



Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: May 25th, 2024

A note from Leadership

Five years ago, BSA decided to allow females to join the ranks of boy scout troops. Troop 469 took up the charge with the boys of troop 3469 willing to link with a newly formed girl's troop of inexperienced girls, none who had ever been cub scouts. Through their generosity and leadership, the girls learned and grew with 4 of the original girls (Katie, Emily, Eva J, and Lizzy) and 4 of the founding adults (Kari, Heather, Al and Ted) still involved with the troop. The troop has since grown to 16 youth girls (current enrollment), some of whom were once cub scouts who earned their Arrow of Light. The girls have enjoyed many adventures including the Appalachian Trail, Namekagon River, North Shore, Lanesboro, Eagle Cave, Fahocha and numerous scout camps. They look forward to the opportunities of the upcoming years as they continue to grow and learn through their scout experiences.

Troop 5469 would like to thank their brother troop 3469 for the past 5 years, all the adventures we've had with you, the friendships between our troops, and the adventures yet to come. May the troops continue to grow together and enjoy all that scouting has to offer.



The 4 original girls with some of troop 5469.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Lanesboro/Preston – May 31st-June 2nd – bike the Root River Trail, exploring small towns, swimming, and possible river run.  Lanesboro Attendance 2024

Life to Eagle Presentation – Monday, June 3, 6pm, Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church – All Life Scouts with their parent(s) are invited to attend the Life Rank to Eagle presentation and ask questions about the Eagle project and interact with our Troop's Eagle mentors.

Troop Website: [Bloomington Troop 469](#) (Information, calendar, signup links, and etc)

Troop Calendar - [Website Calendar Page](#), [Troop Google Calendar](#), [Google Calendars Support Page](#)

Isle Royale Planning:

Isle Royale Crews Planning meeting and BBQ

Tuesday 5/28 6:30 PM

9333 Palmer Rd Bloomington 55437

Topics to cover:

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- **Discuss each crew's proposed menu,**
 - **Finalize shared equipment,**
 - **Distribute map to each crew,**
 - **Finalize routes if possible**
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I will be smoking some beef brisket.

Bring any other food you would like to share.

Hope to be done by 8:30

Many Point Information

Many Point is our week-long summer camping adventure. This year's session is July 14-20, 2024.

Final Payment is due **by the end of May**. Please make a payment in the Parent Portal or send it to the troop.

Please complete **forms** and return to the troop.

All Participants:

[Health Forms](#) (part C is completed by a physician)

[Shooting Sports](#)

Tier 1 & 2 Activity forms:

[ATV](#) & [eCourse](#) (please print Certificate of Completion)

[Watersports](#)

[First Few \(not all yet\) Things](#)

Here's who is signed up so far.  Many Point Participants Please let Jennifer or Mike know if you need your Parent Portal link.

[Sign up here](#)

[Program Catalog](#)

Tier 1 placements will be announced one week before camp. Tier 2 program is now based on availability.

Scout Happenings

Let us know about upcoming events your scout is in and we will post it here.

Service Opportunities

Saturday, May 25th 3 pm - 5 pm - Northern Star Scouting and the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge of the Order of the Arrow have been asked to help with the annual flag placement and clean up efforts at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery leading into and coming out of Memorial Day. Registration site for the placement of Flags on Saturday May 25th and more information at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/250-OAFlagPlacement>

Sunday, June 1, 3 pm - For all the flags that were placed on Sat, May 25th at Ft. Snelling, they now need to be retrieved. There are 16,000 flags that need to be taken back. Northern Star Scouting and the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge of the Order of the Arrow as of May 22 only had 19 volunteers signed up for the take down. Registration site for retrieval of Flags and more information at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/250-OAFlagCleanUP>

Saturday, June 8th 11 am -2 pm – Bloomington Kite Day helpers – help Bloomington Parks and Recs hand out kites to participants. The city will feed volunteers lunch. Contact Kari for more information.

Merit Badge Opportunities

Troop-Related Merit Badge Counselor List -  **Merit Badge List**

Online Public Health MB – May 28th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-05-28-public-health-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Inventing MB – May 30th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-05-30-inventing-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Photography MB – June 4th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-04-photography-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Pets MB – June 11th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-11-pets-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Journalism MB – June 13th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-13-journalism-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Music MB – June 18th–

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-18-music-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Mammal Studies – June 20th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-20-mammal-study-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Model Design and Building – June 25th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-25-model-design-and-building-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Online Mining in Society – June 27th –

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/events/2024-06-27-mining-in-society-merit-badge-online-pm.html>

Other Resources:

Home Scouting Summer Camps – www.homescouting.org

Scoutmaster Bucky – [Scoutmaster Bucky](#) – lots of summer offerings

Edmund Historical Museum – [Edmond Historical Society \(edmondhistory.org\)](http://edmondhistory.org)

North Star Museum of Scouting [Merit Badge Workshops - North Star Museum \(nssm.org\)](#)

Virtual Merit Badge College | Cape Fear Council - <https://scoutingevent.com/425-vmbcjune22>

Scouts BSA at Home | Daniel Boone Council - <https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual>

Troop Committee Meeting (Adult) meeting

April 14, 2024 meeting -  2024-04-14 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf - To be approved

Next Meeting - In August 2024, specifics to be determined

Troop Communications

As patrols try to increase their communication between members, here is the link to get added to the troop discord server. <https://discord.gg/huTyzTHV3> Since many of the scouts are already on discord for either school activities or personal use with friends, the scouts use this method to communicate with each other since not everyone owns a cell phone and not everyone has an email address. Roles are within the server such as a patrol leader channel, a patrol channel for each patrol, a high adventure channel, etc.

Order of the Arrow

- Nomination / Membership Requirements - <https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>

Troop positions

Positions beginning December 1, 2023

Position (PLC members)	3469	5469	Position	3469	5469
SPL	Owen	Ava N	Quartermaster	Aidan K/Connor	Morgan
ASPL	Carter A, Knox, Aric	--	Historian	Will K	Lizzy
Los Chicos PL	Adam	--	Den Chief	Wyatt, Frederick, Dominic L	AJ/Ava
Los Chicos APL	Christopher	--	Chaplain's Aide	Frederick	Kayla
Flying Monkeys PL	Liam	--	Buglar		--
Flying Monkeys APL	Dominic L	--	Webmaster	Carter S	--
Phoenix PL	Aidan A	--	Librarian		--
Phoenix APL	Magnus	--	Instructor		--
BSA Battalion PL	Matt	--	Outdoor Ethics	Nathaniel	--
BSA Battalion APL	Callan	--	OA Rep	Aric	--
Older Girls PL/ASPL	--	AJ			
Younger Girls PL	--	Cara			
Troop Guide	Dominick J	Megan			
Scribe	Adi	Catherine			

Positions beginning June 1, 2024

Position (PLC members)	3469	5469	Position	3469	5469
SPL	Zeke	AJ	Quartermaster	Aidan K, Nathaniel, Matt	Abby
ASPL	Owen, Carter A, and Aric	Ava	Historian	Dominick J	Lizzy
Los Chicos PL	Adam	--	Den Chief	Wyatt, Frederick	Ava
Los Chicos APL		--	Chaplains Aide		Kayla
Flying Monkeys PL	Dominic L	--	Buglar		--
Flying Monkeys APL		--	Webmaster		Morgan
Phoenix PL	Will K	--	Librarian		--
Phoenix APL		--	Instructor		--
BSA Battalion PL	Connor	--	Outdoor Ethics		--
BSA Batalion APL		--	OA Rep	Aric	--
New Boy PL	Charlie	--			
New Boy APL	Finley	--			
Northstar Loons PL	--	Ava			
Happy Campers PL	--	Cara			
Troop Guide	Knox, Aidan A	Megan			
Scribe	Adi	Catherine			

Current Patrols and Ranks

	Los Chico Locos	ASM	Nick		Phoenix	ASM	Jim
Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank
Jackson	18	12	Eagle	Will K	14	8	1st
Anders	18	12	Life	Will D	14	8	Star
Daniel	17	11	Life	Aric	14	8	Life
Chris	16	11	Life	Wyatt	14	8	Star
Tito	16	10	1st	Owen	14	8	Star
Lexi	16	10	1st	Carter S.	14	8	Life
Adam	16	11	Life	Aidan A	14	8	Life
Adi	15	9	Star	Elijah	13	7	Tenderfoot
Carter A.	15	9	Life	Magnus	13	7	Tenderfoot
Knox	15	9	Life				
	Flying Monkeys	ASM	Nicci		BSA Battalion	ASM	Michelle
Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank
Liam	14	8	Life	Ian	12	6	
Zeke	14	8	1st	Connor	12	6	Tenderfoot
Aidan K	14	8	Star	Ben	12	6	Scout
Dominick	14	8	1st	Caleb	12	6	
Nathaniel	14	8	Star	William	12	6	
Dominic L	14	8	Star	Matt	12	6	1st
Nick A	14	8	Star	Alex	12	6	Scout
Frederick	13	8	Life	Callan	11	6	Tenderfoot
				Ryan	11	6	
	New Scout	ASM					
Samuel	11	5	Scout				
Andrew I	11	5					
Andrew G	11	5	Scout				
Charlie	11	5	Scout				
Finley	10	5	Scout				
	Northstar Loons	ASM	Heather		Happy Campers	ASM	Nick S.
Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank
Emily	18	12	Life	Megan	12	7	Life
Morgan	17	11	Life	Cara	12	6	2nd
Eva	16	10	Life	Britta	12	6	Scout
Aspen	16	10		Catherine	11	6	Tenderfoot
Sophia	15	10		Charlotte	11	6	
Lizzy	15	10	Life	Kayla	11	6	First
AJ	14	9	Life	Abby	11	5	Scout
Ava	14	8	Life	Sophie	11	5	
				Evelyn	11	5	

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