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MAP TESTING OVERVIEW!

BY: SPOILER

Are you interested in having the privilege of playing exclusive upcoming Mineplex maps? The Map Tester team is available and open to all who are interested, with no set closing deadline! Aimed at those who believe they have experience in testing and experimenting with maps in progress, this team is designed to be an easy route for feedback regarding maps directly from the players.

Map Testers are advised to attend weekly meetings every Saturday at around 12PM PST. A Discord account is also required to join the team, however talking is not required. As the team is very casual and does not have strict quotas, it is highly recommended for those who want to contribute more to Mineplex, but don't want to feel the pressure of meeting strict deadlines or quotas.

Before applying, it is suggested that you take a look at the Map Submissions Guide to make sure you have a general understanding on what map testers must evaluate for each map. All games per map are separated into four different categories, those being "Casual," "Intermediate," "Hardcore," as well as "MPS Specific." In the map submissions process, map testers are directly involved with what is known as "Stage 2" of submitting a map, which involves a map's review and testing. During this stage, map testers examine maps for issues, gameplay discrepancies, and anything else that does not satisfy a map's criteria.

For more information about the map submissions process, check out this guide:
<https://www.mineplex.com/threads/map-submissions-guide.4557>

"After being on the Map Testing team for a few months, I've had this unbreakable connection to my peers and superiors on the team. Every testing is always full of fun and laughter and we all have a sense of trustworthiness and have been able to feel comfortable with giving honest and constructive feedback. Being apart of such a nice group of people has helped shaped me and I owe to to them for making my life that much more interesting." —worldcom, a member of Map Testing.

If you think you have what it takes, apply here and give it all you've got:
<https://www.mineplex.com/applicationform/map-tester.20/form>

FEEDBACK TEAM OVERVIEW!

BY: XUMBREON

The Feedback Team is a Community Management subteam on Mineplex and, as suggested by the name, their main job is to collect server feedback from the community. This team is vital for getting your voices heard: they manage our Feature Upvote system (<https://mineplex.featureupvote.com>) and make sure that as many ideas as possible are reviewed.

If you didn't know, Feature Upvote, which is run by the Feedback Team, is a website entirely made for players to post their ideas. You can choose to either scroll through suggestions made by other players or you can suggest an idea of your own. To post an idea, all you need to do is click the orange "add your suggestion" button on the top right, and follow the directions there. Once you finish, you can post your suggestion and receive feedback from others! Feedback constantly runs through Feature Upvote to find ideas to forward to upper management.

When a new update comes out, the Feedback Team immediately gets to work and collects as much feedback from the community on said update. They often go to the Mineplex Discord (discord.mineplex.com) for any update suggestions; however, you might also see them hanging around the forums or going in-game to look for feedback.

Feedback is an awesome team overall, and their duties are extremely important for the overall improvement of Mineplex. The team is run by EmmaLie, so if you have any general questions about the team, feel free to ask her or any other Feedback team member!

MARKETPLACE TEAM INTERVIEW!

BY: FLAWSOME

The Minecraft Marketplace is an in-game store which can be found exclusively in the Bedrock Edition of the game. Using Minecoins, players are able to purchase from a variety of content, ranging from skin packs to custom adventure maps. The Marketplace is a platform where the community members can showcase their talent and share it to others, while also receiving compensation for their masterpieces!

Through its affiliation with Microsoft, Mineplex offers its own services and products on the Marketplace and even has a dedicated team, led by BlueBeetleHD, DeanTM, and Giovanni. This team is focused on producing content for the community to enjoy! **We sat down with Crumplex to hear more about what it's like to be a part of this team and how her experience has been thus far.**

When did you join the team? What is your role on it?

I make skin packs for the Marketplace team. I've been making skin packs for Mineplex and the marketplace since before we had a team for it! My first skin pack was Mineplex Hero's. You may have seen my older works on our Java server, in the Mineplex Mavericks lobby, and Hero's of Gwen. The team was introduced as a builder subteam for map makers last year, but I also joined since I provided content for the marketplace too.

As an artist, where do you take inspiration from?

We have a bunch of theme ideas to choose from, but can also come up with our own. If the community has any suggestions we could do those too! Once we have a theme chosen we can be as creative as we want. I really enjoy making skins that involve animals or other creatures. Sometimes I will take inspiration from things in real life, for example, my dog in the Pets Life skin pack. It's a fun challenge to try and turn something realistic into a Minecraft skin.

Do you consider the team a demanding and stressful environment?

Not at all, it's very relaxed and we have lots of time to work on things. As an artist, having time to brainstorm and collect thoughts is important for making great content.

I have lots of free time after work and school to make skins. I usually make one every couple of days. I've had no problem finishing one skin pack every month! It's actually quite relaxing to make them, so I enjoy doing it.

How has your experience been on the team?

It's been great. Everyone's very supportive and nice and it's awesome to see your own content in an official Minecraft store!

We extend our thanks to Crumplex, as well as to all of the members of the Mineplex Marketplace team, for their efforts towards making wonderful content for the Minecraft community as a whole.

Please consider supporting our creators by checking out their work at the link below!

<https://marketplace.minecraft.net/en-us/creator?name=mineplex>

SUMMER PLANS!

BY: EMILIEE

With the school year coming to an end and summer right around the corner, the Mineplex community has tons of exciting plans. We hope everyone has fun and stays safe during their break!

Overdog: "I have a new development job that pretty much pays my house, and I'll be excited to work there! Otherwise, I'll just be sitting on my chair, eating watermelon, doing nothing."

Steven190: "I am planning, with me and my family to travel to Europe as a tourist."

Tours: "Well, my summers are usually very last-minute. I come up with plans to travel with friends or family in the weirdest moments. So far, my only plan is to travel to London for a month to take some time off everything and study! I've only just thought of this now but I could have the opportunity to go to Dubai and stay there for a little bit which would definitely be much better than sitting at home. Other than traveling, I plan to game with my friends and start helping out at clinics and hospitals around the country. I want to experience what it's like being in their shoes in preparation for the future whilst helping out people."

epicbuilder435: "I'm headed to a lake to go fishing all night and see my grandparents. Along with playing Mineplex of course."

PvpGodo122: "In the summer I always go to the cabins with my family."

Unfavorited: "My summer plans this year are really going to be fun and adventurous! Me and my family planned on going to Puerto Rico in June. We also plan to visit Chicago and to also see some family in Wisconsin. I am also very excited to be going outside with my friends and spending time with them. Whether it's the beach, or going to see a movie. I am really looking forward to this summer vacation!"

Vocaloiid: "Since taking a break from Mineplex and Minecraft, I'll be working at a nearby waterpark for some extra cash. I hope to make enough to buy a new PC or some new games for my switch. Additionally, I'll be working more with Translations Team now that I don't have classes."

joerock777: "I will be going to Madrid for a week or 2 in July, I am really excited for that! I will be going to the beach, visiting monuments, and even going to Spanish restaurants! Of course I will have wifi in my hotel but I won't be in-game for a while!"

_H20: "I recently graduated from college, so my summer will be filled with working. However, I will be moving to Orlando, FL to start my new job at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom."

SuperSmashNoob: "To become the best Super Smash Mobs player and take the Esports world by storm."

We would like to thank each and every one of you who entered. Unfortunately not every submission could be included. Nevertheless, we hope everyone has a fantastic summer!

A DAY IN THE LIFE!

BY: ENUNCIATED

Staff members can be found all around the network. Some work on specialized sub-teams, while others work on everyday moderation tasks. Regardless, there's a lot that goes into a staff member's day. The newsletter team had the privilege to ask a Trainee, a Moderator, and a Sr.Mod about their daily operations here at Mineplex. Below, you can find descriptions of the day-to-day work of SkarmMines, Arjun, and TeaSpiller, respectively.

SkarmMines (Trainee): Typically, on my average day, I will get online and spend an hour or two to playing games with my friends, most likely being Cake Wars or Nano. Afterwards, I like to dedicate most of my time online on Staff Request. It's personally my favorite thing to do, being able to help or assist anyone that needs it. I'll probably spend more than two hours just focusing on Staff Request and making sure people's issues are being dealt with. Then, I like to go on the forums and interact a lot with users through threads, mostly in the off topic section or ideas hub. If I have any subteam work, for example on QAT or Translations Team, I also put time aside to work on what needs to be done for each subteam respectively.

Arjun (Moderator): Whether it be after a long school day or just a weekend, Mineplex holds a role in every single one of my days. I spend most of my time as a staff member dedicating time towards my two sub-teams, specifically Recruiter Assistance, or RA, and Reports Patrol. I usually chill in-game when doing these things. When I've done a bit of what I do as an RA, I check the reports section of the forums to see if I can respond to any forum reports. I also play games on the network on the daily. These games consist of Survival Games, Skywars, Super Smash Mobs, and occasionally DMT and NANO. I love interacting with people on the network, with both staff and community members, and occasionally hop in a Cake Wars party with some friends. All in all, my day on Mineplex is pretty fulfilling and holds a big part of my day!

TeaSpiller (Sr.Moderator): I'd say for me personally I have a schedule on my day-to-day activities so I don't overrun myself or forget important topics, this schedule covers mostly my Mineplex life since with in-real life topics I tend to just live with the flow. Anyways, when I start my Mineplex "duties" I tend to immediately look at the forums to see if there are any hot threads or just to take a glance at what's happening after I check the forums I log on and like to moderate lobbies for around 30-45 minutes before heading into Staff-1 which is where I do my sub-team work. With my sub-team work I check the bug threads to see if any have been sent in if there's not I move on to my assistant duties by processing Staff Reports or just looking over how our mentees are doing, after this I do reports for RP + comment on idea threads. After I work on those teams, I like to dedicate 1-2 hours to working on projects for the Mineplex Marketplace, but that pretty much sums up my regular day-to-day activities.

We thank these staff members both for taking the time to tell us about their daily operations and for their work on the network!

MAY STAFF STATISTICS!

BY: HUSKIEALS

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

Promotions:

Java Trainee

May 4 - Epicbuilder435, ScrompLord

May 11 - hazl, Hulk_

May 18 - Alundor, Crazyy_Tim, Glamourized, ZeldarinaX

Bedrock Trainee

May 4 - ClqssyOwl, Reks Nz

May 11 - DiddyYT

Java Mod

May 4 - lukafin

May 11 - BBoy2003

May 18 - Ayeconic, Coyly, MInty, Jadguar

May 25 - Mintletsgo, Slipst

Bedrock Mod

May 22 - Pritt03, TeaSpiller

Java Senior Mod

May 7 - xUmbreon (Staff Management)

May 12 - Phamtastic (Forum Ninja)

Resignations:

May 3 - DiamondBudderAxe (Forum Ninja)

May 7 - SnowyKitty (Staff Management)

May 12 - JollyGreenGamer (Builder)

May 13 - uhKia

May 14 - WebGlitch (Admin, Web Dev)

May 15 - Gkinz

May 25 - Nezze (Quality Assurance)

1 Year Milestones:

May 5 - Hagen_is_Awesome

2 Year Milestones:

May 19 - ThinkPuppy

4 Year Milestones:

May 1 - zdemon98

May 8 - Ery

May 22 - epicbluej

5 Year Milestones:

May 3 - DeanTM

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: AGLTHREE

Feeling a little stressed out from finals? Searching for a quick and fun break from studying? Look no further, because Caption the Image is the game for you! With only a few steps involved, Caption the Image is an easy way to take a brief break and relax your mind from all that studying. Just take a quick peek at the image below and caption it the way you think best suits the picture! Even if your caption is serious, funny, random, or even just outright silly, feel free to drop your submission in the link provided below. In the next month's edition, you'll be able to see both the captions that we selected and their imaginative authors. Ready to take a break and embark on a quick quest of creativity? The image and form can be found below!

Here is the image that you will be captioning this month!



Once you've brainstormed a caption (or a few!) that you love, feel free to submit it here: <https://forms.gle/WUvE3yXM98dgYeD39>

As promised, here are the lovely captions chosen from last month's submission and the corresponding image. Feel free to give a shoutout to these authors for their creativity!



PandaFyre: "Choose your fate hooman"

SpicyBree: "I'll do it, I'll jump, I swear, if you don't do /weather clear!"

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: FLAWSOME

The sun shines radiantly, offering you a warm smile as if to congratulate you on surviving another school year and advancing onto another chapter of your student life. School's out and summer vacation has officially entered the building! This means you can now spend your days and nights on Mineplex without any worry about homework and curfews. As you hop on the server to play your favorite games, why don't you take a quick gander around the lobby and participate in the Newsletter's monthly game: Guess the Location!

As the name suggests, it is your job to guess the location of the image shown below found somewhere in the Mineplex lobby. Once you've looked high and low, and you're confident in your answer, submit a response in the form provided for a chance to win two Mythical Chests in next month's Newsletter!



Submit your answer here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iilqTxCsNQ7pDxYUJPdGcyusl8t-4zC5Tulk6oRb8ck/edit>

Join us in congratulating last month's winners:

Cloudlime

Nicodami

Jaekub

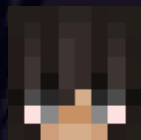
NEWSLETTER STAFF BIOS



Tortelett: Hi I made the pdf this month.



Enunciated: Hey! I'm Enunciated, one of the managers for the Newsletter. I'm currently a Sr.Moderator who is on a variety of teams including the 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!



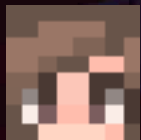
ssnip: Hey, I'm ssnip, and I'm a Community Manager here on Mineplex. I manage the Ideas Project, work as a member of the Feedback Team, host weekly events, and I'm a writer, editor, and team co-lead for the newsletter!



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!

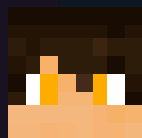


HuskieALS: Hey! I'm Huskie and am a Sr.Mod on Staff Management! I'm also also the Mentoring and Documents Manager for StM. In my free time I love watching ASMR and binge watching Netflix series. I'm usually hanging somewhere around the network, so feel free to poke me!



flawsome: I'm a writer for this thing called the Mineplex Newsletter, don't know if you've heard of it but I heard it's pretty cool. I also love dogs and food... and that's about it. Party! xo

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Spoiler: Hi! I'm Spoiler, a writer and editor for Mineplex's newsletter program. As a senior in high school, I'm officially enrolled at Stony Brook University as a Linguistics major. However, I hope to switch to a major in the STEM fields!



AGLThree: Hiya! I'm AGLThree and I am a writer and editor for the Newsletter! I'm currently a Sr. Mod on Recruitment and am on two subteams, including Newsletter. I love to hang out in lobbies and play games like Super Smash Mobs, Cakewars, and NANO Games. Outside of Mineplex, I enjoy chilling with my dog and my family, as well as watch Netflix, read, write, and knit! If you see me around on the network, feel free to say hi!



xUmbreon: Hello! I'm Umbreon, but feel free to call me Alex. I'm currently a Sr. Mod on the Staff Management team, as well as a member of FM, Ideas, and RPA. In my free time I play tennis, hang out with my friends and family, and play with my two cats. Feel free to message me anytime!

