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# UPCOMING EVENT SCOUT SUNDAY FEB 9

On this important day, timed to fall near the Feb 8 Anniversary of Scouting, Scouts give back in visible and meaningful ways. That means simply wearing the full field uniform to worship services, where the worship leader presents religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters respectively. In others, the pack, troop, team or crew conducts a service project that benefits the religious organization. Contact the Scout Office to order your Scout Sunday 2025 patch for your Scouts. Send us photos your videos of your activities (info@cornhuskercouncil.org)



UPCOMING EVENT

# NRA BASIC INSTRUCTOR TRAINING, SUN, FEB 16

This training is the first step in becoming a certified instructor/MB counselor for rifle, shotgun and pistol safety courses.

Cost of this standalone course is \$50.00

Individuals who indicate a wish to become a Merit Badge Counselor and make the commitment to provide that service to the BSA for a minimum of 2 years will be given a discounted rate of \$20.00. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch.



UPCOMING EVENT

1<sup>ST</sup> AID, CPR, AED TRAINING, MAR 8

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

2125 Transformation Dr #1270

Lincoln, NE 68508

8:30-12:00

Register at:

Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training



# **COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER**

The Annual Council Recognition Dinner will be held May 21st, 2025 and it is not too early to submit Silver Beaver nominations. Presented by the National Court of Honor, nominees must be registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the Cornhusker Council. We are also accepting nominations for the North Star Award. This award is on the same level as the Silver Beaver, but for non-registered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the Council.

Nomination forms can be found at:
Silver Beaver Nominees Adult recognition
North Star Award.pdf





# **USHERING PARTY FEB 9, 2025**

Football Ushers! In appreciation for your service, you are cordially invited to our post-season wrap up party on Saturday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost for this event, but please RSVP here: Cornhusker Council - Ushering Party

If you would like to usher for the 2025 Husker Season, contact Will Cover at William.cover@scouting.org



# OFFICIAL RE-BRANDING, FEB 8 2025

After 115 years as the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), we're thrilled to announce a historic rebranding: Scouting America! The new name will take effect on February 8, 2025, a significant day marking both our founding in 1910 and the beginning of this exciting new chapter. This name change is more than just a shift in title—it reflects our evolution into a unified, forward-thinking movement dedicated to unity, progress, and community. Scouting America encapsulates our commitment to welcoming all youth and families while honoring the traditions that have shaped us for generations. It's a name that resonates with today's Scouts and their families, ensuring the future remains bright and unified.



# CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp

Camp Director: Sammi Lowry (<a href="mailto:campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com">campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com</a>)
Staff Advisor: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)

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



# 2025 PROGRAM FEATURE - MOUNTAIN MAN

Step Back in Time with the Mountain Man Program at Camp Cornhusker!

Looking for a unique adventure at Scouts BSA Summer Camp? Explore the life of a frontiersman in our immersive Mountain Man Program! Any 3+ year camper can join!

Dates:

Week 1: June 8-June 14, 2025 Week 2: June 15-June 21, 2025



- Learn traditional frontier skills like blacksmithing, tomahawk throwing, and fire-starting
- Experience living history in a primitive camp setting
- Gain valuable outdoor survival and leadership skills
- Build camaraderie and have unforgettable fun

Open to all Scouts BSA members ready to challenge themselves and embrace the spirit of adventure!

Register now: <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/324-25ScoutsBSA">https://scoutingevent.com/324-25ScoutsBSA</a>

Limited spots available for this one-of-a-kind experience. Reserve yours today and join us on the frontier!





# WE'RE HIRING!

2025 CAMP STAFF

When you work at camp you don't just get a paycheck, you get life skills, great memories, a community, meet life-long friends, and make connections for your future career path. Camp Staff is a great way to keep older Scouts active in Scouting.

Staff Hiring Interview Day was held on Dec 30 and we had several qualified applicants! If you couldn't make it, no worries as there are still positions available. Questions? Email our Camp Director, Sammi Lowery at: campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com

# Camp Dates for 2025

Staff Week: June 1 - 7, 2025 Scouts, BSA Week 1: June 8 - 14, 2025 Scouts, BSA Week 2: June 15 - 21, 2025 Webelos Session 1: June 22 - 25, 2025 Webelos Session 2: June 25 - 28, 2025 Cub Resident Camp: June 27 - 29, 2025 Closing Days: June 29 - June 30, 2025



### **OPEN POTITIONS**

- Cooks: Needing 3 (18-21+)
- Aquatics Director: Needing 1 (21+)
- Waterfront Instructor: Needing 1 (18+)
- Lifeguards: Needing 5 (15+)
- Dishwashers: Needing 2 (15+)
- Archery Instructor: Needing 1 (18+)
- COPE Director: Needing 1 (21+)
- COPE Instructor: Needing 1 (18+)
- Merit Badge Instructors: All areas available (16+)
- CIT 14
- CIT2: 15

**APPLY NOW** 

campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com www.cornhuskercouncil.org

# SCOUT BSA RESIDENT CAMP

2025 LEADERS AND PROGRAM GUIDES AVAILABLE AT THE O.E.C. AND DECEMBER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES

Stop by the O.E.C. or your District Roundtable to pick up this year's Leadership Guide and Program Guide. Units may reserve their campsite NOW. Individual registration opens Mon, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's fees per Scout are:

"Early Bird:" \$395.00 (due Mar 11, 2025) Regular: \$420.00 (due by May 19, 2025) Late Fee: \$450.00 (after May 19, 2025)

NEW cross-over into Scouts BSA (youth): \$395 (due by May 23, 2025)

Adult: \$195.00

See the Leader's Guide for Cancellation Policy and the Council website for details on FOS discounts. Camperships are available! Check the website or contact your District Key 3 for details.

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

# 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 from 2024 with the photos 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 Order of the Arrow 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!

Learn more and register now: https://scoutingevent.com/324-25ScoutsBSA

Don't forget to pack for these fun-filled theme days! We can't wait to see your creativity shine at Camp Cornhusker!





# SCOUT BSA RESIDENT CAMP - MERIT BADGE SIGN UP IS OPEN!

Attention Scouts and Leaders!

Merit Badge Registration is NOW OPEN for Summer 2025 at Camp Cornhusker!

Get ready for an unforgettable summer of learning, adventure, and outdoor fun. Choose from a variety of merit badge classes, connect with fellow Scouts, and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Register your troop today! Don't wait—spots fill quickly. Let's make this summer at Camp Cornhusker one for the books

# WEBELOS AND CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMPS (CAMP CORNHUSKER)

GUIDES FOR 2025 WEBELOS, CUB SCOUT RESIDENT, AND CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP FORTHCOMING

**Cub Scout Resident Camp** is specifically designed to provide you and your Cub an exceptional weekend adventure! Earn advancements and create memories with your Scout this summer. Dates for Cub Scout Resident Camp are: June 27-29, 2025



WEBELOS/Arrow of Light Resident Camp: An elite camp experience for youth who will be in the 4th and 5th grade! Webelo Scouts and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to come with a parent or as a den. The activities are planned specifically for each grade level and will significantly aid the Webelos Leader and Arrow of Light Leader in helping those energetic Scouts to try new skills in the outdoors. Webelos and Arrow of Lights will be instructed in a variety of activities and advancements throughout the entire four days at Camp.

Webelos Camp is an adventure...with a purpose. It's camping out in a safe, pleasurable environment to ensure that our Webelos have an exceptional camping experience. It's learning how to work together and play together. In the great outdoors, Webelos gain in experience, knowledge, and self-reliance with the help of their Webelos Leader and a trained camp program staff.

Leader's Guides will be distributed at December's Roundtable and are available at the OEC.

Session 1: June 22-25, 2025 Session 2: June 25-28, 2025

# **CUB SCOUT WEEK-LONG DAY CAMP (OEC)**

JUNE 9-13, 2025

This weeklong Day Camp is just right for any Cub Scout wanting to have fun and earn requirements toward your adventures during the summer. Join us **June 9-13th 2025**. You will shoot rockets, BB-guns, archery, play games, go on adventures, and have a blast working on your rank with other Scouts from all over Cornhusker Council. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun at the Outdoor Education Center for 5 days of adventure. (Tiger Cub parents MUST attend with child)

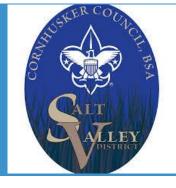
Not a Cub Scout yet? E-mail info@cornhuskercouncil.org to get signed up before Day Camp!

# SALT VALLEY DISTRICT

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

Commissioner: Bill Lang (<u>wlang50@gmail.com</u>)
Director: Lee Peterson (<u>Lee.Peterson@scouting.org</u>)

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







# **UPCOMING SALT VALLEY DISTRICT EVENTS**

# February 2025

6: Roundtable, 7-8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

22: Salt Valley District Recognition Dinner (registration is open!) 6pm, Lincoln Firefighters' Reception Hall 241 Victory Ln, Lincoln, NE 68528

Join us at the annual District Recognition Dinner held to recognize those leaders who go above and beyond in the service of youth. All Scouters in the Salt Valley District are invited and encouraged to attend. At the dinner we honor our Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout

in 2024. We also recognize many Unit Level Volunteers nominated by their peers and by District Leadership.

25: Salt Valley District Committee Meeting

6:30-8:30pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

27: Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review

6:30-9:00pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room & Board Room)

### March 2025

6: Roundtable

7-8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

8: 1st Aid/CPR/AED Training

15: Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training

10am-5pm, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

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.

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28: Pinewood Derby Weigh-In

6pm-8:30pm, St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE, 68520

29: Pinewood Derby

22-23: Wilderness First Aid Training

8:30am, 29 Mar - 6:30pm, 30 Mar, Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE, 68524 (Woods Room)

# **April 2025**

3: Roundtable

7-8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

4: Pinewood Derby Weigh-In

6pm-8:30pm, St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE, 68520

5: Pinewood Derby Races and Show Car Event

8:30am-2:00pm, St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE, 68520

5-6: Scouting for Food (Post-Its)

12: Scouting for Food Pick up

22: Salt Valley District Committee Meeting

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24: Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review

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25-27 Spring Camporee

30: Spring into Scouting ALL District Membership Day/Night



# **Salt Valley District Award Nominations Portal:**

**Cubmaster of the Year -** Recognize a Cubmaster, who not only performs his/her duties within your unit but frequently goes above and beyond those duties for the benefit of the youth and families.

**Scoutmaster of the Year -** Recognize a Scoutmaster who not only performs his/her duties within their unit but frequently goes above and beyond those duties for the benefit of the youth in their unit.

**Crew/Post Advisor of the Year -** Recognize a unit leader who not only performs his/her duties within their unit but frequently goes above and beyond those duties for the benefit of the youth in the unit.

**Den Leader of the Year -** Recognize one of your pack's den leaders who not only perform their job as den leader within their pack but frequently goes above and beyond for the benefit of the youth and their unit.

Committee Chair of the Year - Do you have an amazing committee chair in your troop crew or pack? Then you want to nominate them for this award. These leaders frequently go above and beyond for the benefit of the youth and their unit. Commissioner of the Year - Commissioners are the connection between the unit and their Council. Their goals are to be 1: the single, best resource for your unit; 2: ensure S.A.F.E programs; and 3: enable significant, sustainable growth. Nominate a commissioner who has been there for your unit this past year, reaching these goals and adding advice and experience to your leaders.

Salt Shaker Award - Nominate a leader in your Troop, Pack, Crew, or Post who has jumped in and done what needs to be done, filled in where needed, added great ideas, and, in general, added spice to your program!

Fundraising Hero - We all know those who take on the job of popcorn kernel and fundraising chairs put in a lot of hard work in ordering, keeping track of popcorn, trading, calculating, organizing booths, and often donating not only their time but their space to make sure the unit has what is needed for your unit and scouts to fund their adventure.

**Good Turn Award -** Nominate a unit or individual who has provided outstanding community service projects in our community

**District Award of Merit -** Available to registered Scouters who render outstanding service at the district level (please list below all District level events they've helped with). This is the highest award given to a Scouter at the District level and the only "non-square knot" in the knot award group. A District awards the District Award of Merit to volunteer adults for service to youth.



Sign-up for your 2025 Unit presentation by clicking the image.

# PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

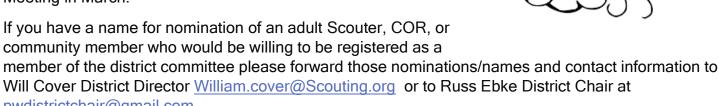
Committee Chair: Russ Ebke (pwdistrictchair@gmail.com) Commissioner: Lonnie Pohlman (Ipohlman@gmail.com) Director: Will Cover (william.cover@scouting.org)

https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/aboutus/cornhusker-councildistricts/prarie-winds-district.html



# DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACCEPTING **NOMINATIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of the District Nominating committee, nominations are open for the 2025 District Annual Meeting in March.





# PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

Hello Cub Scouts and Scouters of the Prairie Winds District! I am pleased to announce that the annual running of the Prairie Winds District Pinewood Derby will take place on March 29, 2025. We have received confirmation that Pack 296 Brainard has agreed to be the host this year and the race will be held at the East Buttler School Gym.

The district has been planning for both a Race and a Car Show, allowing 12 entries in each category from each pack- for a total of 24 entries from each pack.

Please be sure to bring at least one adult for every 3 Scouts. Fee is \$15.00 per race or show entry. Spectators are free.

# **UPCOMING PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES**

### February 2025

- 6: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford
- 8: 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting
- 9: Scout Sunday
- 18: District Committee Meeting

### March 2025

- 1: Seven Feathers Merit Badge University: SE Community College, Beatrice
- 6: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford
- 15: Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training
- 18: District Committee Meeting



22: Wilderness First Aid

# **April 2025**

1: District Committee Meeting

3: Roundtable

5: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day

16: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom

# 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



# SEVEN FEATHERS MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY, MAR 1, 2025

Spend a day at the Southeast Community College-Beatrice campus earning a couple Merit Badges. Classes start at 8am and run through 4pm.

Registration is open through February 24, 2025.

Note: Disability Awareness Merit Badge is being offered off campus at the Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) located at 3000 Lincoln Street in Beatrice, NE.

Opened to all Scouts BSA and Venturers. New crossovers: check with your Scoutmaster about getting signed up.

For more information and to sign up: <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/324-91130">https://scoutingevent.com/324-91130</a>

# DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the District Nominating committee, please note that the requisite 90-day notice of nomination acceptance is open as of December 4, 2024 for the 2025 District Annual Meeting in March. If you have a name for nomination of an adult scouter, COR or community member who would be willing to be registered as a member of the district committee please forward those nominations/names and contact information to Will Cover District Director <a href="William.cover@Scouting.org">William.cover@Scouting.org</a> or to Troy Nichols District Nominating Committee Chair at <a href="Troy.nichols@conagrafoods.com">Troy.nichols@conagrafoods.com</a>

# SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT DINNER

The Seven Feathers District Committee invites you to join us March 15th, 2025, 5:30 pm at The Elks Lodge #963 in Falls City, NE, to recognize the outstanding dedication of our amazing Seven Feathers District volunteers and leaders.

We will spend the evening reminiscing about a wonderful year of Scouting. We will talk about the Seven Feathers District vision for 2025, a vision to re-establish ourselves as the top performing District in the Cornhusker Council and to demonstrate to the communities we serve that Scouting is very much alive and growing. Most importantly we will also be presenting tokens of our appreciation to volunteer leaders and recognizing this year's recipient of the District Award of Merit. Of course, we will be celebrating the achievement of those youth who have arrived at the summit of Eagle Scout in 2024. These young Scouts, tomorrow's leaders, are some of our country's greatest assets. Please come and fellowship with us as we congratulate them and let them know how proud we are of their monumental achievement and promising futures.

# SEVEN FEATHERS PINEWOOD DERBY

Hello Cub Scouts and Scouters of the Seven Feathers District!

I am pleased to announce that the 23rd annual running of the Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby will take place on March 22, 2025. We have received confirmation that Pack 337 Syracuse has agreed to be the host this year and the race will be held at the Syracuse Middle School Gym.

The district has been planning for both a Race and a Car Show, allowing 12 entries in each category from each pack- for a total of 24 entries from each pack.

Please be sure to bring at least one adult for every 3 Scouts. Fee is \$15.00 per race or show entry. Spectators are free.

Register here: Cornhusker Council - Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby

### Schedule:

9:30am to 11:00am: Check in & inspection of race and show class cars 11:15am - 11:30am: Opening & Flag ceremony and simulcast to begin

11:30am: Race begins

1:30pm (or at completion of the races): Awards Ceremony for Cub Scouts

# UPCOMING SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

# February 2025

- 6: Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Baptist Church, Tecumseh
- 8: 115th Anniversary of Scouting
- 9: Scout Sunday
- 20: District Committee Meeting

### March 2025

- 1: Seven Feathers Merit Badge University: SE Community College, Beatrice
- 15: District Dinner, at the Falls City Elks Lodge.
- 20: District Committee Meeting
- 22: District Pinewood Derby, 9:30am-1:30pm, Syracuse Middle School Gym

# **April 2025**

- 1: District Committee Meeting
- 3: Roundtable
- 5: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 16: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom

# IMPACT DISTRICT

District Executive: Drew Wicks (Andrew.Wicks@scouting.org)



As a new semester starts with Lincoln Public Schools, our Cub Scout Clubs under the Scoutreach program are off to a great start. As of the end of January, 9 of our 13 units started with mostly new, and some returning Scouts. Once the remaining 4 clubs start their semester by mid-February, we'll have the potential of almost 200 kids that are new to Scouting that may not have had a Scouting experience at all. This presents us with a great opportunity to teach them what we are all about.

Our club leaders have a myriad of lessons for our Scoutreach participants. These kids learn the basics of the Scout Oath and Law, respect for our country and how to care for the US Flag, and the six essentials and how to use them. And it's not just the nuts and bolts of Scouting that they receive. They have the opportunity to set up a tent, build and launch paper rockets, and fling marshmallows with their own popsicle stick catapult. And to top all of that off, many of them will even get to experience designing and racing their very own Pinewood Derby Car!

We do everything we can to give our Scouts in the after-school clubs as close to an actual Cub Scout experience in the limited time we have with them each week. Unfortunately, they still miss much of what our Scouts in traditional Packs receive. This semester, we will work towards changing that. We're starting to work with some of our schools on possibly launching traditional Cub Scout Packs and what that would look like in their area. And that is on top of putting more effort into recruiting our Scouts already in the clubs to traditional Packs in those areas. Scoutreach is an amazing starting point for those kids who may not have the opportunity to see Scouting in their neighborhoods. Right now, we're working towards making it an even stronger force to help us grow the leaders of tomorrow.

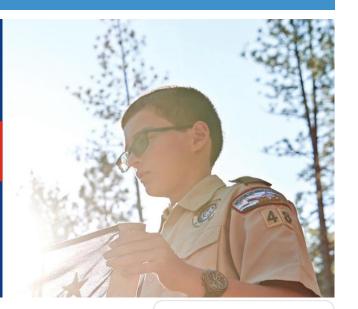
# **COUNCIL NEWS**

# Prepared. For Life.

You wonder how they're going to find their way.

How to get them ready for the times you won't be there to help.

How to help them to be strong enough, brave enough, mentally sharp, and moral.



# 2025 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

# Kick Off the 2025 Friends of Scouting Campaign!

The Cornhusker Council is excited to announce the launch of our 2025 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign! This annual effort supports life-changing programs, activities, and resources that help our Scouts develop leadership skills, build character, and create unforgettable memories. Sign up with your District Director for a unit presentation

To make this year's campaign the most successful yet, we need your help!



# 1. Schedule your unit's 2025 FOS Presentation.

This is a great way to share the story of Scouting and inspire families to join the mission. Presentations are quick, impactful, and ensure everyone has the opportunity to support the future of our programs. To sign up, please contact your District Executive today!

# 2. Check with your employer about matching gift programs.

Matching gifts can double or even triple the impact of your donation. Many employers - such as State Farm, NELNET, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe, Ameritas - will match your gift. Check with your employer today to see if they participate and maximize your contribution to Scouting.

# 3. Become a Trailblazer.

As a Trailblazer, your gift helps the Cornhusker Council with sustainable giving all year round, at a donation level you're comfortable with. Donation Levels begin at \$15/month. Please visit https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/trailblazerclub/ for more information.

Together, we can ensure that Scouting in the Cornhusker Council remains strong and accessible for generations to come. Please join us and make your 2025 FOS donation today!

# NEBRASKA GOVERNOR PILLEN DECLARES THE WEEK OF FEB 2-8, 2025 "SCOUT WEEK"

Over 15 Scouts and Scouters attended the Governor's declaration of February 2-8, 2025 as Scout Week to commemorate the 115th anniversary of Scouting and the official rebranding as Scouting America. Nebraska Scouts were introduced by former Nebraska Secretary of





State, former Cornhusker
Council Board Member,
and long-time Scouting
advocate, Allan J.
Beerman.



# NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY SCOUT WORKSHOP: ARCHEOLOGY

Joined by the Nebraska State Archeology team, explore how cultures evolve and investigate the past using artifacts people left behind.



On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon, bring your scouts for this quarter's only Archeology Merit Badge Workshop! Located at the Nebraska History Museum at 131 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln.

Workshops are \$10 per Scout and \$5 per adult. Troop leaders are free. Please use the calendars on the following page to reserve your spot.

To review our workshop policies and complete the pre-visit activities before the workshop, use the external resources listed on the following page to help complete the lesson. The Merit Badge counselor will approve the requirement. Scouts must bring completed work with them on the day of their workshop if they wish to complete their Merit Badge.

Be sure to check out our other Scout Workshop to help scouts earn the Indian Lore Merit Badge!

# WELCOME TO THE 2026 JAMBOREE - SIGN UP BELOW!

The 2026 National Jamboree will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV July 22-31, 2026. The National Jamboree is a gathering of thousands of members of the Boy Scouts of America, usually held every four years and organized by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Referred to as "the Jamboree", "Jambo", or NSJ, Scouts from all over the nation and world have the opportunity to attend. The first jamboree was scheduled to be held in 1935 in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting, but



was delayed two years after being cancelled due to a polio outbreak. The 1937 jamboree in Washington attracted 25,000 Scouts, who camped around the Washington Monument and Tidal Basin.

We will be sending two units to the Jamboree, one Troop of 40 Scouts (Boys) and one Crew of 20 Scouts (Boys and Girls). Adult Leaders and Scouts wishing to be part of the Council's contingent, please fill out the following form: <a href="https://forms.gle/FyNDajbo7WTuvgj69">https://forms.gle/FyNDajbo7WTuvgj69</a>

For more information-

Cornhusker Council Jamboree Link: 2026 National Jamboree

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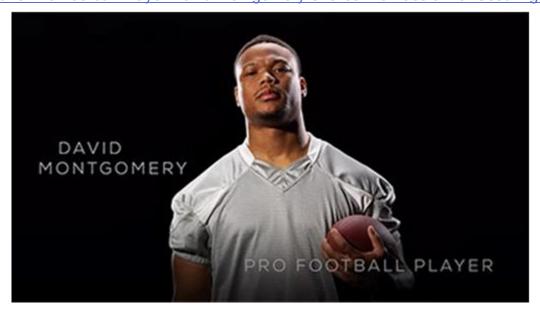
Council Contingent Guide: 2026 National Jamboree Council Contingent Guide Fall 2024-Master

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).

# EAGLE SCOUT AND PRO FOOTBALL PLAYER DAVID MONTGOMERY SHARES HIS PASSION FOR SCOUTING

Watch and share this video of David inspiring youth to get involved in Scouting and dream big!

Eagle Scout & Pro Football Player David Montgomery Shares His Passion for Scouting - YouTube



# 2025 Camp Cornhusker Campsite Reservations

A \$250 deposit locks your Troop in at your favorite campsite.

"New" Campsite Available!
After a long hiatus, Fort
Atkinson is now open for
Troops to camp in. The
"Fort" campsites were
always favorites for some
Troops.

2025 CAMP CORNHUSKER SIGNUP		
CAMPSITE	W⊞K1	WEEK2
Bear	337	
Beaver	56	
Bobwhite	174	64
Cheyenne		
Commanche	296	142
Crow	4	
Eagle	8	54B
Fox	456	
Kiowa		
Mandan		
Missouri		
Omaha	220	
Osage		16
Otoe		
Ponca	100 (HOAC)	
Wichita		
Winnebago	159	49
Lakota		
Ft. Atkinson		

# **Range & Target Activities**



Would you like to learn how to set up the BB Gun and Archery Ranges for Cub Scouts? Join us for Range Training on Mar 15, 2025. Check and see if you need to update your training. Certification is good for 2 years. Sign up at: <a href="Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range">Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range</a> Master Training

Schedule of events:

10:00am-2:00pm - Classroom Session

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

Registration has closed for the NRA Rifle Basic Course. This training is the first step in becoming a certified instructor/MB counselor for rifle. Contact our Shooting Sports Chair for the next course. (DJ.Davis@scouting.org)

# LOOKING FOR A WINTER-TIME OUTING FOR YOUR UNIT? TRY SKIING AT MT. CRESCENT, IOWA

Mt. Crescent Ski Area offers ski and snowboard rentals, lessons, sledding, and four-season hiking trails. The area is tucked inside lowa's globally significant Loess Hills and is managed by Pottawattamie County Conservation. They also offer special rates for Scout Units.

There are three dates left for "Scout Night" this season:

- February 7th, 2025
- February 21st, 2025
- March 7th, 2025

For more information: SCOUT RATES | MT. CRESCENT SKI AREA | CRESCENT, IA

# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Mental Health First Aid is an international evidencebased 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.

# Mental Health First Aid

Youth

Mental Health FIRST AID

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: March 29

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.

# WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

Wilderness First Aid Training focuses on the prevention, assessment, and treatment for an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. This course is intended for anyone planning a remote high adventure experience, including BSA High Adventure Bases.



Participants must be at least 12 years old at the time of the course, registered with the BSA, and hold a current First Aid/CPR certification.

This course requires active participation and for all skills to be demonstrated with minimal prompting to obtain certification. We will be doing some activities outside and kneeling or laying on the ground, so please dress accordingly or have extra clothing. We will be doing scenarios where gear may be used for improvised support. We encourage bringing your own gear so that everyone can see what may potentially be used in an emergency. We will also have examples and practice kits available. We will take breaks during the course including a break for lunch. Snacks are encouraged. Lunch is provided. Please let us know of any dietary concerns and we will do our best to accommodate.

Course (Approx. 16 hours) Skills Practice Approx. 4 hours

Where: Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center 800 South 120th Street Walton, NE

When: March 22 and 23 (both days are required)

Cost: \$125.00

For more information, contact Pam Chandler, Council Training Chair (<a href="mailto:aquilaguide@gmail.com">aquilaguide@gmail.com</a>) or Will Cover, District Director (<a href="mailto:william.cover@scouting.org">william.cover@scouting.org</a>)

# HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

Effective Dec 1, 2024, all direct-contact leaders are required to complete Hazardous Weather Training (course number SCO\_800). A notification from Scouting U was sent to each affected member. Log into your my.Scouting account and select "My Training" and navigate to the course. More information regarding safety training can be found at: <a href="Health and Safety website">Health and Safety website</a>

# WINTER SAFETY TIPS

As winter approaches, it's essential to be prepared for the unique challenges that come with colder weather. Here are some key tips to ensure you and your loved ones stay safe and warm this winter.

Stay Warm with the C-O-L-D Method

The Scouting America recommends the C-O-L-D method to stay warm during winter activities:

- C = Clean: Keep your insulating layers clean and fluffy to maintain their effectiveness.
- O = Overheating: Avoid sweating by adjusting your clothing layers. Stay hydrated with water or sports drinks.

- L = Loose Layers: Wear several loose layers to allow maximum insulation and circulation. Brightly colored clothing is also a good idea for visibility.
- D = Dry: Keep dry by brushing off snow before entering a heated area and avoiding moistureabsorbing clothes.

# Prepare Your Home

Ready.gov emphasizes the importance of preparing your home for winter weather:

- Insulate: Use insulation, caulking, and weather stripping to keep the cold out.
- Smoke and CO Detectors: Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.
- Emergency Supplies: Gather supplies, including medications, pet needs, and extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

# Winter Travel Safety

Traveling in winter can be risky. Ready.gov suggests the following precautions:

- Emergency Kit: Keep an emergency kit in your car with jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks.
- Full Tank: Always keep a full tank of gas.
- Stay Inside: If trapped in your car, stay inside to avoid exposure to the cold.

# **Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, follow these tips from Ready.gov and Scouting.org:

Use Generators Safely: Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. For more detailed safety tips, check out Safety Moments for Generator Safety.

Heating: Never heat your tent, vehicle or home with a gas stovetop or oven. And remember no flames or devices in tents.

Know the signs of CO: Headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, sleepiness

By following these tips, you can enjoy a safe and warm winter season. Stay prepared and stay safe!

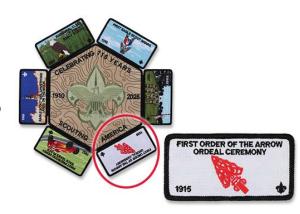
Other Winter Topics: WINTER SPORTS SAFETY

# **SCOUT SHOP NEWS**

1. 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.



2. We have Sioux City Sarsaparilla in the Scout Store! Stop on by the OEC and get one of your camp favorites!



- 3. We offer free shipping on orders over \$125. (Handbooks do not apply).
- **4. Can't make it into the shop before 5pm?** That's okay! Email your order to the Scout Shop (<a href="mailto:Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org">Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org</a>), 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.

# SCOUTING AMERICA T-SHIRTS ARE IN!

T-shirts will be delivered to the February Roundtables.



### **REMINDER - UPDATE YOUR "PIN!"**

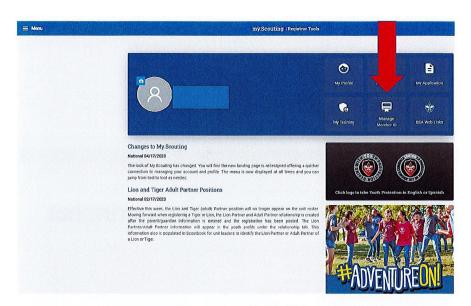
Unit and District Leadership - please continue efforts keep your Unit's "pin" updated in beascout.scouting.org. The upcoming National Marketing Campaign, starting next month, will use this website exclusively to link up potential new members ("leads") with local units. Nationally, 50% of all leads go unanswered! Our Council does not have that problem, but we need to maintain our current level of excellence in keeping our information on this site updated. Unit leaders, be sure to follow up on ALL leads!



# **REGISTRAR'S UPDATES**

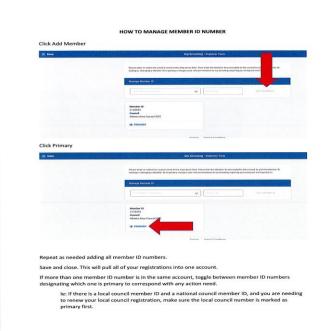
1. **NEW EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE.** The new application reflects new changes regarding references in the *Guide to Advancement*. Find the new form here.

- 2. HOW TO MANAGE MEMBER ID NUMBERS. Many volunteers have multiple member ID numbers. One example is if you transfer from one council to another. You get a new ID with each council. Or, if you are currently registered in more than one council, you will have multiple ID numbers. The steps below will help you to keep all your records in the same my.Scouting account.
- Log into My.Scouting.Org
- Select Manage Member ID



Add Council Name and Member ID number.





# COMMISSIONER COLLEGE, MAR 29<sup>TH</sup> 2025

The MAC Husker Trails College of Commissioner Science offers something for every registered scout leader! You will be able to select the track you wish to study. Commissioners are encouraged to use this continuing education event to facilitate improved service to their Units/Districts/Councils. Every Scout deserves a well-trained leader and every leader deserves a well-trained Commissioner. The 2025 College of Commissioner Science will have new events and keynote. All Commissioners should attend. Event is ope to any adult volunteer, not just registered Commissioners.

<u>College of Commissioner Science -Select from: Bachelors, Masters (Unit Commissioner or Roundtable), Doctorate, Continuing Education</u>

WHEN: March 29, 2025

Registration Begins: 7:30am, Classes: 8am-4:30pm

WHERE: Bellevue University, Hitchcock Humanities Center

1040 Bruin Blvd, Bellevue, NE 68005

# COST:

**IN-Person** (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Continuing Education/Open Track), \$25 until March 3rd, March-March 24 at 8am fee will be \$30.

**ZOOM** (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate and Continuing Education) Links will be emailed 3 days prior. \$20 until March 24th at 8am when registration closes (this includes appropriate certificate and patches)

**Includes**: Lunch and appropriate certificates and patches.

Register at: Mid-America Council - 2025 MAC Husker Trails College of Commissioner Science

# REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR

After a lengthy hiatus, we are looking to resume Scouting's Annual Report the Governor of Nebraska. The exact date is to be determined at this point, but we expect to have the event in March. In the interim, we are looking for youth Scouts from all program areas - Lions, to Arrow of Light, to Scouts BSA, to Venturing to be part of the report. A full uniform with proper insignia is required. If your Scout would like to be part of history, send us a note at <a href="mailto:info@cornhuskercouncil.org">info@cornhuskercouncil.org</a> or contact your District Director.



# REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL 2026 HIGH ADVENTURE OPENS NOW!

Start planning to experience Scouting's ultimate adventure. Registration for a 2026 trek at an iconic high adventure base will open on Jan 14, 2025. You do not want to miss this opportunity of a lifetime.









Mark your calendars for the registration dates below:

- Philmont registration is open now
- · Summit registration is open now
- Northern Tier registration is open now
- Sea Base registration is open now

Find our more: High Adventure Base Treks | Boy Scouts of America

# COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: Cornhusker Council)

# February

# District Dinners are open for registration

- 5 Council Properties Committee Meeting at the OEC
- 6 Roundtable All Districts
- 8 Scouting's 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 8 Ushering Party, 11am-3pm at the OEC; RSVP please! Cornhusker Council Ushering Party
- 9 Scout Sunday
- 16 Scout Sunday (Methodist)
- 16 NRA Basic Instructor Training
- 17 Washington's Birthday, Office Closed
- 19 Commissioners Cabinet Meeting via Zoom <a href="https://v.ringcentral.com/join/308022767">https://v.ringcentral.com/join/308022767</a>
- 22 Salt Valley District Recognition Banquet

### March

- 1 Seven Feathers Merit Badge University at SCC Beatrice
- 5 Council Properties Committee Meeting at the OEC
- 6 Roundtable -All Districts
- 8 First Aid, CPR, & AED Training Cornhusker Council First Aid, CPR, AED Training
- 15 Seven Feathers District Dinner
- 15 Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training Cornhusker Council Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training

- 22-23 Wilderness 1st Aid Training Cornhusker Council Wilderness First Aid Training
- 22 Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby
- 29 Cornhusker-MAC College of Commissioner Science, 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellview, NE
- 29 Youth Mental Health First Aid Cornhusker Council Youth Mental Health First Aid

# April

- 2 Council Properties Committee Meeting at the OEC
- 3 Roundtable All Districts
- 5 Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 5 Scouting for Food hand flyers
- 12 Scouting for Food pick up donations
- 16 Commissioners Meeting via Zoom
- 20 Easter

# CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Andrew Payne, T. 45

Andrew Wood, T. 55



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

A brick path with names of Eagle Scouts leads from the back steps of the Outdoor Education Center to the Scout Amphitheater and Camp Sites. What could be more inspiring to a young Scout than treading the path of Scouts who came before them? The Scout path also has the names of award winners and volunteers in the Cornhusker Council who have contributed their time and efforts for Scouts everywhere. Honoring those who have achieved Scouting's finest moments, the Scout Path is a testament to Scouting's timeless traditions.

# NEW EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEBRASKA EAGLE SCOUTS!

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



# NESA SCHOLARSHIP DON'T MISS NEXT YEAR'S THE DEADLINE!

2025 NESA Scholarship deadline has passed. Plan now for 2026's Scholarship submission requirements and deadlines. Eagle Scouts may apply for scholarships in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program or halfway of their associate degree program or trade school. 2026 Important dates are TBD\*, but in general:

Board of Review: Jan 2026\*

Application portal open: Dec 2025 - Jan 31, 2026\*

Application submitted by Jan 31, 2026\*

Announcement: June, 2026\*

Link: Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association

# 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:





# YOUR DUES ARE DUE

It's time for all Arrowmen to renew our membership dues for 2025! We have many options for your renewal. You can pay the annual dues of \$20, or you could renew your annual dues with the Event Annual Pass for \$125. To pay your dues go to the Golden Sun Lodge Website. Golden Sun Lodge Dues Dues are \$20 a year. Event Annual Pass's are \$125 a year.

Our dues period is from Jan 1-Dec 31. If you underwent your Ordeal at the Spring Event, your dues will expire at the end of the year. If your Ordeal was at the Fall Pow Wow your dues will expire at the end of the following year.

If you have not paid dues in a few years do not worry. Pay the current OA dues and you will have an active membership.

Paying your dues allows you to wear our Lodge flap on your uniform to show your membership. You are also able to attend all of the fantastic Order of the Arrow events, such as Conclaves, Fall Pow-Wow, Spring and Winter Events, and much more! You will also receive a copy of the Sundial, the Lodge's newsletter. Annual Pass is a benefit to members by having all 4 main Golden Sun Lodge events (Fall Powwow, Fall Fellowship, Winter Event, Spring Event) for 2025 paid for at a discounted price! Bonus you will get a unique Golden Sun Lodge flap that can be worn on Class A uniform.

If you have any questions about your membership with the Golden Sun Lodge, you may contact myself or our Lodge Adviser Brooks Rushman. His contact information is professionalpower@yahoo.com or 402-416-9781 call/text.

# WINTER EVENT

The Winter Event was held Jan 24-26, 2025 at Faith Lutheran Church in Seward, NE. Great food, food, fellowship, training and a service project for Seward Foster Friends.





# OA ELECTIONS AND WEBELOS CROSS OVERS

Starting in January and until late winter, the Golden Sun Lodge is offering to conduct WEBELOS cross-over ceremonies for Cub Scout packs in the Council. This is a great opportunity to make Scouts aware of the OA at an early age and to make a positive impression on WEBELOS-Scout transition. For more information, contact your Chapter's Crossover Coordinator or Chapter Advisor. If you are unsure who that is, reach-out to your Chapter Chief (adults, remember to follow Youth Protection Guidelines when communicating electronically with youth).

Also starting this winter, the Golden Sun Lodge Chapters will hold OA Elections. Chapter Election Coordinators will be working to schedule these elections on Lodgemaster and will be asking Arrowmen to assist with these. Not sure who your Chapter Chief or Chapter Advisor are? Check our website at: goldensunlodge.org

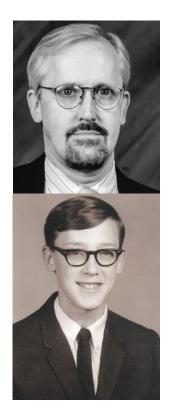
# **IN MEMORIUM**

# **GREGORY HENRY, EAGLE SCOUT, TROOP 8**

Gregory Henry, aged 73, passed away August 26, 2024. He was born in 1950 in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Ruth Eileen Henry (née Lane) and Herbert Gene Henry. The first of four siblings, Greg's early years were marked by a deep commitment to his community. He earned his Eagle Scout badge, was actively involved in the Youth Fellowship at St. Paul United Methodist Church, and sang tenor in the prestigious Lincoln Boys Choir.

Greg was very keen on all types of music, playing trombone with marching bands at Southeast and Lincoln East high schools. In his spare time during college, he and a friend toured Nebraska and other parts of the Midwest operating an acclaimed light show the highlight of which was presenting the rock opera Tommy with The Who.

A true self-starter, Greg taught himself physics and calculus, subjects that weren't offered at his high school, before heading to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he earned a B.S. with distinction in Mathematics and Physics, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Triangle Fraternity. Greg continued his academic journey at the University of Chicago, earning a PhD in Physics, and went on to work at Fermilab, America's renowned particle physics laboratory. In 1979, Greg moved to Washington D.C. to serve as an Operations Research Analyst at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget until his retirement in 2011 in Arlington, Virginia.



Greg's intellectual curiosity and eclectic interests extended beyond his professional pursuits. He enjoyed exploring new hobbies like cooking and baking, took organ lessons, and was regularly involved in humanitarian, environmental, and pro-democracy causes. His lively discussions on political matters and signature wry wit made him a cherished brother, uncle, and friend.

Greg bequeathed a generous gift to the Cornhusker Council due to his love of Scouting. We thank him for his generosity and send our condolences to his family.

# SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE - HAPPY 115TH ANNIVERSARY!

As we kick off our annual Friends OF Scouting fundraising campaign, we should not lose sight of what needs to be a year-long campaign in our units - Friends IN Scouting.

Making Friends is one of the Most Important Thing that Happens Through Scouts

Children and adolescents require more than intellectual growth and physical health to become happy, successful adults. They also need to develop the social skills necessary for positive relationships with others. The importance of quality childhood friendships for well-being both during childhood and later in life has been established, and Scout programs specifically focus on fostering those friendships, along with teaching, modelling, and practicing social skills.

<u>Focus on Friendship</u>: A Scout Leader's primary role is one of facilitating friendships and positive experiences. They help Scouts build social skills with exercises in communication, leadership, and team-building like "ice-breakers." Making friends is a crucial part of the Scout experience, and with the help of Leaders, children learn and practice their friend-making skills.



40+ year-long Friends IN Scouting + wives are friends and our kids are friends all through the "IN".

Campout Experiences Foster Friendships & Develop Scouts Social Skills:

Scouts feel a sense of belonging, social acceptance and understand their value to the Scouting community while on campouts. Leaders help Scouts practice skills like cooperation, altruism, and empathy. Minimal screen time during camp outs means more face-to-face communication. Helping youth to be social without the media.

<u>Meeting New People</u>: Youth who share Scouting interests, engage in activities and meals together, and connect through discussions, experience concentrated time with one another, often expressing a deeper bond with their Scouting friends than their school peers. Because Scouts are with each other so much, they spend more time in the intentional, directed conversation! Leaders push Scouts to practice talking to new people, figure out appropriate self-disclosure, and ask questions to get to know each other.

We can't provide the "IN" without the "OF." Scouting serves as a valuable platform for teaching kids essential life skills that are useful for them beyond the campsite. Through practical experiences, teamwork, and leadership opportunities, scouts develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and a sense of responsibility. They focus on outdoor activities while developing values such as respect, perseverance, and community service. They also build lasting, life-long friendships. At the end of the day, it's the IN that is most important, but we can't have one without the other.

Be Prepared!