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UPCOMING EVENT

SCOUT FOR A DAY, 29 MAR

Scout for a day!



Saturday
March 29th
8am-Noon
Cornhusker
Council, Outdoor
Education Center

BRING A FRIEND! Come out to the OEC to check out some of the experiences you could have as a Scout!

Rock climbing, range & targeting activities, survival skills, and more! Talk to current Scouts about the great things they've had a chance to do. Don't miss this exciting experience, register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-Scoutforaday>

UPCOMING EVENT

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR, MAR 13

Life to Eagle Seminar



Are you about to earn your Life rank, or are you currently at Life? Be sure you are prepared by taking this Life to Eagle Seminar.

Registration is open for the March 13th course: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-95839> (September 17th course: <https://scoutingevent.com/324-95841>)

UPCOMING EVENT

1ST AID, CPR, AED TRAINING, MAR 8

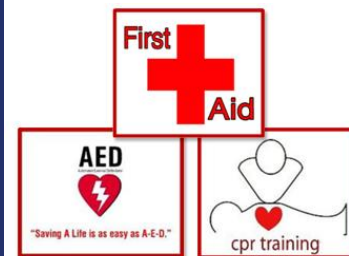
Training will be held at the Rise Building on the Innovation Campus in the Nebraska Safety Center Classroom.

2125 Transformation Dr #1270
Lincoln, NE 68508

8:30-12:00

Register at:

[Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training](#)



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The Cornhusker Council - Scouting America will be collecting food for the local community. Units can pick up flyers at your District Roundtable in April, Distribute to local homes on April 5th of 6th then Pick up Food on April 12th. Information on food drop off points will be in the April Newsletter.



COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

The Annual Council Recognition Dinner will be held May 21st, 2025 at Lazlo’s in the Haymarket. Silver Beaver 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. Silver Beaver and North Star nominations are due by Apr 1st.

Registration link and nomination forms:

[Cornhusker Council - Council Dinner](#)



REPORT TO STATE, MAR 25TH

After a lengthy hiatus, we are resuming Scouting’s Annual Report to the Governor of Nebraska. The report will be held at the State Capitol on March 25th. 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 a note to:

Samantha.Cressler@scouting.org



CAMP CORNHUSKER NEWS

Camp Cornhusker is your camp

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

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

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



2025 PROGRAM FEATURE - AQUATICS

Make a Splash at the Aquatics Program!

Cool off this summer with Camp Cornhusker's exciting waterfront activities! Dive into:


- Swimming & Lifesaving Merit Badges
- Canoeing, Kayaking Adventures
- BSA Stand-Up Paddleboarding & Mile Swim Challenge



CAMP CORNHUSKER 2025 AMAZON "WISH LIST"

Support Camp Cornhusker—Make a Difference Today!

Help us create unforgettable adventures for Scouts by donating much-needed supplies from our Amazon Wishlist! Every item brings more fun, learning, and growth to the next generation of leaders.

 Click here to give back: Camp Cornhusker Amazon Wishlist: <https://a.co/91upEaR>



Thank you for keeping the spirit of Scouting alive!



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Camp Cornhusker is calling! Secure your spot now for an unforgettable summer of adventure, leadership, and fun! Early Bird Registration is open, and spots are filling fast. Don't miss the early bird deadlines to save your place! Early Bird ends on March 11th for Scouts BSA, camp fees must be paid in full by that date to grab that low Early Bird Price!

Scouts, BSA Summer Camp

Dates: June 8-14, 2025, or June 15-21, 2025

Merit Badge Registration: Now open! Sign up early to secure your preferred classes.

Early Bird Deadline: March 11, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Scout BSA Resident Camp](#)

Webelos and Arrow of Light Resident Camp

Dates: June 22-25, 2025 or June 25-28, 2025. What to Expect: A 3-day camp perfect for Webelos to experience camping while working on rank advancements, outdoor skills, and fun adventures.

Early Bird Deadline: April 1, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Webelos Resident Camp](#)

Cub Resident Camp

Dates: June 27-29, 2025

What to Expect: A short but exciting camp filled with crafts, outdoor fun, and age-appropriate adventures for our youngest Scouts.

Early Bird Deadline: April 1, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout Resident Camp](#)

Don't wait—register today and take advantage of early sign-ups! Let's make this summer one to remember.

For more information, check out the Camp Guides:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uKvrEF5VCVHRbv61DOsVhjfsTLCE8oi?usp=sharing>
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See you at camp!

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

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.

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

[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!

We Are **HIRING** Camp Staff 2025

Position	# Needed	AGE Needed
Aquatics Lifeguard Pool	2	15
Aquatics Lifeguard Waterfront	1	16
COPE Instructor	1	18
Cook	2	18
Prep Cook	2	16
Dishwasher	1	15
Trades Director (Welding, Plumbing, Automotive Maintenance)	1	18
Trades Instructor (Welding, Plumbing, Automotive Maintenance)	1	16
CIT 1		14
Technology Aide	1	16
Office Manager	1	16
Archery Instructor	1	18
Trading Post Aide	1	16



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>



SALT VALLEY 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations!

- Top Units:** Pack 20 and Troop 456
- District Award of Merit Recipient's -**
 Martin "Porkchop" Kahland & Mike McCullough
- Scoutmaster -** Heather Van Buskirk
- Cubmaster -** Diane Gabelhouse
- Salt of the Earth -** Terri Ifland, Nick Thulin, & Matt Kuhn
- Salt Shaker -** Ian Maggiore & Nate Grimm
- Fundraiser -** Erin Remaklus
- Committee Chair -** Tracy Masek
- Den Leader -** Ron Perry
- Eagle Scout Project of the Year -** Jackosn Pape
- The Olson Mentoring Award:** Stewart and Mary Lee Olson

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

March 2025

- 6: **Roundtable** - 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln,
- 25: **Salt Valley District Committee Meeting** -6:30-8:30pm, OEC
- 27: **Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review** - 6:30-9:00pm, OEC

April 2025

- 3: **Roundtable** -7:00pm --8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln,
- 4: **SVD Pinewood Derby Weigh-In** - 6pm-8:30pm, St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd,
- 5: **SVD Pinewood Derby Races and Show Cars** - St. Marks Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd,
- 22: **Salt Valley District Committee Meeting** -6:30-8:30pm, OEC
- 24: **Salt Valley Eagle Board of Review** - 6:30-9:00pm, OEC
- 25-27 **SVD Spring Camporee** - E-Prep-Oree - Pioneers Park Lincoln, NE.
- 28-30: **Spring into Scouting Week**- ALL District Membership Day/Night

May 2025

- 1: **Roundtable** -7:00pm --8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St, Lincoln
- 14: **Roundtable Planning Meeting** - 6:30pm-9pm, OEC
- 17: **Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day** - 1pm-5pm, OEC
- 17: **Cub Scout Spring Event**
- 22: **Eagle Board of Review** - 6:30pm-9:30pm, OEC
- 27: **District Committee Meeting** - 6:30pm-9pm, OEC



PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT

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

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



DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER APR 6TH

The Annual Prairie Winds District Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting will be on April 6, 2025 at the Pizza Kitchen 411 1st Street Milford, NE.

Gathering time at 5:00pm. Meal served at 5:30pm and program to follow.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Awards Dinner](#)



PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT PINWOOD 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 30, 2025. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE CHECK IN AND RACE TIMES WILL BE ALTERED AS WELL AS THIS IS NOW A SUNDAY EVENT**

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.

For more information: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Pinewood Derby](#)

PRAIRIE WINDS SPRING CAMPOREE "SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, 26-28 APR

Come test your survival skills and your capacity for preparedness at the **Survival of the Fittest Spring Camporee!** Sign up now to learn and practice Survival, Preparedness and First Aid Skills. Camporee will be held, April 26,27,28 at the Crete Youth Cabin Property, 877 County Rd 2350, Crete, NE 68333.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Spring Camporee](#)



UPCOMING PRAIRIE WINDS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

March 2025

- 6: Roundtable, 7pm, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Milford
- 15: Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training
- 15: Spring Popcorn Sales begin
- 19: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom
- 22: Wilderness First Aid

April 2025

- 1: District Committee Meeting
- 3: Roundtable
- 5: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 6: District Dinner 5:00pm Pizza Kitchen Milford
- 16: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom
- 25-27: District Spring Camporee [Cornhusker Council - Prairie Winds District Spring Camporee](#)

May 2025

- 1: Roundtable
- 6: District Committee Meeting
- 21: Council Annual Dinner

SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT

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

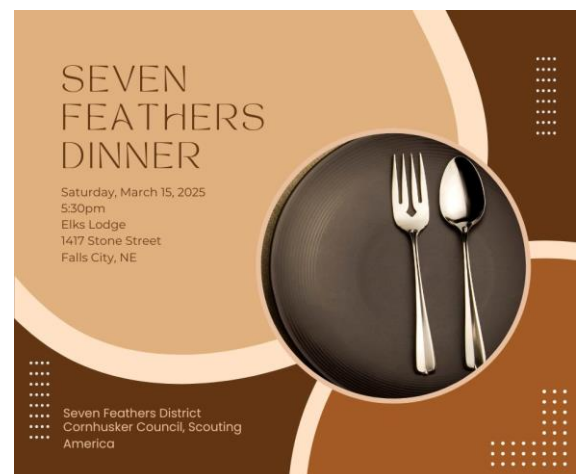
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SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT DINNER

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 PINWOOD 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

SEVEN FEATHERS SPRING CAMPOREE - "SPRING FLING," APR 4-6

Sign up now for this AWESOME Spring Camporee at Camp Cornhusker, April 4-6, 2025!

Featuring: Competitive Tomahawk Throwing, Disc Golf, Archery SACO Tree Dueling, Ultimate Frisbee, Cribbage, and Cornhole.

This event promises all sorts of Throwing, Tossing, Flipping, Flicking, and Target activities! TONS OF FUN! Plus, the Silver Skillet award for best meal preparation and creativity!

\$20.00 for youth, \$12.00 for Adults.

Registration closes April 3th at 9:00 am

Event check in begins April 4th, 2025, 5:00pm at Camp Cornhusker
63375 703 Trail, Du Bois, NE 68345

All troops will be camping in campsites that have fire pits available for use. We ENCOURAGE you to supply your own portable stoves and the fuel to run the stoves.

Register here: [Cornhusker Council - Seven Feathers District Spring Camporee](#)



UPCOMING SEVEN FEATHERS DISTRICT EVENTS/DEADLINES

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

- 3: Roundtable
- 4-6: Seven Feathers District "Spring Fling" Camporee at Camp Cornhusker
- 5: Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 16: Commissioners Cabinet Meeting/Zoom

May 2025

- 1: Roundtable
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IMPACT DISTRICT

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



The Scoutreach program is not just here to run our after-school clubs. We're also doing everything we can to help recruit these Scouts into traditional units. As mentioned in previous articles, Scoutreach brings Scouting values to neighborhoods in Lincoln that don't have any, or very few traditional units. We also reach out to students who may not be able to easily afford Scouting or whose families may not have easy access to what we do.

Much of what we do through Scoutreach is exactly what we teach otherwise. We have lessons on first aid, the six essentials, and proper care for the American flag. We also make sure they learn the Scout Oath and Law, so that they have the foundation if they move into a traditional Pack. Of course, we bring the fun as well. Rocket building, game design, and physics in the form of catapults are also part of our curriculum. We even tie in the outdoors by having them work together to set up a tent. And, of course, you can't have a Cub Scout based program without a Pinewood Derby! We spend a few weeks working with the Scouts in the clubs to help them color, build, and race their own car.

As the quarter shifts, some of our clubs will change what students attend. For those that we may be losing to other clubs next quarter, Scoutreach is sending information home with these Scouts encouraging them to join their nearest traditional Pack. Along with a congratulations for completing this session of clubs, we're sending them to beascout.org to find their nearest Pack. This is the time for unit leaders to make sure unit pins are updated as well as to check alerts in the event that there are inquiries or sign-ups. Even one or two of these Scouts joining moving from a Club Pack to a Traditional Pack is a huge move. We have to make sure we're ready for as many of them as possible.

COUNCIL NEWS

2025 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

Kick Off the 2025 Friends of Scouting Campaign!

The Cornhusker Council 2025 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign is underway! 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.

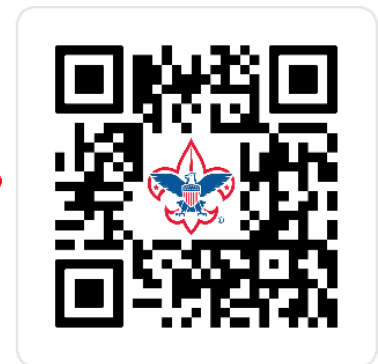
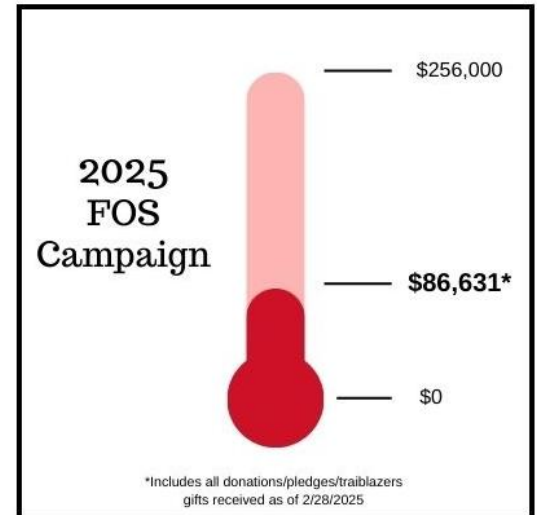
3. Become a Trailblazer.

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!

Donate Online: [Other Ways to Support Scouting](#)



Donate Online



**Spring
Popcorn Sale**



SPRING POPCORN SALE 2025—TROOPS CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SUMMER SCOUTING ADVENTURES!

The Cornhusker Council is partnering with Colby Ridge again to bring an exciting opportunity with a local product for Scouts to earn their own way. Colby Ridge has designed products specifically for the Spring Sale! (These will NOT be the products or pricing we use for the Fall) The purpose of this sale is to give Scouts BSA and Webelos aged Scouts a chance to earn their way in Scouting without the competition Cub aged Scouts. We hope that ALL OLDER SCOUTS will take the opportunity to raise funding important to keep Scouting moving in 2025!

Go here to sign up your Unit: [Sign up to sell Popcorn](#)

This Sale is designed as a quick and easy way for Units to help Scouts raise money!

- Base Commission is 35%
 - No Prize Program—Units/Scouts earn more \$\$\$
- Not an intensive Kernel commitment
- This can be a Take Order only sale, OR you can order some product ahead and a final order at the end.
- We are allowing Packs to sell 2nd Year Webelos ONLY, but Packs must agree to also sell in the Fall. (If you have special circumstances that you feel your Pack needs to sell in the Spring Sale also, please reach out to your District Executive)
- Individual Scouts BSA Scouts, whose Unit is not selling, may sign up to sell, but the money will be sent to the Unit, or applied directly to a Council event. (Summer Camp, 2026 Jamboree, etc....) If there are more than 2 Scouts from a Unit, they must have someone coordinating (Kernel) the sale from the Unit.
- **Random drawing for a Meta Quest 3--\$500 sold=1 entry!!!**



Important Dates

March 6th Preorder Due
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March 14th Pickup
March 15th Sale Starts!
April 23rd Final Order Due
May 2nd Pickup
May 19th Money due

Spring Products & Pricing

Original Caramel--\$5
 Salted Caramel/Cheese Combo--\$10
 8-Pack Micro Butter \$15
 8-Pack Micro Kettle--\$15

Questions? Contact popcorn@cornhuskerCouncil.org

MESSENGER OF PEACE, MAR 14TH

Come learn about the Messenger of Peace awards and participate in a service project of kindness. Learn to fold butterflies, make milkweed seed packs, and find out a bit about Nebraska's butterflies. All folded butterflies go to the Children's Hospital's Rainbow House, the April cancer center, and the 'I have a name' shelter. The milkweed seeds are to help the monarch butterfly. Participants must actively participate for 2 hours to complete the award.



What is Messengers of Peace?

Welcome to the Messengers of Peace program in Scouting America. World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) created Messengers of Peace in 2011, to encourage Scouts around the world to step up and do what they can to make the world a little better. The MoP program falls under WOSM's Better World Framework.

Messengers of Peace aims to promote a culture of peace and dialogue for mutual understanding, promote service initiatives led by Scouts, support the development of young people affected by conflict situations, provide further connection to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and connect Scouts around the world in a global network of 20 million Messengers of Peace.

WOSM has defined 3 Dimensions within which we can build a culture of peace and create positive change in our world today: [MESSENGERS OF PEACE | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA](#)

WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING, MAR 22-23

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. Lunch is provided. Bringing snacks are encouraged. Please let us know of any dietary concerns.

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 (aquilaguide@gmail.com) or Will Cover, District Director (william.cover@scouting.org)

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, MARCH 29TH, 2025

Mental Health First Aid is an international evidence-based education program proven to be effective in teaching adults how to recognize and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges. Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or is in crisis.

Youth Mental Health First Aid



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.

A course workbook will be 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.

COMMISSIONER COLLEGE, MAR 29TH 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 open to any adult volunteer, not just registered Commissioners.



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

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](#)

SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, MAY 1ST

Sacred texts provide an important way for Scouts and families to connect with their religious beliefs. That's why [Scouts Read Sacred Texts](#) can be so valuable.

Scouts Read Sacred Texts, an initiative from Scouting America's National Religious Relationships Committee, is a worldwide invitation to Scouts designed to inspire them to set aside some time to read a sacred text from their religion.

The event is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, which in 2025 is scheduled for May 1. Scouts are encouraged to read their text on May 1 or anytime that week when it's convenient.



"The Scouts Read Sacred Texts event gives Scouts the opportunity to practice their duty to God," says National Religious Relationships Committee Chairman Bob Wedig. "While reading the sacred texts of their faith, Scouts will be part of a larger movement of other Scouts doing the same and, in the process, learn more about their faith traditions.

"Through the support of their fellow Scouts, and by understanding their faith better, Scouts can grow closer to God and learn what He wants them to do to become a better person."

For last year's event, nearly 4,000 youth read their sacred texts for more than 800 combined hours.

How to participate: Most Scouts will set aside some time to read the sacred text of their religion at home with their families on the evening of May 1. You can also do it at your place of worship or wherever else you please.

Now is a good time to consult with your religious leader or have a family discussion about which portion of the text might be good to read on that day. The National Religious Relationships Committee is suggesting that everyone read for around 15 minutes, but that is up to each family or individual who participates.

Scouts from all over the world are invited to take part. Scouts from Kenya, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Bangladesh, Chile, Singapore, Okinawa and the Philippines participated in the 2024 event.

Scouts and families who will be participating in the Scouts Read Sacred Texts event are asked to [fill out this form](#). Contact our Scout Shop (info@cornhuskerCouncil.org) to order your patches and they will submit the order, as there is a price break if we order in bulk.

2ND ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC, MAY 10TH

Save the date! Join us for our Clays for Cornhusker Sporting Clays Event at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard, NE. The day will be filled with 20 stands of sporting clays, shooting games, camaraderie, and fun as we come together to support Scouting. See you there!

Join as a team of 4 or be an individual shooter. There is a Max of 15 teams and 60 individual shooters.

Price is \$TBA for team and \$TBA for individual shooters.

Individual shooters and team members must be 21 or over to participate.

Contact Samantha Cressler at Pri



UPCOMING BEAVER DAYS AT OEC AND CAMP CORNHUSKER!

What is Beaver Day you ask? Well... it is an opportunity for your troop to get in a weekend of Free Camping and log some service hours and **earn a patch!** We need help! Contact Will Cover or DJ Davis with questions.

Camp Cornhusker: March 8th, 22nd, 29th. April 12th, 17th (Camp Staff workday) 26th (Big Mow) and May 24th (Mini Mow)

OEC: May 10th

Come as an individual or bring the troop! * Beaver days are considered one day events but overnight camping is available.

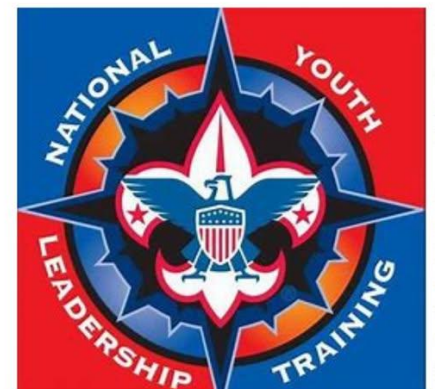


NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, JUNE 22-27, 2025

NYLT is designed to have youth staff teach leadership skills to youth participants. From beginning to end, it is a YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM!

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops, crews, ships, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and of others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.



NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Sign up here: [Cornhusker Council - \(NYLT\) National Youth Leader Training](#)

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: <https://forms.gle/FyNDajbo7WTuvqj69>

For more information-

Cornhusker Council Jamboree Link: [2026 National Jamboree](#)

National 2026 Jamboree Link: [Home - National Jamboree](#)

Council Contingent Guide: [2026 National Jamboree Council Contingent Guide Fall 2024-Master](#)

Adult Leaders Needed! We are accepting applications for adults to lead our contingent. You must be currently registered, current on trainings, and completed Wilderness 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 (william.cover@scouting.org).

RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES

BB Gun and Archery Ranges for Cub Scouts, 15 MAR. 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. Check and see if you need to update your training. Certification is good for 2 years. Sign up at: [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range 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)

NRA RIFLE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING, MAR 15. This training is another step in becoming a certified instructor/MB counselor for rifle, shotgun and pistol safety courses. 9am-6pm at the Lincoln Izaak Walton range, 10801 S 134th Bennet, Nebraska 68317.



Cost of this standalone course is \$150.00

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 give a discounted rate of \$25.00

You will need to bring a sack lunch. Register at: [Cornhusker Council - NRA Rifle Instructor](#)

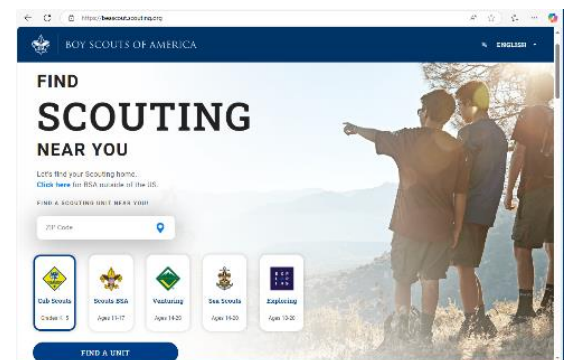
HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

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: [Health and Safety website](#)

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!



REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL 2026 HIGH ADVENTURE IS OPEN!

Start planning to experience Scouting's ultimate adventure. Registration for a 2026 trek at an iconic high adventure base is open! You do not want to miss this opportunity of a lifetime.

Find our more: [High Adventure Base Treks | Boy Scouts of America](#)



NEW MULTISPORT MERIT BADGE

Scouting America, in partnership with USA Triathlon, is pleased to announce the launch of a new Multisport Merit Badge designed to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Scouts who learn about physical endurance activities and lifestyle. The Multisport Merit Badge can create a fun and accessible entry-point for Scouts to try out a new recreational or vocational pursuit while gaining key life skills and promoting healthy lifestyles.



The Multisport Merit Badge will be earned by Scouts who demonstrate proficiency in a combination of swimming, cycling, and running through a series of age-appropriate challenges and skill-building activities. The program will offer different levels of achievement, allowing Scouts to progress and develop their skills over time by encouraging physical and mental fitness. Scouts will need to participate in two sports for at least one season while following a structured plan to track progress and improve their skills. Here's what the process looks like:

1. Choose Two Sports: Scouts must pick two endurance-based sports to focus on. These can be swimming, biking, running, or a combination of two.
2. Get a Physical: A healthcare professional must complete a Scout medical examination form to ensure Scouts are ready for the physical demands of the activities.
3. Create a Training Plan: With the help of a merit badge counselor, Scouts will develop a training program for each sport that outlines their goals, practice schedule, and progress tracking.
4. Track Your Progress: Scouts will document their training, practice sessions, and improvement over time. This helps them stay accountable and see how they're developing their skills.
5. Participate for a Full Season: Scouts must commit to each sport for at least one season, whether competing individually or on a team.
6. Reflect on the Experience: After completing the season, Scouts will discuss what they learned, how the sports challenged them, and how the experience affected them physically and mentally.
7. Submit Your Blue Card: Once all requirements are completed, Scouts will submit their blue card to their unit leader to record their achievement in ScoutBook.

Resources and requirements for earning the Multisport Badge will be available on the Scouting America and USA Triathlon websites beginning March 1.

[CORNHUSKER COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP](#)

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. GUIDANCE FOR UPDATING COUNCIL POLICIES ON EAGLE SCOUT LETTERS OF REFERENCE

The Scouts BSA Advancement committee has created two documents to assist Councils in updating their policies for Eagle Scout letters of Reference. You can find the templates here:

[Guidance for Updating Council Policies on Eagle Scout Letters of Reference | Boy Scouts of America](#)

3. **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

4. E-CHECK OPTION REPLACES THE ACH PAYMENT FOR UNITS

The ACH payment process that required "micro-deposits" has been replaced with a new E-Check payment choice that units can use for charter or member renewals. Any payments made with the old ACH and are still in process will be honored and posted as usual.

5. INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL

5.A. Parents and leaders can renew their registration online 2-months before the membership expires.

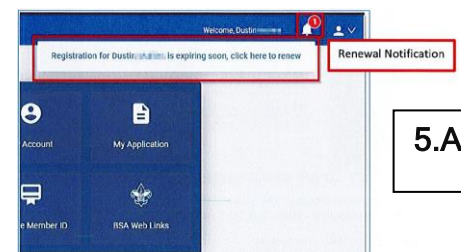
My.Scouting displays a reminder notice in the upper right corner upon login when your registration is due to renew within two months

A membership renewal notices is also sent via email with a link that can be used to renew the registration. The notice will be sent 60, 30, 14, 7, and 1 day(s) out, as well as 1 week after expiration until the registration is renewed.

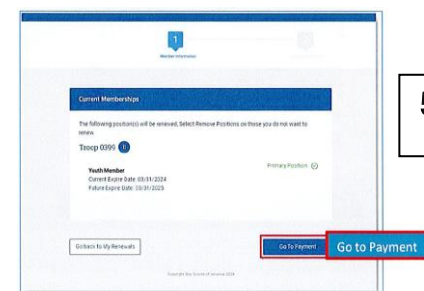
In My.Scouting, click on the red notification icon to open the renewal page.

5.B. Positions eligible to renew will be listed. If more than one position, make sure the appropriate one is selected as primary. That is the one that will show you as paid. This is also your opportunity to change which is marked as primary if needed.

Review to ensure everything looks correct, then click on the "Go To Payment" button.



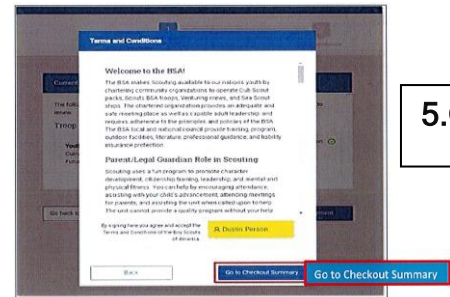
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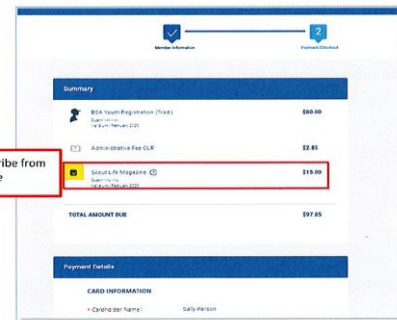
5.C. You will be prompted to sign and agree to Scouting America’s Terms and Conditions, just like you did when you joined Scouting America (Please review before signing).

Click on “Go To Checkout Summary.”



5.C.

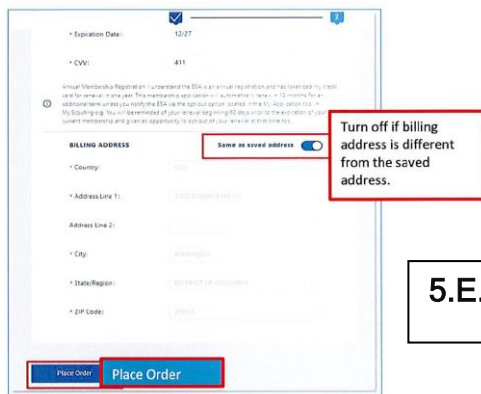
5.D. The checkout page shows the fees to pay and allows you to adjust the Scout Life Magazine Subscription. NOTE: The default is to subscribe. You will need to “uncheck” the box if you do not wish to subscribe. Proceed to enter your Credit Card information.



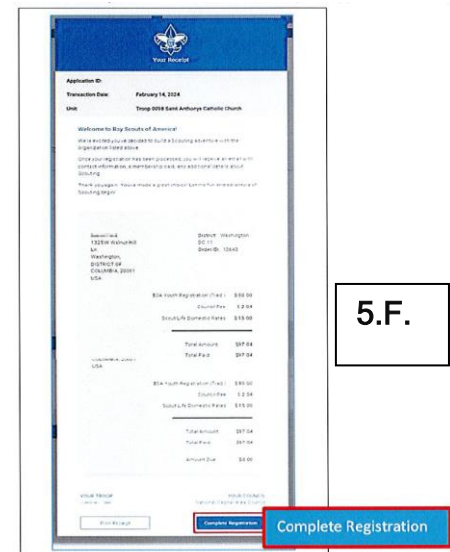
5.D.

5.E. The payment process will default to the billing address record on file. Please confirm this address compared to the card you are using. If the Credit Card has a different address, you can change it. Click on “Place Order.”

5.F. Once the Credit Card process is completed, your receipt will be displayed. Click on the “Complete Registration” option at the bottom and you will be directed back to your applications in My.Scouting.



5.E.



5.F.

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 (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.

COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (LINK: [Cornhusker Council](#))

March

- 5 Council Properties Committee Meeting at the OEC
- 6 Roundtable -All Districts
- 6 Popcorn Pre-order due
- 8 First Aid, CPR, & AED Training [Cornhusker Council - First Aid, CPR, AED Training](#)
- 13 Life to Eagle Seminar [Cornhusker Council - Life to Eagle Seminar](#)
- 15 Seven Feathers District Dinner
- 15 Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training [Cornhusker Council - Cub Scout BB Gun/Archery Range Master Training](#)
- 15 NRA Rifle Instructor [Cornhusker Council - NRA Rifle Instructor](#)
- 22-23 Wilderness 1st Aid Training [Cornhusker Council - Wilderness First Aid Training](#)
- 22 Seven Feathers District Pinewood Derby
- 25 Report to the State
- 29 Scout for a Day
- 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, OEC
- 3 Roundtable - All Districts
- 4,5,6 Seven Feathers Camporee at Camp Cornhusker
- 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
- 23 Final Popcorn Order Due
- 25-27 Salt Valley District Spring Camporee /
Prairie Winds District Spring Camporee

May

- 1 Roundtable - All Districts
- 2-4 OA Spring Event
- 7 Council Properties Committee Meeting, OEC
- 10 Clays for Cornhusker
- 10 Pre-Camp Swim Checks
- 11 Mother’s Day
- 14 Pre-Camp Swim Checks
- 17 Cub Scout Range and Target Activities Day
- 17 1st Aid, CPR, AED Training
- 17 Cub Scout Spring Event
- 19 Spring Popcorn Money Due
- 21 Council Dinner
- 31 Youth Mental Health 1st Aid

**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	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Bear	337	
Beaver	56	
Bobwhite	174	64
Cheyenne	CLOSED	CLOSED
Commanche	296	142
Crow	334	
Eagle	8	54B
Fox	456	
Kiowa	78 (LFC)	
Mandan	34G	
Missouri	78	122 (MAC)
Omaha	220	
Osage		16
Otoe		
Ponca	100 (HOAC)	
Wichita	223	
Winnebago	159	49
Lakota		
Ft. Atkinson		

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNHUSKER COUNCIL’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

- Neil Olson, T.268
- Johnny Hudgens, T.36
- Owen Allison, T. 25
- Thomas Easley, T. 32
- Noah Kloch, T. 456
- Benjamin Kendle, T. 456
- Trent Hraban, T. 76
- Andrew Payne, T.45
- Spencer Krenk, T. 55







Any Eagle Scout
From Nebraska or from Harrison, Mills, or Pottawattamie county in Iowa



Any Field of Study
Pursue your passion and further your education




Any Nebraska Institution
Choose from a list of over 30 colleges or universities

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](#)




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APO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION & NESA AFFILIATE GROUP
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APO Eagles the Eagle Scout Alumni Association of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity (APO), and National Affiliate of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is proud to sponsor a Scholarship for college-bound scouts. The program seeks to recognize Scouts who have demonstrated they are leaders, are friends with all, and are of service to the communities in which they live.

A scholarship between \$2,000 and \$5,000 will be awarded to an Eagle Scout who has shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service. In addition, they will have demonstrated a commitment to Leadership Friendship & Service. Deadline is April 30th.

[**SCHOLARSHIP - APO EAGLE SCOUT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**](#)



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

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



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

ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

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Lodge Advisor: Brooks Rushman professionalpower@yahoo.com

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

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OA ELECTIONS

The Golden Sun Lodge is holding OA Elections. Chapter Election Coordinators will be working with Troops to schedule these elections on Lodgemaster and will be asking Arrowmen to assist with these. Requirements for eligibility:

- Be a registered member of Scouting America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of Scouting America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type unit in which they are being considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery rank, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Not sure who your Chapter Chief or Chapter Advisor are? Check our the Golden Sun Lodge website at: www.goldensunlodge.org

WEBELOS CROSS OVERS

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).

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.

G5 SECTION CONCLAVE, MAR 7-9

G5 Alive is coming up this March at Camp Cedars. It is a great training event and will take place Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00pm to Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 10:00am.

[G5 Alive Signup](#) (Click here)

Please bring the following:

- Backpack or duffle bag Medications (if needed)
- Scouting America uniform
- OA Sash
- Clothes for Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- Jacket or fleece
- Sturdy camping shoes
- Toiletries
- Towel (if you intend to shower)
- Water bottle
- Any fun OA stuff you want to show off!

Tent Housing:

- Tent (You may tent with others within your YPT age group and 2 years of your age (if under 18))
- Ground tarp
- Sleeping bag
- Warm pajamas, could be as low as 25-30 degrees overnight

Cabin Housing:

- Linens or sleeping bag, beds are mattress only, cabins are heated however

General Notes:

- All meals and training will be indoors, outdoor time will be limited unless temperatures rise during the day.
- Training courses will be a combination of lecture and activity, where scouts will be encouraged to get up and move around.
- Indoor bathroom facilities are available to all guests regardless of where they are being housed

If you have any questions, please contact Section Chief Garret Thompson at garrett.thompson@lodge97.org or Golden Sun Lodge Advisor Brooks Rushman at 402-416-9781 call or text.

CORNHUSKER HISTORY

As Scouting America celebrated its 115th Anniversary, we thought we should share a bit of our history. The Cornhusker Council can trace its origins back to 1917 when the Lincoln Council was formed. Our oldest active Troops - Troop 12 and Troop 16 - actually predate the formation of the Lincoln Council. Here is the Council's newsletter from Mar 1924. Of interest, James E. West, the Chief Scout Executive attended the Council's Feb 2024 Court of Honor and presented the Eagle Scout Award to Billy Ungles from Troop 21.

SPRING RALLY NUMBER

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SCOUTS TO HOLD ANNUAL SPRING FIELD RALLY

THE DATE OF THE BIG EVENT HAS BEEN SET FOR MAY 30th

One of the outstanding events of Scouting is the Big Annual Spring Field Rally, which is to be held at Antelope Park, on Friday, May 30th. All Lincoln Scouts participate in these activities; displaying the results of their Scout Training in contest with the other Troops of the city.

The events of the Rally depict Scouting Activities, and Lincoln Scouts are already laying plans for carrying off the honors. Over 500 Scouts took part in the Fifth Annual Rally last year, with hundreds of visitors on the field.

This year, due to the many advances made in Scouting, the competition will be much keener, and the enthusiasm greater.

BUGLING:
1921—Paul Phillipi Troop 13.
1922—Paul Phillipi Troop 13.
1923—Russell Lieurance Troop 13.

EVENTS AND RULES OF THE 1924 RALLY.

ELIGIBILITY
Only registered scouts in good standing will be allowed to enter the meet. Only scouts registered before May 15th, 1924, or who have not reached their 18th birthday shall participate in any event.

OFFICIALS OF COMPETING TROOPS
Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committeeman, Trainers or Handlers of Competitions shall not be allowed on the ground of competition during events in which the members of their troops are competing.

NUMBERING COMPETITORS
Each competitor shall display his troop numeral on the middle of his back. The number must not be less than six inches in height.

ENTRIES
Scoutmasters must send or bring names of entrants for each event to scout headquarters on or before Tuesday, May 20th. No troops shall be allowed on the field which is not entered and participates in not less than three of the following events:
1. Inspection.
2. Knot Tying.
3. Fire by Friction.
4. International Morse.
5. Wall Scaling.
6. First Aid.

AWARDS
Champion Troop: Large silver loving cup to be won two years in succession in order to be won permanently.
Troop 13 has won the cup for one year.
Each first place: Streamer properly inscribed (blue).
Each second place: Streamer properly inscribed (red).

RALLY WINNERS OF THE PAST

	1921	1922	1923
	Troop	Troop	Troop
Knot Tying	17	25	13
Crab Race	11
Horse & Rider	24	24	27
Fire by Friction	23	...	13
Wig Wag	17	49	13
Rolling Race	21
First Aid	23	13	27
Skinning the Snake	11	11	Denton
O'Grady	1	13	26
Troop Stunts	13-25-40	9-16	25-20
		25-27	13-9
Bugling	13	13	13
Inspection	17	9	9
Wall Scaling	13	11	24
Grand Winners	17	11	13

Individual Winners:
Fire by Friction:
1921—Ralph Worrest, No. 23.
1922—14 minutes and no fire.
1923—Bill Card No. 13. Time 2' 45".



WILLARD S. YATES

Feb. 12, 1924.

Mr. W. S. Yates,
President, Local Council, B. S. A.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My Dear Mr. Yates:

Now that I am back home I hasten to express to you the great joy and satisfaction I had in participating in your wonderful meeting of nearly 1200 Fathers and sons. Surely you and your associates on the local Council, your Scout Executive, and all your Scoutmasters should feel very happy over the splendid progress that has been made in Scouting in Lincoln. I want to congratulate you all on the splendid discipline. The boys responded to the test I gave them in a very creditable manner. * * *

Sincerely and Cordially Yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.
James E. West
Chief Scout Executive.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE MINUTE

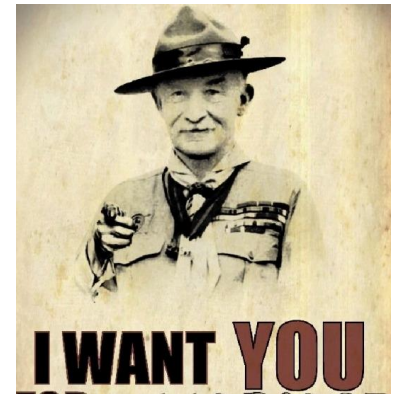
Moses Sandals, there are a TON of things coming up this spring! The most important event this month that I don’t want to get lost amongst all the other activities - and that I need your help on - is the **Scout for a Day** from 8am-noon on March 29th at the OEC for Scouts BSA-aged youth (10yrs old and up). This event is designed as a “Bring a Friend to Scouts” (normal friend activity) event and is open to all.



We’ll have a number of Troops putting on demonstrations, games, and activities for our guests to show them what Scouting is all about. Plus, the climbing wall will be open!

How you can help:

- Have your Scouts invite a buddy or two and bring your Troop out!
- Have your Troop join other Troops and set up a booth, run an activity, etc. And, have your Scouts invite their buddies!



Why? Our Generation Z (born between the mid-late 1990s and the early 2010s) and younger youth face unique challenges and need Scouting program now more than ever. A recent study ([Notice anything about this list of skills Gen Zers wish they were learning in school?](#)) identified 18 skills Gen Z crave most...I suspect you know what Scouting offers in each of these areas:

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| 1. Mental health | 10. Auto maintenance |
| 2. Self-defense | 11. Household repairs and maintenance |
| 3. Survival skills & basic 1 st Aid | 12. Nutrition |
| 4. Cooking | 13. Relationship counseling |
| 5. Personal finance | 14. Sewing |
| 6. Communication skills | 15. Networking and relationship building |
| 7. Emotional intelligence | 16. Family resource management |
| 8. Time management | 17. Negotiation |
| 9. Basics of law | 18. Digital etiquette |

A more disturbing study from Stanford University ([Young Men in Crisis](#)) and echoed by New York University, the Center for Economic and Policy Research, and others identified that the challenges facing this generation of young men are deeply rooted and demand our attention. Their recommendations should also sound familiar....it is ironic that Scouting, formed 115 years ago, was designed through its Aims and Methods to address these very issues (that girls also face, by the way).

Growing the Scouting Movement in SE Nebraska. The Professional Staff has embarked on a ‘new unit blitz’ over the past two months to bring back Scouting to the communities in Fairbury, Auburn, Tecumseh, Stromsburg, Osceola, and the Scouting “deserts” in Lincoln.

March 29th’s “Scout for a Day” is our first unit-level recruitment effort in 2025 and we need your help grow the Scouting. Stay tuned for more recruiting opportunities, to include Cub Scout-specific events.

Be Prepared!