





Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: January 12th, 2024

A note from Leadership

Upcoming Events:

Base Camp Overnight – Sunday, January 14th at 8 pm to 8 am  [Base Camp Attendance List 2024](#) Scouts must bring with their completed base camp waiver to participate  [Base-Camp-Waiver-English.pdf](#)

Parent Meeting – Sunday, January 21st at 7 pm, Zoom – Go over budget proposals, hear about upcoming events, bylaw change proposals

Troop Meeting – Monday, January 22nd at 7 pm at NHUMC – high adventure talk, patrol goals, patrol activities, (meeting for high schools students with Nick L)

Troop Meeting – Monday, January 29th at 7 pm at NHUMC – voting on high adventure, patrol meetings, start merit badge (choices snow sports, citizenship, communications)

Troop Meeting – Monday, February 5th at Base Camp for the whole family – More details to come

Kiwannis / Trollhaugen Winter Fun Weekend - February 16-18 - Sign up will come this weekend!

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

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


Action Items

Summit Bechtel – official signup – <https://forms.gle/45VCHV6d3ta1tSDQ>

Isle Royale Interest Signup: <https://forms.gle/gvteVbLLBjKzQGz5>

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/gvteVbLLBjJKzQGz5>

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

Troop fundraising

Wreath Fundraiser Information:

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for a great selling season! We have a couple of more folks with outstanding balances. Please contact me ASAP to get everything taken care of.

Heather Ocel - 952-250-4359 / theocelfamily@gmail.com

Service Opportunities

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.

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.

The events are held in the evenings but we do not have specific times as of yet. We will update this information as we receive it.

Sign up for a slot here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FADAE2BA1FE3-47023112-bloomington>

Troop Committee Meeting (Adult) meeting

 Troop 469 bylaws 2023-03-04 approved.pdf

December 10 meeting -  2023-12-10 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes v01.pdf

Next Meeting - Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 7pm on Zoom

Scout Happenings



Come see Knox in the Connection, Lizzy in Jive, and Cara and Kayla in Olson's Pizazz. Contact Knox or Lizzy for tickets at a discounted rate of \$10. Tickets at the door are \$12.

Show Choir Performances

5:30pm: Husky Harmony & Jive

6:15pm: Connection

7:00pm: Pizazz & Jive

7:45pm: Connection

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our scouts with January birthdays.

Adi – 15

Ben – 12



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/huTvzTHVk3> 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](#)

Homescouting 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>

Order of the Arrow

- Nomination / Membership Requirements - <https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>
- Thursday, February 1st at 7 PM at NHUMC – food will be served, wear your uniform and sash

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	--	Chaplains Aide	Frederick	Kayla
Flying Monkeys PL	Liam	--	Buglar	Nick A	--
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 Batalion APL	Callan	--	OA Rep	Aric	--
Older Girls PL/ASPL	--	AJ			
Younger Girls PL	--	Cara			
Troop Guide	Dominick J	Megan			
Scribe	Adi	Catherine			

Current Patrols and Ranks

Patrols as of January 2024

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Photos: Email to BloomingtonTroop469@gmail.com or Drop into posted Event-Specific folders
