



# Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

**Date: October 7th, 2022**

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## A note from your Leadership Team:



This month we have lots of options for volunteering to get your service hours. See descriptions under service opportunities.

A quick note on the Sensory Friendly trick or treating. This is a great chance to show scouting off to the community. It's unique and should be fun for the scouts who decide to volunteer. Definitely work with a scout friend or your family on this one.

And for those who are trying to plan their 2022-2023 scouting expenses, here's a document that includes approximate pricing for our campouts for the year. [2022-2023](#) .

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## Upcoming Events:

**Lanesboro campout meal planning** – Sunday, October 9th, 7 p.m.


Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2746885568?pwd=QjdJUXlTV0ZBUXJZZWk4VVlyVjkxUT09>

Meeting ID: 274 688 5568

Passcode: 280102

**Troop meeting** – Monday, October 10th, 7 p.m. – Patrol meetings and team building

**October Campout - Lanesboro** – October 14-16. Biking fun!!!  Lanesboro attendance list

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCSkUYyNJc44Ak28TLMVkwuOKaFs0uXpOpfFhSqaK4oDpotQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCSkUYyNJc44Ak28TLMVkwuOKaFs0uXpOpfFhSqaK4oDpotQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Troop meeting** – Monday, October 17th, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. – Finishing disability awareness MB **NOTE EARLY START TIME AND LATE END TIME** – homework listed below **Note that Wreath Early Incentive Numbers Are Due.**

**Troop meeting** – Monday, October 24th, 7 p.m. – Start eagle required MBs – sign up coming soon – spots are limited in some merit badges and life scouts working on eagle will be given preference on choices

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=Ymxvb21pbmd0b250cm9vcDQ2OUBnbWFpbC5jb20>

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### **Action Items**

**Lanesboro Biking Campout – October 14th-16th** **October Campout - Lanesboro** – October 14-16. Biking fun!!!  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCSkUYyNJc44Ak28TLMVkwuOKaFs0uXpOpfFhSqaK4oDpotQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCSkUYyNJc44Ak28TLMVkwuOKaFs0uXpOpfFhSqaK4oDpotQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**MEA Backpacking Try it Campout – October 20th-23rd** <https://forms.gle/UFo5jBEpmKTAf7UN8>

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### **Service opportunities**

**Anna Garey's eagle project – Saturday, October 8th – 9 am - 2p.m. NHUMC**

It is building 3 picnic tables for NHUMC. Around on the back side.

\*\* Weather dependent, if inclement weather, we will email those who signed up on Sign-ups Genius of changes.

Please bring your own safety glasses and work gloves. (If you need us to provide them for you, please let us know by Thursday night... email Anna or me.) If you have sanding blocks, please bring, too. Also, dress for the temperature/weather.

Here is a Sign-Up Genius if you can make it, so we have plenty of food and beverages. Also, we have a couple special request items, if you have a miter box saw, sawhorse, and electric sanders:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA9AE28A5F85-anna>

Please send all questions directly to Anna at annagarey2008@icloud.com. (YPT, please CC: me or another adult.)

**Marsh Lake Restoration Project – Saturday, October 15th – 9-noon – Follow signs from back parking lot of Bloomington Ice Garden – no sign up required**

**Green Crew Service Project – Sunday, October 16th – sign up here and for more information [October Project Day -Oct. 16, 10am-3pm – The Green Crew](#)**

**Sensory friendly Halloween party helper – Sunday, October 30th start at 2 and end approximately 5:30.**  
Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport – Sensory friendly trick or treat event – Decorating and handing out candy for children with Autism or other special needs. Wear your scout uniform. You will need to pick a theme for the room you are decorating. Scouts can work with another scout on this one, so just sign up for one slot with their chosen theme. Nothing loud, flashing or scary.

From the organizers:

“Here is the link for them to sign up. It should have all the information needed. I will send out an email a little closer to the event on where to park/main contact at the event etc. This is a sensory friendly event so when the scouts are planning on how to decorate their rooms, nothing scary and no flashing lights/or anything that could be a sensory overload. The pictures attached are what our rooms look like so you can get an idea of how to decorate!”

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACAF29A6F85-volunteer>



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### **Summer camp opportunity for girls**

Twin Valley Council is offering a special week of Summer Camp at Camp Cuyuna for Scouts BSA all girl units July 2-8, 2023, for a full week option or July 5-8, 2023, for a 1/2-week option.

We are a patrol cooking camp that allows for patrols to function together closely throughout the week helping increase teamwork, problem solving, communication skills, and leadership skills among your Scouts.

We also offer block scheduling of merit badges and a special troop adventure day on July 4 that will allow your unit to enjoy resources in the area both on camp and off camp.

Cost for the week is \$330 if paid by May 5, 2023, and \$360 after May 5, 2023. For those units with July 4 plans, we are also offering a 1/2-week option from July 5-8, 2023. 1/2-week costs are \$165 if paid by May 5, 2023, and \$185 after May 5, 2023.

Why an all-girls week? An all-girls week will give Scouts a chance to network and form friendships with other all-girl troops from across Minnesota

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### **Registration**

It's time to start thinking about registration for the 2022-2023 scouting year. Registration is now open.

Scouts will be \$180 and adults will be \$45 this year. Financial assistance is available by filling out a form on the registration page.

New this year, all scouts who register by October 31st will receive a multi-tool. The troop will also receive \$20 per scout to help pay for merit badges and ranks.

Use this link to get to Northern Star's registration page.


<https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/annual-program-registration-renewal>

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## **Appalachian Trail**

All dates related to Appalachian Trail training can be found in this document.

The next trainings are in this document:

 Appalachian Trail Trainings

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## **Disability Awareness Merit Badge**

Homework for October – **Part 2 will be 10/17**

Link to the merit badge requirements [Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge and Worksheet \(boyscouttrail.com\)](https://www.boyscouttrail.com/disabilities-awareness-merit-badge-and-worksheet)

### **Homework**

Visit TWO of the following locations and do either A or B:

Your school

Your place of worship

A Scouting event or campsite

A public exhibit or attraction (such as a theater, museum, or park)

A. Take notes about the accessibility to people with disabilities. In your notes, give examples of five things that could be done to improve upon the site and five things about the site that make it friendly to people with disabilities. Discuss your observations with your counselor.

B. Take notes while observing features and methods that are used to accommodate people with invisible disabilities. While there, ask staff members to explain any accommodation features that may not be obvious. Note anything you think could be done to better accommodate people who have invisible disabilities. Discuss your observations with your counselor.

Name five professions that provide services to people with disabilities. Pick one that interests you and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss what you learn with your counselor, and tell why this profession interests you.

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## **Fall fundraising updates:**

**Wreath Sales:** Sales have started. Please contact Heather Ocel at [theocelfamily@gmail.com](mailto:theocelfamily@gmail.com) to pick up your packet.

Important Dates to Remember:

**October 17** - Early Incentive Numbers Due.

**October 24** - 1st Orders to be electronically submitted by 10:00pm and pre-collected money to be counted and collected.

**November 19** - 1st Order Wreath Delivery Day - ALL HANDS ON DECK!

**November 21** - 2nd Orders to be electronically submitted by 10:00pm.

**December 3** - 2nd Wreath Delivery and final money from first order due.

**December 5** - All final money due.

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### **Popcorn Sale:**

Popcorn Sale Starts - Friday, September 23rd - Your Neighborhood 5pm

More info: <https://www.bloomingtontroop469.org/fundraising/popcorn-fundraiser>

### **Troops Popcorn To Do list**

- Setup Trails-End App (ASAP)
    - Download Trails-End (T-E) App OR use web address to register/log-in.
      - Trails-End app OR Website: <https://www.trails-end.com/login>
      - Northern Star Council
      - District N
      - Troop 3469 (boys and girls for the popcorn program)
    - Setup and Manage your T-E scout page with scout info and goals.
    - Share your Scout T-E page with prospective customers. Scouts can start Online Sales at any time.
  - Sign up for Storefronts (T-E App starting at the Kickoff)
  - Sale Ends Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> at Midnight.
  - Unsold Popcorn Return, Final Take Order Turn-In, Money Turn-In. Monday, October 31st
  - Take Order Popcorn will be available for scout pickup on November 18th.
  - Go here for more info:  
<https://www.bloomingtontroop469.org/fundraising/popcorn-fundraiser>
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### **Troop communications:**

The Scouts have started using discord for troop communications among themselves. If your scout is under 13, you need to join under a parent account. The site is monitored and scouts who violate the rules will be removed. Use this link to join <https://discord.gg/huTvzTHV3> . Scouts or adults who join need to be verified prior to seeing troop communications and scouts are assigned channels based on patrol, leadership position and rank.

Rules of the server are:

1. Follow the Scout Oath and Law
2. Use the channels as they are intended
3. Use scout appropriate language
4. If you would get in trouble doing it at a scout event don't do it here
5. Be respectful
6. Don't violate youth protection


We have also updated our scout electronic's policy which can be found here.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rxbwvj0jgZSjWIOxVIGil7B6O\\_FirVKX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rxbwvj0jgZSjWIOxVIGil7B6O_FirVKX/view?usp=sharing)

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### **Parent meeting minutes:**

Here are the minutes from the June Troop Committee Meeting -

 2022-06-04 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf

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### **Merit Badge Opportunities**

Troop-Related Merit Badge Counselor List -  Merit Badge List

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>

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### **Order of the Arrow**

Fall Fellowship October 30th at Great Wolf Lodge – sign up here [Northern Star Scouting - 2022 Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

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

**Lodge Events:** [2022 Event Schedule.pdf](#) - [Google](#)

**Bowling Night:** Sunday, October 16th, 4- 6 p.m., \$15/person includes shoes, 2100 Trail of Dreams, Prior Lake, MN 55372 Sign-up: <https://forms.gle/AX5Fqxu31acEVErr6>

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