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ART COLLAGE!

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COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS!

BY: RUNKIA

I decided to talk to some of our active members around Mineplex and its platforms, focusing on the forums this time 'round. Maybe you recognise these two players, but even if you don't, now you can get to know them and their Mineplex experience!

waterspout: www.mineplex.com/profile/joy

NightTheUmbreon: www.mineplex.com/profile/16779524

How has your experience at Mineplex been so far?

waterspout: Mineplex is my home. I bought Minecraft in 2013 just to play Mineplex; I tried playing the network on my friend's account, and I decided that I loved it so much which lead to me buying Minecraft. Not only is everyone very welcoming, but it's super easy to befriend other members which allowed me to meet so many different people; the friends I've met on this network really have changed me, and I'm thankful for it. The games are wonderful to play, and to me, they never get boring. I never really used the Mineplex forums until late 2016, but I'm glad I did; I get to share my opinions on almost everything, and giving feedback is something I do enjoy. All-in-all, Mineplex, although it's changing for the better, will always be my home sweet home.

NightTheUmbreon: My Mineplex experience has been amazing so far. I've met so many amazing friends and played so many amazing games. Mineplex is definitely my favorite Minecraft server of all time and I don't regret visiting this server at all.

How has our community impacted you and/or your experiences?

waterspout: I never really interacted with the community until 2015 when I changed my ign; from there, I decided that it was time to find people to talk to. Since then, I've made loads of friends whom I still talk to today, and I'm always making more. This allows me to have the chance to talk to people all over the world which is honestly super cool; most of my friends live in the U.K. so listening to their accents always makes me smile. On the forums, I get to see what people think of the server as a whole or what their talents are, and it just allows me to get to know them even if I've never spoken to them. The community is literally my family.

NightTheUmbreon: The community has impacted me in so many ways I can't name them all. All the friends I have made have made my experience so much more enjoyable. Most of the community is extremely helpful and kind towards me and the other members and it really changed my life for the better.

If there's one thing you could remove from any Mineplex platform, what would it be and why?

waterspout: One thing I would definitely like to remove from the network is Castle Assault TDM; in all honesty, people use that game just to grind stats. I understand that people want to play a vanilla PVP game, but ever since the separation, Castle Assault as a whole is declining. I really enjoyed playing Castle Assault, but when I go to play it, there aren't many players. I just wish that they kept Castle Assault as it was because not only was it highly popular, but it was also very enjoyable.

NightTheUmbreon: I wouldn't really remove anything since I don't really have any complaints.

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BY: RUNKIA

What's a goal of yours on Mineplex and how are you planning to work towards it?

waterspout: At first, I wanted to go for Trainee, but I realized that I wouldn't fit in and my attitude wasn't right for it. Afterwards, I decided that my goals were simple: give feedback on the forums and take the opportunity to meet new people across the server. I accept all friend requests on the forums, and when people start up conversations with me, I'm always happy to respond. I try to make a couple of forum posts a week as a way of showing that I care about what the person has posted and what they can do better. I'm also always chilling in Lobby-1 talking to the community that stays there as well, and it's always a blast.

NightTheUmbreon: A goal of mine for the Mineplex community is to become a Trainee. That has been my number one goal since the day I joined, June of 2014. I plan to be as helpful as possible and kind, to achieve that goal. I really hope that one day I can join the staff team along with two of my friends, RavenPaw9 and Squirreelflight05.

What's your favourite feature of Mineplex and why?

waterspout: My favorite feature-- actually, I will have to say game-- is One in the Quiver. Most of my friends know that I usually take a lot of time out of my day to grind that game nonstop, but it's not about the wins. One in the Quiver is a fast-paced, action-packed game that requires you to think before you do. The one-shot bow and the stone sword allow for speedy kills to quicken the game up, and before you know it, it's over. Winning this game always makes my heart race, and it's highly thrilling. I would recommend it to anyone.

NightTheUmbreon: My favorite feature of Mineplex has to be the forums. I spend a significant amount of time on the Mineplex forums, much more than I do in game, and I really enjoy posting and helping people out, without being too over the top with answering questions. I try to be as formal as possible when I answer forum posts.



TRANSLATIONS TEAM!

BY: ITS_HIPPO

It's unfair to neglect players based on skill, so we made our games accessible for anyone. It's unfair to neglect players based on location, so we made our games accessible from everywhere.

And now, because it's unfair to neglect players based on race, we are making our games accessible to everyone.

The Translations Team (TT), boasting 76 active translators, is a staff-run team open to any and all community members that aim to make our servers more accessible to players worldwide.

With 16 languages already live on Mineplex PE and 6 languages in the works, every day the Translations Team seeks to add new languages to our 22 existing ones, and currently the entire team has translated more than 184,000 words from gameplay mechanics all the way to item names. But despite their hard work, they still enjoy plenty of fun and games. Their lively community full of parrots, cats, sneks, and Roy Mustangs flood the chats, and excellent managers direct the proofreaders and translators in a timely manner through daily logistics.

Recently TT has closed applications due to the great amount of apps they have been receiving (big thanks to everyone who applied!). However, if you're interested in the team and have extensive experience in another language, you'll be able to apply at <http://www.mineplex.com/translations> when applications reopen!

Any further questions could be redirected to:

TheGrandRoman: <http://www.mineplex.com/profile/roman>

coralines: <http://www.mineplex.com/profile/cora>

ShinyRukii: <http://www.mineplex.com/profile/shinyrukii>

Best of luck and happy translating!

(Big thanks to TheGrandRoman for his contributions to this article!)

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF STAFF!

BY: RUNKIA

There are many staff members at Mineplex, part of many different teams. Here, I have asked a Trainee, Moderator, Sr. Moderator and Administrator about their daily life. Our Trainee is Aliferous_, our Moderator is AussieFighter, our Sr. Moderator is Karinuh, and our Administrator is Diar!

Trainee: The day, of course, starts with checking what's new on Mineplex. I usually do this while still in bed via the Enjin app, because I like to be up to date as soon as possible. After that, as I still feel a bit tired and unmotivated, I just wander around the forums, play a game or two on the server or chill in Lobby-1. Then I either spend the rest of the day ingame or on forums. If I'm ingame I'm usually playing Draw My Thing, playing games where a lot of hackers are or just generally look for rule breakers for my staff reports. On the forums, I either just wander around again, or find several interesting threads and leave a reply on them. I also like to "stalk" some people in between those posts. Even if I'm not at home, I still go around random walls on the Enjin application and see what the community is doing. The evening, if I'm online at that time, is usually just chilling with a few games of Master Builders, Draw My Thing and such games. After chatting with some friends and reading a book I go to a long sleep.

Moderator: My day usually starts out pretty simple, I wake up and get online and just check over everything, this includes my enjin, my slack, trello boards and I go over any updates/changes that happened while I was sleeping. After this I usually catch up with everyone and anyone, this means teamspeak, in-game and just generally all over the place. After this I usually get on my with sub-team duties, so this for me means observing other moderators, answering reports on the forums, moderating teamspeak and plug dj, after getting some of these things done I go into more mind boggling tasks such as in-game moderation, /reports and chatting around in Lobby-1. I am forever answering pokes on teamspeak, in-game moderation requests and helping out other staff members with their duties or any questions they may have about teamspeak, plug dj or moderation in general. What I like to do throughout the day to split up tasks is to chat on teamspeak with friends, play some games and forever set uncompletable tasks for myself. I love what I do, and wouldn't give it up for the world, I am very often found trying to pile on more and more work everyday by finding new responsibilities for myself.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF STAFF!

BY: RUNKIA

Sr. Moderator: Obviously, food is the top priority in anyone's life, but recruitment work is a close second. For me, recruitment work doesn't take up too much of my day, but it's an absolute joy to do it. Each day, I first check if there's anyone online to observe, and do observations if there is. Then, I process applications if they haven't been processed recently. After that, I do a couple of application comments. Occasionally, I'll have an interview to conduct, but not every day, sadly.

Admin: My sleep schedule is pretty crazy, but regardless of when I wake up (it ranges from 9am-6pm) I tend to begin by checking out our content schedule and seeing what needs to be posted or prepared for today. I tend to do a lot of shuffling and changing around, but we always end up putting out at least one post a day! After that, I go through my Slack messages and talk with my team members about problems or ideas, and also talk with the rest of the marketing team about our plans. There's always messages from other staff members outside my team too regarding different topics. I also tend to reply to comments and messages on our accounts. From there on, each day varies a lot! There's always meetings regarding different topics, certain updates or projects which I need to give my input on, or specific tasks to work on. For example, right now I'm busy helping to coordinate all the prizes and rewards with our recent Heroes of Gwen tournament. There's never a dull day and there's always so much going on!



MINEPLEX STATISTICS

BY: ICEFALL

Here are our monthly statistics from across the network!

Build Team

Total maps on Mineplex: 385
Most live maps by a builder: Dutty with 27
Game with most maps: Skywars with 25
Number of blocks in Tartarus: 238,717

Total Staff Team

Admins: 8
Sr. Mods: 76
Mods: 136
Trainees: 21
Builders/Mappers/Build Leads: 18

Miscellaneous (totals in July, taken July 26)

Top Skywars Wins: chansyy at 731
Top Skywars Kills: chansyy at 3,956
Top Gems Earned (Skywars): chansyy at 323,916
Top Gems Earned (Global): ToxicBlu at 697,958
/reports Handled: 39,531

This month you'll also have a chance to request stats you'd like to see featured in the next Newsletter! **Submit them here:** <https://goo.gl/forms/loysanYt9cYRH1k03>

PROMOTIONS/RESIGNATIONS

BY: KANEBRIDGE

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.

Resignations

PC

July 2nd - MissSuperCrafter
July 6th - 99LightMan
July 10th - heyyoitsjayo (Social Media)
July 10th - Enlighten
July 11th - DeMotD
July 11th - TheChessMaster (Mod Coordination)
July 13th - Arcrean (Clans Management)
July 13th - NeonDarkness711
July 14th - Snowflake_ (Trainee Management)
July 14th - SophiaRose
July 15th - coolrach
July 18th - Blast (Social Media)
July 18th - Weird_Laughter
July 19th - GarrettTheFaux (Mod Coordination)
July 19th - Juliannaa
July 28th - Ausssi
July 29th - Ashlyn (Mod Coordination)
July 30th - ElmosWorld

PE

July 1st - jtdaepicgamer

Reinstatements

July 7th - Arisela & xAbbiex
July 29th - PinkCherry & Bacon_CaNT_PvP

Promotions:

PC Trainee

July 7th - InfinityStone & Spiralex
July 14th - Cowieh
July 21st - TAP is canceled
July 29th - Hunter, BigAroha, Flaym, Meami, Niiicck

PC Mod

July 1st - Live_minty
July 8th - laama18671
July 8th - iFrutified
July 8th - eclatant
July 15th - Kenyun
July 15th - Pingings
July 15th - Pritt
July 22nd - Hydreigon1364
July 22nd - Plqne
July 22nd - SquirrelFlight05
July 29th - kevithebear
July 29th - KingShook

PE

July 22nd - ThinkPuppy

Senior Mod

July 10th - ThinkPuppy, xApolloJustice, Its_Tims, Cyzn, Razergaming14 (PE Quality Assurance)
July 11th - EmmaGrill (Mod Coordination)
July 21st - Dulciloquy (Mod Coordination)

Builders

July 9th - Torez

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: SNOWYKITTY

Are you ready to play your favorite newsletter game again? Guess the Location is back once again, ready to get you thinking! It's very simple if you haven't played before. We'll provide you with a screenshot from our main lobby and you guess where it was taken from to win a prize. Three people who guess it correctly will be randomly selected and will be awarded two Mythical Chests each. Are you ready to get guessing?

Do you think you know where the following screenshot was taken?



Submit your guesses here!
<https://goo.gl/forms/1pIRAutXt1yzapoo2>

Congrats to our winners from last month!
Daxa
hOpefully
JAJD

Sit tight and we'll send you your chests very soon.

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STAFF BIOS



iPBJSammich: Heyo! I'm iPBJSammich, and I've been a staff member on Mineplex since June 2015, and am currently on the Karaoke Host and Newsletter Teams. SSM, as always, is my favorite game on the network. Don't be afraid to say hello, I don't bite!



Tortelett: Hi! I am a moderator on the Newsletter, Media Team, and Build Team Media! I am in charge of designing and assembling all the written articles and images into this newsletter and making everything look pretty. Hope you enjoyed reading it!



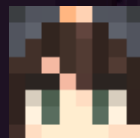
SuspiciOus: Hi there, I'm SuspiciOus! I enjoy writing, reading, and technology. I'm currently a Sr.Mod that works in the Quality Assurance division for the Mineplex Pocket Edition and PC servers.



Kanebridge: Hello I'm Kanebridge otherwise known as Kane, I am a Senior Mod on Mod Coordination! In my free time; I love drawing, playing instruments and sports, and writing. I'm always on Teamspeak so feel free to say hi :D



Icefall: Hiya, I'm Ice! I'm a Sr. Mod on Social Media and currently manage the Newsletter team. Hope you enjoyed this issue and feel free to message me on the forums with any questions/concerns.



hazeae24: Hello! My name is Haze! I've been a staff member since January 8, 2016. I love reading and writing all forms of literature. I love interacting with players so if you see me around make sure to say hi!



RavenWings: Hello! My name is Raven, and I was originally part of Newsletter as the first batch ever when it initially was added as a subteam. Alongside with being on Community Management, am excited to be working on this team once again as a writer.



EmmaGrill: Ello! My name is Emma, and I'm a 15 year old book addict. I'm currently a part of eight different subteams at Mineplex as a Moderator. In my spare time I enjoy doing competitive archery and playing the flute. If you see me around feel free to say hello!



lav: Hi, I'm lav. Currently, I'm a member of the Media Team, Build Team Media, and YT Council. I love to create content whether that be through writing, art, or editing.

STAFF BIOS



Its_Hippo: Heyaaa I'm Its_Hippo, I'm a Sr. Mod on #SocialMedia the best team! I'm also a writer and editor for the Newsletter and am on a variety of subteams. Also an Adele Superfan and am insanely obsessed with RuPauls Drag Race. Feel free to chat with me about anything Drag Race related or just pop in and say hi! :) (Bring some teal!)



Loofii: Hey y'all, I'm Loofii! I'm a Mineplex Mod. My favorite game is Speed Builders, with Team Skywars as a close second. I like dancing, writing, and I'm a huge fan of Troye Sivan and Hayley Kiyoko. If you see me ingame, be sure to say hi!



Runkia: Heya! I'm Runkia, a writer and/or editor for the team. I'm bubbly and got plenty to say, so feel free to hit me up with any issues or if you wanna talk. My favourite games on Mineplex have to be Skywars and Bomb Lobbers. I'm also really into drawing digitally and coding!



SnowyKitty: Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Moderator here on Mineplex. 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!

