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A Day in the Life of a Moderation Staff Member,  
Caption the Image, Guess the Location, and more.

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# From the Editor

Happy September! Whether you're just about to start school or you've been studying away for awhile now, thank you for taking the time to read another edition of the Mineplex Newsletter. As a quick fun fact, the release of this edition marks the first year anniversary of our new cover image, designed by Iscarriot! As always, I'd like to remind you to submit any ideas you may have to the [Suggestion Box](#)! Especially in quieter months, the team wants to ensure that we're providing a variety of content that appeals to our readers. Whether your proposal consists of a detailed outline or just a short thought, feel free to submit your ideas to our team. If we use your idea, you will even be credited in the Newsletter!

If you have anything you'd like to share privately about the team or this edition, please message me via Discord or the forums. You may also post any thoughts directly on the September edition's thread or through our official monthly [feedback form](#). I hope you all enjoy this edition of the Mineplex Newsletter and have a great September!

- AGLThree, Newsletter Program Manager

# A Day in the Life of a Moderation Staff Member

By ddgolfer

The Mineplex Staff Team comprises a multitude of people from all over the world with different defining features from one staff member to another. This hardworking bunch unites together to work towards making Mineplex as best it can possibly be. While it is difficult to balance this along with having a personal life, most staff members find a routine or a way to live each day by creating something exciting for them day-by-day. To learn more about our staff members, the Newsletter Team has interviewed four of our many diligent staff members, each from a different position in the staff hierarchy, to compare and contrast daily routines via different perspectives.

## Trainee

Even as a Trainee, figuring out the Mineplex Staff Team as well as getting the hang of your own pace of moderation can become extremely difficult. This can become even more burdensome when you are now the only Trainee at the end of your trial, but punkband manages extremely well in

addition to being on the Map Testing Team (MTT). He was a Trainee back in 2017 and was accepted back onto the staff team on July 3rd this year, and he has really enjoyed his time back on the team. Here is how punkband describes his routine:

**punkband:** “Since I’m just a Trainee, most of my average day on Mineplex doesn’t involve all the fancy responsibilities of someone higher up on the staff team. The first thing I do, before I even leave bed, is check Discord and see if I’ve missed any important or interesting discussions among staff or among Map Testers. Once I get myself ready for the day and find the time to play some Minecraft, I’ll hop on Mineplex and grind some Speed Builders or just jump around the lobby. I do my best to keep up with StaffRequest, which usually ends up with me darting between Cake Wars and Skywars lobbies left and right and dealing with bidders, scaffolders, flyers, and the like. At some point in the day, I’ll check the forums and see

what folks are chatting about and occasionally join the conversation. As part of my trial mentoring, I've also got little questions of the day I answer to make sure my network knowledge is up to snuff.

My average day as a Trainee is some combination of those things. Not the most involved work yet, but it feels good to get on the server and do the whole moderation thing, and I'm very much looking forward to getting further along in my staff journey, joining subteams, and becoming even more a part of all the daily operations that keep Mineplex going!"

#### Moderator

After passing a two-month trial, Moderators begin having a much more substantial position. Achieving this opens the application door to a large number of staff subteams as well as adjusting to internal changes. One Moderator that stands out is NuclearLFA, who has left and rejoined the staff team three separate times within around a year time span starting on February 8, 2020; coming back a second time on May 23, 2020, and finally rejoining a third time on January 9, 2021. It is without a doubt that he knows how to find the perfect way to

go about his day now more than ever before, especially along with managing his work on Reports Patrol (RP). Here is how NuclearLFA describes how one of his casual days goes by:

**NuclearLFA:** "When I wake up in the morning, I first get ready with my day. I get dressed, work out at the gym, eat breakfast, and write a checklist of everything that I have to do for that day. Currently, I am finishing my sophomore year at my university, and I also am working a job, so my life is quite hectic and full of activity daily. I like to take care of my studies and my job first before starting any Mineplex related work. I will spend around 10-11 hours per day handling my job, my studies, and handling all daily activities. When dealing with Mineplex related work, I have a certain order of handling my quotas and subteam work. Firstly, I start off by handling my quotas as a moderator. I handle reports that players make in-game for about 10-30 minutes, usually reports that players make regarding chat offenses, gameplay offenses, and hacking offenses. After dealing with the in-game reports, I then check the forums and respond to players that have questions, and respond to threads that seem interesting and can be quite



fun to read! I usually spend around 20-30 minutes on the forums to fulfill this quota. The last quota that I have to fulfill is spending time in-game. Usually, one of my favorite things to do is to help players in-game with questions or concerns they have. This can be in lobbies, or in StaffRequest. StaffRequest is one of the places on Mineplex where I am the most active, where it is a community where community members can request staff members when they are having questions, or if a player is breaking rules. I try to spend as much time in-game to help players have a greater experience on the network and it makes me feel great for the rest of the day! On average, I will spend around 1-2 hours per day in-game helping players or responding to requests made in StaffRequest, and this completes my daily quotas as a staff member.

Now for subteam work, I am currently on one subteam, which is Reports Patrol. On an average day, I respond to at least 10-20 reports made on the forums per day. Doing reports is quite enjoyable, and it allows me to help the community one step further. Being able to do reports on the forums, and in-game makes me feel full of happiness.

When I help others, it makes me feel accomplished and excited for the next day.”

### Senior Moderator

While Moderators support their focus in the bulk of moderation and the subteams that they are a member of, Senior Moderators begin their higher-level journey by joining a specific team that holds a greater responsibility than individual subteams. These staff members can still excel within other aspects of the server and staff team and, in fact, most Senior Moderators are a part of various teams outside of their main team. One of them is FairestLordHarry who has been a part of the staff team for several years now and has taken many routes within the staff team in which he worked his way up to being a member of the Quality Assurance Testing (QAT) team, a Staff Management (StM) mentor, a member of the Rules Committee (RC), the lead of Reports Patrol (RP), and as well as receiving both the Mod of the Month (MotM) and Staff of the Month (SotM) awards. To most, it would seem very challenging to balance everything that Harry does but here is how he does it one day at a time:

**FairestLordHarry:** “Before getting in-game (and periodically throughout the day), I usually check the forums and Discord in case anyone has any questions or concerns to bring to my attention through team requests or private and then respond to them accordingly. When I’m in-game, I usually handle any Rules Committee-related duties such as inappropriate name reports along with doing some general moderation along with checking up on other staff members that I come across and doing work such as observing Trainees and Moderators and logging the progress of my mentees whenever necessary. On top of that, I also post any Reports Patrol-related announcements and attend testings for QAT should there be any on a given day. Once it’s late at night and I’m ready to go to bed, I check the forums and Discord one last time and answer any team requests or messages before logging off for the night.”

### **Admin**

If you think that any of the staff members so far have a great deal of work, you could only imagine how an Admin deals with their workload every day. Most Admins on the team manage their singular team of Senior Moderators, along with any subteams

they lead, as well as their general Admin duty work. EmmaLie, however, leads three Senior Mod teams on top of all her general Admin responsibilities and has been on the staff team since 2016! The teams that she currently leads are Community Management (CoM), Event Squad (ES), and Social Media (SM). It is safe to say she is loving her work diving into the community as much as she can, but here is how she describes a day in the life of EmmaLie:

**EmmaLie:** “My entire schedule changes every day because my sleeping schedule is severely broken. It doesn’t matter how many times I try to fix it, I always end up going back to staying up till 6 AM every night. I’m 100% a night owl and at this point, I’ve just accepted it for what it is.

Once I wake up, I usually start off with a cup of coffee in one hand, my phone in the other, and my cat Gizmo in my lap. I go straight to checking my messages to see if there’s anything important going on and if there is, that usually takes priority and I work on that first. Bigger tasks consist of map campaigns, preparing for an update to release, or collecting feedback on updates. Those are just a few examples! Once the bigger tasks are taken care

of, I jump into what I call “maintenance mode”, which consists of checking up on my teams and doing the day-to-day tasks. Most of the tasks are pretty mundane, like scheduling tweets for the week, checking up on marketplace descriptions, applying event prizes, checking up on who is hosting events for that week, scheduling meetings, etc.

Most days are pretty chill if things don’t pile on top of each other, which is nice because it allows me to have time to pursue other hobbies and work on myself. I hope this gives you a brief idea of my day-to-day, without boring you with the in-depth details!”

I would like to give a big thanks to punkband, NuclearLFA, FairestLordHarry, and EmmaLie for their amazing descriptions of what their day looks like to them!

If you have the passion and want to take the first step of becoming a staff member with routines and days like these, Trainee applications are always open for [Java](#) and [Bedrock](#). We should all be grateful for all the hard work that the entire staff team undertakes and accomplishes, especially after reading how much Mineplex affects their daily lives. The individual work done by each staff member should never go unnoticed, so feel free to thank any staff member you come across for their tireless efforts in making the server better in their own way, even if it is just one day at a time.





# Guess The Location

By **neotheater**

In the northern hemisphere, summer is unfortunately coming to an end! It's that time again where we wave goodbye to the freedom of not having school to attend to and brace ourselves for the year ahead. Early mornings, exams and stress are never fun — but think about the positives! Friends, fun and learning! Not to worry though because here at Mineplex, we aren't going anywhere any time soon so whenever you come home from school we're always going to be here to put that smile back on your face!

This summer lobby is pretty cool, huh? We've got birds in flight, a lighthouse to warn incoming ships, a (not so little) mermaid on the rocks along with loads of other surprises and Easter eggs to find! But the question is, can you find this location?

Think you know? Guess here:  
<https://forms.gle/nqj78RD3y9bKgLeV6>



Last month we had a pretty difficult location to guess! So, well done to everyone who correctly answered! However, we unfortunately can only choose three winners and those winners are GamerPizzaMc, RRepo, and Ian923 who are all in for two Mythical Chests each!

In case you were wondering where last month's mystery location was, it was at x: 21 z: 75 y: -35 by the beach ball in the volleyball court next to Lobby Glads!



# Caption the Image

By Marzie

Here in North America, most of the young adults and kids have either gone back to school already or will shortly. Some families are finishing up their vacation while others are still going. To those of you who haven't started school yet - enjoy your vacation while it lasts! And to those of you already in school, we hope you don't stress too much, especially over the clothes you wear. You do you! Make lots of friends while you're there.

Meanwhile... Ribbit ribbit. A frog family has decided to leap into Mineplex for a little vacation before they go back to school. They took a vacation to a luscious blue pond and found a big frog statue. Were they this big back then? Were the frogs back then worshiping a frog god? What is this statue?! It almost looks like it's alive too... I hope it doesn't move!

Hop along and caption this image as many times as you'd like:

<https://forms.gle/72zJ4653fYPvXUVL9>



In last month's image, we got to see the beautiful seagulls in our summer lobby.

These four have come up with some splendid captions:

**REKT8256:** The Quadruple Wonderful Flyin' Seagulls

**SebDracorio:** ...where are we going again..?

**makw:** They do be kinda flying doe

**CrunchySnakeYT:** Flying south for the winter



# August Staff Statistics

By AGLThree

This month, we wanted to issue a huge welcome to all the new staff members who joined us and say thank you to all of the staff members who have sadly resigned for all of their hard work for the network.

## Java Trainee

July 28: Beelnc, BREEZLET (Cross-Platform)

August 14: FernOfVoid (Cross-Platform)

## Bedrock Trainee

August 14: CookieBilly2001 (Cross-Platform)

## Senior Moderator

August 8: Amg\_ (Forum Management)

August 26: Emiliee, Mitsoko (Staff Management)

## Builder

August 14: Arshaad\_73

August 19: unrelease

## Resignations

August 2: Asteiph

August 7: Lionatthezoo (Forum Management)

August 14: Laylq, Look\_Dan (Staff Management), Twist (Staff Management)

August 20: jacvb (Community Management, Quality Assurance), Rvsie (Quality Assurance)

August 22: ItsFree (Community Management)

August 25: Lesot (Social Media)

August 26: ezlee6

August 28: XtremeLucas543

## 1 Year Milestones

August 1: Drizzerd, gyroninja, PROSTONE, Xukuwu

August 3: MASTS

August 15: allegient, Hznter

August 29: Amg\_, CookieBilly, ItsMqrk

## 2 Year Milestones

August 3: Jhazu

August 8: teaisspilled

## 4 Year Milestones

August 4: BREEZLET

August 11: AGLThree

## 7 Year Milestones

August 17: BillNye



# Meet the Team

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**AGLThree:** Hola! I'm AGLThree and I lead the Newsletter Program! I'm currently a Sr. Mod on Recruitment and an RP mentor. For those who were wondering, I did finally get Connect 4; it was the last gadget I needed!



**Tortelett:** Mountains get big cause they have no natural predators.



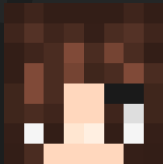
**Arjun:** Hey there! I've been on Newsletter for 2 years now, and my primary roles on the staff team consist of being a Sr. Recruiter/manager on the Recruitment team and leading the Mod Reinstatement Program as well as being an RC member. Hope you enjoyed this month's issue of the Newsletter!



**Sophie\_OGrady:** Hi, I edit the newsletter.

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**Marzie:** I do waaay too much. Check my information tab on my profile via the forums to see everything I do!  
P.S.Oatmeal cookies are good when done right.



**EmmaLie:** Hiya! I'm Emily and I'm that one weirdo who loves lollipops and doing stuff for the community. I'm currently the admin of Community Management & the Event Squad, so you'll see me a lot in-game, especially in EVENT-1. Outside of Mineplex, a lot of my time goes toward family, friends, Netflix, and Overwatch.



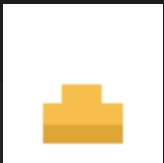
**neoheater:** For your safety, this product has been carefully removed from shelves and will be carefully disposed of.

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**WowCaleb:** Wow, it's Caleb! Let's pretend I didn't say that and start over - I'm a Moderator and a Newsletter writer for over a year now. You'll most likely find me in my natural habitat playing Nano Games, or posting over on the forums. I also assist the Recruitment team with deciding the newest faces of the staff team. If I'm not on Mineplex, I'm probably hanging out with friends or kayaking down the local river. Be sure to stop by and say hi if you ever see me around!



**chhase:** Hi!! I'm Chase, a Senior Mod & Forum Manager here at Mineplex! I'm also a member of Discord Management, Reports Patrol Assistance, the Map Testing Team, and an editor for the newsletter!!! When I'm not busy, my favorite things to do are watching movies, going hiking, and going on drives with the windows down. Also, I'm not last on the list anymore yay!!



**aiirr:** Hey guys! My name is Alyssa, though most people call me aiirr! I am both a writer and editor for the Newsletter team! On Mineplex, you can see me playing either Champions Domination or Turf Wars. If I am not on Minecraft, you'll most likely find me playing Overwatch or doing school work for my last year of college!

# Meet the Team

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**ddgolfer:** Hey y'all, I am ddgolfer and I am a writer for the Newsletter! I am an ex-Forum Manager and was on the staff team for eleven months before my departure in January of this year. Now I spend my time wondering why I pay for so many streaming services but never have time to watch anything on them.



**Looof:** What's up! I'm Looof and I'm a writer for the Newsletter Program as well as a Spanish Translator and a member of Community Council. Outside of Mineplex I love playing sports and drinking Starbucks >:)