

Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: October 12th, 2021

A note from your Leadership Team:









Cuyuna County State Recreation Area

Thanks to the members of the Bloomington Riders Mountain Bike Team for teaching scouts new to mountain biking the sport. The scouts had lots of positive things to say about the experience and many of them said they would do it again.

Thanks to our adult chaperones for giving our kayaking scouts a great experience. Those clear kayaks were certainly a hit.

And thank you to everyone who drove a scout to camp, brought a scout shopping for food, and helped make this a fun campout for our scouts.

Upcoming Events:

TLC Only Meeting - October 11th, 7:00 All newly SPLs, ASPLs, Troop Guides, Scribes, and Patrol Leaders are expected to attend. We will meet out front of the church. Bring a chair. We will meet outdoors.

First Aid Merit Badge - Monday Oct. 11th at 6:00. Ted Jacobsen will be working with any scouts who need to finish their First Aid Merit Badge. Meet at the church and be sure to bring the scout's First Aid Kit. Meeting is outdoors so be sure to bring a chair.

Troop Meeting - October 18th, 7:00 Topic to be determined. Wreath sales incentive totals due. We will meet outdoors.

Troop Meeting - October 25th, 7:00 Game night with our AOL and Webelos guests. Feel free to invite a friend who might be interested in scouting tonight. We will meet outdoors.

Troop Meeting - November 1st, 7:00 Campout planning for Fred C. Anderson and more to be determined. We will meet outdoors.

Fred C. Anderson Campout -- Friday November 5th-7th -- More information coming

Here's the link to the October Calendar:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fuLJaQq9UFgK52oIKjBlJiQ49xRBGYyJ/view?usp=sharing

Here's the link to the November Calendar:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/124QqvyLYigW7R24ywUVOfUKVPPH1tkTa/view?usp=sharing

As always, Information, a calendar, and signup links can also be found on our Shutterfly troop page https://boyscouttroop469.shutterfly.com/.

Youth opportunity:

Do you know a scout aged 14-17 who has served in a leadership position who would be interested?

The Scouts BSA committee is excited to announce that nominations are open for the Scouts BSA's inaugural Youth Council!

The Youth Council will help shape the future of the Scouts BSA program by sharing their perspectives on the program's strengths and growth areas, as well as by providing feedback on programmatic ideas under consideration by the Scouts BSA committee. The deadline for nominations is November 5, 2021.

The Youth Council Overview Deck includes additional information about the time commitment, eligibility criteria, and the nomination and selection process. Any Scouts BSA volunteer or professional is welcome to nominate eligible youth for this opportunity.

Scouts BSA Youth Council (Oct 2021) - Google Slides

In Scouts BSA, we believe that youth are the experts of their experience – and that it's critical to engage youth in decisions that affect their experience. We see immense possibility in virtually bringing youth from across the country together to hear their reflections and aspirations about the Scouts BSA program. Thank you in advance for promoting this opportunity.

Advancement:

Updated list of merit badge counselors from 469

Here is a list of merit badge counselors who are associated with troop 469 as of September 27th. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LvCEyx3C08r0jfAjPVz4Kjw7lo4 zKFM3clo7oUpwaM/edit?usp=sharing This list will continue to be updated as more merit badge counselors get added. Scouts may work with any merit badge counselor who has been approved by BSA, so they need not work with only the individuals on this list. If your Scout is interested in a merit badge that we do not have a counselor within the troop, don't let that stop you! Ask the advancement team and we can put you in touch with a counselor in a neighboring troop.

Adult training opportunities:

Chainsaw Safety Training -- Want to operate a chainsaw on Northern Star property. Chainsaw safety training is required. October 23, 2021 starting at 8 a.m. at Phillippo Scout Camp. Northern Star Scouting - 2021-22 Chain Saw Safety Training (scoutingevent.com)

The University of Scouting has over 100 courses to choose from including position specific training for new adult leaders. The event will take place on Saturday, October 30th at St. Paul College in St. Paul. Check in opens at 7:30 a.m. with an opening ceremony at 8:15 and classes periods from 9 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Remember, Adults may take courses from any college except the Youth Leadership College regardless of how you are registered with the BSA. Don't forget to look for classes in the other colleges! Youth may take classes in the Youth Leadership College or Venturing College only.

Please register for classes early as some fill up quickly. https://scoutingevent.com/250-UOSFall2021?fbclid=IwAR3JuA0xPWdkXFHsHlJ_pQcayxCeCzwja_rVvdh_L0O3S0dKdYIJj4NoZL0

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