



Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: March 24th, 2023

A note from your Leadership

This weekend, our troop will celebrate both an AOL crossover ceremony and an eagle court of honor for Chase and Josh.

A little about the rank of eagle. Only 6 percent of scouts in the United States will reach the rank of eagle. That represents 0.3 percent of the youth in the United States making this a very admirable achievement.

A bit about Josh and Chase. Both boys are current seniors at Jefferson High School. They were together in cub scouts and moved up to BSA scouts together. Although they both served in multiple troop positions, they are most remembered as senior patrol leader Josh and quartermaster Chase. Both will be heading off to different military training sessions following graduation. Troop 469 is very proud of the young men they've become and wishes them success in their future endeavors.

Upcoming Events:

Pack 446 Crossover ceremony – Sunday, March 26th at Base Camp 4:30 - 7:00. Ceremony starts at 6:00.

Eagle Court of Honor – Sunday March 26th, 7pm at Base Camp – For Josh Oteri and Chase Ben-Avraham

March COH/OA Callout – Monday, March 27th , 6pm – at NHUMC.

April 1st-8th – Bloomington Public Schools Spring Break – no meetings this week.

Troop meeting – Monday, April 10th , 7pm at NHUMC – scouts will be doing the rank required cyber chip and planning the menu for Miller Castle

New Parents meeting – Monday, April 10th , 7pm at NHUMC – New Parents information session - come learn more about the troop while the scouts are busy at their meeting.

Miller Castle Campout – April 14th-16th – Camp focus will be scout skills for the Trail to First Class as well as a skit/song show on the castle stage put on by the scouts of 469 (Adult participation encouraged). To finish off

the weekend, we will use those skills to create trebuchets to see which team can shoot over the castle wall! And of course there will be soccer, gaga ball, hiking, and other outdoor fun. Scouts who need tenting nights for advancement or OA nominations will be encouraged to camp in the courtyard and surrounding area. Indoor bunks are also available. Sign up here!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeec4nTc04uvfDKv9U0wtHoi40hQrmxg9V_pg93GDk0EkxQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Troop meeting – Monday, April 17th , 7pm at NHUMC – Patrol Leaders Council

As always, Information, a calendar, and signup links can also be found on our new website at [Bloomington Troop 469 - Calendar](#).

<https://support.google.com/calendar/answer/151674?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DAndroid&oco=0>

Link to Calendar -

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=Ymxvb21pbmd0b250cm9vcDQ2OUBnbWFpC5jb20>

Many Point Information

When: July 16-22

Where: Many Point Scout Camp
33342 Many Point Scout Camp Rd
Ponsford, MN 56575

Summer Camp will be here before you know it! [Sign Up Now](#) so you can be ready to sign up for activities starting April 1st!

*Check out the Many Point page of the troop website for more information.

*Watch for registration links coming via email this week.

*Many Point Swim Test and Free Swim night – tentatively Monday, April 24th 5:30-8:30 assuming lifeguards are obtained. Cost \$5/participant.

Action Items

Miller Castle Campout – April 14th-16th – <https://forms.gle/32m4PDvaEr1b48s56>

Girls Camporee - The Camper Games - April 28-30 - Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/3vaynK1dJGFkueDS9>

Summit Bechtel – Summer 2024 - Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/PEg4WfzoxfbHGz29>

Parent meeting minutes

Here are the minutes from the March Troop Committee Meeting:

 [2023-03-04 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes v02.pdf](#)

By-Laws: A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the process - proposing changes, discussing, reading and voting on them. We successfully approved our 2023 by-laws.

 [Troop 469 bylaws 2023-03-04 approved redline.pdf](#)

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Now, please print out and sign the signature page and submit to bloomingtontroop469advancement@gmail.com

Next meeting, Sunday, April 16th at 7 p.m. in person, location TBD.

Scout Happenings

Our scouts are busy with upcoming productions. Come see them in action. If your scout wants to invite others to sporting events, theater events, dance events, etc. Let us know and we'll put them in the newsletter.



Aladdin with Owen at Oak Grove Middle School & former troop member Amber March 23rd - 25th ogmtheather.com/tickets



Les Miserables with Lizzy

April 19th-30 at Jefferson



Circus Juventas with Knox

April 29th and 30th.

[Spring Show 2023 | Circus Juventas](#) to purchase tickets

Knox is in the Blue Show



Beauty and the Beast Jr. with Liam, Knox and Megan

Saturday, May 13th at 3 p.m.

Olson Middle School

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/huTvzTHVvk3> 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.

Merit Badge Opportunities

Troop-Related Merit Badge Counselor List - [Merit Badge List](#)

2023 Ten Rings Merit Badge Offerings - Rifle (April 1, 15 or 29) -

<https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/2023-ten-ring-merit-badge-offerings>

University of Scouting - Sat, April 15 - Spring UofS has lots of youth sessions

<https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/exciting-training-opportunities-coming-soon>

Project Management Skills for Life - April 15, 2023 -

<https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/project-management-skills-for-life-prepare-your-scouts-for-success>

Homescouting Summer Camps – www.homescouting.org

Scoutmaster Bucky – lots of opportunities [Scoutmaster Bucky](#)

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

North Star Museum of Scouting [Merit Badge Workshops - North Star Museum \(nssm.org\)](http://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>

Service Opportunities

Save our trout streams restoration project (March 25th 9-noon) – Meet at: (Bass Ponds Trailhead Parking lot at top of the hill) take E 86th St east of Fire Stn #3 & north of SkyWater Technology semiconductor plant. signup at: <https://signup.com/go/OteBSZd>

Earth Day (April 22 or 23) Help Plant 50 American Elm Trees -
<https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/earth-day-make-the-world-a-better-place> or
https://greencrew.club/elmtrees_earthday/

April 24 Orono Nature Center -
<https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/earth-day-make-the-world-a-better-place> or
<https://uniteforearthday.wixsite.com/home>

Scout Day Offerings



BE THERE FOR SCOUT DAY WITH THE SAINTS!
May 6, 2023, CHS Field, Saint Paul, MN
Fun is good from Saint Paul's front porch! Take advantage of the nice spring weather and join us on Saturday, May 6 for a Scouts Day with the Saints, where tickets are specially priced for all Scouts, their families and non-Scout friends. Beginning at 2:07 PM that day, our beloved Saints take on the Nashville

Sounds!

Purchase a \$20.00 Outfield Reserved Ticket at saintsgroups.com. Use the password: SaintsScout and receive a special Saints Scout patch as a bonus! This offer is presented by the Northern Star Council.

Contact Kailyn Johnson at kjohnson@saintsbaseball.com if you have questions or need assistance.

JOIN US FOR SCOUT DAYS AT VALLEYFAIR!



June 9-June 11, 2023, Valleyfair Amusement Park, Shakopee, MN

Valleyfair is offering a special ticket price to all Scouts and their families during our Scout Days! Join us on June 9 through June 11 for a fun-filled day of entertainment and adventure! With more than 75 rides and attractions, Valleyfair is Minnesota's amusement park, where your next family adventure is closer than you think!

- o ADMISSION includes unlimited access to rides, shows, Planet Snoopy and Soak City Waterpark!
- o CHECK-IN at Guest Services to claim a fun patch for your Scouts!
 - . A limited quantity is available.
- o Unable to visit during Scout Days? Simply choose another day
 - . to visit this season and same on admission when tickets go on sale at
 - . <https://cf-vf.store.cffunvf.com/embed/store.php...>

Contact Valleyfair at 952-496-5331 if you have questions or need assistance.

Order of the Arrow

OA callout: Monday, March 27, 2023

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

Chapter Meeting: April 6th, 7 PM, NHUMC, wear your uniform and sash, food provided

Troop positions

Position	3469	5469
SPL	Carter A	Ava N
ASPL	Christopher	Morgan
	Nick A	--
	Mason	--
JASM	-	Katie C
Troop Guide	Knox	Lizzy
Scribe	Adi	AJ
Los Chicos PL	Adam	--
Los Chicos APL		--
Flying Monkey PL	Dominick J	--
Flying Monkey APL	Liam	--
Phoenix PL	Aric	--
Phoenix APL	Wyatt	--

Quartermaster	Will K	Emiliy
Historian	Aidan A	Megan
Den Chiefs	Dominic L	Ava N
	Frederick	AJ
	Wyatt	
Chaplain's Aide		
Buglar	Carter S	
Webmaster	Daniel	
Librarian	Will D	
Instructor(s)	Aidan A	

Current Patrols

Patrols as of March 20, 2023

Los Chico Locos			Phoenix			Flying Monkeys			New scout patrol			Loonlets		
Scout	Age	Grade	Scout	Age	Grade	Scout	Age	Grade	Scout	Age	Grade	Scout	Age	Grade
Jackson	17	11	Will K	13	7	Liam	13	7	Ian	11	5	Katie	17	12
Anders	16	11	Will D	13	7	Zeke	13	7	Ben	11	5	Emily	17	11
Jasper	16	11	Aric	13	7	Brogan	13	7	Oliver	11	5	Morgan	16	10
Ben	16	10	Wyatt	13	7	Aidan K	13	7	Caleb	11	5	Eva J	15	9
Daniel	16	10	Owen	13	7	Dominick	13	7	Callan	10	5	Aspen/Savina	14	9
Chris	15	10	Carter S.	13	7	Nathaniel	13	7				Lizzy	14	9
Tito	15	9	Elijah	12	6	Dominic L	13	7				AJ	13	8
Lexi	15	9	Ethan	12	7	Aidan A	12	7				Ava	13	7
Scott	15	9	Magnus	11	6	Nick A	12	7				Megan	11	6
Adam	15	10				Frederick	12	7				Jaina	11	5
Mason	14	8										Kara	11	5
Adi	14	8	ASM	Jim		ASM	Nicci		ASM	Michelle		Catherine	10	5
Carter A.	13	8							Troop Guide	Knox		Kayla	10	5
Knox	13	8										JASM		
ASM	Nick											ASM	Heather	
												Troop Guide	Lizzy	

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