course gear may be used for improvised support, or to provide aid. We encourage participants to bring a bag packed as you would pack it if you were the medic for whatever type of trip you are taking this class to prepare for.

There is not a specific list of things you need to bring because someone packed for a day trip will be equipped differently than someone packing for a 12-day trek to Philmont. We just want you to be packed for the trip that you are preparing for so you can evaluate your gear. We will also have examples and practice kits available to keep you from having to utilize specific items in your first aid kit.

We will take breaks during the course, including a break for lunch. Snacks are encouraged; lunch is provided. Please let us know in your registration of any dietary concerns and we will do our best to accommodate.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training](#)

INDIAN LORE MERIT BADGE CLINIC, NOV 15TH

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 16TH

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, 402-413-9244

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR, DEC 13TH

Visit the Cornhusker Council, Outdoor Education Center for unique, handmade shopping options and for interactive activities for youth. Visit with Santa, make a holiday craft and this year, take a treat home with you. Saturday, December 13th from 9am-1pm.

This is free and open to the public.
Currently taking applications for vendors and craftors.



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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: \$1,810). 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 1st 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).

WOODBADGE 2026! APR 10-12 AND APR 26-26, 2026

Welcome to Cornhusker Council Wood Badge Course 5-324-26-1!

Wood Badge is the premier adult training in Scouting America. In Wood Badge you experience the scouting program, learn leadership skills, and practice teamwork in the patrol method, all while living the values of scouting.

Created by Lord Baden-Powell at Gilwell Park in England, today Wood Badge is offered around the world. Across the two weekends of Wood Badge, you begin your experience as a Cub Scout and cross over to a Scouts BSA Troop, gaining the perspective of a youth and deepening your understanding of the Scouting America program. While portions of the course take place camping, the focus is not outdoor skills and scoutcraft, but rather on leadership and team building.



You learn both the theory of leadership and the tools of leadership in ways that not only strengthen your contribution to scouting, but also to your personal and professional life. Don't be surprised if you find yourself applying lessons learned in Wood Badge to improve the communication and team effectiveness in your day-job as well!

Past participants explain why you should take Wood Badge: <https://youtu.be/MEPvnpMLBA0>

Objectives of Wood Badge

- Enable you to view Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities.
- Help you recognize contemporary leadership concepts that map to the scouting movement.
- Apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team, both in and out of scouting. Revitalize your commitment to and recharge your enthusiasm for Scouting by participating in a shared, inspirational experience.

Practical Phase

The practical phase consists of five days of instruction across two weekends. During these two weekends you will become a member of a group, participate in presentations, learn skills, become an effective team, and have a great time doing it. The course is accessible to adults across the full range of ages, experience, and abilities. The following themes are covered in the practical phase:

- Living the Values—personifying the values; setting the example
- Growing—knowing and growing yourself first with a commitment to continuous improvement and lifelong learning
- Connecting—with other people
- Guiding—focusing on enabling and developing others
- Empowering—ultimately helping other people to become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, and more likely, themselves, “to serve and to lead.”

Example session topics include vision, values, listening, managing conversations, leading change, the stages of team development, coaching & mentoring, servant leadership, and project planning.

Application Phase

After completion of the two weekends, you will work on your “ticket”, which are five goals you develop for yourself during the course. You have 18 months to complete your ticket, during which you put into practice the leadership 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 neckerchief, woggle, and beads.

Participation Requirements

- Registered as an adult member of Scouting America, including current Safeguarding Youth Training
- Scouting America's Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C (which requires a physical)
- A complete official Scouting America uniform appropriate to Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, or Venturing consisting of all of the following parts
 - uniform shirt
 - uniform pants, shorts, or skirt

- uniform belt
- uniform socks

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

The estimated cost for each role is:

Participants and Unit Leaders

\$6,200 - \$6,700

International Service Team

\$2,900 - \$3,100

Visit the contingent website to register: wsj2027.us

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 THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S 250TH 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.

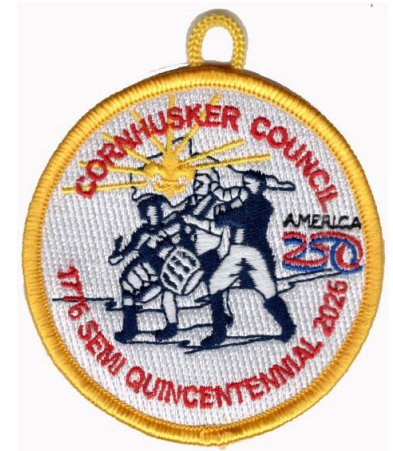
To honor this milestone, this patch program combines historical learning with civic engagement, outdoor exploration, and service—true to the spirit of Scouting.

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.

Additionally, we are offering a patch to commemorate the 250th 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.



SCOUTS BSA ADVANCEMENT WEBINARS

November: "Click, Learn, Earn: Digital Tools for Merit Badge Counselors" is the next Scouts BSA advancement webinar on November 5 at 7:00 pm Central.

December: "The Power of the Panel: Elevating Your Boards of Review" is the topic of the webinar on December 3 at 7:00 pm Central.

January: "Eagle Scout Extensions Requests - What Really Matters" will be on January 7 at 7:00 pm Central.

Register [HERE](#) for November; [HERE](#) for December; and [HERE](#) for January.

REMINDER - UPDATE YOUR "PIN!"

Unit and District Leadership - please continue efforts to keep your Unit's "pin" updated in 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!**

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

Salt Valley District Training Chair: John Schuff: john.schuff@gmail.com

Seven Feathers District Training Chair: Travis Hespen: Twillie_05@hotmail.com

Prairie Winds District Training Chair: Applications welcome, in the meantime reach out to Mike McCollough- 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, 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 31st. 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.
- * **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.

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), 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. 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.



9. 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](#))

November 2025

- 1 (C) Ushering (USC)
- 1 (C) 1st 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 1st 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

January 2026

7 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
8 (All) District Roundtables
10 (C) 1st Aid, CPR, AED Training
15 (7FD) Seven Feathers District Committee Meeting
17 (SVD) Merit Badge Clinic
17 (C) Fundamentals of Training
19 (C) MLK Jr. Day
22 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
27 (SVD) District Committee Meeting
30-1 Feb (C) Klondike Derby



Pssst...save the date...Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2026...KLONDIKE DERBY!

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



LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND FALL DINNER HELD, OCT 18TH

The Golden Sun Lodge held our annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training day on Oct 18th at Vine Congregational Church. We hold this event to help train our members to be better leaders not only in the OA, but in their troops and even in their lives outside of Scouting. This year 18 Arrowmen attended and Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) presented conducted the training on the different leadership positions in the Lodge and their functions. They also learned about the OA Inductions process, the Ordeal and Brotherhood process, what they symbolize, and the role of the Elangomat and Nimat. Training on LodgeMaster was also provided and included how to send emails to Arrowmen in the Chapter and Lodge from that platform. Our final training was presented by the Lodge advisors and was a fun "Jeopardy" game of questions about the Lodge and general OA knowledge.

Golden Sun Lodge's Fall Fellowship Dinner and Awards Ceremony was held later that evening with approximately 40 attending. A delicious dinner was served and everyone surely enjoyed our guest speaker, Larry Holmes of Troop 8 in Lincoln who spoke about "Be the Reason." Many awards were handed out including the plaques for each of the members who served on the LEC over the past year. One of our two major Lodge awards, the Founder's Award, was awarded to Philip Rushman. Our second major award is the Pete Crawford award, which was awarded to Kevin Potter for his service over the years. The night concluded with the passing of the bonnet ceremony. Thanks to everyone for all they do for the Golden Sun Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.



(LtoR) Immediate Past Lodge Chief Isaac Hiser and Current Lodge Chief Jake Manning



LLD Participants



Jake Manning and the Induction Sequence

LODGE WINTER EVENT, JAN 23-25, 2026

The Lodge's next big event is the Winter Event!! Which will take place January 23-25. Location TBD at this time. You can still mark that weekend off on your calendars for a great weekend of food, games, fun and fellowship! Feel free to contact us at any time by utilizing the Let's Chat button on our website or by using the Contact Us tab in LodgeMaster. We love hearing from our members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Eleanor Hendrickson, Troop 16

Henry Wichman, Troop 159

Malachy Terry, Troop 49

Willem Hagen, Troop 32

Michael Zepeda, Troop 49



The NESA application portal opens *December 1, 2025*, and closes *January 31, 2026*. For more information:

[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!

Eagle Scouts, stay connected - join NESA!

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



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 12000 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)

FREE MONEY! GET SCHOLARSHIP HELP

The National Eagle Scout Association invites Scouts and families to attend this free webinar on scholarship application tips. Participants will get an insider's look at the NESA scholarship program, including key details and opportunities. The host will dive deep into tips and strategies that can help Scouts stand out in any scholarship application.

Date & Time: Nov 9, 2025, 05:30 PM Central Time

Preregister Here: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gHNfc7FvRXe-KugV9stzwQ

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

GROWING, RETAINING, AND ADVANCING TOGETHER

Scouting thrives when every family, volunteer, and leader works together to help more young people experience the adventure, leadership, and character that Scouting provides. As we move into the final months of the year, I want to highlight a few key efforts that will help our Council end strong – and begin 2026 with momentum.



1. Let's Grow Scouting Together. Now is the perfect time to invite new families to join the Scouting adventure! Many Packs, Troops, and Crews have room to welcome more youth – and every new Scout means another young person gaining confidence, skills, and character that will last a lifetime. If each of us helps bring in ***just one new Scout*** before year's end, imagine the difference we can make across our council. Encourage your leaders and families to reach out to friends, classmates, and neighbors – because Scouting is better *together*. ***Be sure to check out the Recruiting Incentives article in this newsletter!***

2. Don't Forget to Re-register! As the year winds down, it's critical that every Scout and adult leader renew their membership before it expires. Timely re-registration ensures that every Scout continues their journey without interruption – and that leaders remain covered and active in our programs. Thank you to our unit leaders and commissioners who are guiding families through this important process.

3. Advancement Webinars: Helping Scouts Reach Eagle. To help our Scouts advance and achieve their goals, check out the **series of Scout Advancement Webinars in November, December, and January**. These sessions will guide leaders, parents, and Scouts through requirements, timelines, and best practices to keep advancement on track – all the way to the **Eagle Scout rank**. The registration links are in the article on page 15. These webinars are a great resource for both new and experienced leaders.

4. Exciting News: Online Sales "Beta Test" Campaign. We're thrilled to announce the launch of our **new online sales campaign**, now in its **beta test phase!** Selected units are helping us pilot this new fundraising platform, which will make it easier than ever for Scouts to sell online, earn funds for their adventures, and support our council. This pilot will help us prepare for a **full, council-wide unit-level rollout in the spring** – a game-changer in how our Scouts fund their programs and activities.

Finally, many thanks to the Council Properties Committee - especially Lew Sieber and Kevin Potter - for all of their work this fall at Camp Cornhusker on the Camp Improvement Plan, the massive amount of unscheduled (dadgum ash borer!) tree and limb removal, and preparations for the Corn 2 Run. Also, many thanks to Troop 34 out of Greenwood for their help in planting over 30 trees at camp!

Every Scout deserves the chance to belong, to grow, and to succeed. Thank you for helping make that possible – through recruiting, re-registering, advancing, and innovating. Together, we're ensuring that Scouting remains strong and vibrant for years to come.
Always be recruiting! Be Prepared!