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REGISTER NOW!  
 TRAIL TO EAGLE!



**Life to Eagle Seminar**, 7pm-9pm, Sep 17<sup>th</sup> at the OEC. Learn about what is required by the Life Scout to reach Eagle. Review the project workbook and Eagle Scout application. [Cornhusker Council - Life to Eagle Seminar](#)

CUB SCOUT DAY OF  
 AWESOMENESS, OCT 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 AT THE OEC



The Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness is an opportunity for Cub Scouts (K-5th grade) and their families to start the year off with a fun outdoor event. New and existing Cub Scouts are invited to come. **This is a GREAT "bring a friend" event to Scouts into your Pack!**

Weather? This is a "rain or shine" event. In case of severe weather, visit [cornhuskerCouncil.org](http://cornhuskerCouncil.org) or Cornhusker Council, Scouting America Facebook page.

[Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness](#)

WE WANT YOU!  
 BECOME AN USHER!

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.

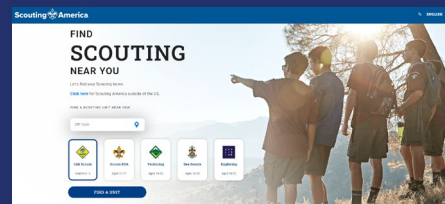
Sign up once and there is an option to mark which games you will not be able to attend, or mark that you can help with all games! If you can only make it to one game, just click on that one when signing up!

BE PART OF THE EXCITEMENT!

[https://youtu.be/7rFntyM6B4g?si=CkLOZ\\_jxHwre9zy4](https://youtu.be/7rFntyM6B4g?si=CkLOZ_jxHwre9zy4)

## YOU HAVE LEADS!

As of the most recent report, nationwide, there are more than 11,150 open leads (an 17% increase over last week) and more than 2,000 pending applications (a 54% increase!) 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.



If you haven't already checked the leads and pending applications for your unit, make sure your teams review and take action on this information to help welcome more youth and families into Scouting. To find out more about how to manage BeAScout leads, visit <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>.

## POPCORN SCOUT BONUS REWARDS!



It's POPCORN Season!!! Just look at all the things you could earn ON TOP of your Scheel's Rewards Program! If your Unit is not selling and you are interested in earning some great prizes and experiences, plus supporting your Scouting Adventures, please reach out to Michelle at: [michelle.austin@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.austin@scouting.org)

### \$500 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FUN DRAWING!



- Every \$500 sold gets one entry into the drawing
- AT LEAST 10 prizes available
- Nintendo Switch 2, 40" Fire TV, Beats, Meta Quest 3, 3D Pen, Fire Max Tablet, Projector, Family Outings and Experiences, Climbing Wall, and Free Camping at Cornhusker Council (Scouts BSA, Webelos, CS Resident or Day Camp)



### POPCORN BINGO!

- FILL the BINGO Card—This will reward Scouts with 5 Bonus entries into the \$500 FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FUN Drawing! Turn it into the Council.



### SELL \$750—BONUS PRIZE

- 5 in 1 Survival Tool or LED Flying Ring



### SELL \$1,250 (FIRST REPORTED 100)—SPIN TO WIN!

- Prizes, Food, & Fellowship
- Date & Location TBA—BUT it will be held in the Spring of 2026



### SALES OVER \$1,500—More in Scheel's Rewards!!

- \$1,500 = \$25 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$2,500 = \$50 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$5,000 = \$100 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$7,500 = \$175 in additional Scheel's Rewards
- \$10,500 = \$275 in additional Scheel's Rewards



Day will be November 8th!

## CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

*Camp Cornhusker is your camp!*

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

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

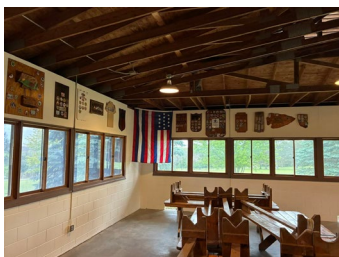
Overview : Camp Cornhusker : Camping & Activities : Cornhusker Council, BSA



### RESERVE YOUR CAMPSITE NOW FOR A SPECIAL 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUMMER CAMP SEASON AT CAMP CORNHUSKER IN 2026!

### DIDN'T GET YOUR TROOP PLAQUE UPDATED OR HUNG? NO WORRIES!

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. Contact Will Cover ([William.cover@scouting.org](mailto:William.cover@scouting.org)) to get your plaque updated or hung!



### Campsite Sign Ups Camp Cornhusker 2026



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

### FALL BEAVER DAYS - CAMP CORNHUSKER!

Fall Beaver Days at Camp Cornhusker are set!

Sept 6  
Sept 20  
Oct 11  
Oct 25

I've got patches!!!



C'mon down to Camp!

Troops can camp over the weekend or come down to camp as individuals. Meaningful work for our camp and camaraderie! 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.

## 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



### I DON'T WANT TO BURY ONE OF MY SCOUTS - by Trev Peterson

**Zero/Zero.** Zero cases of abuse and zero preventable accidents. That's the goal of the Council and its Risk Management Committee. The Risk Management Committee was reconstituted this summer with the goal of reviewing the Council's policies and procedures and updating those policies and procedures. The committee is also acting as a clearing house to provide information and suggestion to all units in Cornhusker Council. Safety of our scouts is the primary responsibility of every Scouter, every adult, every volunteer and every Scout in every unit. While many of you agree with that, for many units, safety gets ignored or shunted to the back of the priority list. Our goal is to get every unit to focus attention of its adults and Scouts on safety. Safety is Job One for Everyone.

**Where to start?** Safety is a big job for our units. Units have to resist the two objections to safety policies.

1. "It can't happen here." Ask the parents of the kids killed at the flash flood in Texas, or the family of the lady killed by the falling tree at Two Rivers State Park during the August 9<sup>th</sup> windstorm. Dangerous weather can happen here. Your unit needs to "Be Prepared."
2. The second objection is "having a policy will scare our Scouts." That notion is clearly wrong. Public schools have fire drills and active shooter drills. Your Scouts are familiar with those drills and if your unit emphasizes that the drills are for everyone's safety, then the "scare the Scouts" objection can be mitigated. For Cub Scouts, you can work the unit safety procedures into a discussion on what the Cubs can do to protect themselves and their family at home. For older Scouts the "scare our Scouts" issue is less of a concern. If you ask the Scouts (a novel concept), they may actually feel that knowing what to do reduces their fear.

I'm selfish. I don't want to bury a Scout because my troop did not address an unsafe condition or unsafe activity, did not have a plan or did not share the plan with my Scouts. I want my Scouts to focus on safety and, since our troops are supposed to be "Scout led," Scouts should be encouraged to remind the adults to review, modify and implement changes to the unit's safety policies. For Cub Scouts, you may not get much feedback, but consider asking the Cubs for comments or feedback on the policies—you might be surprised.

**So, where to start?** Let's start with safety issues at your unit's meeting place. Does your unit have a policy for fire at your meeting place? Is the policy in writing? Where is the policy physically located? When was the policy last reviewed? How is the policy communicated to your Scouts? Do you practice the fire policy so every Scout knows what to do and more importantly what not to do?



What about tornado/hazardous weather during a unit's meeting? Same set of questions. Do your Scouts know what to do? What about an active shooter? Have you even considered having an active shooter policy?

What should a policy look like? Start by reviewing the safety policies, if any, that are in place at your meeting location. The church, school or meeting hall may already have a written policy that your unit could adopt or adopt the plan as modified for your unit's needs.

Once your unit has addressed the meeting place risks, move to what to do on a unit outing. For troops, the issue is what to do at campout, what is your unit to do if there's a wild fire, hazardous weather or an active shooter? Here's a good opportunity to put the written policy in with the medical forms, or the other folder of documents you take with you to campouts. While having the policy with the unit is important, reviewing the policy with the scouts is critical for their safety. For Cub Scout units, in addition to considering what to do on campouts, what are you to do if the Cub Scout unit is at some other event. What do you do if you are visiting a library? What do you do if you're at a pack picnic or bike rodeo?

As we move forward, the Risk Management Committee plans to provide access to information on what to do and who to call in cases of abuse or accidents or other reportable incidents, including links to the forms to complete for each incident. We will provide periodic updates at Roundtables and on the Council's website, if possible.

Parents of our Scouts expect us to provide a safe environment for their children. Adults associated with the program are concerned about safety, but we tend to focus on the program, our "to do list" and don't necessarily move safety to a top concern. Consider troops camping during the fall through to early spring. It's generally dark when camp is set up. How many of us take a few minutes on Saturday morning to walk the camp to be sure that tents are not set up under trees with dead branches? Are the tents set up too close to a creek or too close to a lake? If your unit has a written plan for activities on campouts, put a few minutes in before or after your flag ceremony to have an adult, the SPL and troop quartermaster or patrol leaders walk the camp to be sure it's safe. If not, move tents as needed to protect the scouts. Remember, it can happen here.

## SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

Sam Cressler, Development Director,  
([samantha.cressler@scouting.org](mailto:samantha.cressler@scouting.org))

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### 1. SCOUT'S HONOR GALA AND AUCTION , OCT 9

Join us on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Robber's Cave in Lincoln, NE for our annual Prepared for Life Auction. This unforgettable evening of food, music, and fun supports the Scouting programs of the Cornhusker Council, helping build character, leadership, and life skills in young people throughout our community.

You can make a difference by purchasing tickets, becoming a sponsor, or donating auction items. For more information, contact Samantha Cressler at [samantha.cressler@scouting.org](mailto:samantha.cressler@scouting.org).



#### 2. CORN TO RUN TRAIL RACE, OCT 18

The first annual Corn to Run Trail Race is happening on Saturday, October 18, at Camp Cornhusker! This scenic trail run is open to all ages and experience levels, offering a fun and active way to support local Scouting programs. Choose from a 1-mile fun run, 5k or 10k to challenge yourself.



Sign-up today at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NE/DuBois/CornToRun>

Contact Samantha Cressler at [samantha.cressler@scouting.org](mailto:samantha.cressler@scouting.org) if you have any questions.

### 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.



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.

**DONATE NOW**

### 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](#)

## EXPLORING, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS

Exploring: Jason Hellmuth ([info@cornhuskercouncil.org](mailto:info@cornhuskercouncil.org))

Venturing: Tom Rolfes ([trolfes\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:trolfes_77@yahoo.com))

Sea Scouts: Tom Rolfes ([trolfes\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:trolfes_77@yahoo.com))



### JOIN EXPLORER POST 575

Explorer Post 575 held their first meeting of the school year on Aug 20! Even if you missed the meeting, there is still time 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

Commissioner: Bill Lang ([wleng50@gmail.com](mailto:wleng50@gmail.com))

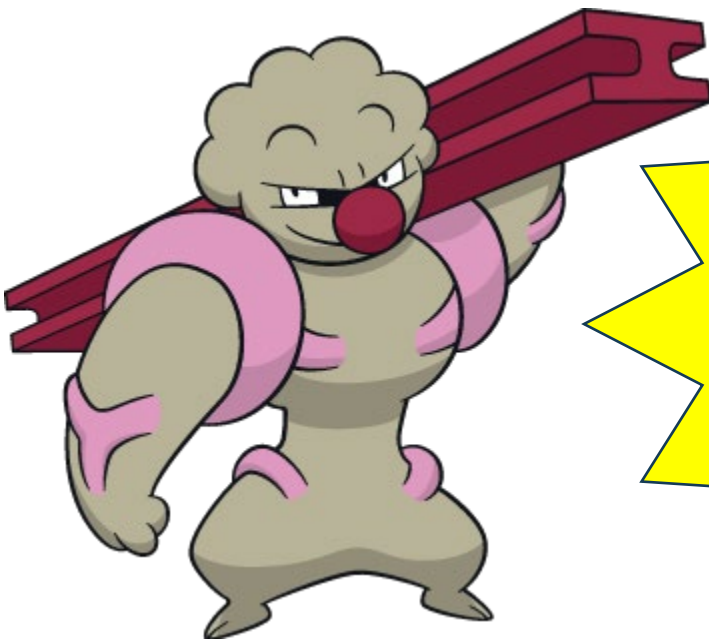
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<https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/aboutus/cornhusker-council-districts/salt-valley-district.html>



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

#### SALT VALLEY DISTRICT CAMPOREE, SEP 26-28



Salt Valley Fall  
Camporee  
"Pokémon Go to Work"  
September 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>  
@ The OEC

Wild Pokémon have taken over the OEC! Come out and compete in several Poke'-themed challenges designed to challenge you skills as a Scout and as a Pokémon trainer. Will your Troop be able to "catch'em all"? Cost is \$20 per Scout, \$10 per adult. Registration opens on 9/5/25.

You can register here: [Cornhusker Council - Salt Valley Fall Camporee](#)



## PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

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

Commissioner: Lonnie Pohlman ([lpohlman@gmail.com](mailto:lpohlman@gmail.com))

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

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



PRAIRIE WINDS – SEVEN FEATHERS TAILGATE-OREE

CAMP ASHLAND, SEP 19-21



THE BEST TAILGATE IN NEBRASKA! WATCH THE GAME, COMPETE IN GAMES, HAVE FUN!

## PRAIRIE WINDS-SEVEN FEATHERS TAILGATE-OREE, SEP 19-21

Sign up now for this AWESOME Fall Camporee September 19th, 20th, 21st

Located at Camp Ashland (Nebraska National Guard Base), 220 County Road A, Ashland NE, 68003.

Northeast of the city of Ashland just off Highway 6.

This event promises great camping and fellowship in Gov't approved facilities !

Join us for food, fun and FOOTBALL.

The host troop (Troop 34B of Greenwood NE) and the Districts' Activities Committees are planning for a fun-filled weekend.

Planned events include football and football-related games of skill, listening to football on the radio, participating in a patrol/troop team challenge course, and watching a game on the big screen (we hope it will be the broadcast of the NU Michigan game) and of course preparing our best tailgate foods/snacks for sharing with our great big tailgate.

**\$20.00 For youth /\$ 12.00 For Adults**

\* Arrow of Light Den Members may attend as the invited guests of a troop or as a "Trails to Troops" group with their Den Adult Leadership to learn more about Troops in their area. **Arrow of Light Price is \$15.00 per youth and \$12 per adult.** Arrow of Light Dens are welcome to stay the night in a den group, or just come for the day (Saturday) and will not be participating in the Silver Skillet.

Registration closes Sept 19th at 12:00 pm and must be completed online via the Website.

Register here! [CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - SEVEN FEATHERS/PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE](#)

## SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT

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

Commissioner: Richard White ([rwhite4576@gmail.com](mailto:rwhite4576@gmail.com))

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

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



## PRAIRIE WINDS-SEVEN FEATHERS TAILGATE-OREE, SEP 19-21

Register here! [CORNHUSKER COUNCIL - SEVEN FEATHERS/PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE](#)

**SEVEN FEATHERS & PRAIRIE WINDS  
DISTRICTS  
FALL TAILGATE-OREE  
FRIDAY SEPT 19-SUNDAY SEPT 21  
CAMP ASHLAND**



## FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO TROOP 337'S SCOUTMASTER

Jerel Katen, long-time Scoutmaster of Troop 337 in Syracuse accepted a new position out-of-state and is stepping down as Scoutmaster. Jarel has been Troop 337's Scoutmaster for the last 15 years and during his time at the helm, the Troop saw 17 Scouts earn their Eagle Scout award. Mike Keslar has graciously stepped into the role as Scoutmaster. Mike earned his Eagle Scout in Troop 337 and has a lot of Scouting experience to rely upon. Fair winds and following seas, Jerel! Welcome aboard, Mike!



## COUNCIL NEWS

### HOW IS YOUR TROOP DOING?

Scouts BSA recently launched an online self-assessment tool for troops. Previously, this was a PDF form, but it is now available in an online format. The program is not a patch or recognition initiative but a resource to help leaders identify their unit's strengths and challenges, providing real-time resources and relevant information to address concerns. The self-assessment should complement the Commissioners of Scouting America connection guides and serve as an effective discussion point. More information can be found here:

[Troop Self-Assessments - Troop Leader Resources](#)



### COMBATting ONLINE EXPLOITATION TRAINING, OCT 15TH AT THE OEC

Online child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) is a horrific crime that targets some of the most vulnerable people in our communities – our children and teens. It includes a broad range of criminal acts that involve exploiting minors for sexual gratification or some other personal or financial gain.



Scouting America has partnered with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Know2Protect, a first-of-its-kind national public awareness campaign about the risks children face in the online environment, providing Scouts and their families with the knowledge and skills they need to protect themselves and their families online.

The Cornhusker Council, in partnership with Homeland Security Investigations, is hosting Project iGuardian, a training and education session for our Scouts and their families to help better protect our youth.

Project iGuardian offers presentations designed to inform children, teens, parents and trusted adults on the threat of online child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA), how to implement preventive strategies and how to report suspected abuse to law enforcement. Project iGuardian features Homeland Security Investigation's case studies and investigative knowledge coupled with perspectives from victim assistance and forensic interview specialists.

**Who:** Scouts, Scouters, and their families

**When:** October 15th at 7pm

**Where:** Outdoor Education Center, Woods Room

**Cost:** FREE

Scouts and Scouters who complete the training will receive an exclusive patch signifying their completion of the training. SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 60 RESERVATIONS.

Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - Project iGuardian Presentation-Combatting Online Threats](#)



## TRAIL TO TROOPS, OCT 18<sup>TH</sup>

Trail to Troops will be held October 18th, at the Outdoor Education Center located at 800 South 120th Street, Walton, NE 68520.



Trail to Troops is an exciting event built for Arrow of Light Scouts. Statistics show that events like this are very successful in retaining AOL's in the Scouting program. AOL's get a chance to talk with older Scouts, find out how each Troop works, and discover the start to the best path to continue their Scouting adventures. Plus, they will complete an adventure or two to help complete your Arrow of Light. Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Trail to Troops](#)

## GROW THE UNIT, GROW THE MOVEMENT

**Thank you**, units, leaders, parents, and Scouts, for all your efforts thus far to grow the Scouting movement in southeast Nebraska! Fall recruitment is still underway! A few suggestions to build and keep the flow of scouts into your unit:

- \* 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.
- \* Continue to invite prospective Scouts to troop activities. You never know what event will peak someone's interest.
- \* 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
- \* 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.
- \* Bring A Friend / "Normal Friend Activities" are GREAT ways to recruit new members!
- \* ***Always be recruiting.*** Potential new Scouts are everywhere.

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, OCT 25

Mental Health First Aid is an international evidence-based education program proven to be effective in teaching adults how to recognize and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges. Youth Mental Health First Aid (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.



Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis



and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including ADHD), and eating disorders.

Course workbook is provided

Date: October 25

Time: 8am-5pm

Location: Cornhusker Council, Outdoor Education Center

Cost: \$20 (covers a continental breakfast and lunch)

Instructor Bio:

Kristi Lange is a licensed clinical social worker, licensed mental health practitioner, and a provisionally licensed alcohol and drug counselor. She has been working within the mental health field for more than 10 years. She currently serves as a social worker on the LPS Threat Assessment Team. Kristi also serves on the HopeLNK Suicide Prevention Coalition. She has been teaching Youth Mental Health First Aid courses for the last 4 years.

## ARCHAEOLOGY AND INDIAN LORE MERIT BADGES AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



We're excited to share two fantastic merit badge opportunities offered by the Nebraska State Historical Society! These hands-on workshops are a great way to learn from experts and complete merit badge requirements in a fun and educational setting.

### Upcoming Clinics:

#### **Archaeology Merit Badge**

Date: September 6

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Indian Lore Merit Badge**

Date: November 15

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Fees:**

Scouts BSA Members: \$10

Adults: \$5

Troop Leaders: FREE!

#### **Registration:**

Sign-up is quick and easy through the Nebraska State Historical Society website:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Don't miss out on these unique opportunities to explore history and earn your badges! Space is limited, so secure your spot today.

## FIRST AID, CPR AND AED TRAINING FOR ADULTS, NOV 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Who:** Scouters (adults)

**When:** Saturday, November 1, 2025, 8:30-12:00

**Where:** Innovation Campus, Rise Building in the  
Nebraska Safety Center Classroom  
2125 Transformation Dr #1270  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**Why:** Important training for the safety of your unit outings and to be able to better instruct your Scouts.

Space is limited to 15 participants. Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training](#)



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:william.cover@scouting.org)) or Sam Cressler ([samantha.cressler@scouting.org](mailto:samantha.cressler@scouting.org)).

Join us for a brief information meeting on Sunday, Sept 7 at 6:00 PM at the OEC to learn about the 2026 National Jamboree and the Cornhusker Council Contingent (including a 4-day pre-trip tour).

- **Why Jamboree?** Zip lines, rock climbing, BMX, patch-trading, new friends from across the country, and unforgettable leadership experiences.
- **Who can go?** Youth at least 12 years old by July 22, 2026 and registered in Scouts BSA or Venturing.
- **Spots are limited.** A \$350 deposit holds a spot (current amount due per schedule: \$1,080). Paula Rezek can help set up a payment plan during registration.
- **Further Details:** <https://cas5-0-urlprotect.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.cornhuskerco%2f2026%2dscout%2djamboree%2f2026%2djamboree.html&umid=9a6f0d43-491e-4dc7-a287-7eae410536c&rct=1756326617&auth=203ecf89f7cd4098d9eaa5656305d334dc98bd7e-6ddaccbcbfd29ee4dedc73576ccaab156e995510>
- **Questions:** [samantha.cressler@scouting.org](mailto:samantha.cressler@scouting.org)

We hope to see you on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 PM at the OEC!

## EARN YOUR RECRUITER STRIP! IT'S FREE!

The Arrow of Light badge of rank marks a major milestone in a Cub Scout's growth. The senior patrol leader badge represents one of the most important positions of responsibility in a Scouts BSA troop. And the Eagle Scout award symbolizes an incredible journey of perseverance.



But when considering the array of Scouting awards and recognitions available to young people, you can make the argument that one of them stands above all the others.

If you think about its ability to grow Scouting and introduce this life-changing program to new people, the Recruiter Strip might be the most important patch in Scouting.

It's also one of the easiest to earn.

### How to earn the Recruiter Strip

The Recruiter Strip has just one requirement: recruit a friend into Scouting.

Any youth member – in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouts – who gets a friend, classmate or relative to sign up for Scouting can receive the red, white and blue patch.

Each Scout unit comes up with its own procedure for awarding the strip. In most packs, troops, crews and ships, the young person receives the strip the first time he or she successfully recruits someone into the unit.

Submit the completed form to the Scout Shop to receive the recruiter strip:

[250646 4x6 BoxStuffer UniformOffer+RecruiterStrip v2](#)

### How to wear the Recruiter Strip

The embroidered cloth strip is worn on the uniform, below the right pocket.

## EARN THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S 250<sup>TH</sup> 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.

This award is open to all registered youth and adult members of Cornhusker Council, Scouting America, including:

- Cub Scouts
- Scouts BSA
- Venturers
- Sea Scouts
- Adult Leaders

**Timeframe** - All requirements must be completed and submitted by **December 31, 2026**.

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 second patch to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> 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 will be available in the Scout Store in September.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES TRAINING HELD

The Council Training Committee held Outdoor Adventures Training (IOLS and BALOO) at Camp Cornhusker, Aug 23-25.

***Congratulations*** to the following individuals who completed training:

Lynn McCollough, Troop 54  
 Joe Arena, Pack 223  
 John Ferguson, Troop 34  
 Jordan Sis, Pack 22  
 Maria Lintz, Pack 223  
 Bryan Welty, Troop 45  
 Benjamin Roberts, Pack 25  
 Tori Hoesch, Pack 212



Thanks to our instructor staff: Dave Schoff, Rose Munderloh, Martin Kahland, Mike McCullough, and Pam Chanler!



## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE, JULY 30-AUG 8, 2027, GDANSK, POLAND

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>

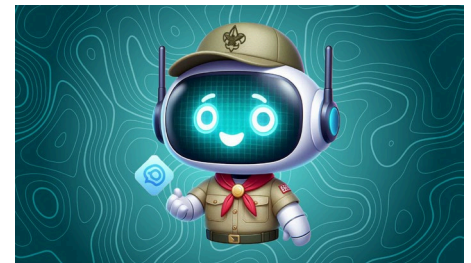
The US Contingent website: <https://wsj2027.us>



## "SCOUTLY" - AI CHATBOT

Scouting America announced the launch of Scoutly, a powerful new AI assistant designed to provide instant, reliable support to the entire Scouting community.

Scoutly is more than a search tool – it's an interactive chatbot trained on an extensive, contained knowledge base of official Scouting America resources. This ensures a safe, child-friendly experience without relying on external internet searches.



Scoutly is now available 24/7 on Scouting.org and BeAScout.org, providing answers to a variety of Scouting questions. You can interact with Scoutly by selecting the floating Scoutly icon on the lower right corner of each of these websites.

Scoutly's primary mission is to simplify the journey for new families. By providing a conversational and streamlined registration process, the assistant helps parents find a local Scout unit and complete the registration process.

Key Features of Scoutly Include:

- **Dedicated Knowledge Base:** Scoutly is trained on official Scouting America documents, including the Guide to Safe Scouting, program handbooks, and leader guides, ensuring all information is accurate and safe.
- **Merit Badge Expertise:** The assistant has a comprehensive understanding of all Scouts BSA merit badges, with detailed information from the official merit badge pamphlets. It will also be the primary source for the new Artificial Intelligence Merit Badge set to be released in mid-September.
- **Simplified Registration:** Scoutly offers a conversational approach to help new parents find and register their children in a local unit, streamlining the entire onboarding process.

- **Round-the-Clock Support:** Available on Scouting.org and BeAScout.org, Scoutly provides quick answers to a variety of Scouting questions.

By providing easy, instant access to critical information, Scoutly allows leaders and parents to focus on what truly matters: providing a life-changing experience for young people.

For any questions or concerns about Scoutly, please use the feedback link in the Scoutly chat box.

## REMINDER - UPDATE YOUR "PIN!"

Unit and District Leadership - please continue efforts to keep your Unit's "pin" updated in [beascout.scouting.org](https://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!**

## SAVE THE DATE!!! WOODBADGE 2026! APR 10-12 AND APR 26-28

Welcome to Cornhusker Council Wood Badge!

Wood Badge is an adult training where you work with others to learn and practice leadership skills (as a member of a successful working team) and live the values of scouting.



This course will help you understand the full values-based family of Scouting programs as well as discover ways to use the leadership skills to improve your personal and professional life.

Wood Badge gives leaders the skills they need to strengthen Scouting in meaningful ways and deliver a quality program to our youth.

### Skills Useful Outside of Scouting

You will be able to use these lessons and experiences from Wood Badge outside of scouting to make every team a successful team, whether the team is at your work or is your family. Inspired in England by Lord Baden-Powell at Gilwell Camp, Wood Badge is today offered around the world. Upon completion, a Scouter receives a certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and beads, and becomes a permanent member of Troop 1, Gilwell.

### Woodbadge Course Description

Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult leaders in all of Boy Scouting's program areas - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing - as well Council and District leaders. It teaches skills that are useful in Scouting, work, family, and other community service activities. The focus is on leadership and team-building, not outdoor skills.

### Objectives of Wood Badge

To enable you to view Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities

To help you recognize contemporary leadership concepts that applies to our values-based movement.

To apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team.

To revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an overall inspirational experience.

### Course Organization

The Wood Badge experience is divided into two parts - a practical phase and an application phase.

#### Practical Phase

The practical phase consists of Five days of instruction.

During this time you will become a member of a group, share skills and knowledge, become an effective team and have a great experience while doing it.

Themes covered in the practical phase include:

- Living the Values (developing your personal mission and vision)
- Bringing the Vision to Life (communication skills, coaching and mentoring, leveraging diversity)
- Models for Success (how your style of leadership should relate to the skills of your team)
- Tools of the Trade (project planning, managing conflict, assessing team performance, managing change, celebrating team success)
- Leading to Make a Difference (leaving a legacy and secrets of leadership)

With the help of a staffer, you will be able to develop a "ticket" by the end of the practical phase of the course. This is a set of 5 personal goals designed to significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. The ticket provides a structure for the practice of the new skills you will learn.

#### Application Phase

The application phase is also known as "working your ticket". You will have 18 months to complete your ticket, which will allow you to become proficient in the leadership and team-building 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 certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and beads at an appropriate public ceremony.

***UNIFORM: A full, official uniform is required and consists of: official BSA uniform shirt; official BSA uniform pants, shorts or skirts- skirts or shorts are worn, official BSA socks are required; and official BSA web belt.***

Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - Wood Badge](#)

## HARE YOUR GO-TO IDEAS WITH THE CUB SCOUT COMMUNITY USING THIS NEW RESOURCE

Our favorite thing about Cub Scouting? The community it creates!

Yes, we love Pinewood Derby and all the classic Cub Scout events, but the real Scouting magic happens when leaders from around the world share creativity one mind alone could never muster.

That's why the Cub Scout team is excited to launch a new way to share your great Cub Scouting ideas: a crowdsourced hub for activities, games and ceremonies. Whether it's a rainy-day game that saved your sanity or a truly moving crossover ceremony idea, we need to know the activities that worked for you.

Want to learn more? Check out our recent #CubChatLive where the Cub Scout team announced this new concept and explained how to use it effectively. See the following blog for more information:

[Share your go-to ideas with the Cub Scout community using this new resource - Aaron On Scouting](#)

## SAFEGUARDING YOUTH REFERENCE CARD

The "Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Pocket Guide" is available! The pocket guides will be distributed to units at September's roundtable. 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.

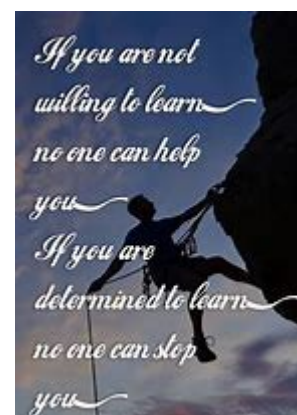


## ADULT LEADER TRAINING

All of our training numbers are on an upward trend which is great to see! For the position specific training especially, we would like to see that number higher than 60%, and for Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth Training that number should be 100%.

If you are part of the Key 3 for a unit, please make sure you are actively working with new and existing leaders in your unit to get them through the training for the positions they hold in the unit. Also, remember that direct contact leaders, which would be Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Scoutmasters need to keep their Hazardous Weather Training current to be considered trained. The Hazardous Weather Training currently needs to be renewed every two years.

If you ever need help reviewing the reports for your unit, or you have questions about position specific training or Safeguarding Youth Training please reach out to our District and Council Training Chairs.



Council Training Chair- Mike McCollough: [scoutermike14@gmail.com](mailto:scoutermike14@gmail.com)

Salt Valley District Training Chair- John Schuff: [john.schuff@gmail.com](mailto:john.schuff@gmail.com)

Seven Feathers District Training Chair- Travis Hespen: [Twillie\\_05@hotmail.com](mailto:Twillie_05@hotmail.com)

Prairie Winds District Training Chair- Applications welcome, in the meantime reach out to Mike McCollough- [scoutermike14@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:scoutermike14@gmail.com), he would love to hear from you.



## JOTI/JOTA, OCT 17-19 2025

**Jamboree-on-the-Internet**, or JOTI, is an annual international Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Each year, during the third weekend in October, Scouts from around the world gather online to learn about other cultures and the activities in which other Scouts participate. They communicate with each other using Internet-enabled devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. Each year, JOTI has nearly 16,000 Scouts and leaders from over 145 countries registered in the worldwide JOTA-JOTI database! Who Can Participate? Scouts of any age can take part, from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA and Venturers. Scouts can participate at home with the help of an adult, or they can participate in a Scout group at a council event. JOTI is an economical way to participate in an international jamboree. The event allows Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the world through the Internet and share more information than just "Hi." The exchanges can include such information as name, location of event, Scout rank, age, and hobbies. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships. JOTI participation fulfills requirements for Tiger and Arrow of Light adventures, the Citizenship in the World merit badge, and the International Spirit Award. Register here: [Jamboree-on-the-Internet | Scouting America](#)



**JOTA-JOTI is back on October 17-19, 2025. Mark your calendars!**

**Jamboree-on-the-Air**, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually during the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and Radio operators around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. It's a great way to get more youth interested in amateur radio while demonstrating the fun as well as the service aspects via emergency communication of amateur radio. The scope of your JOTA activities is only limited by your imagination. Tell Me More Scouts of any age can participate: from Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers, up to BSA Adult Leaders. Any amateur mode of operation can be used such as CW, SSB, PSK, SSTV, FM, and satellite. The more modes in operation, the more exciting the event will be for the Scouts. JOTA is not a contest. The idea is to contact other Scout stations and allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to other Scouts and learn about who they are and what they are doing. The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that nearly over 1 million Scouts and around 20,000 amateur radio operators participate in JOTA annually, from more than 17,000 stations in over 150 countries. Register here: [Jamboree-on-the-Air | Scouting America](#)

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

FEMA's Ready Campaign has observed National Preparedness Month since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.



"Preparedness Starts at Home," the 2025 theme, focuses on getting back to the essentials of preparedness. Scouting America has a TON of tips and ideas. You can find additional information on [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov). There are four key actions you can take to prepare for any disaster you may face:

1. Know your risk
2. Make a family emergency plan
3. Build an emergency supply kit
4. Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies.

**Be Prepared!**

## DONALD MCPHERSON, WWII AND SCOUTING VETERAN (1922-2025)

We were saddened to learn that Donald McPherson passed away last month at the age of 103. Donald was a Navy pilot during WW II and was the nation's last surviving WWII "fighter ace" from WW II. He was born in Adams, NE and returned to Adams after the war, where he joined Scouting in 1958 as an adult leader. Donald held many positions in Scouting over the years, to include Cubmaster of Pack 280, Scoutmaster of Troop 280, and numerous District and Council positions such as, Unit Commissioner and District Chairman. He earned the District Award of Merit and was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1974. The Order of the Arrow did a great expose on his service in the Navy and Scouting: [Lodge Ledger: WWII Veteran Reflects on Scouting | Order of the Arrow, Scouting America](#)

Thank you to the Scouters who attended his memorial service! His son, Dean, who was an Eagle Scout in Troop 280 in Adams, NE and a past Lodge Chief (1975-1976) of the Golden Sun Lodge presided over the service.



## FOLLOW US!

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## REGISTRAR'S UPDATE

1. Dear Cornhusker Council Key 3 and everyone who worked on the Unit Renewals,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for completing your unit and membership renewals in a timely manner.

Your prompt attention to this process not only ensures continued access to our services and programs but also reflects your ongoing commitment to the standards and responsibilities of our organization. Your cooperation greatly supports the smooth operation of our administrative processes and allows us to better serve all our Cornhusker Council members. YiS, Manuela

2. "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 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. 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. GET YOUR NEW CUBSCOUT RANK SHIRTS!** These are the *Glow-in-the-Dark* Cub Scout shirts we carry on a limited basis and in select sizes. They make great first "Class B" shirts for new Cubs. With recruiting events kicking off next week, this is a great way to support recruitment and retention. Cool gear helps keep Scouting exciting! Contact your Scout Shop!



**6. We offer free shipping on orders over \$125.** (Handbooks do not apply).

**7. Can't make it into the shop before 5pm?** That's okay! Email your order to the Scout Shop ([Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org](mailto: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.

**8. Didn't get your Camp Cornhusker swag?** Stop on by the Scout Shop where we have a number of specialty items from camp available!



**9. Leuenberger Lavender for sale in the scout shop!** Support one of our own local farmers!





**10. 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!

**COUNCIL & DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: [Cornhusker Council](#))****September**

- 3 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
- 4 (All) Roundtables
- 6 (C) Ushering (Akron)
- 6 (C) Beaver Day at Camp Cornhusker
- 7 (C) National Jamboree Meeting
- 10 SVD Roundtable Planning Meeting
- 11 (C) Popcorn Pickup 1
- 12 (C) Popcorn Pickup 2
- 12 (C) Popcorn Sales begin
- 13 (C) Ushering (Houston Christian)
- 17 (C) Life to Eagle Seminar
- 17 (C) Commissioners Cabinet Meeting
- 18 SFD District Committee Meeting
- 19-21 SFD-PWD "Tailgate-OREE"
- 20 (C) Ushering (Michigan)
- 20 (C) Beaver Day at Camp Cornhusker
- 22 (C) 2<sup>nd</sup> Popcorn Order Due to Council
- 23 SVD District Committee Meeting
- 25 SVD Eagle Board of Review
- 26 2<sup>nd</sup> (C) Popcorn Distribution
- 26-28 SVD Fall Camporee

**October 2025**

- 1 (C) Properties Committee Meeting
- 2 (All Districts) Roundtables
- 4 (C) Ushering (Michigan State)
- 9 (C) Prepared for Life Auction
- 11 (C) Beaver Day at Camp Cornhusker
- 11 (C) Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness
- 13 Columbus Day (office closed)
- 15 (C) Project iGuardian - Combatting On-line Threats
- 16 (SFD) Committee Meeting
- 18 (C) OA Fall Fellowship
- 18 (C) Corn to Run 5K/ 10K/ Fun Run
- 18 (C) Trail to Troops (former WEBELOS Woods)
- 20 (C) End of Popcorn Sales
- 22 (C) Final Popcorn Orders Due
- 23 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review
- 24 (C) Cub Scout Night at the Museum

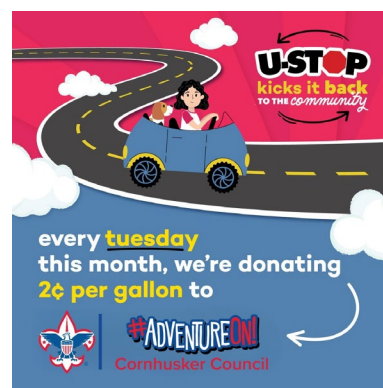
25 (C) Youth Mental Health First Aid Training  
25 (C) Beaver Day at Camp Cornhusker  
25 (C) Ushering (Northwestern)  
28 (SVD) District Committee Meeting  
30-31 (C) Final Popcorn Distribution

### November 2025

1 (C) Ushering (USC)  
1 (C) 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Scheel's Scout Day (tent.)  
9 (C) Veterans Day Parade  
11 (All) Veterans Day (Office closed)  
12 (SVD) Roundtable Planning Meeting  
15-16 (C) Remote and Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training  
20 (SVD) Eagle Board of Review  
20 (SFD) District Committee Meeting  
25 (SVD) District Committee Meeting  
27 (All) Thanksgiving  
28 Office Closed

## THANK YOU, U-STOP AND THE WHITEHEAD FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING SCOUTING AMERICA!

Also, thank you to all of our families who filled up at U-Stop on Tuesday's during the month of August! Every month, U-Stop supports a non-profit organization in our community. Please continue to fill-up on Tuesday's at U-Stop to continue supporting organizations that make our communities better!



## ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

Lodge Chief: Jake Manning

Lodge Advisor: Brooks Rushman [professionalpower@yahoo.com](mailto:professionalpower@yahoo.com)

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

Website: [www.goldensunlodge.org](http://www.goldensunlodge.org)



### SECTION G5 CONCLAVE 2025, SEP 12-14

Something mysterious is brewing in Section G5... Arrowmen from across the section will convene for a weekend of fellowship, discovery, and adventure at Camp Cedars! This year's conclave embraces a mystery theme, offering engaging activities that challenge your mind and build camaraderie.

Throughout the weekend, participants can look forward to:

- Interactive escape rooms
- Mystery-themed games and challenges
- Access to the climbing tower
- Fun incentives and unique activities for all age groups
- Workshops and training sessions to develop leadership and lodge engagement

Whether you're piecing together clues with your lodge, scaling new heights, or making memories around the campfire, Section Conclave 2025 promises a weekend of adventure and fellowship which you'll never forget!

REGISTER HERE: [registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1289/?ai=5a33fdf7-9119-4ff4-81f9-5474fe1d3dbd&fbclid=IwY2xjawLZZQtleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETF4cUM2UDZmdzAxR0V5R0I4AR5\\_DGzILSsm4tNlfgfw0Uro28fdfGrEh9leh3n30BKvd7axD6VpzoqfuYz0cw\\_aem\\_8PIG\\_kat5sObGgVRcDikMw](https://registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1289/?ai=5a33fdf7-9119-4ff4-81f9-5474fe1d3dbd&fbclid=IwY2xjawLZZQtleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETF4cUM2UDZmdzAxR0V5R0I4AR5_DGzILSsm4tNlfgfw0Uro28fdfGrEh9leh3n30BKvd7axD6VpzoqfuYz0cw_aem_8PIG_kat5sObGgVRcDikMw)

### GOLDEN SUN VIGIL WEEKEND HELD AUG 16-17

The Gold Sun Lodge held its annual Vigil Weekend at Camp Cornhusker, Aug 16-17. The Lodge inducted three new Vigil Honor members at the Vigil Weekend and one at the Pow Wow held earlier in the month. Congratulations to:

Jake Manning  
Jessica Kuhn  
Jacob Dietrickson  
Jackson Rickers



## CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Mike Risney, Troop 34  
 Hailey Schroeder, T. 16  
 Joshua Pierce, T. 25  
 Colt Klingenberg, T. 49  
 Lars Gallagher, T. 25  
 Iva Volf, T. 93  
 Brock Caudle, T. 396  
 Cade Caudle, T. 396  
 Alex Buddenberg, T. 334  
 Haiden Dorste, T. 396

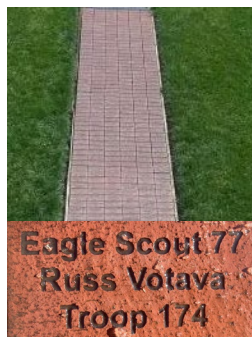
In addition to the National Eagle Scout Association's Scholarship, there are a number of other scholarship opportunities for our Eagle Scouts. Find them here on the Cornhusker Council Alumni page:

### [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 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](mailto:Jeffrey.johnson@scouting.org))



Purchase a Brick for the Path at the Outdoor Education Center.

[Buy a Brick : Ways to Support : Support Scouting : Cornhusker Council, BSA](#)



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

## SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL—AND BACK TO SCOUTING!

First off, let me extend my sincerest thanks to every Scouter, parent, and Scout who invested time and energy into helping grow the Scouting Movement in southeast Nebraska and welcoming new youth and families into Scouting. From school talks and sign-up nights to one-on-one conversations with families, your dedication has brought the values of Scouting to more young people than ever. The strength of our program rests on your enthusiasm and commitment.



**Celebrating Growth** - Because of your efforts, more boys and girls now have the opportunity to experience adventure, leadership, and service. Each new Scout represents a new journey of growth, and it is your persistence in sharing Scouting's story that makes this possible. Over the next year, we will add a "Bring a Friend"/"Normal Friend Activity" component to our District and Council events to provide Units additional opportunities to grow the Scouting Movement. I encourage units to look for "BAF/NFA" opportunities throughout your program year. Our youth and our communities need Scouting more than ever! Always be recruiting!

**Commitment to Youth Safety** - Safeguarding Youth is our #1 priority. Recruitment is only part of our success. Just as important is our shared responsibility to keep every youth safe. Our council continues to lead with strong safeguarding programs, including:

- o **Youth Protection Training** required for all leaders.
- o **Two-deep leadership** ensuring no adult is ever alone with youth.
- o **Background checks** and screening for all registered leaders.
- o **Ongoing education** for parents, leaders, and Scouts themselves on safe practices.

We have several Safeguarding Youth education programs over the coming months. First, be sure to pick up your Safeguarding Youth reference cards at Roundtable. Each unit will receive 3-4 reference cards. Put them in your program "kit bag" for ready reference. Second, be sure to check out the combatting online child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) course on Oct 15th at the OEC. This seminar is provided by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with Scouting America and is geared for youth and parents. Finally, we are hosting another Youth Mental Health First Aid training course on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at the OEC (adults only). This course was well received by the participants who attended last year.

**Looking Ahead** - We have several exciting District and Council activities planned this fall! District Camporees, Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness, adult leader training, and more! Noteworthy is the "Trail to Troops" (formerly known as WEBLOS Woods) event on Oct 18-19. This program has proven critical in the continuation of Arrow of Light Scouts into Scouts BSA.

The foundation you have built through recruitment and safety allows our program to thrive. Together, we are not only growing Scouting but ensuring it remains a safe, welcoming place where youth can develop character and leadership. Thank you for the countless hours you give and the example you set. Because of you, Scouting continues to shape the lives of young people in our communities.

Always be recruiting! Be Prepared!