



Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: September 28, 2021

A note from your Leadership Team:



Camporee weekend at Stearns Scout Camp was an adventure in learning about scouting heritage. Scouts earned the scouting heritage merit badge by learning about scouting history along with our Arrow of Light cub scout visitors. Camping and cooking skills were learned, many books had rank advancements signed, knots were practiced, scoutmaster conferences were conducted, and several board of reviews were conducted.

Thank you to all our chaperones for helping make this campout a success for all the scouts who attended!



Upcoming Events:

Parent meeting - October 2nd, 9:00am -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2746885568?pwd=QjdJUXlTV0ZBUXJZZWk4VVlyVjJkxUT09>

Troop meeting - October 4th, 7:00 - Campout planning for Cuyuna Campout. Bring a chair. We will meet outdoors.

Cuyuna campout - October 8th-10th - We will be camping at Cuyuna. RSVP and see more information here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexHDS-hBf-g44QR8nzEcLxRmHgt8iKcJfpfEszlXtSw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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.

Here's the link to the October Calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fuLJaQq9UFgK52oIKjBJiQ49xRBGYyJ/view?usp=sharing>

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

Get to Know Your Leadership Team: Christopher Jarvis



Current Rank: Life Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow

Current Role: Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 3469

What do you do as the Senior Patrol Leader SPL: I plan and run the weekly meetings with the other SPL. I help run the patrol leader council meetings so we can plan camp outs, meetings and events. I help scouts advance with book sign offs. I try to make sure people are having fun at all activities and meetings. I help with problem resolution when things aren't going smoothly.

What are your goals in scouting: I am currently working on earning my Eagle Scout rank and have completed 19 merit badges. I plan to have it completed before I turn 18.

What do you do outside of Scouts: Outside of scouts I am a freshman at Jefferson. I enjoy playing video games, playing with my dog Lilli and being up north. I like to cook and try new recipes. I started learning karate in second grade and am currently a first degree black belt.

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.

Scouting IEPs

Every scout deserves an opportunity to participate, be respected, and treated as the rest of their friends in the unit. In troop 469, we believe that all scouts should be given the opportunity to take part in all troop activities. While some scouts may require extra time and attention to achieve skills, and greater patience may be necessary to guide these scouts, the reward of success can make it all worthwhile!

If your scout qualifies for an IEP at school, there are also scouting IEPs which in scouting are called Individual Scout Advancement Plans. Even if your scout isn't asking for changes to advancement requirements, these plans can be useful tools for helping scouts succeed. Feel free to ask a scoutmaster or Mike Newton (member of the special needs advancement committee), about these plans. [512-936_WB.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#)

Training about special needs exists for adults of the troop and recommended guidelines have been written by BSA to help out. [510-071.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#)

New Merit Badge coming this fall

NEW Health Care Professions MB Coming this Fall In the Boy Scouts of America, the term "merit badge" is synonymous with fun, hobbies, future careers, and new adventures. BSA's merit badge program was initiated at the very beginning of American Scouting in 1911 with 11 original merit badges, and has continuously grown until today there are 137 merit badge subjects offered in the MB library.

Over the years new subjects have been added while others have been retired, depending on societal changes, technology, and the interests of our Scouts. The current Medicine merit badge is a good example of the upgrading and modernization of the merit badge library. When the Medicine MB was first introduced in 1991, it was primarily developed to focus on the “doctor” side of human health care delivery. At that time, it was considered that the merit badge would be companion to the already existing Dentistry MB [1975] and the Veterinary Science MB (originally First Aid to Animals MB [1911], later changed to Veterinary Science [1972], and now Veterinary Medicine MB [1995]).

As the fields of human medicine expanded through specialization, support services, and technology, it became apparent through direction from the field that Scouts were interested in learning about other areas of human health care and medical support. However, because it would have been impossible to develop an individual merit badge for each field of interest in the health care domain, it has been decided to create a single merit badge that will encompass a wide variety of health care careers: the Health Care Professions MB [2021].

Scouts working on the new merit badge will have the opportunity to learn about dozens of health care professions/vocations, including: Allopathic and Osteopathic physicians; Podiatrists; Chiropractors; Nurse Practitioners; Psychologists; Optometrists; Audiologists; Physician Assistants; Registered Nurses (and other nurses); Pharmacists; EMTs; Physical Therapists; Dietitians; Speech-Language Pathologists; Medical Technologists; Phlebotomists; as well as many others.

As with all merit badges, there will be a merit badge pamphlet containing support text that describes the roles these individuals play in the delivery of health care, the settings where they may work, and any educational and licensing requirements that may be necessary. The planned release date for the Health Care Professions MB is the fall of 2021, at which time the current Medicine MB will be retired. Scouts currently working on the Medicine MB will be allowed to continue working on it until completed, but after the official release of the Health Care Professions MB, Scouts may not begin working on the superseded Medicine MB. Hard copy editions of the Health Care Professions merit badge pamphlet should also be available in the fall of 2021. The style and design of the merit badge patch will not change between the new Health Care Professions MB and the former Medicine MB.



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 \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://www.scoutingevent.com/2021-22-Chain-Saw-Safety-Training)

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=IwAR3JuA0xPWdkXFHsHIJ_pQcayxCeCzwja_rVvdh_L0O3S0dKdYIJj4NoZLO

Volunteer opportunities:

Volunteer opportunity -- Volunteers need to be 13 or older. Each volunteer will receive 1/2 off a base camp activity with their troop. Volunteers will either be at Base Camp or Kiwanis helping with a cub scout day program.

- 1) Base Camp -- Choose either October 16th or 17th for the whole day. Volunteers will be helping with games or belaying cub scouts. They need a minimum of 5 scouts from the troop to all go at the same time to volunteer. Maximum of 10 scouts.**
- 2) Kiwanis -- Weekend of October 22nd-24th Need a group of up to 20 scouts, minimum 5 scouts. Would be helping decorate camp in a Spooky theme, and helping run the Spooky Walk. If large group volunteers, may take 1/2 day shifts. . Have the option of spending the night.**

Savage American Legion: Saturday, October 16th from 8 a.m. to 12noon. Earn 4 service hours by helping out at a district recruitment event. Helpers will be leading groups of lions and tigers through 4 stations or leading, teaching and guiding one of the 4 stations (paper airplanes, relays, songs/stories, and puppets.) They only need two volunteers from each troop (2 girls, 2 boys). Contact Kari if interested before **October 6th**.

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