



# Scouting Troops 3469/5469

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

**Date: November 3rd, 2021**

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## A note from your Leadership Team:

A special thank you to Shanna Ospahl and Heather Ocel for running our popcorn and wreath sales this fall. And to Kirsten Hill-Jacobson, and the committee members Peggy Young, Becky Strand, and Kristi Anderson for heading up our wholesale wreath program. Our scouts surpassed our expectations and sold over \$16,000 in popcorn and over \$36,000 in wreath. We are grateful for their help in organizing these fundraisers and to all those parents who helped with counting money on turn in day.

Don't forget to mark November 20th on your calendars. We will have semi trucks full of wreaths to unload at different locations in Bloomington and will need lots of scout help that day.

Having trained active adult leaders makes all the difference in a troop and we are still seeking additional assistant scoutmasters. For more information about becoming an assistant scoutmaster or to volunteer for the position, talk to Ted Jacobson.

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## Upcoming Events:

**Fred C. Anderson Campout** -- Friday November 5th-7th -- All about Fred C. [Document here](#)

**PLC -- only** -- Monday, November 8th 7 p.m. -- Indoors (Bring a mask). Only SPLs, ASPLs, PLs, TGs, and scribes need to attend

**Parent meeting** -- Saturday, November 13th -- More information coming

**Troop meeting** -- Monday, November 15th 7 p.m. -- More information coming

**Wreath delivery day** -- Saturday, November 20th (We need lots of help unloading the semis full of wreaths) -- More information coming

Here's the link to the November Calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/124QqvyLYigW7R24ywUVOOfUKVPPH1tkTa/view?usp=sharing>

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

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### **New merit badge launched:**

Today (11/1), The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, announced the launch of the Citizenship in Society merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17). The new merit badge encourages Scouts to explore important topics around diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership and learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.

"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law," said Roger Mosby, president and chief executive officer of The Boy Scouts of America. "This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times."

The Citizenship in Society merit badge is the latest initiative as part of BSA's ongoing commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. Developed by BSA's Office of Diversity and Youth Development Office, with input from a dedicated group of Scouting volunteers, BSA youth and professional staff, the merit badge pairs Scouts with merit badge counselors who will help guide Scouts on their journey of self-discovery and facilitate discussions as Scouts seek to further understand the diverse world we live in.

"The Citizenship in Society merit badge is an important initiative to help Scouts learn about the diverse identities we each possess, understand different perspectives and experiences, and promote good citizenship in society," said Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, chief diversity officer and vice president of diversity & inclusion, Boy Scouts of America.

The new merit badge complements existing merit badges, such as the American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Disability Awareness and American Heritage merit badges, which require Scouts to learn and grow their understanding of diverse perspectives and spur positive action.

"As part of earning the Citizenship in Society merit badge, I learned that it's important to understand different opinions and perspectives to become a good leader so that you're prepared to handle any situation that comes up," said Maya, a 15-year-old Scout who participated in the pilot program. "I also enjoyed getting to discuss diversity and inclusion topics with my friends in Scouting, as it felt like a safe environment to be open and honest about these topics."

For more information on the Citizenship in Society merit badge, please visit [www.scouting.org/dei](http://www.scouting.org/dei).

"The Citizenship and Society Merit Badge will be available for Scouts to begin earning in November 1, 2021 and will become required for the rank of Eagle Scout on July 1, 2022. Scouts holding the rank of life may advance to Eagle using the current requirements between November 2021 and June 2022. "

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### **Youth opportunity:**

On Monday night, we asked the scouts if they would be interested in helping out at the Northern Star Million Dollar Day of Scouting on Thursday, December 9th. I have more details now which I will also put in the next newsletter. We had 14 scouts say they were interested, but now we need parent permission for these scouts to attend and help out since they will need transportation and they will end up late to school that day.

Scouts will need to arrive at Base Camp that day at 6:45 a.m. dressed in full scout uniform (Class A, neckerchief, and scout pants.)

Not all scouts will participate in the flag ceremony. Depending on the number of volunteers, some will be assigned the role of greeter or another job.

The flag ceremony is scheduled for 7:15 and scouts may either leave right after that or stay with a parent for breakfast (provided they know ahead of time).

There will be practice for the scouts who are doing flag ceremony ahead of the event.

For scouts who want to participate and a parent is willing to arrange transportation to and from the event.

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### **Female scout opportunity:**

This is a FREE bring-a-friend event for the FEMALE pack and troop members in District N (Northern Star Council, BSA).

About this event

Girls in District N packs and troops...this event is for YOU!

You are invited to Hidden Valley Park (Savage) for two hours of outdoor fun, where you'll enjoy a hot meal (that you prepare and cook) and a campfire program (skits, songs, and jokes)...plus plenty of unscripted fun.

And did we mention that it's FREE??? Well, it is...we hope you can join us, and we encourage you to invite a non-Scout friend to come along. Space is limited, so register today!

[Food, Foil, Fire, and Friends...Fun! Tickets, Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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### **Merit Badges:**

#### **Scouting at Home Merit Badges through Northern Star**

Several merit badges counselors in Northern Star are offering merit badges from home. See links next to the merit badge to sign up.

Scholarship (do at your own pace) with Eric Zierdt [Scholarship-Signup-Instructions - Google Docs](#)

Disability Awareness with Tracy Guaman [Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge \(google.com\)](#)

Reading with Tracy Guaman [Course stream \(google.com\)](#)

#### **North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting**

The museum offers in person workshops throughout the year for various merit badges. [Merit Badge Workshops - North Star Museum \(nssm.org\)](#)

#### **Horsemanship Merit Badge (2 more scouts needed)**

One of our ASPLs, AJ, wants to get a group together for a Horsemanship Merit Badge class. She needs at least 5 to 8 scouts who want to do the class with her at Bunker Park Stable in Andover. The class is held in their indoor arena. The stable charges \$70 per scout. There is a possibility that the merit badge session may be held at another location if we find something less expensive.

Once she has gotten a group together, we will contact a merit badge counselor to work with the group and set up a date that works for the group. <https://forms.gle/px5NZ4xohjh9F52V9>

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### **Troop 469 directory:**

Troop 469 will be getting a contact directory containing parent names, emails and phone numbers for members of the troop. This directory is only for the use of members of the troop and should not be shared with anyone outside the troop. If you do not want to be listed in the directory or your information is not correct, please contact Emily Jacobsen [emily.nipp@gmail.com](mailto:emily.nipp@gmail.com).

Here is the link to the troop directory. Emily intends to lock the directory so that you need a password to get into it. This is coming soon. There is one tab for 3469 and another for 5469.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lRrMe9vEdZPQ3qh6cSqdUQ8qb-1JgvGxWFUGk\\_bwB-0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lRrMe9vEdZPQ3qh6cSqdUQ8qb-1JgvGxWFUGk_bwB-0/edit?usp=sharing)

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