

THE LONG TOOTH CIRCLE (LTC)

A Camp Alumni Association and Benevolent Society of the Cornhusker Council #324
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The Long Tooth Circle is an alumni association organization of **adult Scouters** of the Cornhusker Council and Out of Council Alumni formed to perpetuate Camp Cornhusker.

GOAL – To establish an organized group of Scouters who will commit to support Camp Cornhusker with volunteer labor and donations so that Camp Cornhusker can be sustained for future generations.

MISSION - Maintain Camp Cornhusker's unique reputation with the manpower and funds needed for the continuation of an excellent camping experience through innovative programs that challenge both younger and older Scouts.

VISION –Scouters from across the Council and Camp Alumni join the Long Tooth Circle to support **Camp Cornhusker** through volunteer time and donations to foster **a sense of ownership**.

1. **OBJECTIVE** – To establish a structure, based on the Camp's Mountain Man Program, that will appeal to Scouters and be an encouragement for them to join the Circle.
2. **OBJECTIVE** – Use the LTC to encourage participation as Camp Staff and in other Council related groups i.e. Order of the Arrow, Wood Badge, high adventure bases, National Camping School, Jamborees, Alumni Associations, Philmont Training Center, etc.
3. **OBJECTIVE** – Use the LTC to raise funds and labor to sustain the Camp and support new programs. The LTC will not be in competition with already established Council fund raising programs since it is focused solely on the maintenance and perpetuation of Camp Cornhusker.
4. **OBJECTIVE** – Use the LTC to advise, plan and institute innovative Camp programs while supporting ongoing Camp operations. It is hoped members of the LTC would be also become members of the Council's Camping Committee.

CONCEPTS - The LTC will be a logical extension of the already established Mountain Man Program (MMP). All titles/names earned in the MMP will be retained. A beaver tooth will be added to the Camp *Gee-Gah* already in use to signify membership in the Circle. In keeping with the Mountain Man theme of Camp Cornhusker adults are expected to wear appropriate regalia of the Mountain Man era at Wednesday's Rendezvous and to the LTC meeting afterwards. Regalia and other LTC articles will be available for purchase in the Camp Trading Post or can be home made. The official regalia of the LTC Lodge will be: appropriate Mountain Man gear and *Gee-Gah*. All organizations of the

Council are considered and participation/membership in included for advancement in the LTC. Therefore the LTC will not be in competition with any existing program but complement them all. The LTC exists solely to perpetuate Camp Cornhusker.

HOW THE LTC WILL FUNCTION – The main LTC camp meeting will take place every Wednesday night at Camp right after Rendezvous. Only the members of the LTC will gather and go through the ceremony, which stresses the ideals of Scouting. Helpful suggestions will be aired concerning Camp operations for that week and taken into consideration by the Camp Staff. Advancement in the LTC will be awarded at this time with new members being admitted. The business meeting will take place in the Fall after Camp. It is at this time that all LTC members will gather to go over the Camp program for the coming year prior to the next year's Camp Guide being published - guidance will be given to the Camp Staff and lessons learned discussed as well as information disseminated and new LTC officers elected. The Fall meeting is open to all interested Scouters.

LTC members should also consider attending the Council's Camping Committee meetings.

OFFICES IN THE LTC – Members serve in the following positions:

BOOSAY – Officiates at the LTC Ceremony & Meeting

KEEPER OF THE BOOK – Secretary & keeper of service hours for advancement

KEEPER OF THE FURS - Treasurer

CEREMONIAL – Security, assist Boosay in Ceremony.

ADVANCEMENT in the LTC: Advancement points are earned based upon service to the Council in ways that support Camp Cornhusker, directly or indirectly. Advancement is also based upon monetary donations in lieu of hands on involvement. As Baden-Powell said, *“If you cannot give yourself for the work, will you give us a donation of such size as will mark your sense of its importance? Let us, in the words of the highwayman, have ‘your money or your life.’”*

Service points for advancement in the LTC will be determined via service projects, meeting attendance, function attendance – i.e. attend OA functions, attend WB dinner, Council/District dinners, roundtables etc. Service points will be reported to the Keeper of the Book and tabulated at the Fall LTC meeting. The Fall LTC meeting is the business meeting – advancements are announced then but not bestowed until next LTC meeting (Summer Camp) when annual dues are also collected (paid to the Trading Post).

ADVANCEMENT POINTS: Volunteers only. Points are counted from 1 Jan to 31 Dec of the year you joined, *and cannot be carried over from prior years or to the following year.* All points are to be reported to the Keeper of the Book and validated before rank is conferred.

The following is the authorized list of events/meetings and points authorized for attendance or participation in each. Partial (i.e. 0.5 or 0.25 of a point) may be earned.

5 Points:

Roundtables, Long Tooth Circle Fall meeting, District & Council Dinners, FOS Presenter, Council/District /Properties or Camping, Conservation

10 Points:

Per day (at least 4 hours) working *at* Camp Cornhusker

25 Points:

Camporees or OA Weekend Activities

50 Points:

Beaver Day, NYLT (staff), NAYLE (staff or participant), 1 Week at Camp Cornhusker (Incl. Staff), Complete Wood Badge (or Staff) – receive Beads, National Camp School, National OA Conference

100 Points:

Jamborees/National or World
Attendance - BSA High Adventure Bases & Philmont Training Center

EARN OR BUY ADVANCEMENT

# BISON TEETH	SVC Points	DUES/YR	Weeks Req. @ Camp Cornhusker OR Buy Out*
2	100	\$25 - 1 st Year	1 week –OR-\$100 for every week you want to buy out of
4	400	\$25 every year after	2 week
6	600		3 weeks
8	800		4 weeks
10	1000		5 weeks
GOLD**	100		N/A
SILVER**	100 + 4 pair GOLD		N/A

* Buy Out is \$1.00 per point.

Gold & Silver teeth can *only*** be earned ***not*** bought i.e. **No Buy Out.**

***1 Beaver tooth is given upon entry into the Circle with payment of dues. The single tooth is hung from the center of the *Gee-Gah*.

Gold & Silver teeth may be worn in combination i.e. 1 pair silver & 1 pair gold = 1600 points. 2 pair silver teeth = 3000 points

If you fail to pay yearly dues you are out of the Circle, but may be reinstated by simply paying dues.

<i>Officers</i>	Tooth Color	Requirements
<i>100 points beyond 10 teeth = Gold Tooth</i>	GOLD	Gold & Silver Bison Teeth no buy out; you must do the service hours. You can wear no more than 4 pair of Gold Bison teeth at a time. May be worn in combination to show total points.
<i>4 Gold teeth + 100 points = Silver tooth</i>	SILVER	
BOOSAY Chief of the Circle	RED bead on top of beaver tooth	Only 1 office bead to be worn at a time.
KEEPER of the BOOK	BROWN bead on top of beaver tooth	
KEEPER of the FURS	GREEN bead on top of beaver tooth	
CEREMONIAL	YELLOW bead on top of beaver tooth	
FOUNDER'S BEAD	Wood Leather bead on top of beaver tooth - below Office Bead	Joined 31 May 2014 or before.
PROFESSIONAL'S BISON TOOTH	SILVER with black markings design up to Scouter.	Beaver Tooth, Founder and Office beads wear as per non-professional members.
PAST OFFICERS	May paint Bison tooth the color of office held.	May wear 1 pair for each office held.

Long Tooth Circle CEREMONY & – Officer In Charge

1. Appropriate period music as all assemble – **CEREMONIAL**
2. **CEREMONIAL** call all together and make sure all are in proper place
3. **BOOSAY** calls Circle to order and has **CEREMONIAL** secure the area.
4. **BOOSAY** leads in the Scout Oath.
5. **BOOSAY** admonishes group of purpose and reason for LTC.
6. **BOOSAY** - hands basket to **CEREMONIAL** who gather naming badges in basket. Members introduce themselves as they place their naming badge in the basket – **NAME SEQUENCE:**

“**Howling Wolf**” (MMP name),

“**Fox Clan**” (Wood Badge Critter or “no clan”)

“**Council Fire**” or “**7 Feathers Fire**” etc. (**District or Council**)

“**Golden Sun Lodge, Order of the Arrow**” (if a member)

7. **CEREMONIAL** gives basket to **BOOSAY** who states that all are acknowledged & known.
8. **BOOSAY** hands beaver skin to **CEREMONIAL** who pass it to all, then present it back to **BOOSAY** who announces that all are of one mind & purpose.
9. **BOOSAY** opens LTC meeting
10. **KEEPER OF THE BOOK** reads past Circle business announces advancements & Fall meeting (if in attendance).
11. **KEEPER OF THE FUR** reports on finances.
12. Business to come before the Circle is discussed when done **BOOSAY** announces that the Circle is ended.
13. **BOOSAY** gives oil cup to **CEREMONIAL** who passes it around to the circle; they dip their fingers as **BOOSAY** states that the cup signifies that we are all united in harmony. **CEREMONIAL** returns cup to **BOOSAY**.
14. **BOOSAY** reminds everyone to remember those who protect us and defend and govern our Nation.
15. **BOOSAY** gives Irish blessing –
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the rains fall softly upon your fields.
Until we meet again
May God hold you in the hallow of his hand.
16. All depart in silence.

*Other officers may assume duties of absent officers or BOOSAY may appoint a member to assume the duties of an absent officer.

Required Ceremony Accruements/ Regalia:

Tiki torches/fuel/matches
 Bison/Beaver Teeth – sold in Trading Post
 Necklace thongs – sold in Trading Post
 Mountain Man costume parts – available for purchase in Trading Post.
 Gee-Gah from Mountain Man Program
 Promotion cards –given out at Fall meeting

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Presentation made at roundtables to join LTC, applications handed out.
- 2) Applications posted on the Council Web Page.
- 3) Applications given in packets at Camp check-in. LTC Circle representative will be at Camp check in to take membership applications and assign duties. Ceremonial training will be conducted on Sunday night.
- 4) Membership applications with dues/buy outs can be turned in at Camp Trading Post or mailed to the Council Office.
- 5) Honorary memberships will be granted and a beaver tooth given to those who pay the yearly dues but do not want to 'buy out' for advancement. Founder's bead can be given. Cannot hold an Office in the Circle.

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LTC FALL BUSINESS MEETING

The LTC Fall business meeting will convene together with the Cornhusker Council's Camp Director's meeting. All members should be present.

A small red bead is given to all who attend the Fall meeting and is worn above the office/founder's bead.