



March-April 2010
Bloomington, MN

Troop 469

Upcoming Camping & Events:

3/20: Flying Eagles + Aviation merit badge

3/20: Adult/Leader Training (see article)

3/22: Board of Review @ 7 p.m.

3/29: Court of Honor @ 7 p.m.
+ **Many Point summer camp \$25 deposit due**

4/5: No Meeting - Spring Break

4/12: Troop Mtg. @ 7 p.m. + Campout Planning

4/16-18: Campout - Lanesboro - Biking; Meet at NHUMC at 5 p.m.

4/19: Troop Leadership Council Mtg. @ 7 p.m.

4/22: Thursday - Scouting for Food bag drop

4/24: Saturday - Scouting for Food bag pickup

4/30-5/2: Campout @ Cleary Lake + Pig Roast

7/25-31: Many Point

March 20 - Flying Eagles + Aviation Merit Badge

Mark your calendar for an exciting field trip on Saturday, March 20th. Meet at church at 8 a.m. This is an opportunity to obtain an Aviation merit badge and fly in a small airplane. The [Young Eagles](#) program was launched on July 31, 1992. Since then, more than 1 million young people have received an airplane ride through the program. In addition, more than 34,000 EAA members have volunteered their time and aircraft to participate as Young Eagle Flight Leaders (pilots).

March 20 - Dan Patch District Training Day

Wondering what to do with your day while your Scout is soaring with the eagles? The Dan Patch District is offering training sessions for parents and adult leaders. Classes are right here in Bloomington at St. Edwards Church, 9401 Nesbitt Ave, Bloomington, MN 55437.

For leaders to be considered trained and wear the trained patch, you must have completed the "Youth Protection", "Fast Start", "This is Scouting" and Leader Specific courses. Sessions available this Saturday include:

- *Youth Protection*
- *Pack Committee*
- *Troop Committee*
- *This is Scouting – Cub Scouts*
- *Den Chief training*
- *Cub Leader Specific Training*
- *Scout Master/Asst. Scout Master*

Items to bring: Scout Handbook, Note Pad, Pen-Pencil. Starts at 8 am and will end at 2 pm for Cub Leaders and at 4 pm for those taking the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster course. Bring your lunch as it will be a working lunch to cut down on time. Fee: \$5 to cover break food, snacks, materials, etc. Contact Paul Bergener to at 651-373-5308 or via email at Andy106pb@gmail.com to register. Questions? Call our own Ed Schmidt at (612) 599-3481.

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or suggestions?*
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Board of Review - Monday, March 22

Any scout ready for rank advancement needs to come before a Board of Review. Be in your Class A uniform and bring your scout handbook.

If you need a Scoutmaster's conference, contact Scoutmaster Kent Whitson in advance to schedule a conference. Phone: (952) 426-5355 or kentwhitson@msn.com.

If a scout is not ready for advancement, they do not need to come as there will not be a regular meeting that night.

Court of Honor - Monday, March 29

All scouts need to be present, in their Class A uniforms, for the Court of Honor ceremony which recognizes those scouts who are moving up in rank and/or have completed merit badges.

Tents

It's that time of the year again! Check your garage, attic, basement, under your Scout's bed - wherever - to see if you have a Troop 469 tent lying around. If you find one, bring it to the next troop meeting. We need to get an accurate count so that we are ready for our first non-cabin campout in April. Plus, a large number of first year scouts will be joining us this year, and we'll need every tent. Thanks!

April Campout & Biking - April 16-18

Join us at Eagle Cliff [campground](#) for a fun weekend of camping and bicycling. Enjoy the Root River & Harmony-Preston Valley State Trails with approximately 60 miles of paved recreational trails for biking.

Meet at the Normandale Hylands church at 5 p.m. and bring your bicycle and a bike helmet, plus the usual camping gear.

June 17-20 – Brule: Whitewater Adventure

Scouts age 13 and older who have both swimming and canoeing merit badges have an exciting opportunity to conquer the Brule River in northern Wisconsin. This five day trip will give you the opportunity to try canoeing and kayaking and earn a Whitewater merit badge.

Watch for further details, but mark your calendars now -- this is a trip you won't want to miss!



Many Point - Summer Camp

Summer camp at [Many Point scout camp](#) is just around the corner. Troop 469's week at camp is Sunday, July 26 - Saturday, July 31. Cost will be \$221/scout.

Important dates to remember:

- **Monday, March 29: \$25 deposit due**; can pay by check (made out to Troop 469) or use Camp credits in your account. Either way, let Jim Graf know at jgraf2@comcast.net
- **Monday, May 24: Balance of \$196 due, along with medical form.**

Calling all Dads! We need Dads to drive to/from and attend all or part of the week. Dads stay "free" (Troop covers your registration cost) and it is a great opportunity to kick back on our beachside site or take advantage of all that camp has to offer.

Contact Jim Graf (952) 888-0365 with any questions or to volunteer to help out. All necessary forms will be added to the Troop 469 site shortly. In the interim, feel free to check out the Many Point [site](#) for more information.

For those who plan way ahead: 2011 Many Point dates for next year are July 24-30, 2011.

Merit Badges

What's your passion, hobby or gift? Please consider sharing your expertise with scouts. In order for scouts to earn merit badges, we need merit badge counselors. See Dennis Postler if you are interested in completing a merit badge counselor application or for a current list of merit badge counselors in the area.

Troup meetings at [Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church](#) (NHUMC)
9920 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington

Troop 469 website: <http://www.troop469mn.com/>



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