



Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Date: September 19, 2021

A note from your Leadership Team:



Thanks to all our scouts and adults who participated in the Fahocha campout this past weekend. (Sunday morning group pic)

More photos can be found at [Scout Troop 469 - Fifty four years and counting! \(shutterfly.com\)](https://www.shutterstock.com/search/scout-troop-469)



Upcoming Events:

September Camporee - September 24-26 - Our 2021 theme is Scouting Heritage, and we will be offering the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge in addition to skills stations and other activities. Expect to partake in learning old Scout skills from past rank advancement requirements and Merit Badges, as well as tour an on-site museum. Menu planning was completed Monday night. Here's a link to the planning document, please look through it.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CYkbqhTa8YJ1qlaOx9V3qKh9515FOSCA-DmNwGkL-3I/edit?usp=sharing>.

Court of Honor - September 27, 7:00 Our first court of honor of the school year. This tends to be our longest court of honor of the year with all merit badges and ranks earned over the summer awarded. We will meet out front of the church. Bring a chair. We will meet outdoors.

First Aid Merit Badge - Tuesday September 21st at 7:30 PM. Ted will be going over the first portion of the merit badge. It will be held at Ted's house at 4508 Nord Drive, Bloomington.

Here is the link to the September Calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DIznWmd51rUQNaeAABgZk9pLflZ2Lq7n/view?usp=sharing>

Here's the link to the October Calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fuLJaQq9UFgK52oIKjBlJiQ49xRBGYyJ/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:



Lizzy Ocel

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

Current Role: SPL of 5469

What do you do as the SPL? I am in charge of running the meetings with the other SPL. I help run the patrol leader council meetings so we can plan camp outs, meetings and events. I help with book sign offs to help with rank advancements. I help delegate projects and 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 my Eagle Scout project which is having me work with the camp I worked at last summer. I hope to be an Eagle by Summer or 2022.

What do you do outside of Scouts? Outside of scouts I am a student at Olson Middle School. I enjoy reading (Hunger Games Rocks), playing video games, playing with my dog Lucy and being outside. I worked at a church camp this past summer and really enjoyed it. I plan to do it more over the school year and next summer.

Action Items:

A few requests from the SPLs. Parents, please remind your scout about the Scout Sign and its meaning when it is used. When in the air, it means the Scout should give their undivided attention to the speakers.

When we use the church, please help remind the Scouts that we are allowed to use it as a meeting space and that we need to respect the items on the property. Lastly, please remember to be KIND, which includes fellow scouts. Booing or negative comments during elections are not kind.

We will do our best in meetings to remind the Scouts of these things, but if it comes from multiple sources, it helps drive the point home.

Advancement -- If your scout has any bluecards to turn in or a board of review for a new rank, please have them contact Mr. Jarvis. If they need a scoutmaster conference, please have them contact their scoutmaster. If you need a book signed, please contact one of the SPLs or older scouts to make time outside of a meeting if time sensitive. If not, we will be designating time at one meeting per month for book sign offs.

Fundraising:

Wreaths:

Sales are in full force! Please contact Heather Ocel with any questions - theocelfamily@gmail.com

Popcorn:

Sales begin September 24th. Please contact Shanna Opsahl with any questions - shannaopsahl@gmail.com

Advancement/Event Opportunity:

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Adult training opportunities:



Calling all adult volunteers and leaders. 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.

Here's a few of the selections offered.

College of Scouts BSA

- Developing Youth Leaders Through the Order of the Arrow
- The Teenage Brain - What Makes Them Tick???
- Female Troop Best Practices Forum
- Stump the Scoutmasters: Q&A Scouts BSA
- Digital Communication - Today's Tools for Your Unit
- Quartermaster - The Supply and Equipment "Boss"
- Volunteers - Our Most Valuable Resource
- Teaching and Enabling Youth to be an Upstander, Not a Bystander
- Unit Promotion & Social Media
- Escape the Great Indoors!
- Introduction to Winter Camping

College of Youth Leadership

- The Quest for Leadership - Introduction to Scout Leadership - All-day class

College of General Scouting

- Plant, Animal and Insect Life in Minnesota
- Practical Knots and Rope Work
- Rope Making
- Twelve Tips to Teaching Knot Tying

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_L0O3S0dKdYIJj4NoZL0

Volunteer opportunities:

Assistant Scoutmasters - When the Assistant Scoutmaster is unable to attend, the Assistant Scoutmasters jump in and help as the on site Adult leadership. Training is provided online at my.scouting.org

Committee Members at Large- This is a great way to help drive the vision of the troop on the adult side. You have voting rights as a committee member. It is also a great way to get to know how the troop functions and possibly from here move into a committee like Finance, activities, etc...

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