Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: December 10th, 2023

A note from your Leadership

Congratulations to our newly elected SPLs and PLs. New leadership positions start December 1st. See posting at bottom of newsletter for new leadership positions.

Upcoming Events:

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

Wreath Placement - Fort Snelling - Saturday, December 16th - Sign up here! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7oEsT5X-RFIq3Bjrc-ll4Ex9-31bolHsOiusCfR6jD6wdFA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Base Camp Overnight on Sunday, January 14th - Sign up here! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlrG7kGZQmp25tmc93M4WOkrYvgvvWXWBioBf8S9BWcHbJ9g/viewform?usp=sf_link

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

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

Isle Royale Interest Signup: https://forms.gle/gvteVbLLBjJKzQGz5

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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/gvteVbLLBjJKzQGz5

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 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

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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/
Sign up here to volunteer!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7oEsT5X-RFIq3Bjrc-ll4Ex9-31bolHsOiusCfR6jD6wdFA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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.

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

December 10 meeting agenda (UPDATED) at Normandale Hylands Church at 7pm - 2023-12-10 Troop Committee Meeting Agenda v02.pdf

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Scout Happenings

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)

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 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 December 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	18	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	12	6	Tenderfoot
Daniel	17	11	Life	Aric	14	8	Life	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	Star	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	2nd
Adi	14	9	1st	Elijah	13	7	Tenderfoot	Nick A	13	8	Star	Alex	11	6	Scout
Carter A.	14	9	Life	Magnus	13	7	Tenderfoot	Frederick	13	8	Star	Callan	11	6	Tenderfoot
Knox	14	9	Life									Ryan	11	6	
				ASM	Jim			ASM	Nicci			ASM	Michele		
ASM	Nick											Troop Guide	Dominick J		

Loonlets A				Loonlets B			
Scout	Age	Grade	Rank	Scout	Age	Grade	Rank
Emily	18	12	Life	Megan	12	7	Star
Morgan	17	11	Star	Cara	12	6	2nd
Eva	15	10	Life	Catherine	11	6	Scout
Aspen	15	10		Kayla	11	6	2nd
Sophia	15	10		Abby	11	5	
Lizzy	15	10	Life				
AJ	14	9	Star	ASM	Nick S.		
Ava	14	8	Life	Troop Guide	Megan		
ASM	Heather						

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