

# **Camp Cornhusker 2006 Commissioner Staff Guide**



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# Camp Commissioners Guide

## Camp Cornhusker

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### **The Purpose of the Commissioner Program:**

The Camp Cornhusker Commissioner program utilizes our most qualified and experienced volunteer Scouters to serve the troops in our camp.

- Troop service is the keystone and enhancing troop leadership is the priority for our camp commissioner program.
- The camp commissioner program is authorized by the council commissioner and is managed by the National Camp School certified camp commissioner.

### **Aims and Methods of Scouting:**

Especially in Scout summer camp, you will depend heavily on Scouting's basic fundamentals, the aims and methods of Scouting. In the *Scoutmaster's Handbook*, and throughout the program, they are central to the program presented.

#### Aims of Scouting:

- Build Character.
  - Moral Strength
  - Personal Qualities
  - Values
  - Outlook
- Foster Citizenship.
  - Relationship to others
  - Obligations to Society and Government
- Develop fitness.
  - Mind: think clear and clean, and solve problems.
  - Emotions: self-control, courage, and self respect.
  - Physical: body well tuned, clean and healthy.

#### Methods of Scouting:

- Ideals—Campers experience the FUN and adventure of summer camp the Scout way—guided by the Scout Oath and Law and in showing Scout spirit by trying to live up to these ideals.
- Patrols—Patrols and boy leadership of the troop are fostered by the troop leaders.
- Outdoors—Being close to nature at camp helps Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and mankind's place in it. The outdoors is the laboratory for Scouts to learn ecology and practice conversation of nature's resources.
- Advancement—The steps in the advancement system help a boy grow in self-reliance and the ability to help others.
- Personal growth—As Scouts plan their activity and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth.
- Adult association—Boys learn from the examples set by their adult leaders in the troop and the camp staff.
- Leadership development—In camp, Scouts share responsibilities and are encouraged to learn and practice leadership skills.
- The Uniform—The uniform is the practical camp

attire for Scout activities. The uniform provides a way for the Scout to show his pride in his patrol and troop and his progress and service in Scouting.



### **Your Role as Commissioner:**

Your more detailed, specific duties and responsibilities will depend upon the specific objectives of each troop and the capabilities and the deficiencies of each troop. You have maximum latitude in creating solutions to meet objectives—you are **empowered!**

- As commissioner, you are the liaison between the camp director and the troops in camp.
- You are an integral part of the camp staff. You are the *glue* between the staff and the troop.
- You are guided at all times by the ideals of Scouting (Oath and Law) and encourage their practice in troop activities.
- Your role as commissioner requires that you must play many parts. You must be:
  - A communicator
  - A diplomat
  - One who sets the example
  - A helper of troops
  - A friend of troop leaders
  - A member of the staff
  - A promoter of FUN!

### **Your Mission as Commissioner:**

Your camp commissioner's mission is to help troops obtain the maximum benefit from their summer camp experience, maintain regular contact with troop leaders, counsel leaders on where to find assistance, and suggest remedies to program needs. Your objective is to send home from camp stronger, better quality troops than came to camp through coaching the troop leaders, especially in patrol method and patrol leader' council effectiveness. No other camp staff members are specifically charged with this particular responsibility. It has a *year-round* impact. The result of your efforts will be better quality troops during the other 51 weeks of the year.

Yours is a very demanding challenge. Fulfillment of your challenge has the unequalled reward of knowing that you have made a significant contribution to the lives of the boys who benefit from your diligence. Experience through years of Scout camp history has repeatedly demonstrated that positive camp experiences have a lifetime impact on our young men. We do make the difference!

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### **Your Commissioner Responsibilities:**

- You are *the* conduit for concerns, feedback, and advice.
- You actively seek out and work with leaders.
- You work with the camp commissioner in facilitating the camp program throughout the week.
- You learn the objectives for camp for each troop and advise the leaders on meeting them.
- You support troop logistical requirements.
- You encourage troop patrol leaders' council effectiveness and the patrol method.
- You advise and counsel troop leaders on troop leadership.
- You assist leaders in resolving problems with Scouts.
- You encourage and inspect campsite appearance and cleanliness.
- You attend leader roundtables.
- You fill out a post camp evaluation on each unit that you commissioner for, that is passed onto that unit's district commissioner.
- You are a member of the Camp Cornhusker staff.
- You set the example of Scout spirit and having FUN!

### **Site Assignment**

You can expect to be assigned to primary campsites for the purpose of troop check-in and checkout and monitoring campsite maintenance and appearance. You are available to any and all troops to provide commissioner service and support to Scouts and Scouters as needed in a timely manner. It is natural that troops will tend to look to the commissioner assigned to their campsite as "their" commissioner. The paramount consideration is for you to identify and satisfy a need as quickly and completely as possible for *any* of the troops in camp.

### **Discussion to have**

When you first make contact with the unit, it might be before camp, in a pre-camp conference, or it might be the first time you see them entering their campsite for the week. Use your best judgment as to when to have this conversation, but have it at some point in time (obviously, during a pre-camp phone conversation would be appropriate, but use your best judgment if you haven't had this conversation prior to them arriving at camp).

To draw him or her out about the troop plan, you should ask:

1. What does your patrol leaders' council wish to accomplish at camp?
2. Have you had a chance to interview the individual Scouts about what FUN things each wishes to accomplish at camp (not just advancement)?
3. Have camp patrols been formed and named by the Scouts attending camp?
4. Have you considered sending your senior troop leadership to National Youth Leadership Confer-

ence July 9-15, 2006?

5. Has the camp senior patrol leader met with his camp patrol leaders' council yet?
6. Does your troop camp plan include troop campfires, troop swims, boating, patrol events, etc?

As in any operation, planning and preparation are key to a successful camp experience. If the leader seems unsure of the planning process, you could offer to assist him or her with an outline of steps to accomplish a camp plan. Your payoff will be in watching the Scouts in the assigned troop enjoying a lifetime camp experience. Once again, some of these questions are pre-camp questions. Use your best judgment in approaching this conversation, but usually, the Scoutmaster, upon arrival to camp is happy about the amount of preparation done for the camp, and you "second guessing" him/her at camp will not go over very well, and will only cause undue stress during the first few days.

### **Commissioners Camp**

The camp commissioners are located together in our own campsite West of the shower house. The campsite utilizes five tent platforms, one staff size for the camp commissioner, and the four camper size tents for the commissioner staff. All of the tents are equipped with electricity. The commissioners' campsite is *dedicated* to camp commissioners and their gear, kits, and supplies necessary for their duties and support. A conscious effort must be made by all of the commissioners to keep a neat and orderly campsite.

Leaders are always welcome in the commissioner campsite, and with this in mind, the conversations happening, and actions within the commissioner campsite must always be Scout appropriate. We are in the constant view of our customers going to and from the showers. This convenient location plays an important role in keeping the lines of communication open. We pride ourselves on the fact that we are the only place to get coffee before 8:00AM. This is because as the adult leaders come to take showers, they are "forced" to come and say hi to us, and it gives us a chance to assess the situation for the day, and ensure our customers are having a good time!

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

-Milton Berle

### **Commissioner Individual and Team Effort**

Specific needs often deserve specific expertise. Each commissioner possesses talents in which she/he excels. When you encounter a special need such as counseling an inexperienced leader who seems to be overwhelmed by behavior problems with the campers in his/her troop or a homesick Scout who cannot be reassured by his troop leaders, you will want to call on the camp commissioner or other staff member best qualified to deal with the problem.

This is where the depth in the commissioner team pays off. You may need to backfill for a fellow

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commissioner while he/she is dealing with a time-consuming need. It truly takes a team effort to be successful. Remember, ask for help if you need it. You are empowered to make that decision. If it is a situation requiring immediate attention from camp management, find any camp staff member (this includes the camp commissioner) with a radio to get a hold of someone to help deal with the problem.

### **Uniform**

The uniform is one of the key methods of Scouting. Your uniform should be appropriate to your position and identify you as a commissioner and a member of the camp staff at all times throughout the



camp session. You are issued camp staff t-shirts and you are held to the same standard as the rest of the staff. When you are off-duty, probably doing laundry, you may wear Scouting appropriate apparel, but remember, the commissioner is never really “off duty,” so use your discretion when deciding not to wear the uniform shirt and hat. You are also issued a name tag to be worn at all times on your field uniform.

You can choose to invest in a green venturing uniform and all of the proper insignia, but it is not necessary. Your tan Boy Scout uniform is fine for your role on the commissioner staff.

### **Individual Troop Needs**

You will need to get acquainted with the troops in camp in order to evaluate and meet their individual needs for commissioner support and service. You will note a wide variance in the needs of the troops. This has a direct bearing on how to best serve the troops.

Many troops will have young Scouts who are in camp for the first time. A few troops will have older, more experienced Scouts who have been to camp before and are self-motivated. Some leaders will be experienced and well trained. Frequently there is no Scoutmaster in the traditional sense. Instead, troop leaders in camp may be an available adult with no training or experience, filling in as camp leaders for the first time. A few will have no experience in youth group supervision. Your evaluation will tell you where your guidance will be required most to aid adults in fulfilling their leadership positions of responsibility.

Commissioners do NOT assume troop leadership responsibility. Only the provisional Scoutmaster acts in this capacity. Commissioners *do* provide ad-

vice and counsel, as needed to the responsible troop leaders.

Commissioner counseling is discussed further in a subsequent section of this guide.

### **General Troop Service**

Your commissioner service and support will be the major factors in the troops having a successful and meaningful week in camp. The primary location where your assistance will be the most valuable and effective is the troop campsite. This is where you can have the most direct impact in assisting the leaders with troop camp activities. You will be helping troops find the activities and materials they need and how to best utilize what is available to them. You will help in showing leaders how to develop teamwork and patrol spirit and help adult leaders in developing youth leadership (patrol leader’s council), so adults can be comfortable in the role of guiding, counseling, teaching, reviewing, and recognizing.

You will need to coach the least experienced leaders on the aims and methods of Scouting, found in the first part of this booklet.

You will help them in developing an advancement plan, achieving their goals, minimizing stress, and having FUN! Your cheerful service will be contagious and reflected in others.

### **Walking Around**

Your most productive opportunities to provide service to the troops and their leaders will come from your visits to them in their campsites. You should make the loop around the campsites *at least* two times a day. Your first visit in the morning will likely be after breakfast but before you conduct and document visitations. Then after lunch or some other time in the afternoon you should make a walk through to see if any troops need help meeting the program and growth objectives of their camp plan. Use this as a general rule, always feel free to walk around and talk to the troops in camp.

Also, on applicable evenings, you should indicate your interest by visiting troop campfires. Your presence will assure that the activities stay within bounds. The job of commissioner is largely where the troops live. Look at all the terrific exercise you are getting at no additional cost!! FUN! FUN! FUN!

### **Program Activities**

Less critical but often illuminating are your visits to the in-camp program areas. This is where “the rubber meets the road” in our camp program. You will be better able to advise the troop leaders with first-hand experience. The program director will appreciate your feedback and constructive comments. When possible, you should visit each of the program areas in camp once daily.

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## Campsite Maintenance

You will be involved with helping troops become adjusted to their campsite facilities. You will help in showing leaders how to develop the teamwork and patrol spirit in cleaning and improving their campsite. You will be conducting visitations, not to find things wrong, but to assist the troop in making their camp better. You will be concerned about the condition, repair, and maintenance of the facilities, not only for those in camp currently but for those who will follow. During check-in and checkout is a good time to make sure the campsite is ready. Find room on the inspection form for the day room for short comments of encouragement, ideas for improvement, and congratulations for achievement.

## Camp Accreditation

Every Boy Scout and Cub Scout camp in the nation is visited every camping season to ensure that the camp is up to the quality standards of the BSA na-



tional policy. This visitation is conducted by the region and occurs the first week of camp. The day that the visitation team is in camp is just like every other day, we provide a quality program all summer and there is no need to worry when visitation day comes around!

## Youth Protection

You are required to be currently trained and certified in youth protection. You will help in implementing youth protection guidelines. You will monitor the troops to ensure that they are maintaining youth protection standards, and you will assist the camp director in enforcing council and BSA policies. You will help in seeing that campers and staff alike have their privacy. You will be concerned about the quality of their life in camp. You will be especially interested in their health and safety.

## Homesickness

Some homesickness happens in every session of summer camp. A Scout seldom says he is homesick, but rather reports one or more of the following Symptoms: a stomachache, can't eat, a headache, an asthma attack, fatigue, etc. It is important for him to be checked at the med office.

First year campers are the most susceptible. When a boy first shows symptoms of homesickness, take fast action to involve him in activities that will be stimulating and exciting. Give him a chance to talk to you privately about the people at home—don't tell him

to forget them. (Comply with youth protection standards by having another adult observe this conversation at some distance).

Ask one of the junior staff of his troop to take a personal interest in the boy—to work with him directly to so involve him in activities that he won't want to return home because he is now gaining acceptance and support at camp which he formerly sought at home. If his troop does not have the staff member needed, a camp staff member should be temporarily asked to provide this support.

## Commissioner as a Counselor

Undoubtedly the most important and primary function you will perform as a camp commissioner is that of counselor. You will have the opportunity to contribute according to several of the definitions found in the Webster's for the words "counseling" and "counselor," i.e., "using various techniques of the personal interviews," "adviser," and, of course, "one who has supervisory duties at a summer camp."

Most of your counseling will not involve problems but instead will be related to the enjoyable and FUN summer camp activities.

Several counseling techniques apply to most counseling situations, regardless of whether there is a problem involved.

The primary requirement to be a successful counselor is to be an attentive listener. Listen. Listen, and then listen some more. Interject questions that will draw out the other person. Interject your own opinions only after they have been specifically requested. After being allowed to express his/her own questions with correct answers. In doing this, you will establish a sense of renewed self-confidence and self-esteem in the person you are working with.

Each of us is different. An approach that works for one may not work for another because of many factors, including personality. Each leader that you work with and counsel is also different. To be effective, we must study and try to understand ourselves as well as the person we are counseling. Some people are followers, doing their best when they are taking instructions from another. These people are looking for step-by-step guidance. Others must be a dominant leader, sometimes sensing as interference what they perceive as your attempt to govern their actions. Your own personality will affect how you come across to other people.

Less frequent than routine counseling but always more time-consuming is counseling someone who has a problem. It is important to help the person understand and resolve his or her problem before it grows larger. A person with a problem can impact an entire group and possibly the entire camp. Avoid the office, talking across a desk or table, or other "authority" settings. Aim for privacy (remembering youth protection) and try to avoid distraction. As soon as you hear the subject's problem, you will probably

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have all sorts of suggestions to help him or her out. Bite your tongue. **Give no advice! Listen!** Let the subject know you are willing to take time to hear him or her out.

Frequently a leader recognizes a problem situation and comes to you or another staff member or leader for help. Sometimes a leader may not be aware of a problem that you see or have heard about from others. When this occurs, the problem may go away just by making the leader aware of it.

When a leader has a problem that is likely to require one or more steps of corrective action, it is most effective to utilize the techniques discussed above. **Listen!** Use leading questions like, "Do you think he really meant to do that?" or "What do you think should be done?" or "Would this perhaps be a better way?" or "did you know?" Lead the person, by your questions, into finding his/her own solutions.

A key ingredient is being positive. Most people like to have encouragement and compliments. Try not to be negative, with expressions such as, "You're wrong," "That's not how to do it," "I should have done it myself," or "You should have known better." Instead, try expressions such as, "That is one way of doing it, but have you thought of other ways that might be even more effective?" or "I can see your point; however, let's put our feet in the other guy's shoes and try to see how he feels about it," or "You have a great troop and most of what I see is superb, but I've spotted a couple of areas where your troop could be even better." Look for the good, and give praise when it is due. Try not to criticize unless it is constructive. Build a person up instead of tearing him down.

Smile. Your Scout smile is contagious. Even the worst of situations has a bright side. Sometimes you have to hunt for it. And remember how many times in the past you have been able to look back and laugh over an incident that seemed so serious in that the moment. But be careful: When the other person is serious is not the time to laugh. Be serious with him/her, show your equal concern with his/her concerns. Together, you and he/she can work even the most serious of situations. Be on his/her side, as a helpmate. Laugh with a person, not at them. Your smiling, encouraging support and suggestions will go a long way.

### **Discipline Problems**

Most discipline problems must be managed within the Scout's troop. You will counsel the leaders to utilize the guidelines outlined in the *Scoutmaster*



*Handbook*; it is usually NOT your role to deal directly with Scouts causing problems.

Scouts who do not respond to corrective action usually come from one of two extreme home environments. One is the situation where the boy is allowed no latitude at home to make decisions for himself and is used to extreme domination. The other extreme home situation is one that is completely permissive and all restrictions on behavior are avoided. When there is inadequate response to corrective action by a Scout, he may need to be removed from camp in consideration for his own safety and the safety of others. This decision would be made by the camp director with troop leader and commissioner consultation. The camp environment is not the place to deal with extreme behavior dysfunction.

### **You Can't Win Them All**

You do not expect losses, but you should not become discouraged when a boy does not respond as you desire. A boy may bring with him to camp a problem that can be effectively dealt with only at home. We sometimes encounter homesickness that is actually brought on by insecurity caused by a tragic domestic situation at home. You may never really know why you are unsuccessful in turning around a Scout's camp problem. Be proud that you cared enough to try to help the boy have a good camp experience. Your reward comes from the many successes you are producing daily.

### **You Are a Role Model**

Role models are fundamental to Scouting, especially at summer camp. Camp staff are viewed as role models by our campers. Adult staff are the models for the younger staff members, and commissioners are recognized by all as examples of experienced, mature leaders of high character selected because of the quality of their efforts and dedication to the ideals of Scouting. Be assured that the example you set will be emulated by others.

### **Service Projects**

There are many opportunities for troops to complete meaningful service projects at camp. You may have occasion to monitor the activity of one or two of these projects. You are discouraged from becoming involved in the actual performance of projects. In the past, commissioners have become less accessible to the units needing support because of their involvement in service projects. Your volunteer service as a camp commissioner is far more important than any camp service project and is to be recognized as such. The conversation director will be responsible for assigning conversation projects to the troops to complete during the week for wagonmaster/ honor troop awards.

### **Early Morning Coffee**

Starting at 5:30AM, coffee will be available in the commissioner campsite for leaders waiting to take showers. It is advisable to be up around 6:15 in order to meet and greet your campsite leaders to talk to them before the day starts.

### **You Are Not a Go-Fer**

Commissioners have enough responsibilities obtaining support for the troops in camp and counseling the leaders without becoming go-fers for the troops or the camp staff members. Being a good guy by running errands that can and should be performed by others can reduce your effectiveness and rob the troops of your valuable support. You will need to explain that you cannot neglect your primary responsibilities when you say “no” to these requests.

### **Post Camp Evaluations**

You will be asked by the end of the week to fill out a form evaluating your units that will be submitted to the units district commissioner. This will also be done for out of council units. This is expected to purely be a tool of learning and improvement for the unit and a tool of information for the district commissioner.

### **Laundry**

As a camp staff member, you are invited to do your laundry in the basement of the headquarters building or the dining hall. If you need help locating these facilities, let the camp commissioner know. Units however have other restrictions. Laundry buckets are available from the quartermaster. Special arrangements can be made to use the laundry facilities, just talk to the camp commissioner, remember, customer service!

### **Smoking**

Staff that are legally able to use tobacco products can use them on camp at designated locations. This location is at the discretion of the camp director, but has traditionally been right out back of the dining hall. Please abide by this standard.

### **50th Anniversary of Camp Cornhusker**

2006 is the 50th anniversary of Camp Cornhusker, and we are celebrating. Due to this celebration, we will have an increase of visitors on Friday nights. Because of this, we will need to just pay attention to our surroundings come Friday night.

### **Semper Gumby**

Always flexible. We are here for our customers. Being flexible is paramount to your duty as a commissioner. It is important to remember that our customers expect the best, and so do we!

### **Judgment**

This guide is not intended to replace your own good judgment. Trust in the quality of your judgment and experience was fundamental to your selection to serve as camp commissioner. You are expected to exercise your prerogatives within the policies of the Cornhusker Council, and of the Boy Scouts of America.



## **A “Routine” Day:**

*Early Morning*—By 5:30, there will be a steaming hot pot of coffee in the commissioners campsite. Don’t feel that you have to be up at 5:30, but the sooner you are up, once your campsite leaders start showing up, the better. Use this time as a time to connect with them on what the rest of the day is going to be like, making sure to address any questions, comments, or concerns.

*Assembly and Flag Raising*—At 7:30, the staff is expected to assemble at the flag poles. This is expected from the commissioner staff as well. At 7:45, a troop, different everyday will put up the flags. If they need help practicing before the ceremony, that is what we are there for.

*Breakfast*—At 8:00, we will position ourselves in front of the doors of the dining hall. We are there to check wristbands and to ensure that everyone is following this camp procedure. If you find someone not wearing a wrist band, find the camp commissioner who will have extra wristbands, and change. The cost for a replacement is \$1.00. If they do not have a wrist band, but present a ticket for admission, check that it is for the proper dining period and take it from them, letting them in would also be good...

After you are done “guarding” the door, go inside and go through the line. Then sit with your troops. This will make them feel good, and provides you with a good opportunity to connect with the boys. Make sure that at every meal, you are switching up what troops you are sitting with, give no preferential treatment.

As the campers get done eating, they will be formally dismissed by a staff member. Servers will need to stay around to clean up the tables. They will need to check out with the dining hall steward before they can leave. Commissioners should try to catch troop leaders leaving and make sure they have everything they need to continue with program for the day.

*Leader Roundtable*—At 9:45, this meeting is facilitated by the camp commissioner, if he is able to attend the meeting. The objective is to encourage the Scoutmasters/ troop leaders to talk about their successes, needs, or deficiencies

in troop operations in camp or in general. The idea is to facilitate the troop leaders sharing and benefiting from one another’s experiences and successes in effective patrol method and youth leadership. *Give positive feedback!*

We are also there to get feedback from the Scoutmasters/ troop leaders about the camp program activities, camp support functions, and staff. You are looking for positive reinforcement and activities that need improvement. The roundtable should make recommendations when deficiencies are noted. After roundtable is a good time to make the rounds of the program areas. Be sure to make a point of giving the staff for each program area positive feedback.

*Assembly and Lunch*—At 12:15, the staff is expected to assemble at the flag poles. At 12:30, we will position ourselves in front of the doors of the dining hall. See breakfast for more details

*SPL Meeting*—At 1:00 we will have a meeting with all of the SPL’s in camp. This meeting is to get the youth involved in making plans for activities throughout the week. Our capacity in this meeting will be advising, letting the youth make the plans for the week.

*Assembly and Flag Lowering*—At 5:30, the staff is expected to assemble at the flag poles. This is expected from the commissioner staff as well. At 5:45, a troop, different everyday will take down the flags. If they need help practicing before the ceremony, that is what we are there for.

*Dinner*—At 6:00. See Breakfast and Lunch. All days will operate the same except for family night (Friday). Everyone will either be expected to have a wrist band, or turn in a ticket. As the campers get done, they are immediately dismissed from the dining hall. The staff will do all of the clean up.

*Evening Program*—Varies greatly day-to-day. Check the camp program schedule to ensure you know what is going on for the evening. The camp commissioner will hand out assignments throughout the day as needed, and as dictated by the program director and camp director.

**"Campsite Visitation Program"**  
**If You Are Missing Anything on This List, Tell Your Commissioner.**

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b><u>Health and Safety -- (30)</u></b>          Garbage _____ (15)          (Garbage is in a bag, and it is relatively tidy)          Latrine _____ (15)          Washstand          Seat (Clean)          Toilet Paper (Extra on hand and on the rolls)          Hosed Down          Rinse Bucket</p>	<p><b><u>Tents -- (15)</u></b>          Proper Appearance _____ (10)          (This is the outside appearance, but if unzipped, inside is fair game.)          Plenty of Space _____ (5)</p>
<p><b><u>Troop &amp; Patrol -- (35)</u></b>          Bulletin Board _____ (10)              Emergency Procedures              Fireguard Plan (Filled out and posted) Fire Pit Usable _____ (5)                  (Fire pit is in immediate usable condition)              Troop Roster              No Flames in Tent Sign          Usage of Patrol Method _____ (10)          (As observed by your campsite commissioner)          Over All Cleanliness and Order of personal gear _____ (10)</p>	<p><b><u>Campsite Area -- (20)</u></b>          Policed _____ (10)            Flag Pole [US Flag] _____ (5)          Paths Unobstructed _____ (5)              (No string, limbs, or other items obstruct the pathways leading into Of the campsite)</p>

----- **TOTAL DAILY POINTS** ----- **(100)** -----

**A Note About Campsite Visitations:**

The above form is an example campsite visitation form. The purpose of campsite visitations is to ensure the general health and safety of our campers, NOT to invade their personal privacy and property. When you make campsite visitations, do not go there with the idea of finding every little thing that is wrong with their campsite. Remember also, even though you are looking for health and safety concerns, you are not the county health inspector inspecting a five star restaurant wanting to open up. We are dealing with boys that are ages 11-18. If you have comments or suggestions for improvement, write them on the back of the form if you want, and keep them constructive. When you go to the campsite, grab the SPL if he is available, and have him walk around with you so that he knows EXACTLY what is wrong and needing to be corrected. The campsite visitation points are used to determine the wagon-master and honor troops that are in camp, as a camp award, but don't take it too seriously. We are there to allow more FUN, and we cannot accomplish that task if we alienate the troops.



**Cornhusker Council BSA**  
**Camp Cornhusker**

If you have questions, comments, concerns, would like to volunteer for next year, feel free to contact Seth Bingham, the camp commissioner at, [seth.bingham@yahoo.com](mailto:seth.bingham@yahoo.com)  
 Or call him:  
 (402)432-4403