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UPCOMING EVENT

KLONDIKE 2025

Return of the “Yeti”

May the Frost Be with You!

Klondike 2025 will be held Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025 at Camp Cornhusker. The cost for the event is:

- Youth: \$20.00
- Adults: \$15.00
- Staff: \$15.00

Register for the Klondike 2025 here: [Cornhusker Council - Klondike Derby](#)

This year’s events include: Carbonite Conundrum, Find the Wampa’s Lair, Rescue the X-Wing, Attack on the Death Star, Ewok Chase, Clone Wars, and Pie Fighter.

UPCOMING EVENT

KLONDIKE 2025 (CONT.)

Earn extra points at each station by answering a Star Wars Trivia question. Patrols are encouraged to create a themed, Estes Rocket to compete against other Patrols. Patrols must bring a compass, an “R2D2” (6-10 inches in diameter, 8-12 inches tall), and an Estes rocket with motor. More details will be in the Klondike Leader’s book, which will be handed out at the December District Roundtables.



UPCOMING EVENT

HOLIDAY BAZAAR, DEC 14

Visit the Cornhusker Council, Outdoor Education Center on Saturday, December 14th from 9am-1pm for unique, handmade shopping options and for interactive activities for youth.

Visit with Santa, make a holiday craft and this year, take a cookie home with you.

No Registration Needed! This is free and open to the public.



BRING A FRIEND TO SCOUTS CAMPAIGN

NOV 1 - DEC 31, 2024

There is still time to plan a *Bring a Friend to Scouts* Event for your unit. The top Troop and Pack in each District receives a free Climbing Wall session at the OEC, cake & ice cream party for a Unit function, and a \$500 discount for the unit attending a Camp Cornhusker Resident Camp. Each unit that registers 5 NEW Scouts gets an ice cream or slushie party at Camp Cornhusker, Council strip for new members, and a free camping session with a SMORES package at the OEC or Camp Cornhusker. Each Scout receives a Recruiter patch and a walking staff or staff medallion.



UPDATE YOUR “PIN!”

Unit and District Leadership - please ensure your Unit’s “pin” is updated in beascout.scouting.org is updated. The upcoming National Marketing Campaign, starting Feb 2025, 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.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

While the exact date in May 2025 has not been established yet, it is not too early to start thinking about submitting 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. Nomination forms can be found on our website at:

[Silver Beaver Nominees Adult recognition](#)



CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp



2025 PROGRAM FEATURE - PROJECT C.O.P.E

C.O.P.E. - CHALLENGING OUTDOOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Project COPE provides you with opportunities to develop trust, communication, self-esteem, leadership, planning, problem solving, decision making, and teamwork. Beyond all these lofty objectives, COPE is fun!

COPE begins with basic group initiative games and progresses to more involved, complicated low-course and high-course activities. There are activities that challenge the entire group while others develop individual skills and agility. This program shapes leaders and sends them back to your troop with more confidence and stronger leadership skills.

There is a class size minimum of 6 participants for the course to run.



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 will be on Dec 30, from 9:00am- 4:00pm. 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

Key positions we will be hiring:

- Kitchen Manager/Cooks** (18-21+)
- Area Directors** (18-21+) for COPE, Aquatics, Outdoor Skills, Ecology and Conservation, Mountain Man
- Instructors** (17+) for these areas
- Aides** (16+)/ **Kitchen Aids** for these areas
- CIT 2** (15+)/ Dishwashers pick a specialty area to be placed in
- CIT 1** (14+) Volunteer Positions rotating through each area

 Campcornhuskerbsa@gmail.com

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 30th. 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](#)

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 activity 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 (wlang50@gmail.com)
 Director: Lee Peterson (Lee.Peterson@scouting.org)

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



CONGRATULATIONS SVD EAGLE SCOUTS!

We would like to Congratulate, the 35 Eagle Scouts from 2024 in Salt Valley District:

Aden Hughes, Aiden Meints, Alexander Wilke, Braeden Smoyer, Caedmon Meduna, Cael Morris, Caleb Petrik, Carson Loll, Cole Skaw, Dustin Freng, Ethan Hardin, Grady Anderson, Harrison Bishop, Hunter Falkinburg, Jackson Pape, Jackson Woods, Jonah Heimgartner, Jonah Meduna, Joseph Werner, Leo Schmelzer, Maddox Vandrovec, Maisy Veihl, Martin Kahland, Matthew Monnich, Nicholas Davison, Nicholas Vanek, Oliver Brassil, Robert Heller, Ryan Roberts, Saxon Strait, Shawn Phillips, Spencer Jacobs, Tyler Thimmesch, and William Clark.

We also want to wish good luck to the 3 Life Scouts with their Eagle Board of Review this December: Andrew Wood, Jayan Hraban, and Riley Wallace.

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

December



Roundtable

Thursday, December 5th from 7-8:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

Roundtable is a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. The objectives of roundtables are to provide leaders with program ideas, information on policy and events, and training opportunities.



Salt Valley District Retreat

Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 -1pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

This is a great opportunity to network and fellowship with District Committee Members. Calendar approvals, goal setting for 2025 and updates for the upcoming changes in scouting.



Salt Valley District Committee Meeting

Tuesday December 17th from 6:30-8:30pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)



Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review

Thursday December 19th from 6:30-9:00pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

January

Roundtable



Thursday January 2nd from 7-8:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

SPECIAL GUEST: Jeff Johnson Cornhusker Council Scout Executive

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The Fundamentals of Training and Trainers EDGE

Saturday January 18th from 9am-3pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524

If you want to be a better Teacher, Trainer and Scouter join us for the combined Fundamentals of Training and The Trainer’s EDGE courses. **Required for future Wood Badge Staff.**



Salt Valley Merit Badge Clinic

Saturday January 18th from 9am-3:30pm **(registration opens 12/5/2024 and closes 1/5/2024 11:59pm)**

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

AM Session:

Game Design, Personal Management, Digital Technology, Bird Study, Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid.

PM Session: Chess or Theater, Disability Awareness, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the world, First Aid.



Salt Valley District Committee Meeting

Tuesday January 28th from 6:30-8:30pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

OFFICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE SESSION - VOTING ON SLATE FOR 2025



Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review

Thursday January 23rd from 6:30-9:00pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)

February



Roundtable

Thursday February 6th from 7-8:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

Roundtable is a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. The objectives of roundtables are to provide leaders with program ideas, information on policy and events, and training opportunities.



Salt Valley District Recognition Dinner (registration opens 12/5/2024)

Saturday February 22nd @ 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.



Salt Valley District Committee Meeting

Tuesday February 25th from 6:30-8:30pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)



Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review

Thursday February 27th from 6:30-9:00pm

Cornhusker Council OEC 800 S. 120th Street Lincoln, NE. 68524 (Woods Room)



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.

Friends of Scouting (FOS): Thank you to all of our families, friends and community donors for helping us raise \$91,216. That is just over our 2024 goal of \$91,000. These units achieved 100% of their annual goal for 2024: **Pack 8, Pack 25, Pack 30, Pack 39, Pack 43, Pack 51, Troop 15, Troop 25, Combined Troop 30, Troop 45, Troop 55, Troop 56, Combined Troop 64, Troop 93B, Troop 93G, Troop 111, Troop 159, Troop 222G and Troop 572.**

A particularly special thanks to these units that doubled their goal: **Pack 36, Troop 8, Troop 12, Combined Troop 16, Troop 21, Troop 36, Troop 69, Troop 144.** We couldn't do it without your generous support. We hope to achieve a \$100,000 goal for 2025.



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

PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Russ Ebke (russ.ebeke@gmail.com)
 Commissioner: Lonnie Pohlman (lpohlman@gmail.com)
 Director: Will Cover (will.cover@scouting.org)

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



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 William.cover@Scouting.org or to Russ Ebke District Chair at pwdistrictchair@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

December 2024

Dec 14: Holiday Bazaar at the OEC

January 2025

Jan 2: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford

Jan 11: NRA Basic Rifle Training: 8am-8pm, at the OEC.

Jan 18: Fundamentals of Training and Trainers EDGE, OEC, 9 AM to 3 PM

Jan 24-26, 2025: OA Winter Event. Further details to follow soon!

Jan 31-Feb 2: Klondike Derby at Camp Cornhusker, [Return of the Yeti, May the Frost be with You](#)

"Down the Road"

Feb 9, 2025: Scout Sunday

Mar 1, 2025: Seven Feathers Merit Badge University: SE Community College, Beatrice, Mar 1st

SEVEN FEATHER DISTRICT

Committee Chair: Peggy Nietfeld (Scouting@nietfeldfarms.com)
 Commissioner: Richard White (rwhite4576@gmail.com)
 Director: Will Cover (will.cover@scouting.org)

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



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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no Seven Feathers District Committee meeting in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

December 2024

Dec 14: Holiday Bazaar at the OEC

January 2025

Jan 9: Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Baptist Church, Tecumseh

Jan 16: District Committee Meeting, 7 PM, 1st Baptist Church, Tecumseh

Jan 11: NRA Basic Rifle Training: 8am-8pm, at the OEC.

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IMPACT DISTRICT

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



The Scouting America Vision Statement reads "The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law." As much as we'd like, some youths do not have easy access to, or are not initially drawn to, our traditional units. That means we must find additional ways to gain their interest. One of these methods is where Scoutreach comes in.

Scoutreach is a subset of units that are under the umbrella of the Impact District of the Cornhusker Council. You won't find them at a Camporee or a Day Camp, but you may have heard them mentioned a few times and wondered exactly what it was everyone was talking about. To put it simply, we're talking about reaching those youth that might otherwise look for some other influence.

For our Council, Scoutreach units take the shape of after school Cub Scout Clubs. Students at various elementary schools around Lincoln, and one in Nebraska City, meet once a week to get a small taste of what we teach our Scouts in our regular den meetings. Much like our traditional units, our club leaders run a range of experience, from college students needing volunteer hours, to Eagle Scouts, to registered Scouters that are already wearing a few hats in the Council. They take the time in the afternoons to go to the schools and bring aspects of our program to those students in hopes that they will take some of that knowledge home with them, and that they have some fun in the process.

Now, we have a few of our traditional Scouts who are also enrolled in the Cub Scout Club at their school. We want to turn the flow in the opposite direction. We are making strides to recruit students who are enrolled in our Scoutreach units into their nearest traditional Cub Scout Pack. If our clubs, we will be encouraging our students to enroll in traditional Cub Scout packs and talking up how much more they can get out of them. For our Cubmasters, that means making sure your unit pins on my.scouting are up to date and active. That also means responding to the email alerts immediately. Finally, if possible, if you or your unit is close to a school with a Scoutreach club and would like to help in any way, please reach out to District Executive Drew Wicks. Any collaboration will only help bring those kids into our traditional units.

COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to the 2026 Jamboree!

It is not too early to start planning for the 2026 National Jamboree to 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. For more information on the 2026 Jamboree, visit [Home - National Jamboree](#).

We will be sending two units to the Jamboree, one Troop of 40 Scouts (Boys) and one Crew of 20 Scouts (Boys and Girls). More information on how to register is forthcoming and will be shared on the Jamboree page on our website (Cornhusker Council Jamboree Link: [2026 National Jamboree](#)).

Adult Leaders Needed! We are accepting applications for adults to lead our contingent. You must be currently registered, current on trainings, and completed Wilderness 1st Aid. Previous experience in leading contingents to a previous Jamboree or a National High Adventure base is desired. For more information, contact Will Cover (will.cover@scouting.org).

***2025 Camp Cornhusker
Campsite Reservations***

A \$200 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	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Bear		
Beaver	56	
Bobwhite	174	
Cheyenne		
Commanche	296	
Crow		
Eagle	8	54B
Fox		
Kiowa		
Mandan		
Missouri		
Omaha	220	
Osage		16
Otoe		
Ponca	100 (HOAC)	
Wichita		
Winnebago		49
Lakota		
Ft. Atkinson		

BSA RANGE SAFETY TRAINING

[Range & Target Activities | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)

Range Activity SAFETY Training is now available online. All Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships who provide unit-level sponsored/planned range and target activities must have at least one registered unit leader 21+ years of age take the Range Activity SAFETY online training available on [my.scouting.org](#). This individual must be present at the range during the range and target activity(s). Participating in this training will help ensure a unit understands Scouting America's range and target activities policies.

This training is not required for District/Council-led range and target activities and is not a replacement for certified instructors who must be present to operate ranges per the Guide to Safe Scouting & National Range and Target Activities Manual.

-New training required for all SBSA troops who provide unit-level range and target activities (at least 1 leader trained over 21 who is present)

-This training is renewed every 2 years similar to Hazardous Weather and other trainings.

-No in-person training is available. This is online/mobile-only training.

-This does not replace the required certified instructors per GTSS & National Range and Target Activities Manual.

To access the updated training, log onto [my.Scouting.org](#) and search the catalog in the BSA Learn Center for "Range Activity SAFETY." For additional information regarding Scouting's Range and Target Activities, please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting and the National Range and Target Activities Manual.

More info on programs your troop can run with the proper trained leadership.

<https://www.scouting.org/.../scouts-bsa-shooting-sports/>

Range & Target Activities FAQ:

<https://www.scouting.org/.../range.../range-activities-faq/>

2024 Range & Target Activities Manual

<https://filestore.scouting.org/.../430-938-24-Range-and...>

For additional information, contact our Shooting Sports Chair (DJ.Davis@scouting.org).

Range & Target Activities



SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Your Scoutshop needs your support! We all know how easy it is to buy online—or Amazon wouldn't be so big, but shopping at your local Scoutshop helps support your Council! If you purchase your awards on Scoutbook or your uniforms online, your support is going to the National office, and not your local Scoutshop. Please consider making your purchases through us and also sending out your new Scouts to buy their uniforms! If we do not have it, we can order it for you! This is just another way of supporting your local Council.

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

Can't make it into the shop before 5pm? That's okay! Email your order to the Scout Shop (Cornhusker.tradingpost@scouting.org), let us know you will be picking up after hours, once the order is filled, we will contact you for payment options, and set your items in the pick up box outside the Scout Shop. You are then able to come by and pick up at your convenience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 5 Roundtable
- 14 Holiday Bazaar
- 23 (noon) - 25 OEC Closed for Christmas
- 24 - Jan 2: Scout Shop closed for inventory; office open by appointment only

January

- 2 Prairie Winds and Salt Valley District Roundtables
- 9 Seven Feathers District Roundtable
- 11 NRA Rifle Basic
- 18 Fundamentals of Training/Trainers Edge
- 24-26 Golden Sun Lodge, OA Winter Event
- 31 - Feb 2 Klondike Derby

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL’S 2024 EAGLE SCOUTS

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jayden Fuehrer, T. 174 | Carson Loll, T. 45 |
| Tyler Howe, T. 174 | Caedmon Meduna, T. 45 |
| Jayden Butzke, T. 180 | Jonah Meduna, T. 45 |
| Matthew Hoops, T. 180 | Braeden Smoyer, T. 54 |
| Devin Slawnyk, T. 180 | Ethan Hardin, T. 56 |
| Owen Hesser, T. 212 | Cael Morris, T. 56 |
| Tyler Ward, T. 212 | Nicholas Vanek, T. 56 |
| Nicholas Davison, Crew 2 | Spencer Jacobs, T. 64 |
| Maddox Vandrovec, Crew 25 | Martin Kahland, T. 76 |
| Harrison Bishop, T. 8 | Cole Skaw, T. 78 |
| Robert Heller, T. 8 | Joseph Werner, T. 78 |
| Leo Schmeizer, T. 8 | Grady Anderson, T. 93 |
| Tyler Thimmesch, T. 8 | Nicholas Davison, T. 93 |
| Hunter Falkinburg, T. 15 | Matthew Monnich, T. 93 |
| Jonah Heimgartner, T. 15 | Jackson Woods, T. 111 |
| Oliver Brassil, T. 16 | Ralph Wichman, T. 159 |
| Caleb Petrik, T. 16 | Oliver Brassil, Crew 324 |
| Ryan Roberts, T. 16 | Lucius Payson, T. 34 |
| Aden Hughes, T. 21 | Andrew Enns, T. 221 |
| Aiden Meints, T. 22 | Alexander Bradley, T. 223 |
| Saxon Strait, T. 22 | Jonathan Lindell, T. 223 |
| Jackson Pape, T. 25 | Case Richardson, T. 280 |
| Maddox Vandrovec, T. 25 | Gage Bohaty, T. 334 |
| William Clark, T. 28 | Cameron Steinblock, T. 334 |
| Alexander Wilke, T. 32 | Micah Shimmel, T. 346 |
| Dustin Freng, T. 36 | Thomas Gerdes, T. 377 |
| Shawn Phillips, T. 36 | Tristen Sohnholz, T. 377 |





NESA

SCHOLARSHIP

SEASON IS HERE

Eagle Scouts must be a member of NESA. 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. Important dates:

Board of Review: on/before Jan 24, 2025

Application portal open: Dec 1, 2024 - Jan 31, 2025

Application submitted by 11:59CST on Jan 31, 2025

Announcement: June 10, 2025

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

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

First and foremost, thank you for your service to our youth in Southeast Nebraska, and thank you for the warm welcome back to the Cornhusker Council! It is great to be home.

Some of the 'old timers' may recognize "Scouting Today" as Council's 'old' monthly newsletter. I'm not sure when publication ceased, but we're resuming it as a means to improve communications. The newsletter will be emailed out and hard-copies will be made available at District Roundtables. So, welcome to the inaugural edition! This is a beta version and we welcome your comments, feedback, and suggestions.

A little about me - I was born in Crete and raised in Lincoln. I'm an Eagle Scout from Troop 30, a Vigil Honor member and past Lodge Chief of the Golden Sun Lodge, and served in numerous District and Council committees. I was on camp staff at Camp Cornhusker for 9 summers, where I served as the Program Director and COPE Director. Upon graduation from UNL, I accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy and retired in Tampa, FL in 2020. After I retired from the Navy, I was fortunate to be able to return on camp staff as the COPE Director at Camp Cornhusker for the past 4 summers. My wife, Tara, and I have two adult children. Our son, Patrick, is an Eagle Scout and lives in Florida. Our daughter, Rebecca, her husband, and their two children, currently live in North Carolina.

Over the past month, the one common question I've been asked is, "why would you leave Florida?" The answer is simple, I love Nebraska, I love what the Scouting program provides to youth, and I love the Cornhusker Council. So, when the opportunity presented itself, it was a "no brainer."

Since coming on board a month ago, I've reflected a lot on how I got here and, more importantly, who helped me get here. I'd like to share that story with you. Obviously, my Scouting experience as a youth and young adult volunteer led me here as your Scout Executive. I'd like to mention a few people responsible for my Scouting Experience. The first is Curtis Mann, the long-time COR at Grace Lutheran for Pack and Troop 30. When the Troop didn't recharter in the late 1970s, Curt and his family worked get the Troop running again. The next is my Scoutmaster Pete Crawford and Committee Chairman Jim Tiede. Their dedication and commitment allowed me to flourish as a Scout. Next, is Bob Goggins who I met on camp staff and who was the previous Lodge Chief before I took the reins. Bob got me active in the Lodge and laid the foundation for a successful tenure as Lodge Chief. Finally, Bruce Abernethy whose counsel and mentorship over the years served me well in Scouting, the OA, and during my career in the U.S. Navy. Finally, Will Cover who encouraged me to "throw my hat in" and apply. I'm confident in saying that if any one of those individuals had not been there, I would not be here today. So, thank you!

My story is not unique to Scouting, which is why I'm a firm believer in the movement. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, Scouting has seen a decline in membership over the past few years. That downward trend is starting to reverse itself nationally, and we need to be ready as a Council to get onboard and grow the movement in Southeast Nebraska. Today's youth need Scouting more than ever! As such, growing the movement in Southeast Nebraska is my #1 priority as Scout Executive. This will be an "all hands" effort and I will need your help with this endeavor. Watch for updates as we roll out and begin to implement our 2025 Membership plan.

Again, I'm very excited about being back in Nebraska and as your Scout Executive. Be Prepared!



If you can look into the
seeds of time, and say
which grain will grow
and which will not,
speak then unto me.

William Shakespeare

