



Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: January 27th, 2024

A note from Leadership

We have a bunch of upcoming opportunities for service in February. Scout Sunday, wreath clean up at Fort Snelling, and helping out at ValleyView Elementary and Oak Grove Elementary's family nights.

February 5th will be a special event for the troop at Base Camp which all family members are welcome to. There will be snacks, gaga ball, 9 square, crafts, games, and fellowship. Archery and the climbing walls will not be available. Volunteers will be needed in various places. See signup below.

Upcoming Events:

Troop Meeting – Monday, January 29th at 7 pm at NHUMC – voting on high adventure, patrol meetings, start merit badge (choices snow sports, citizenship, communications). Sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeN1t1IdQwaeQESH3Al2aTkJWe9a6MZIbhcVehHuLenh7LaQ/viwwform>

Fort Snelling Wreath Clean Up - Saturday, February 3rd from 9-noon

Troop Meeting – Monday, February 5th at Base Camp for the whole family – Sign up to help <https://forms.gle/ESgdf8gugqZxkLLr6>

Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 11 - <https://forms.gle/Nhb5iFpJ1SpmaQZt8>

PLC - Sunday, February 11 at 6:30 pm – SPLS, ASPLS, PLS, Scribes, Troop Guides should attend. Other leadership positions encouraged to attend, will be meeting separately from the PLC.

Ice skating – Monday, February 12th at 6:30 – Centennial Lakes Parks
siblings and friends interested in checking out scouting welcome
rentals \$10 – option to complete the on the ice portion of skating merit badge

Kiwanis / Trollhaugen Winter Fun Weekend - February 16-18 - [Kiwanis 2024 Attendance List](#)
<https://forms.gle/GS3BLV67SiBvTGjZA>

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

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

Action Items

Kiwanis / Trollhaugen Winter Fun Weekend - February 16-18 - Join us for a weekend of Winter Fun! Scouts and adults will be able to enjoy activities at Kiwanis Scout Camp, Snowboarding, Skiing & Tubing at Trollhaugen. Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/GS3BLV67SiBvTGjZA>

Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 11 - Sign up to participate here! <https://forms.gle/Nhb5iFpJ1SpmaQZt8>

The Summit Experience June 2024

Adult Planning Meeting: Sunday, January 28 at 6pm at the church

Agenda Items:

- • Program Guide
- • Finances
- • Travel Logistics
- • Training

Isle Royale Backpacking August 2024

Proposed Planning Schedule:

Date	Time	Agenda Items
1/29	8:30 – 9:30	IRNP Overview, Travel and Ferry Logistics
2/12	8:30 – 9:30	Route Planning, Budgeting

2/26	8:30 – 9:30	Crew Choices and Route Preferences Target Dates
3/18	8:30 – 9:30	Skills and Physical Training Needed
4/8	8:30 – 9:30	Gear and Food Planning

Planning meetings will allow scouts and interested adults to learn how to plan the logistics for a high adventure trip. **Participants should bring their chrome book or laptop to research the evening's topic.**

Service Opportunities

Fort Snelling Wreath Clean Up - Saturday, February 3rd from 9-noon

Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 11 - <https://forms.gle/Nhb5iFpJ1SpmaQZt8>

Family nights - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FADAE2BA1FE3-47023112-bloomington>

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, February 18th, 2024 at NHUMC

Scout Happenings

Let us know about upcoming events your scout is in and we will post it here.

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://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>

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
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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 January 2024

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	14	8	1st	Caleb	11	6	
Lexi	16	10	2nd	Carter S	13	8	Life	Nathaniel	14	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	Nick			ASM	Jim			ASM	Nicci			ASM	Michele		
												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	Britta	11	6									
Aspen	15	10		Catherine	11	6	Scout								
Sophia	15	10		Kayla	11	6	2nd								
Lizzy	15	10	Life	Abby	11	5									
AJ	14	9	Star												
Ava	14	8	Life	ASM	Nick S										
				Troop Guide	Megan										
ASM	Heather														

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