

Cornhusker Council Commissioner Corner



News for Commissioners. . .

Updated Commissioner Tools released on February 18, 2025

From the National Commissioner Service Team. . .

The update introduces Unit Metrics, which consist of six objective metrics calculated for each unit. Unit Metrics are integrated with a new process called Unit Connections, which fosters meaningful, objective-focused discussions to strengthen units and empower unit leaders. Unit Metrics and Unit Connections have replaced subjective scoring and Simple/Detailed Assessments, and Commissioner Tools has been updated accordingly.

The overall design of Commissioner Tools will remain unchanged, ensuring that entering Connections is straightforward. Connection Guides are also being introduced, focusing on specific topics related to objective unit metrics and other common unit-level issues, providing helpful communication methods with unit leaders. Additional changes to Commissioner Tools include an updated Unit Dashboard and a completely new District Dashboard. Each dashboard will provide helpful summaries of unit metrics, detailed report information, and other valuable insights for quick reference. These dashboards are designed to aid unit commissioners, administrative commissioners, and district committee members in better-supporting units and promoting success.

From Karen. . .

I encourage all commissioners to access the updated Commissioner Tools within the next week or so, hopefully to log a “connection/visit”. Even if you don’t have a “connection” to log, please evaluate the ease of access and the information on the individual unit dash boards. (I have discovered that if “Other” is selected instead of one of the listed Connections, then it will not count as a Connection.)

Send me (karensieber@live.com) any feedback that you have so that I can share it, as requested, by the national commissioner team.

Here is a link to several tutorials on the updates:

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/training/continuing-education/>



Commissioners
Corner
Helpful resources for
unit and district
commissioners.

Commissioner Corner on the Cornhusker Council website

One of my goals for the past several years has been is to create a “page” on the council website dedicated to Commissioners. I finally made some progress on it thanks to Paula in the office.


Check out the content — it currently includes sections on Training, Roles & Responsibilities, Roundtable, Commissioner newsletters and Resources. Please let me know what other information you think should be included. All ideas welcome! *Karen*

**March 2025
Priorities for
Commissioners** 

FOS Presentations:
Congratulate units that meet their FOS goal!

Spring Recruitment:
Units don’t have to plan any extra events — just have them invite friends to events already planned!

Summer Camp Plans:
Camping is a highlight of the scouting program! Have troops made their camp reservations? Do packs have information about Day Camp and CS Resident Camp?

March 29, 2025 

**College of
Commissioner Science
Bellevue University**

Register **NOW** for this training opportunity at:
<https://scoutingevent.com/324-94033>

Tracks include:
*Bachelor’s (1st year attendees)
*Masters for either Unit or Roundtable Commissioners
*Doctoral Candidates
*Continuing Education

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Philmont Training Center 2025



June 8-14: Commissioner Week

What could be better than learning while camping in beautiful Philmont! Choose one of these courses:

- * Applying BSA Technology for Impact
- * Connecting Unit Leaders and Commissioners
- * Empowering the Dist Comm Team
- * Comm Role in Growing Scouting
- * UC: A Strategic Perspective
- * Unit Service Today, Navigating Reality

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/ptc-conferences/>

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Dates to Remember

- Mar 6: Roundtables
- Mar 8: First Aid, CPR, AED Training
- Mar 13: Life to Eagle Seminar
- Mar 15—Apr 23: Spring Popcorn Sale
- Mar 22: Wilderness First Aid Training
- Mar 29: College of Commissioner Science
Youth Mental First Aid
Scout for a Day! (middle school recruitment)
- April 3: Roundtables
- April 4-6: 7F Spring Camporee

Our troop's clothing policy makes sure we all feel **welcome, safe, and respected.**



Scouting America Clothing Guideline

Every troop, with the guidance of their chartering organization, is responsible for creating their own troop's clothing policy that best meets the needs of their families, Scouts, and chartering organization. Each troop's policy should be fair, safe, and respectful for everyone in the troop.

The Scouting America Clothing Guideline aims to foster unity, respect, and safety during Scouting activities. While the official Scouting America field uniform is encouraged, participants can wear an activity uniform as needed during their Scouting activities. First and foremost, all clothing choices should meet safety requirements and reflect the values of the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Scouter Code of Conduct.

For additional information and a template for troops to use as a guideline:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/scouting-activity-clothing-guideline/>



New Merit Badge released March 1

Which scout will be the first to earn this merit badge in Cornhusker Council?

Cornhusker Council Membership Plan 2025:

- March 1 — 1-Free Day at Day Camp Campaign (March 1—June 1)
- March 29: Scout for a Day (5th & 6th Grade)
- April 1: Order Recruiting Marketing Materials
- April 5: Scouting for Food—deliver flyers, include flyer to join Scouts
- May 1: Membership Recruitment Training at RT's

Resource to share with Cub Scout Leaders

Check this link to find great resources on recruiting, award ceremonies, camping, Adventure activities and many more!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuxQzUzGg-5ww_sB8Yc-jlIPm57xaa_gt



Safety Moment — Annual Health and Safety Record



- The Scouting America Annual Health and Medical is designed to help ensure that all participants in the Scouting program are healthy enough for the adventure of Scouting. It is not intended to limit participation but to inform and protect.
- The form needs to be updated annually or when a participant's health information changes. The record expires in one year.
- The four-part form serves as a single place to document a participant's medical history and recent medical examination. It also provides consent for treatment in the event a participant needs emergency care while traveling away from a parent or guardian.
- Parts A and B should be completed for all participants and Scouting leaders. Part C should be completed by a licensed health care provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.) before the participant attends any Scouting event that is longer than 72 hours, such as a summer camp, trek, or multiday excursion.
- The optional "High Adventure Risk Advisory" needs to be shared with the examining medical provider during the pre-participation examination to explain known health risks for each of the Scouting America's four high adventure bases.
- The forms should be maintained by a designated leader. The forms should be carefully stored and used only as needed to provide for planning and rendering care. The AHMR should not be scanned, stored, or sent electronically except as specifically directed for a Scouting America national event.
- Neither Scouting America nor the Annual Health and Medical Record are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). A Scout is Trustworthy: Records and sensitive information should be maintained in a private manner.

Source: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/annual-health-and-medical-record/>