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# MINEPLEX COMPETITIVE LEAGUE!

BY: GEOGRAPHIES

Throughout the past year, the craze over the Mineplex Competitive League (MCL) has escalated higher and higher, and the league has expanded greatly. Currently, the MCL offers competition in multiple gamemodes and manages multiple Discord servers for the competitive community. To get some more insight on the MCL, I was lucky enough to interview Caameronn, a former Cake Wars Competitive League (CWCL) Referee and current CWCL player!

## What is the Mineplex Competitive League?

The Mineplex Competitive League consists of several gamemodes from the server. Currently, there are the Champions, Cake Wars, Bridges, and Minestrike Competitive Leagues. Within these leagues, the basic ranks consist of: game hosts, referees, media, and management. Hosts will host the required scrimmages or other matches necessary in their MPS'. Referees will make sure that players are following the rules and will freeze players that are deemed suspicious. Media are users who commentate on streams, host streams, or just work with overall content within that league. Each league has matches that are streamed/recorded YouTube so that the entire community can watch! The MCL is extremely diverse and there is always new stuff being added. If you don't like one league, you could always try out a different one. Everything and everyone is unique and it is definitely a great experience! No matter which league players decide to participate in, or for how long, they'll surely enjoy it.

## Why do you feel so many players enjoy the MCL?

To me, it seems like MCL has brought something more exciting and interesting to the table. A lot of people tend to get bored of just playing Bridges as it is, or whatever other mode that the competitive league covers. However, in their respected league, players can create their own team, recruit others, play in scrimmages, try out for the staff positions, brainstorm new play styles, and so much more. The MCL keeps these gamemode from getting boring. Whether it be hard work to get into the playoffs, recruiting players to join your team, or even being busy with hosting/refing games. I haven't questioned how MCL has gained so much popularity. I knew from the first time I joined. Players enjoy being competitive and winning, and that's what keeps it active.

## How can players participate in the MCL?

Players can join in and be active in several ways. Each team and league has their own Discord, as well as the main MCL one. You can always chat in those and become active there. You can lead a team, and start participating that way. You could even become a member of a team and just be active within your team at games or in chats. You can become a referee, media member, or host to help with the oversight and helping out with the league itself. Overall, there are so many ways to help out or become active within the MCL.

A big thank you goes out to Caameronn for answering our questions, and the Newsletter wishes the entire MCL good luck within their respected leagues!



# SUPPORT TEAM OVERVIEW!

BY: SNOWYKITTY

The Support Team handles the tickets that are sent in through [mineplex.com/support](https://mineplex.com/support). Whether these tickets are about issues with purchases, general questions about Mineplex, or anything else that comes their way, they're always there to help! Each situation is something new, yet the Support Team is always up to the task. Two of these friendly staff members answered a few questions about their personal experience on Support.

**How long have you been a Support member?**

**Crumplex:** Since December 2016 so about a year and a half now.

**Toki:** Since December 13th 2017.

**What do you enjoy about Support?**

**Crumplex:** I really like helping people, and that's what the team is all about. It's nice making users happy by solving or helping them with issues. It's also a really fun job that offers good experience for the future.

**Toki:** I enjoy being able to just generally be able to make a positive impact on our customers and community. It makes me feel content knowing that someone got their rank issue fixed, or that someone was able to get through a frustrating time because of me. :)

**What do you do besides your work on Support?**

**Crumplex:** I'm also a Sr.Mod on the social media team. I manage the media team as well. We make all the graphics you see on our social media pages. I also make the Mineplex official skins you see in the Minecraft Bedrock shop.

**Toki:** Besides Support, I'm the Staff Management Lead & Mentoring Lead for Staff Management. Basically I watch over all of the Staff Management members alongside Dean, and all of the Trainees & Moderators. I make sure that everyone is active, behaving to standards, and having a great time on the staff team! I also mentor my own group of staff members that I call Tacos and I love them all so much! I'm also a long-term member of the Rules Committee team, where I help form/enforce rules and help out by answering questions from the staff team / community on rule related questions/issues.

**What was your original impression of the Support Team when you first became active on the network? Did you think you'd want to join it?**

**Crumplex:** I didn't actually know Support was a team until I became a staff member. At the time it was just a Sr.Mod team. When I became a helper in 2014 I found out about it and knew that's what I wanted to join. Unfortunately it was also the hardest team to join it seemed. But I never gave up trying :)

**Toki:** I've always loved helping people in general, so going towards support was something that I knew I had to at least try to do, after experiencing great support from previous support members personally myself. I had been working towards / have had my eyes set on Support since I first learnt my way around the network & staff team which was almost 4 years ago now!

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF!

BY: COWIEH

Each day every one of us experiences something new. Of course, being a staff member on Mineplex guarantees quite an interesting spectrum of things to encounter every day. In this month's edition of "A Day In the Life Of", three wonderful members of the Mineplex staff team stepped up to describe their day-to-day duties on the staff team.

## GrandpaNguyen

Hi, I'm GrandpaNguyen, and I am currently a Moderator on the Mineplex Network. Most people know me as the homework guy who likes to help others on their homework. On the daily, I try to moderate the server as much as I can. If you see me in game, I'm usually spectating a game whilst sipping on my coffee. I try to moderate during the day if I can, but I usually have work too. I do a lot of moderating at night, especially after seeing the statistics of where each staff member is from. I noticed a lot are from the US and they're usually asleep at night so I stay up until 5 am watching over the server. When I wake up, I make a cup of coffee in my giant Big Hero 6 cup (it's more like 3 cups, haha). I then check Slack and Discord for any messages, whether it's players asking me for help with homework, or just messages on the Mineplex discord. Then, if I don't have to go into my factory to work, I get on Mineplex and moderate the server. To my liking, I task myself with learning English, French, and my native language, Vietnamese. I'm also starting to learn German and I'm getting Italian. (Although I only know how to say I am a boy from watching Pinocchio.) I practice my calculus, algebra, and geometry. Right now, I'm reading a book on metallurgy to build a collapsible sword like Corvo's blade in Dishonored. During the night, I normally make a cup of coffee again and pick up my tortoise Claire from her tank; she'd fall asleep on my lap as I'm watching over the server and drinking my coffee. At times, I'd get off and either grab something to eat and watch a show or parts of a movie and then get back on and moderate until the sun comes up. Then I sometimes take my tortoise to the top of my roof and watch the sun rise in the morning. Then I'd come down fall asleep somewhere around 5 am to 8 am and then go to work after I wake up.

## Razergaming14

Hey! I'm Razergaming14, and I am apart of the Quality Assurance team on the Mineplex Network. My daily duties include working to improve the quality of updates and locate bugs throughout the network. In the morning, Slack notifications are the first thing I have my mind on. I never know what kind of announcements or messages I could wake up to. One of the most important things I try to get done each day are checking and replying to my private messages. I like to clear those as soon as possible so people aren't waiting too long for a response from me. After replying to important direct messages, I then focus my work on processing bug reports on the forums, processing GWEN threads, and searching for hackers. After I have completed the most important pieces of work I'm assigned to, I usually find myself doing things that I enjoy, such as fishing and going to parties when I'm not doing Mineplex work. After the sun sets, I finish off my night by blasting music really loud to get in a sleepy mood.

# FILL IN THE STAFF MEMBER!

BY: SUSPICIOUS

Switch on your creative hats and grab your list of staff members because today we have a special writing challenge for you all! It's sort of like Mad Libs with a Mineplex twist to it. The rules are simple: in this game, fill in the username of a staff member of your choice. We want you to take the short story below, and fill in the gaps with the name of a current staff member you feel best fits in the sentence. Your submissions will be recorded in the form provided and the winner(s) will be featured in next month's Newsletter! Have at it!

Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am just your average Mineplexian, but one day I hope to be the best \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. I have been trained for years by \_\_\_\_\_, the staff member on Mineplex. My friend John was walking with a \_\_\_\_\_ hack enabled the other day, when out of nowhere came a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him. Apparently, it was the \_\_\_\_\_ one he had ever seen! He said she was about as \_\_\_\_\_ as GWEN's beams! Luckily, he made a new \_\_\_\_\_, because everybody knows \_\_\_\_\_ can't get past that. My dream is to one day be a \_\_\_\_\_. Sadly for me, being a \_\_\_\_\_ is hard, especially since those \_\_\_\_\_ Mods always \_\_\_\_\_ me. I wonder how they do it. I bet they get all the power from their \_\_\_\_\_. Oh no, there's a Moderator now! I better \_\_\_\_\_ away!!!

Submit your entry here: <https://goo.gl/forms/sKcGhHGm6l4FOPY82>



# 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

June 14 - MCCharity

### Java Trainee

June 2 - Asorain, TeaSpiller, \_H2O

June 9 - reallytired, Cerdax, \_\_Reign\_\_

June 23 - Augend, Joiined

### Bedrock Trainee

June 2 - DiddyYT, SenpaiApp

June 23 - PandaFyre

### Java Mod

June 2 - Acroo, iNewo, Enlightun

June 9 - Honnah, Ralfiee

June 16 - iFooty, French\_Kangaroo

June 23 - Spoiler, \_H2O

June 30 - Chron

### Bedrock Mod

June 30 - FabianTuck

### Java Sr. Mod

June 23 - \_H2O (Recruitment)

June 25 - wattywatty14, YikesMan (Forum Ninja)

## Resignations:

June 2 - Miao Zaki

June 3 - tco

June 7 - RiverMint

June 7 - \_Jillian (Forum Ninja)

June 15 - Cmelvard (Builder)

June 16 - Cerdax

June 16 - sugrbun

June 18 - Fireflydestroyer

June 21 - Hzlo

June 21 - KingCrazy\_ (Quality Assurance Lead)

June 21 - Drahco (Quality Assurance)

June 21 - Icebarge

June 22 - Geographies

June 25 - SimplyBrandon

June 26 - xAbbiex (Events Squad)

June 29 - laulau209

June 29 - Bradster124

June 30 - Assassind312  
(Recruitment, Staff Management)

# GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: THEGRANDMASTER

June is finally coming to a close, along with the many exams and school assignments that this term has brought us. Now that everyone has more free time on their hands, Mineplex is now bringing you the next edition of Guess the Location to ease your boredom!

Just to clarify for those who are new to Guess the Location, we will explain how the game works. A screenshot is taken in the main hub of Mineplex and it is your job to guess where the location of that screenshot is. Along with this game being engaging for many community members, prizes are awarded to those who can successfully Guess the Location! There will be three winners who will receive a prize of two Mythical Treasures each. These prizes will be announced in the next edition of Guess the Location in July, and the winners will receive their prizes then.

Let's have a look at the screenshot for this month's Guess the Location:



Please submit your guess using this form: <https://goo.gl/CjnFgb> Good luck!

On that note, it is now time to announce the winners of Guess the Location for May!

Congratulations to:

MCCharity

Oppr

Satiated

You three will receive your prizes shortly.



# CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: KAYLAINE

Caption The Image has returned once again because it's now June's end and July's beginning! Caption the Image has very understandable rules: players are given the opportunity to caption an image we provide. The caption can either be silly, precisely detailed, or something else related to the image shown below. If the caption is the best, you will be featured in the next Newsletter edition!

For July, let's take a quick glance at this screenshot. There seems to be a late night pool party and a stand for food, drinks, and swim wear. The odd part is, well, there are a ton of rabbits instead of people!



Any caption ideas flashing through your mind? Go for it! Don't be scared to submit it here: <https://goo.gl/forms/H0Q6cW9ZN98xZ0152>

In June, a wide variety of captions were submitted, and the ones we chose to feature are below! It brought quite a lot of laughter. Here is last month's image:



"When your squad dress the same" -PandaFyre  
"Khajit has wares if you have Shard." -Notaker

# SUMMER ART COLLAGE!

BY: SNOWYKITTY



Featured artists:  
CCozy, Campine, Achiived, SuizeLove,  
omorii, skullxy, cxlliope, Rinn



# NEWSLETTER STAFF BIOS



**TorteleTT:** Hi I made the pdf this month also. Snowy told me to use the old logo.



**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.



**SnowyKitty:** Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Java 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!



**sm\_awesome:** Heya! I'm sm\_awesome, and I'm a moderator here on Mineplex. In addition to being a writer and editor for the newsletter, I'm also on the Feedback Team, Ideas Team, and Translations Team. If you see me around, don't be afraid to say hi – I (usually) don't bite!



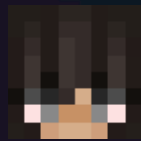
**TheGrandmaster:** Hey! I'm the one and only grandmaster. I'm a moderator on Mineplex on the Java platform. I'm presently in two sub-teams; Recruiter Assistance and Newsletter. Feel free to message me on the forums or friend me in-game if you require assistance!



**Cowieh:** Heyo! My name is Cowie, but you can call me Evan. I am currently a Mineplex Moderator on the Java platform. In my free time, I enjoy knitting, crocheting, and of course, writing! If you ever see me in-game, don't be afraid to say hello!



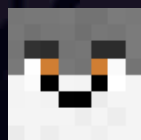
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**Emiliee:** Hey, my name is Emilie! I'm a Mineplex Legend and a writer for the Newsletter. I'm also a previous Social Media Sr.Mod. Outside of Mineplex, I love to travel, create art, and go out with friends. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Newsletter!



**Geographies:** HeIIIIloooo there! I'm Geographies, but many people call me Geo or Isaac. I'm currently an ex-staff member that worked on many sub-teams, ranging from QAT to FM. I'm both a writer and an editor here at the Newsletter, and absolutely love it! Always feel free to say hello to me if we cross paths!



**HuskieALS:** Hey! I'm Huskie and am a Sr.Mod on Staff Management and Recruitment! I'm also the MA and StM Documents Manager. 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!

