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UPCOMING EVENT

"NATIONAL YOUTH
 LEADERSHIP TRAINING",
 JUNE 22-27

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO.

UPCOMING EVENT

"NYLT (CONTINUED.)"

The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well.

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

UPCOMING EVENT

SCOUT NIGHT AT THE
 SALTDogs, JULY 12-13

Scout Night at the Salt Dogs is coming soon!



You will sign up as a UNIT. Pick one person to represent the entire group. That person will sign up and pay for the unit. The cost this season will be \$21 per camper. This fee includes admission, berm ticket, access to the tailgate, over-night camp (you provide your own tent), movie, and a patch.

Schedule:

2:00pm-4:00pm: Games and Activities

4:00pm-5:00pm: Tailgate

5:00pm-6:00pm: Flags on the Field

AND... One lucky Scout will be selected to throw the first pitch.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP!

Webelos/Arrow of Light Camp is an exciting adventure for your Webelos and/or Arrow of Light Scout. It provides a fun filled environment, with just the right mixture of challenge. Scouts graduating third or fourth grade in your Bear/Webelos Dens are rapidly expanding their horizons. Webelos Camp gives them a peek at what is just over the hill. The activities are planned specifically for Webelos/Arrow of Lights and will greatly aid the Webelos and Arrow of Light Leader in helping those energetic Scouts try new skills in the out-of-doors, it is an adventure...with a purpose. It's camping out in a safe environment to ensure that our Webelos/Arrow of Light have a knowledge, and self-reliance with the help of their Webelos Leader and a trained camp program staff.

SESSION 1: June 22-25

SESSION 2: June 25-28

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Webelos/Arrow of Light Resident Camp](#)



SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SALTDogs, JUL 12-13

Spend the night on the field! Run the bases! Catch the game! You will sign up as a UNIT. Pick one person to represent the entire group. That person will sign up and pay for everyone. The cost this season will be \$21 per camper. This fee includes admission, berm ticket, access to the tailgate, overnight camp (you provide your own tent), movie, and a patch. One lucky Scout will be selected to throw the first pitch! [Cornhusker Council - Scout Night At the Saltdogs](#)

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5:00pm-6:00pm: Flags on the Field

7:00pm: Game



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



SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP 2025 - WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

We had a great & productive Staff Week last week and we were very excited to welcome campers yesterday, Sunday, Jun 8th! We've fielded another talented camp staff this year, whose members hail from not only the Cornhusker Council, but from Councils in Oregon and New York!



REMINDER - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DUTCH OVEN COOKOFF

There are 5 total mystery ingredients:

- 1-Marshmallows
- 2-Biscuit Dough
- 3-Peppermint
- 4-Chocolate Chips
- 5-Apples

Make sure you are registered to participate!

<https://scoutingevent.com/324-25ScoutsBSA>



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER NOW FOR WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT RESIDENT CAMPS!

Webelos and Arrow of Light Resident Camp

Choose from two awesome sessions! Dates: June 22-25, 2025 or June 25-28, 2025. What to Expect: A 3-day camp perfect for Webelos and Arrow of Lights to experience camping while working on rank advancements, outdoor skills, fun adventures, and unforgettable memories.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Webelos Resident Camp](#)



SCOUT BSA RESIDENT CAMP - THEME DAY RETURNS!

Get Ready for Camp Cornhusker's 2025 Theme Days!

Camp isn't just about adventure—it's about FUN and creativity! Join us each day for a unique theme that will make your Camp Cornhusker experience unforgettable.

Take a trip down memory lane the photos from 2024 and prepare for 2025 with the themes below!

'Merica Monday - show off your patriotic spirit with America-themed attire!

Tie Dye Tuesday - break out your groovy tie-dye gear and add some color to camp!

Wayback Wednesday - time travel with vintage Scouting uniforms, old Camp Cornhusker hats, or throwback t-shirts!

OA Thursday - wear your OA gear and represent your Scouting honor society!

Frenzy Friday - end the week with a bang—dress up in your wackiest outfit and go all out!



BECOME PART OF CAMP CORNHUSKER HISTORY

What are all those Troop plaques in the Dining Hall? This is an old, but recently forgotten, Camp Cornhusker tradition where Troops make and hang their Troop plaque in the Dining Hall. What are the requirements? Simple - attend summer camp and hang your plaque! Every year, you get a camp patch to add to your plaque. Please help us re-populate the Dining Hall with Troop plaques!



SALT VALLEY DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Jim Buehler (svdistcommchair@gmail.com)

Commissioner: Bill Lang (wlang50@gmail.com)

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

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



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

June 2025

1-7 Camp Staff Week

9-13 OEC Week-Long Day Camp for Cubs (Olympic Theme)

8-14 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 1

15-21 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 2

19 SVD Eagle Board of Review

22-27 NYLT

22-25 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 1

25-28 WEBELOS/AOL Resident Camp 2

27-29 Cub Scout Resident Camp

July 2025

9 SVD Roundtable Planning Meeting

12 Salt Dogs (Pregame activities, Tailgate food, Flags, First Pitch, Run the bases, Campout and Movie)

12 SVD Commissioner/District Committee Conference

12 1st Aid, CPR, and AED Training for Adults at Innovation Campus (limited to 15 participants)

16 Commissioners Cabinet Meeting

22 SVD District Committee Meeting

31 July (Special Membership Roundtable and Fire Side Chat)

August 2025

2 Twilight Camp

7 LPS Open house - Scout Booths

9 Popcorn University

22-23 Outdoor Preparedness Training at Camp Cornhusker [Cornhusker Council - Outdoor Preparedness](#)

23 Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training

26 SVD Committee Meeting

27 SNS Orders Due to Council (by Noon)

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>



UPCOMING PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

June

1-7 Camp Staff Week

9-13 Cub Scout Day Camp

8-14 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 1

15-21 Scout BSA Resident Camp, Week 2

22-27 NYLT

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23 Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training

27 SNS Orders Due to Council (by Noon)

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>



UPCOMING SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

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6 Twilight Camp

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COUNCIL NEWS

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH 1ST AID TRAINING HELD

On May 31st we held another Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA). YMHFA is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or is in crisis.

Congratulations to this group for completing the course - and THANK you for learning how to serve our youth better!



COUNCIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER

This special event was held on May 21st at Lazlo's-Hawmarket. Congratulations to the following awardees:

Gil Reinke Bronze Bison Award - Frank Hogen

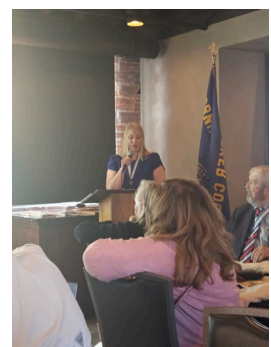
Silver Beaver Award - Del Hodgins, Mike Hedrick, and John Woodrich

Northstar Award - Mel Streit

Elbert K. Fretwell Award - Kyle Beacom (Standing Bear H.S.), Carter Svec (LNE), Kron Kassmeier (Beatrice MS), and Kari Schroeder (Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca MS)

Heros and Legends - Art May, Joe Adams, James "Woody" Woodson, Jim "Mr. Jim" Hedrick, and Bruce Abernethy

Many thanks to Dick Clark for being our emcee; Angie Rushman for her hard work all year in running the Fretwell program; Bruce Abernethy, Sammi Lowry, Dennis Wagner, John Mahaney, and Jeff Johnson for introducing the inaugural class of Cornhusker Heros and Legends; Will Cover for introducing the Gil Reinke and Northstar Awards; and Karen Griffen Sieber for the invocation. A special thanks to Samantha Cressler for organizing a GREAT evening!



Thank You

On behalf of the Cornhusker Council, we would like to thank
those that gave to our Council on
Give to Lincoln Day:

John S, Nancy H, Laurel M, LeRoy S, Mark D, Jacob L, Karrie D,
Jessie H, Rick V, Michelle L, Jeffrey J, Jay W, James & Jennifer
S, Mike M, Samantha C, Mark B, Shoemakers Travel Center,
James B, Wendy F, Eleanor B, Jennifer H, Jeffery K, Jason A,
Michelle A, Pornthip D, and Jennifer B.

And a BIG THANK YOU to those who gave directly to LCF!



JOINT COMMISSIONER AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE, JULY 12TH

Mark this date on your calendar now for our second joint meeting of commissioners and district committee members from across Cornhusker Council. Our council is facing many challenges, and we need your help to determine the most effective ways to help our units, leaders and ultimately, the youth.

Scouting America has released the 2025 Quality Council Recognition standards. There are 13 standards in total, but we will concentrate our efforts on those that commissioners can have the greatest impact.



Training:

Direct Contact Leaders—We are currently at 50.26%

YPT/SYT—We are currently at 95.31% with a goal of 98%

Membership Growth: We are currently showing a decrease of 17.79%

Retention: Our council's retention rate is currently at 40.68% (lowest in the 12 councils of CST5)

FIRST AID, CPR AND AED TRAINING FOR ADULTS, JULY 12TH

Space is limited to 15 participants *** We must have 6 participants to put the training on***

Training will be held at Innovation Campus, Rise Building in the Nebraska Safety Center Classroom.

Address: 2125 Transformation Dr #1270

Time: 8:30-12:30

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! POPCORN UNIVERSITY, AUG 9TH

Whether this is your first year as Kernel or you're an old pro--you'll want to check this out, AND earn money for your Unit for attending! Learn about the Products, the App, the popcorn website, talk to other Kernels about how they run their sale, and maybe even win some prizes!! This is a morning dedicated to helping your Unit learn tips and tricks to selling, and get a jump start on how to make your Unit's Popcorn Sale the best ever!

Please note there will not be a Sellers Academy this year.

CUB SCOUT BB GUN/ARCHERY RANGE MASTER TRAINING, AUG 23RD

Would you like to learn how to set up the BB Gun and Archery Ranges for Cub Scouts? Join us for Range Training.

Check and see if you need to update your training. These are good for 2 years.

10:00AM-2:00pm Classroom

2:00-5:00PM-Practical for Cub Scouts and Archery Make UP



OUTDOOR PREPAREDNESS & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRAINING, AUG 22-24

- Are you a Cub Scout or Scouts BSA leader who wonders how to deliver an excellent Outdoor Program?

- Are you interested in developing your skills in the outdoors, and learning from other Scouters who deliver significant outdoor program?

Then, this is the program for you!

At the end of this course, you will receive completion of IOLS, and the outdoor portion of BALOO,

To fully complete BALOO, the subsequent BALOO online training needs to be completed, preferably bringing your certificates to the training so we can sign you off!

Of course, we're teaching an Outdoors course, so naturally it will take place in the outdoors, so personal preparation for the elements is necessary. It's also an overnight course, so we will be camping outdoors as part of our learning. Please see the attachments for a description of the things to bring. Also, please see the attachments for a proposed schedule, the necessary medical forms. We're looking forward to your participation!

***All participants need to take the BALOO online training in order to get credit for both IOLS and BALOO

**** This is an overnight campout course, tents are required.

Please see the attachment sections on this page for items you will need: [Cornhusker Council - Outdoor Preparedness](#) and [Cornhusker Council - Outdoor Adventures](#)

To take the prerequisite online training log into your training plan by going to:

My.scouting.org

Log into your account

Select menu in the top right-hand side.

Select my training.

Select Cub Scouting from the icon options.

Select Catalogue from the top center of the page.

Scroll down to the large BALOO icon and click on visit.

Click on enroll and complete the 4 modules approx. 35-40 minutes in length.

Print your completion certificate and bring it with you to the weekend!

We must have at least 5 participants and no more than 12.

Outdoor Preparedness BALOO/IOLS has a \$30.00 fee to cover the program materials and food

WELCOME TO THE 2026 JAMBOREE - SIGN UP BELOW!

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](#)

Adult Leaders 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).

SCOUTING AMERICA JOINS #MYFRIENDTOO

In a powerful step for safeguarding, Scouting America is proud to announce its role as a national partner in #MyFriendToo US, a groundbreaking initiative and resource - MyFriendTooUS.org -



launched during Child Abuse Prevention Month to help children support their friends in disclosing sexual abuse to safe adults. There are some great resources for children and parents [here](#).

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM REVOLUTIONIZED WITH ONGOING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Scouts BSA volunteer leadership, working closely with Scouting America professional staff, has launched a major digital transformation of the iconic merit badge program for Scouts BSA youth, making all merit badge pamphlets available as free PDFs online, and planning for the release of exciting new badges later this year. Additionally, as part of the upcoming launch of the Scoutly chatbot, Scouts will be able to have an additional resource to help them learn about badge requirements for select merit badges.

Earlier this year, the Scouts BSA Merit Badge "Test Lab" launched to gather feedback on potential new merit badges, including Auctioneering, Life Skills, and Wildland Fire Management. Remind Scouts to keep an eye on the Test Lab for updates with future potential merit badges.

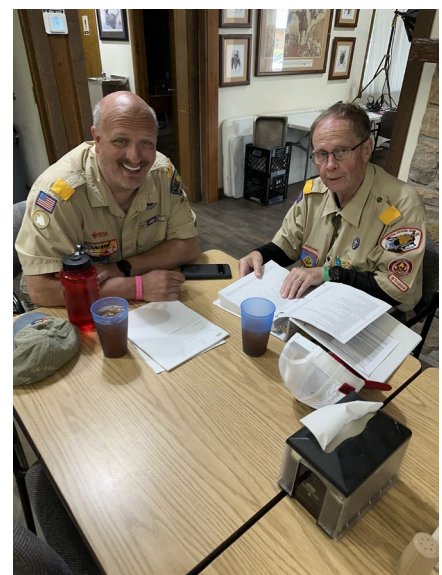
This multi-year digital plan aims to modernize the merit badge experience with interactive content, resource videos, and digital guides—recognizing that today's Scouts expect digital experiences to be easy, effective, and engaging - like the tech platforms they've grown up with. More information can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-scouts-bsa/>.

NATIONAL CAMP ASSESSMENT TEAM HITS THE ROAD

Eight Cornhusker Council Scouters recently began their assessment of area Scout camps as part of Scouting America's National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP). The purpose of NCAP is to help Councils elevate Scout BSA and Cub Scout Camps to new levels of excellence in delivering Scouting's promise to youth. Councils will engage in a rigorous review of camps and properties, continuous improvement, and correction or elimination of substandard practices. Our NCAP Team consists of:

John Salistean	Rick Wolzen
Alan Whitford	Larry Bechtel
Bill Lang	Mark Davis
Matt Kuhn	Jacob Leuenberger (Council lead)

If you'd like to be part of this effort next year, contact the Scout Office.



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!**

SCOUTING AMERICA LAUNCHES ENHANCED SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

Scouting America has unveiled a new comprehensive Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to creating the safest possible environment for young people. This updated training represents a significant step forward in Scouting America's multi-layered approach to youth protection.

The new training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. It incorporates the latest strategies for recognizing, responding to, and preventing various forms of abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

Key Features of the Updated Training:

- **Comprehensive Focus:** Our new Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) program reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.
- **Inclusive Content:** The training covers a wide range of topics, ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and the best practices for youth protection.
- **Annual Refresher Courses:** Recognizing the ongoing need for education and awareness, Scouting America will now require annual refresher courses, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.
- **Alignment with Best Practices:** Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.
- **Focus on Prevention:** The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

Your existing Youth Protection Training remains valid until May 31, 2026, at which point the new Safeguarding Youth Training will be required.

Scouting America's proactive approach to youth safety underscores its dedication to providing a secure and enriching environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. The launch of this enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training demonstrates a continuous effort to adapt and improve safety measures, ensuring the well-being of all Scouts remains the top priority.

REGISTRAR'S UPDATES

1. Unit and Member Renewals: It is almost that time of year for Unit and Member Renewals. (Previously referred to as Re-charters). Remember that these are now two different processes, one for Unit Renewals, and one for Member Renewals. It's not too early to start thinking about any unit position changes. These can be changed in Organization Manager/ Position Manager in your My. Scouting account by the Chartered Organization Rep OR the Chartered Organization Rep Delegate (assigned by the COR) The other option is to have the volunteer fill out a new adult application, forward to the office, and we can make these changes. Please have your volunteers do their Youth Protection Training as they come due to avoid any problems with your Unit Renewals. You have 60 days, (June 2nd is when you can start) before the July 31st deadline to renew your unit. Attached you will find the Annual Unit Charter Agreement and the current fees. Helpful steps for Unit Renewal, Units Renewing their Members, Parents Renewing their Youth Memberships, and Adults Renewing their own Memberships to the Key 3 of the Unit can be found in the link below. The Annual Unit Charter Agreement **NEEDS TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE.** (You can submit this at any time starting today!) If you need help with your Renewals please reach out to set up an appointment. Appointments can be held over the phone or in person, but we ask that you please call ahead to set this up. Call 402-488-6020, ext. 202 or email: Manuela.mcdonald@scouting.org.

Please have all the necessary paperwork with you and signed, along with your payment.

Pay at council option:

If you've done your renewals online, there is no need to submit or renew again in the office.

Renewal help:

You will find the pay at council option on first screen of the renewal, just before the unit pin review screen.

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/unit-and-membership-renewal/>

2. Annual Grade and Program Rollover scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th. This process will begin at 7pm CDT. The process component for Grades means that all records with grades will be advanced one grade and all those with 12 grade will be update to no grade (null).

The process component for Programs means that Lion youth will become Tiger youth. The Tiger youth will become Cub Scout youth. The second year Cub Scouts will become WEBELOS youth. And, for the first time, the Program for first year WEBELOS will be updated to Arrow of Light.

These updates will have an effective date of June 1st. This process will retain the appropriate parent or guardian Relationship created when the registration occurred.

There are exclusions from this process: 1) no changes on Lion and Tiger Den Leader Positions and 2) No Programs updated for registrations with an effective date of June 1 or greater, or for registrants in batches on hold (new units and additional enrollments).

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 Tradingpost 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. 115 Years Collector Patch Set Now Available for Order

This will be a very popular set throughout the patch collecting community and will only be available while supplies last. We recommend you place your order now so that you don't miss out. Contact the Scout office to order.

3. We are out of Sioux City Sarsaparilla in the Scout Store! We bought the last available quantity of SCS in the entire state for Camp Cornhusker! 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.

FOLLOW US!



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COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: [Cornhusker Council](#))

June

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 6 Twilight Camp
 2-6 Cub Scout Day Camp
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 Innovation Campus (limited to 15 participants)
 12 Commissioners/ District Committee Conference, OEC
 12-13 Scout Night with the Saltdogs at Haymarket Park
 16 Commissioners Cabinet mtg at OEC
 31 SVD Roundtable and Membership Kick-off

August

1-3 OA Pow Wow at Camp Cornhusker
 6 Properties Committee Meeting
 7 SVD - LPS Open House
 7 PWD, 7FD - Roundtable
 9 Popcorn University
 16-17 OA Vigil Weekend
 23-24 Outdoor Preparedness Training

2025 CAMP CORNHUSKER SIGNUP		
CAMPSITE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Bear	337	321
Beaver	56	305
Bobwhite	174	64
Cheyenne	CLOSED	CLOSED
Commanche	296/144	142
Crow	334	572
Eagle	8	54B
Fox	456	290
Kiowa	78 (LFC)	212
Mandan	34G	
Missouri	78	122 (MAC)
Omaha	220	
Osage	111B/45	16
Otoe	36	
Ponca	100 (HOAC)	222
Wichita	223	
Winnebago	159	49
Lakota		
Ft. Atkinson		

ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

Lodge Chief: Isaac Hiser

Lodge Advisor: Brooks Rushman professionalpower@yahoo.com

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

Website: www.goldensunlodge.org



OA POW WOW & FALL INDUCTION WEEKEND, AUG 1-3RD

Mark your calendar for the OA Fall Pow Wow and Induction Weekend at Camp Cornhusker. More details and event registration page will be in next month's newsletter.

OA VIGIL WEEKEND, AUG 16-17

All Golden Sun Lodge Vigil Honor members are encouraged to attend to help induct and receive this year's class of Vigil Honor members. For registration information, contact Brooks Rushman, OA Lodge Advisor (professionalpower@yahoo.com, 402-416-9781) or Will Cover, the Staff Advisor to the Golden Sun Lodge (william.cover@Scouting.org, 402-413-9211)

REGALIA SURVEY

American Indian Activities (AIA) - the Lodge has formed a task force regarding the possibility of forming a relationship with a local tribe. The purpose of this survey is to gauge how the membership feels about different aspects of AIA. Arrowmen are encouraged to participate in this survey:

[Golden Sun Lodge- American Indian Activities Survey](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS



Zachary Parra, T. 256

Davis Swanson, T. 28

Benjamin Kreitler, T. 34

Eagle Scout Project Request! The Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees approached us with an Eagle Scout Project idea to document and map the 1-2000 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)



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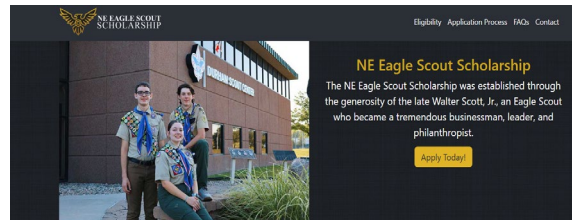
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APO Eagles the Eagle Scout Alumni Association of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity (APO), and National Affiliate of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is proud to sponsor a Scholarship for college-bound scouts. The program seeks to recognize Scouts who have demonstrated they are leaders, are friends with all, and are of service to the communities in which they live.

A scholarship between \$2,000 and \$5,000 will be awarded to an Eagle Scout who has shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service. In addition, they will have demonstrated a commitment to Leadership Friendship & Service. Deadline is April 30th.

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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

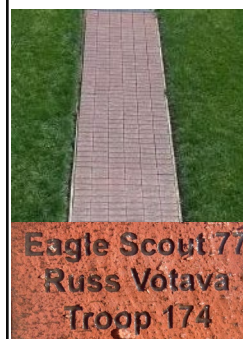


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NEBRASKA EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP!

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](#)



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SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

The Anxious Generation: How Scouting Can Help Break the Great Rewiring of Childhood

I started this fascinating, yet disturbing book, a couple weeks ago. Fortunately, Blake Nettleton, the Field Director for the Longhorn Council, recently wrote the below book review and summary:



Jonathan Haidt's book, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*. Haidt's work highlights a troubling rise in anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges among youth, attributing these issues to the shift from a play-based childhood to a phone-based one. This "great rewiring," driven by smartphones, social media, and overprotective parenting, has reshaped how young people grow up, often to their detriment. As Scouters, we have a unique opportunity to counter this trend by offering experiences that restore balance, foster independence, and rebuild the connections today's youth desperately need.

Understanding the Great Rewiring

Haidt's *The Anxious Generation* argues that the mental health crisis among Generation Z, those born after 1997, began around 2010, coinciding with the widespread adoption of smartphones and social media. He cites compelling data: rates of anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicide have more than doubled for many measures since the early 2010s. The book points to two key factors: the decline of free play and the rise of a phone-based childhood. Overprotective parenting has limited children's opportunities to explore, take risks, and develop independence, while smartphones and social media have filled the void with constant connectivity, comparison, and overstimulation.

This rewiring has created a generation that is, in Haidt's words, "underprotected in the virtual world and overprotected in the real world." Social media platforms, designed to capture attention, foster anxiety through curated personas and endless scrolling. Meanwhile, the lack of unstructured play deprives youth of opportunities to develop problem-solving skills, resilience, and social bonds through real-world interactions. As a Scouter, I see this firsthand: young people arriving at our programs often struggle with basic social skills or fear taking risks, yet they're glued to their screens.

Scouting as a Solution

Scouting America offers a powerful antidote to this crisis. Our programs are built on principles that directly address the issues Haidt raises, providing youth with opportunities to reconnect with the real world, build resilience, and grow into confident, capable individuals. Here's how Scouting counters the great rewiring:

1. Promoting a Play-Based Childhood

Haidt emphasizes the importance of free play for healthy development, noting that unstructured, physical activities help children learn to navigate risks, solve problems, and build social bonds. Scouting delivers this through outdoor adventures, team-building activities, and hands-on challenges. Whether it's a Cub Scout learning to tie knots, a Scout BSA member navigating a wilderness trail, or a Venturer leading a group project, Scouting creates spaces where youth can explore, make mistakes, and grow without the constant pressure of screens.

For example, our camping programs encourage kids to step away from devices and engage with the natural world. A Scout building a fire or pitching a tent isn't just learning practical skills; they're developing confidence, problem-solving abilities, and a sense of accomplishment that no app can replicate. These experiences mirror the play-based childhood Haidt advocates, giving youth the freedom to experiment and learn in a safe, supportive environment.

2. Fostering Independence and Resilience

Haidt argues that overprotective parenting has stifled children's ability to develop independence, leaving them less equipped to handle challenges. Scouting counters this by encouraging youth to take on responsibilities and lead. From planning a troop outing to earning merit badges, Scouts are given age-appropriate challenges that build self-reliance. The Scout Oath and Law guide them to be trustworthy, brave, and prepared, values that directly combat the anxiety-driven fragility Haidt describes.

As a professional Scouter, I've seen timid Scouts transform into confident leaders through experiences like high adventure trips or serving as a patrol leader. These moments teach youth they can handle uncertainty and adversity, skills that are critical in a world where social media often amplifies self-doubt and fear of failure.

3. Building Real World Connections

The virtual world, as Haidt notes, often isolates youth despite its promise of connectivity. Scouting, by contrast, thrives on real-world relationships. Our programs bring together diverse groups of youth, volunteers, and community leaders to work toward common goals. Whether it's a service project, a troop meeting, or a national jamboree, Scouting fosters genuine connections that combat the loneliness and comparison culture fueled by social media.

Professional Scouters like myself work to create these communities, partnering with volunteers and local organizations to deliver programs that make youth feel valued and connected. A Scout who feels part of a troop is less likely to seek validation from likes or followers, finding instead a sense of belonging through shared experiences and mentorship.

4. Limiting Screen Time Naturally

Haidt advocates for reducing smartphone use, including measures like banning phones in schools. Scouting naturally aligns with this by creating environments where screens take a backseat. During a weekend campout or a service project, Scouts are too busy learning, exploring, and collaborating to be on their phones. These breaks from technology allow youth to be present, engage with others, and rediscover the joy of real-world experiences.

A Call to Action for Scouters and Communities

As Scouters, we have a responsibility to address the mental health crisis outlined in *The Anxious Generation*. Haidt's research shows that the great rewiring is not inevitable; we can restore a healthier childhood by prioritizing play, independence, and community. Scouting is uniquely positioned to lead this charge. Our programs are already designed to develop character, leadership, and personal fitness, qualities that directly counter the effects of a phone-based childhood. To amplify our impact, we must continue to engage communities, recruit dedicated volunteers, and expand access to Scouting programs. We can partner with schools, religious organizations, and local businesses to reach more youth, showing parents and educators how Scouting complements Haidt's recommendations for a freer, healthier childhood. By sharing stories of Scouts who've grown through our programs, we can inspire others to join us in breaking the cycle of the great rewiring.

Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation* is a wake-up call, urging us to rethink how we raise and support today's youth. As Scouters, we are on the front lines of this effort, offering programs that rebuild the play-based, independent, and connected childhoods that young people need. Scouting America isn't just a program; it's a movement to empower youth to thrive in a world that's increasingly wired against them. Let's continue to inspire, guide, and connect, helping the next generation become not an anxious one, but a resilient, confident, and capable one.