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RETURN OF THE OLD LOBBY + MORE!

BY: SPOILER

We're proud to announce the official return of our old lobby! Originally and most famously showcased in 2014 and 2015, our old tree has come with a reminder about Mineplex's identity: a symbol that showed us what has made our server so special, and more importantly, entertaining!



Fortunately not yet forgotten as well, our old tree lobby has also brought us back some legendary icons, including Big Larry the slime and Morgan Freeman the wither skeleton. This also includes Mineplex's "staff hill," an area that players can visit to meet with other staff members.



Furthermore, the addition of this old lobby has returned with some Easter eggs and minor tweaks since its initial appearance in 2015. Including these, it has come with the readdition of our staff-build lilypad as well as our gladiators arena.

Searching for a game - 2 out of 4 - 0:01

Along with the return of the old lobby, we have released a new queuing update known as Butch, named after the dog of a Mineplex developer. Stated by DeanTM, who is the Admin of Quality Assurance and Recruitment, "Butch is a matchmaker that will queue you for 1 or even multiple games at the same time. It will leave you in the main hub until it can fill up a server with enough players to start a game."

The intention of the queuing system is quite simple and easy to understand if you have played online multiplayer games in the past. All you'll need to do is simply select a game and you're in the queue! Depending on the game, the wait is usually relatively short, and allows more players to join a minigame server than prior to the update.

Interested in learning more about our queuing update? More information can be provided at <https://mineplex.com/queuing>

FEATURE UPVOTE RELEASE!

BY: SSNIP

Our Community Management team recently announced a project that had been in the works for a while: Feature Upvote. Through this platform, Community Managers and Feedback Team members can easily collect community-sourced ideas. Unlike the forums or Discord, signing up is not required in order to contribute, meaning the platform will be easily accessible to everyone.

On Feature Upvote, community members are also able to add their suggestions, which are then put into a queue for members of the Feedback Team to approve. After approval, other community members will be able to view the suggestion on the main page, vote on ideas they like, and comment on them directly. Ideas with more votes will appear towards the top of the page for easier viewing. Status tags are also visible on the page, indicating whether an idea is still under consideration, planned, not planned, or implemented.

Our players made these suggestions for improving Mineplex.

★ Top ▼All (212) ▼×ADD YOUR SUGGESTION

16
votes

Bring back original Minekart

Suggested by: **BringMinekartBack2019** (23 Jan) • Upvoted: 28 Jan • **Comments: 2**

Under consideration#Game Alterations

15
votes

No-Distract Mode

Suggested by: **z609** (24 Jan) • Upvoted: 31 Jan • **Comments: 4**

Under consideration#Quality of Life

Item in hotbar to stop searching for game

To post a suggestion, head over to <https://mineplex.featureupvote.com> and click the “Add Your Suggestion” button next to the search bar. This will direct you to a page where you can type in a title, a description, the name you would like to appear on your suggestion, and your email. Once you are finished, you can click the “Post Suggestion” button. Your idea will then be placed into the queue for approval. If your idea is not commented on within 24 hours, you are free to contact any member of the Feedback Team to check in.

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BE MY VALENTINE!

BY: ENUNCIATED

Love is in the air! Have you ever wanted to confess your love to someone? Or have you simply wanted to thank a friend for always being there? In this edition of the newsletter, some community and staff members wanted to share their love with their friends and loved ones.

To: Acaulis
From: Katie

You did really great at the swimming competition, and I know that you'll win again next time because of how hard working you are. I wrote you a poem to show how much I care: Roses are red, Violets are blue, Watch out when you're swimming acaulis is coming for you.

To: Sobki
From: the best qat

roses are red, you are green I like you so pls be freind

To: matt
From: augend

roses are red, rabbits are cute, you should talk so please unmute.

To: Landon
From: Enunciated

From the few months I've known you, you're an amazing guy who absolutely does a lot for myself and Mineplex. While it may not seem like much, just know I appreciate you tons.

To: Glitz
From: Hylore

Dear Ash,
Thank you for always being there when I say hello. Thank you for being the bedrock of my life. Thank you for letting me be tracer, even when you are already tracer.

To: Llen
From: Toki

Honestly, since the day we met you've been my world. You're more than I could've ever dreamed for myself in the ways that you love me. Hopefully I've been able to show you just how much you mean to me from the first day, to now, to our last days together. The sun cannot rise without you in my life, and I'm forever glowing in your presence. I love you so much, even though you are a goofball at times. Always and Forever.
<3

To: Wandy
From: Toki

You're such a weeb but I honestly couldn't imagine having a better friend than you in my life. You're one of the most genuine people that I've ever met, I'm so happy that things have been looking up for you. I love you

To: The Cubs
From: Enunciated

I love mentoring every one of you. You guys bring a lot of joy to me, from the day you guys became my mentee to the day where you're happy because you're making progress. Regardless of whether or not you're a trainee or a grown up cub, you're all close and dear to my heart and truly are people I'll never forget.

To: Wyh
From: Nezze

Words cannot describe how much you mean to me, though I would still like to try. I am genuinely thankful that you appeared in my life when I desperately needed somebody to be there for me. You showed me what happiness should look like and how passionate love can be. Every day I realise how lucky I am to have you, you are my motivation and the strength in me. Putting my trust in you was one of the best decisions I have ever made, thank you so much for being the person I can always rely on. Meeting in person and living with each other for a month is all I have ever wanted, I will never forget the time we spent together and the memories we have made. I am grateful for everything you have ever done for me and I hope all of your dreams come true because you truly deserve it. I love you so much Joel. I want to build a life with you and I want us to be happy because some things are worth fighting for. Always and forever.

To: Gamers Club (you know who you are)
From: Enunciated

Y'all are some of the most fantastic people I've met. I love you all; there's just no better friend group to hang out with. Thanks for the laughs, the fantastic nights, and the amazing Overwatch matches. You guys are close and dear to my heart and are truly people I won't ever forget, so thank you.

BE MY VALENTINE!

BY: ENUNCIATED

To: Daanilo
From: Umbreon

"I just want to shout out Danilo, he's been my best friend for almost two years and I could never have asked for a better friend than him. He's extremely supportive when things get me down and he's always around to talk to. I love our constant messaging, as a day never goes by when we don't talk. When we were both on the staff team he and I would always get excited when new subteams opened, and I was really appreciative to have him by my side as I progressed as a staff member. Although he's resigned I still talk to him on the daily, and I'm super appreciative of everything that he's done. He's super kind and I highly recommend getting to know him. Love ya danilo :D

To: TheJoshXGames
From: Emiliee

Josh,
That trainee interview we had was great, sorry for leaving so abruptly after the interview. You were scary. Our second trainee interview was much better though. No, I still haven't eaten the cake, I'm sentimental. I promise I'll never lose my ring, sorry about that last one though, still feel guilty : (. That parking lot in Fort Myers was probably the greatest moment of my life, but every moment I spend in your arms is the greatest moment of my life. You're gross when you eat leftovers without heating them up, but I live with it. Jonathan misses you very much, and I miss you too. I love you, squishy. I hope I embarrassed you. Truffle the Kerfuffle. Keep stealing milk cartons from random elementary schools, just make sure Jodi doesn't find out. LOVE YOU LONG TIMEEEE 5 dollar.

To: The Mineplex Community
From: Community Management

Just wanted to pop in and say thank you to everyone in the Mineplex community. You guys inspire us to do better each and every day and we really appreciate all of the love and support you guys give us. Thank you for sharing your suggestions & feedback with us, keep them coming!<3

To: BuySomeApples
From: Narwhal

Sydney!! I just want you to know that you are a very great person as well as just an amazing friend. You are there when I need you for any reason and I really do appreciate that. You're always so kind and very fun to hang out with as well as just talk to. You are truly one of the most understanding people of all time :) I love you and I hope the best for you and I know you're gonna live a great life. Keep on being you, I'm so glad I'm able to call you my friend! Much love!

To: sssst
From: Skillttles

Alexis, thank you for all you've done for me these past couple months. I was in a tough spot before I met you, and I cannot thank you enough for the countless memories you give me every single day, and for giving me a reason to keep my head up at all times. Happy Valentines Day, love you!

To: Dylssa
From: Combativeness/Xworpp

Cori you were one of my first true friends in the one in the quiver community. You helped me become friends with people I'm still friends with today like zchrris and cysk. Without those other people I would not have found out about project aria - a project to get oitq updated to make it like how the game was in 2015 during its prime. Even though we don't talk a lot anymore, you're still someone who I can trust and can talk to you if I'm going through a tough time and I need to talk to someone. I couldn't have gotten to where I am now without you.

To: hazeae24
From: Shaiym

Hi Hailey, you're like the sweetest and most caring person I know in the whole entire world literally. You're literally the best Castle Sieger out there and also the strongest ninja out there in the field! Keep working harder and harder and do your hecking best as a Com Manager, and most importantly keep tryharding Cake Wars, Bridges and everything with me. You've been the greatest influence I've had in a while and just wanted to let you know that i LOVE YA SO MUCH BB <3_<3

STAFF BIOS!

BY: SNOWYKITTY

Every edition, you get to see small biographies from each Newsletter Program member, but what about our other staff members? Shouldn't they be put in the spotlight too? Wait no longer because we have brought back the article showcasing just that! Below, you can find a few staff members showing themselves off with a little portrayal about their lives on Mineplex. Feel free to sit back and enjoy getting to know a few of them!

coopjc: Hiya! I'm Cooper, better known as coopjc. Around Mineplex you might see me hanging out in lobbies or grinding Cake Wars, but outside of Mineplex, I'm mostly programming or watching Netflix. After high school (I'm currently a freshman), I hope to pursue a degree in Computer Science and work towards becoming a software engineer. I also plan to apply as a developer here on Mineplex in the future. If you haven't noticed already, I also really love penguins. Anyways, stay cool!

Intoxicating: hi ! I am zak / intox or whatever you feel like calling me. I am currently a Builder and work within Map Submissions & Marketplace. I've been builder for, like, a long time & I have kinda a lot of live maps by now. I am currently studying Chemistry, Biology, Maths & Welsh (im insane I know) and hope to do Biochemistry in university. I listen to pretty much only billie eilish & ariana grande soo if you like either of them, you're swag. If you have any questions about building / need any advice, feel free to DM me at any point B)

JollyGreenGamer: Hullo there! My name is Jolly. I am a member of the Mineplex Build Team. You can find me a lot of times AFK in Lobby 1, and tryharding in my favorite game, Super Paintball. I love seeing what creative ideas people have when building. So if you have a cool map or build you want feedback or praise on, don't be scared to shoot me a message!

Phamtastic: Hi there! I am Phamtastic, and I am currently a Mineplex Moderator for 2 years. I am currently part of the few sub-teams, Event Assistance, Ideas Team, Stream team, and Reports Patrol. I joined Mineplex since late December 2013 and later rejoined on September 2014. I got accepted to Trainee on January 29, 2016, and later promoted on April 3, 2016. I also achieved Moderator of the Month since September 8, 2018!

TeaSpiller: Hi Sisters! My in-game name is TeaSpiller but most call me Logan, I'm currently a Sr.Mod on the Quality Assurance team where we kill the nasty bugs! I'm also apart of a ton of other teams which include Streams Team, the YT Council, Ideas Team, Reports Patrol, and I'm a Mentoring Assistant. Outside of Mineplex I mostly enjoy watching YouTube / Netflix and shopping, however, on Mineplex you can usually find me in lobbies or in Cake Wars since it's by far my favorite game on Mineplex. I've been with the Mineplex staff team for nearly 9 months which is crazy, but I've been with the community for almost 5 years and I've enjoyed every moment of it :).

xUmbreon: Hi! I'm Alex (Umbreon) and I'm a Moderator here. I've been a staff member since October 2017 so a bit over a year. I'm 16 and am currently a sophomore in high school. On Mineplex I'm a Mentor Assistant, Forum Moderator, Ideas Team member, and Reports Patrol member. I've been a MA since April 2018 so I'm almost at my one year mark. I'm an assistant to 2 mentors (zdemon98 and Dulciloquy). In my free time I love to play with my two cats, Bella and Diego. As a staff member I hope to join Staff Management, with Forum Ninja being a backup. Feel free to message me anytime

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: ENUNCIATED

A classic monthly game returns to the Mineplex newsletter as love is in the air: Guess the Location! Unfamiliar with how to play or returned for a brief reminder?

As the name suggests, your job is to guess a location that we provide below. Below this paragraph, there is a screenshot in the newest hub captured in our Java server. You must visit the link below to submit a guess where you think we captured our secret location. However, you need details! You are not allowed to simply put coordinates to this secret location or photo! The more detailed your guess is, the more chance you have of winning.

I know you're captivated and may be wondering, what's the prize? Well, out of all the submissions, only three lucky winners will randomly be picked to win two Mythical Treasures. The winners will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter.

Ready to see the lovely surprise? Take a look at this picture:



Make sure to submit your guesses here: <https://goo.gl/qYfrQ3>

Finally, congratulations to our winners this month:

iUseIntel

Nicodami

Stookybot

You three will be receiving your Mythical Treasures soon.

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: EMILIEE

Are you creative or great at making witty comebacks? If so, this game is for you! It is time for the Newsletter's original game: Caption the Image! The following rules are simple; an image will be provided below and it is your job to think of an awesome caption, which you will submit using the Google Form below.

This is our image for this month's issue!



Submit your captions here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Sskla3qXROMJBW4r1>

Now it is time to congratulate last month's winners! Let's all give a huge congratulations to...
iUseIntel and **CloudGamer360**

Here are their captions!

iUseIntel: "Can't a cat just watch a sunset without being interrupted?"

CloudGamer360: "Kung Fu Kitten 2"



Good luck to everyone who is participating in this month's Caption the Image! We love reading through everyone's creative responses, and we can't wait to read yours!

PROMOTIONS/RESIGNATIONS

BY: HUSKIEALS

This month, we want to give a shout out to promoted and returning staff members as well as our thanks to those who have decided to resign.

Promotions:

Builder

January 28th - Qu1nten

Java Trainee

January 19 - aAbood, ezlee6, wixco

Java Mod

January 5 - Firefox54

January 12 - AbsentAccount

January 26 - dragontiger34

Bedrock Trainee

January 5 - KawaiiChanTwin

Java Senior Mod

January 19 - Oscaros_, Zippopo (Forum Ninja)

January 19 - TeaSpiller (Quality Assurance)

January 24 - SimplyBrandon, Surved (Event Squad)

Bedrock Senior Mod

January 17 - CloudGamer360 (Staff Management)

January 19 - xxSkillzmasterz (Quality Assurance)

Resignations:

January 5 - Pizzaman319

January 13 - dekkster (Builder)

January 15 - t3hero (Leader)

January 16 - Dva (Recruitment)

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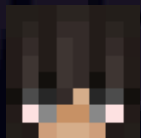
Tortelett: Hi I made the pdf this month. I have now been with the newsletter team for three years!



SnowyKitty: Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Java Sr. Moderator here on Mineplex and the manager of the Newsletter Program. I love to read and write fiction stories, from realistic to sci-fi! My favorite game is Draw My Thing, though I'll really play anything even though I'm not the best at PvP. If you see me somewhere, don't be afraid to shoot me a hello!



ssnip: Hey, I'm ssnip, and I'm a Community Manager here on Mineplex. I manage the Ideas Project, work as a member of the Feedback Team, host weekly events, and I'm a writer and editor for the newsletter!



Emiliee: Hey, my name is Emilie! I'm a Mineplex Titan and a writer for the Newsletter. I'm also a previous Social Media Sr.Mod. Outside of Mineplex, I am a psychology major on a pre-med track. I am currently a research assistant researching new anxiety treatment methods as well! Hope you enjoy this issue!



HuskieALS: Hey! I'm Huskie and am a Sr.Mod on Staff Management! I'm also also the Mentoring and Documents Manager for StM. In my free time I love watching ASMR and binge watching Netflix series. I'm usually hanging somewhere around the network, so feel free to poke me!



AvroVulcan: Hey! My name is AvroVulcan and I am currently a Mineplex Moderator, as well as a writer for the Newsletter! I've always enjoyed writing, and am lucky enough to be able to do it for something else I enjoy; Mineplex! I like to play SSM, and if you see me in game, feel free to say hi!

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Enunciated: Hey! I'm Enunciated, a writer for the Newsletter. I'm currently a moderator who is on a variety of teams such as Newsletter. Outside of Mineplex, I enjoy biking, hanging out with friends, and swimming. I'm always up for meeting new people and love playing games in my free time, and can usually be found in Nano Games, so don't be afraid to say hello!



flawsome: Hi sisters, flawsome here, and welcome back to the Newsletter! I'm a proud writer for the Newsletter Program, and you may have even seen me around the forums doing Ideas work here and there. I absolutely love chatting about practically anything, so don't be afraid approach me if you ever see me around! Until the next one — bye, sisters!



Spoiler: Hi! I'm Spoiler, a writer and editor for Mineplex's newsletter program. Throughout my life, I've had a passion for linguistics & language learning, and in my free time I enjoy researching about it while browsing the internet. As a senior in high school, I will potentially be enrolling at University of Vermont.

