



# Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: November 26th, 2023

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## A note from your Leadership

Congratulations to our newly elected SPLs and PLs. New leadership positions start December 1st.

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## Upcoming Events:

**Troop Meeting** – Monday, November 27th at 7 pm at NHUMC – Cyber chip, announce positions, and more

**Merit Badge and Rank Deadline** – Sunday, December 3rd

**Troop Meeting** – Monday, December 4th at 7 pm at NHUMC – Pizza dinner starts at 7 with OA elections, all scouts are needed for voting **ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT**

**District N Roundtable** – Thursday, December 7th at 7 pm at NHUMC – Adult leaders and parents encouraged to attend

**New leadership position training** – Friday, December 8th at 7 pm at NHUMC for any scout holding a leadership position

**Parent Meeting** – Sunday, December 10th at 7 pm at NHUMC

**Troop Meeting** – Monday, December 11th at 6 pm at NHUMC – Winter COH and Pot Luck - Sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FADAE2BA1FE3-46495942-court>

**Troop 5469 Lockin and recruitment event** – Friday, December 15th

Coming soon – Signs up Base Camp Overnight on Sunday, January 14th

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

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

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## **Action Items**


**Summit Bechtel** – official signup – <https://forms.gle/45VCHV6d3ta1tSDQ6>

**Isle Royale Interest Signup:** <https://forms.gle/gvteVbLLBJKzQGz5>


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## **High Adventure for older scouts – Summer of 2024**

We will have two high adventure opportunities for scouts in the summer of 2024.

**Summit Bechtel High Adventure Base** in West Virginia will be in June 2024  **Summit Attendance** (the official signup is now posted). Space is available. Please sign up ASAP – <https://forms.gle/45VCHV6d3ta1tSDQ6>

**Isle Royale Backpacking Trip Interest Signup:** <https://forms.gle/gvteVbLLBJKzQGz5>

Here's the slideshow that Jim showed a few weeks ago about Isle Royale.  **Isle Royale National Park.pdf**

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## **Troop fundraising**

### **Wreath Fundraiser Information:**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you all for your help on the 18th! Everyone worked well together and it went amazingly well. Please know that we are very thankful for both the youth and adult help.

The 2nd Wreath orders will be ready for pick up on December 2nd. I will connect with those that have ordered and let them know when they are ready and sorted. I anticipate the pick-up window from 10-12 that day but will confirm once I receive the wreaths in hand.

**Final Wreath Money Due** December 4, 2023 - Please bring all wreath money to the church that day. We will collect, count and confirm. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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## **Service Opportunities**

### **Wreaths Across America - Saturday, December 16 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery**

Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Volunteers will lay wreaths on the graves at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Monetary donations for wreaths are also welcomed. See <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/>

## Volunteer opportunities with Bloomington schools

Washburn	Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024	Reading and Storytelling Night
Washburn	Friday, May 10, 2024	Outdoor Family Fun Night
Indian Mounds	Tuesday, Jan 9, 2023	Reading, Storytelling, and Culture Night
Oak Grove	Thurs. Feb. 8, 2024	I Love to Read / Game night
Valley View	Tuesday, February 13, 2024	Reading and Storytelling
Valley View	Thursday, April 25, 2024	Ice Cream for Books / /PTA

The number of volunteers that we request depends on the event and how many other volunteers we have. I would say that we would request 5 - 10 volunteer Scouts at each family night.1w


Volunteers facilitate stations, act as greeters, read books aloud, serve food, set up and clean up, and do other tasks. They have to be comfortable helping all aged attendees complete activities and want to contribute to a welcoming environment for a very diverse group of people. The goal of the evenings is that all families feel welcomed into the school, that families have fun learning together, and that all attendees leave looking forward to the next family night. Volunteers need to be in high school to volunteer on their own. We are also thankful to have middle school aged scouts if they are paired with a Scout leader or other adult / caregiver, who is affiliated with the troop.

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## Troop Committee Meeting (Adult) meeting

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

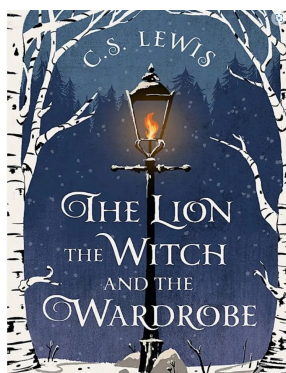
October 8 meeting -  [2023-10-08 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

November 12 meeting -  [2023-11-12 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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## 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.



Come support AJ, Knox, and Lizzy at Jefferson  
Saturday, November 25 at 1:00 pm  
Saturday, November 25 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 26 at 1:00 pm  
Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm  
Friday, December 1 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 pm  
Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 pm

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### **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/huTvzTHV3> 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.

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### **Merit Badge Opportunities**

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

Homescouting Summer Camps – [www.homescouting.org](http://www.homescouting.org)

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

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

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### **Order of the Arrow**

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

Thursday, December 7th at 7 PM at NHUMC – food will be served, wear your uniform and sash

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### **Troop positions**

Positions through November 30th, 2023

Position	3469	5469	Position	3469	5469
SPL	Carter A	Lizzy	Historian	Zeke	Megan
ASPL	Knox	AJ	Den Chief	Frederick/Wyatt	AJ/Ava
	Christopher		Chaplain's Aide	Frederick	Kayla
Los Chicos PL	Anders	--	Buglar	Carter S	--
Los Chicos APL	Adam	--	Webmaster	Daniel/Owen	--
Flying Monkeys PL	Dominick J	--	Librarian	Will D	Cara
Flying Monkeys APL	Liam	--	Instructor	TBD	--
Phoenix PL	Aric	--			
Phoenix APL	Owen	--			
BSA Battalion PL	Connor	--			
BSA Battalion APL	Callan	--			
Troop Guide (nonvoting)	Aidan A	Ava			
Scribe (nonvoting)	Aidan K	Catherine			
Quartermaster (nonvoting)	Will K	Morgan			

## Current Patrols

### Patrols as of Sept. 9, 2023

Los Chico Locos				Phoenix				Flying Monkeys				BSA Battalion			
Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank
Jackson	17	12	Life	Will K	14	8	1st	Liam	14	8	Star	Ian	12	6	
Anders	17	12	Life	Will D	14	8	Star	Zeke	14	8	1st	Connor	11	6	Tenderfoot
Daniel	16	11	Life	Aric	14	8	Star	Brogan	14	8		Ben	11	6	Scout
Chris	16	11	Life	Wyatt	13	8	Star	Aidan K	14	8	Star	Oliver	11	6	
Tito	16	10	2nd	Owen	13	8	1st	Dominick	13	8	1st	Caleb	11	6	
Lexi	16	10	2nd	Carter S.	13	8	Life	Nathaniel	13	8	1st	William	11	6	
Adam	16	11	Star	Aidan A	13	8	Life	Dominic L	13	8	Star	Matt	11	6	Tenderfoot
Adj	14	9	1st	Elijah	13	7	Tenderfoot	Nick A	13	8	1st	Alex	11	6	Scout
Carter A.	14	9	Life	Magnus	13	7	Scout	Frederick	13	8	Star	Callan	11	6	Scout
Knox	14	9	Life									Ryan	11	6	
ASM	Nick			ASM	Jim			ASM	Nicci			ASM	Michelle		
												Troop Guide	Aidan A		
Loonlets A				Loonlets B											
Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank								
Emily	17	12	Life	Megan	12	7	Star								
Morgan	17	11	Star	Kara	11	6	2nd								
Eva	15	10	Life	Catherine	11	6	Scout								
Aspen	15	10		Kayla	11	6	Tenderfoot								
Sophia	15	10		Abby		5									
Lizzy	15	10	Life												
AJ	14	9	Star	ASM	Nick S.										
Ava	13	8	Life	Troop Guide	Ava										
ASM	Heather														

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