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## Art Spotlight!

Here is where we take time to showcase some really amazing works of art from the past month found in the Mineplex Art section. We really appreciate the amount of people involved in the art aspect of Mineplex, and we encourage you to continue to post your wonderful art for us to enjoy. Thank you and here is this month's art showcase, featuring

[Yamileth S!](#)

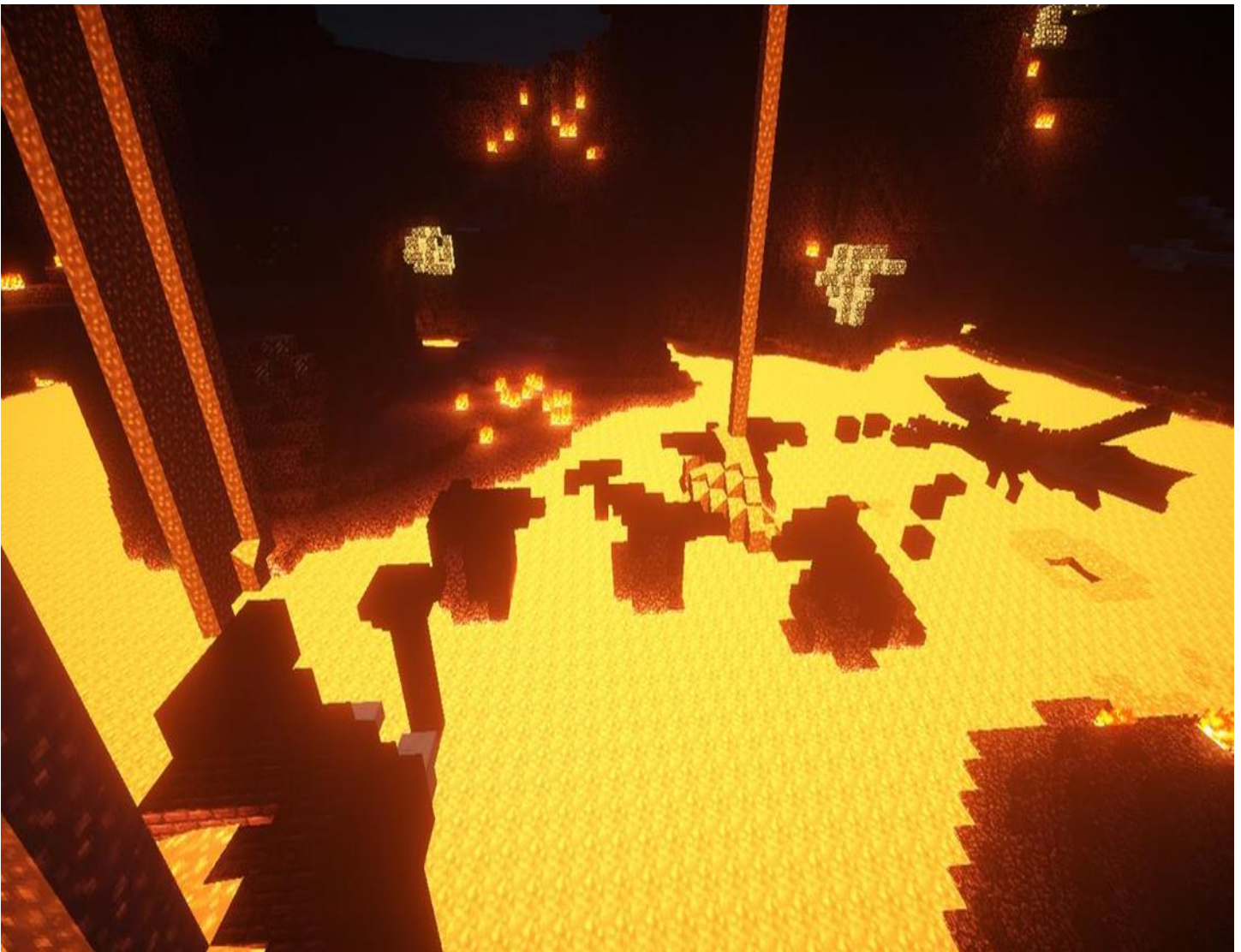


- Found by Redicebergz



## Screenshot of the Month!

Every month the forums are searched and searched, until finally, we come upon the **greatest treasure** of all. Screenshot of the month! We have all had moment were something incredible, almost unbelievable happens, but we just can't seem to get a screenshot in time. Well these people did. Introducing [HasanxGames'](#) Screenshot of the Month!



- Written by Redicebergz

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There was recently an update to UHC, based off of community feedback. This update covers different areas to make sure gameplay is more fluent, fair and easy to use. Some key changes were: UHC games are now playable at all times; Teaming with friends is now much easier; Maps are randomly generated every game; Borders are now 1.8 borders, speed up throughout the game.

I know for a fact that changes to the map generation were needed and a lot of the community called out for it; this now makes the game much more fair and gives players who are newer and before had little chance an actual chance to win the game. This is a big step in the right direction for Mineplex UHC and has made gameplay much more fair.

The change to 1.8 signals the end for people playing on versions before 1.8 but this can be seen as more of a positive generally. This can encourage players to switch over to a newer version and get the opportunity to explore other games that use 1.8 like Survival Games. This also allows a cool new border that speeds up as the game goes along.

However, in my eyes the best update out of all of these are the new changes to teaming. You can now right-click a player to ask to team with them, or if you cannot locate them, you can use the `/team` command. This has made things MUCH easier for players wanting to play with friends, and is another step in the right direction for UHC.

- Written by xSolt
- Art drawn by SuperJenBot

# Change!

## Server Change Information

Our development team has been smaller than those of other large Minecraft servers. Because of this, Mineplex has begun a program for Junior Developers, Developers under the age of eighteen, who work alongside Mineplex Developers to make games and correct bugs. In other recent news, Mineplex has reached an online player record of forty-thousand players on at the same time! With more players, of course, more games are necessary to support the greater population.

Thus, the Mineplex development team has introduced a new game: Mineplex Skywars! Mineplex's edition of the popular Skywars, created by one of the new Junior Devs, has its own unique kits, such as Mad Scientist, capable of throwing creature-spawning eggs, and destructor, the achievement kit from Bridges, able to throw seismic charges to rip apart floating islands.



Each island provides sufficient resources to create a bow, arrows, and a diamond sword, permitting players to charge to the middle or hang back and combat from a range: a choice of strategies. Be sure to check it out and fight to the death in this new survival deathmatch game!

Up and coming is the highly-anticipated Champions: Clans. Chiss made a brief announcement about the coming of Clans and the manner in which it will function. Players will be sorted into different realms, in which a blend of survival factions with Champions will provide a rich gameplay experience. There are few details available concerning Clans at the moment, but keep your eyes open to find out more about this exciting game: coming out soon.

- Written by Kian



# Block Hunt

Out with the old and in with the new? No thank you! I don't know about you, but Block Hunt will forever be one of the best games. Did you know Block Hunt was released in November of 2013? It happens to be one of the oldest games here on Mineplex and yet never gets boring!

The basics of game for hiders is to pick a block to hide as throughout the game. Crazy right? Who would have ever thought that hiders actually hide? As a hider, there are four different kits a player can choose from. Hiders are provided with a speed axe, a bow, unlimited amount of meows, and five fireworks. While playing this game, the hiders can even change it up a bit and keep picking different blocks or even animals a certain amount of times, depending what kit you are, to confuse the hunters.

As a hunter, the player's responsibility is to try and catch the hiders who think they are so very sneaky. Watch out though, the hiders can stand a chance at killing hunters just as well and escape. As a hunter, you can choose from three different kits. You can either navigate the hiders by listening to pace of the ticker, blowing them up with TNT, or leaping to the hiders to catch up with them when they may be running away. Some tips for hunters is that you should start off by looking for the hiders who are blasting fireworks, making loud meow sounds, or look in areas that that have multiple identical blocks placed together with.

[What side will you lead to victory?](#)

- Written by okayizzy

- Art drawn by Liza



# Literature: Poem



Two mages standing tall on the field, a division by spells that a wizard may yield, chasing one another from dusk to dawn, across the way from where they spawn, galloping on two legs as soldiers of magic, to achieve victory is grand yet it can be tragic, even though the end could be near, now is not the time for despair or fear, they brave the desolation, against possible immolation, from waves of relation, caused by a brief exclamation, it's sweeping the nation, taking over from vacation, and perhaps if you station, your wand could breed creation, but that doesn't always come so fast, Wizards isn't about who comes first; it's about who stays last.

- Written by Banksy
- Art drawn by Crumplex

# Inspirational Quote

"Don't forget where you've been, but never lose how, no matter who you were then, it matters who you are now."

- Written by Banksy



SOTM

*Featuring: A3R*

# Interview



For the month of June, A3R (current Senior Moderator on the Mod Coordination team) has been chosen as the Staff of the Month. Having been on the staff team for six months, he told me that he “was told by BlueBeetleHD, and pulled me into his office, and actually pranked me by saying I got a report. He failed at doing it so it was pretty fun.”

“I was amazed because I feel like I do normal stuff that normal staff members should do, so I don’t feel like I was special. So I was confused, but very happy and very amazed,” he says, explaining how he first reacted to the news of this achievement.

Along with being on the Mod Coordination, A3R participates in and manages the Performance Monitoring Team, Newsletter team, and the Documents team. As the Newsletter team and the Performance Monitoring Team are rather well known, he describes his jobs in the Documents team, “For documents, I create documents for general moderation, Mod Coordination and other teams.” Along with that, for Newsletter team, he organized the Newsletter that the members of the team write, and formats them into the final product, while the plug.dj team, is spent managing all the recruitment details and the events, were are advertised on the home page of the website.

What he likes best about Mineplex? “The community has really grown a lot from me being a member to being a staff member, the whole time, the community has grown a lot which is awesome to see.” Outside of Mineplex, he spends his time listening to music, plays tennis and, as he lives near the beach, enjoys going with his friends to do boating and such.

- Written by RavenWings
- Art drawn by MeowingBlazingers



# Trivia

## Trivia Time

Did you know...

that golden swords do as much damage as an iron sword in Survival Games, due to a holdover from Champions, in which booster swords do as much damage as iron?

Did you know...

that you can click on the green text in a party request to join the party, instead of using the command? It will save some time if you are short on it.

- Written by Kian
- Art by Crumplex

# Advice

From, Anonymous:

I've exceeded the tips to be more mature for my Mineplex application, yet I still am denied for being too young. What do I do?

Answer by, A3R:

The Applications team goes more off maturity than age. So, the best way to prove that your age is not a good representation of your maturity is just to help the community and present yourself in a mature fashion.

From, RaginAtMehSkills:

How can you make time fly? I'm waiting to go to camp, and its 39 more days until I get to go. How can I make that time feel like it was a week (aka short)?

Answer by, A3R:

Get into a T.V show on Netflix or something. Or, you could obviously just play Mineplex, a lot!



- Art drawn by Liza

# Master Builders

Firstly, you may be wondering what Master Builders actually is. Master Builders is a creative game where players can show off their building (and time-keeping) talents. The players in the game are given 5 minutes to build something awesome that fits in with the theme, and at the end of the time limit, players can vote on each other's vote to determine which one was the best.

In my eyes, this game is AWESOME. Sure, I sucked at it, and I ended off my first few games in the bottom 3, but as soon as I needed to build a ninja, I was going straight for first place (my skin is a ninja, I needed to make sure I won for my kind)... I may or may not have come second. Anyway, enough about me failing, the game itself is the better topic. The game really allows players to show off creative talents and have a lot of fun during doing so. The 5 minute time limit makes sure gameplay is rapid, but gives just about enough time for you to make some good-quality small builds. The wide range of themes means that you won't be getting the same theme all the time, and the changes in maps means you won't be getting the same surroundings all the time.

There is one kit in the game, the builder kit, which is certainly OP. I mean, you can fly, place blocks, choose any type of block, and get to play this awesome game. That has to be overpowered, right? All in all, the game provides a great opportunity for friends to have fun and build against each other to determine who can, and who definitely cannot draw!

- Written by xSolt

# <CLANS>

Champions is one of Mineplex's most popular minigames! It currently includes two game modes: Domination and Team Deathmatch. And now, coming from the dark ages of Mineplex, in the depths of its history, is a third gamemode! One of the most widely anticipated in the community; Champions : Clans!

Not much is known about Clans. However, certain aspects of the gameplay for this gamemode can be discovered from the original version of Clans. Different realms will provide an expansive world. A clan, essentially a complex faction, can be founded on a realm, and can construct a fortress in its home world. This clan can then venture into other realms to make war on its foes. Warriors of these clans gather materials as one would in survival mode, and they can forge their own armor and select Champions skills in enchantment tables. Legendary weaponry with special abilities and statistics will bring true champions into the great wars of this game. Because of new players constantly joining and being outmatched by the supplies of larger clans, Clans realms will periodically reset.

In the initial release of Clans, only Legends and staff will be able to participate in testing. However, lower ranked players should remain patient, because they will be able to play this exciting new gamemode as soon as it is finalized. Clans will come soon, so remain patient but excited for the release of this amazing new edition of a Champions gamemode.



- Written by Kian
- Art drawn by SuperJenBot



# Community Events

## MineSkits Event

The event was crazy fun and everyone there stated that they had a blast. This event could probably hold the record for the most twerking there ever was on Minecraft history. In this event, there was a dance off between two people, an unforgettable performance of the Nae Nae, and an amazing performance of the song “Fireworks.” There were hilarious jokes being told ranging from Minecraft logic to silly puns. There even was a live performance from SpongeBob singing “Goofy Goober Rocks” with a special guest appearance of Plankton! To end it off the winner of this event was announced to be TheFuzzyHead.

TheFuzzyHead had three very emotional performances. He sang to us the ABC’s, he counted numbers, and he read the story of *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* while slow and very peaceful music played in the background. To sum it up, this event was a huge blast and if you so happen to be reading this, you don’t want to miss out on this event the next time it happens!

- Written by Okayizzy

## Plug.Dj

Did you know Mineplex has their own officially dedicated Plug.DJ room? You can check it out at [plug.dj/mineplex-official](https://plug.dj/mineplex-official)! The most recent Event, planned by A3R, was called Woot-A-Palooza. In this high-pace competition, all users play their favorite songs, and the users that played the songs that received the most Woots from the community were giving special prizes on the Mineplex Server. Events come out every month, so be sure to check the Events Calendar for more information!



- Written by A3R

- Art done by Tort

# things to do this summer

## Cooking

“Summer is a time of fun and excitement, so why not let your taste buds join the party by learning how to cook? Summer is a wonderful time to take up this excellent hobby since it’s the time of year when you have the most free time! This way, you can perfect your cooking skills, and cook delectable dishes. I hope you decide to take up cooking as just one of the many cool things you can do in the summer!”

Proficient\_ (Mineplex Trainee)

## Watching Movies

“Over the summer, I like to see some movies with friends. It is a load of fun, and you get to see all the cool new movies, such as Jurassic World. It is relaxing and fun, you can sit there and watch the latest cool films, whilst eating, or hanging out with friends and/or family!”

ironmanmatt2000 (Mineplex Moderator)

## Playing / Writing Music

“Well, I consider myself a singer / songwriter so my hobbies consist a lot on that. I focus a lot on my music and play three instruments: piano, guitar and the ukulele. Learning to play an instrument or writing music is something I would suggest for the summer. It is a good stress reliever (especially writing). You also have the time in the summer that you didn't have before to learn to play an instrument or write a song.”

ItsJP\_ (Mineplex Moderator)

## Kayaking and Canoeing

“Need ideas for stuff to do over the summer? Try a hobby of mine: canoeing or kayaking! All you need to do is look for a sizeable river, and a hire shop, then you are good! It is not hugely costly, sociable if you go with friends, and a great fun! Why not bring a packed lunch and snack on the other side, before your return? Great exercise, a chance to get out of the house, and especially enjoyable in good weather!”

Protex08 (Mineplex Moderator)

## Going to the beach

“Personally, I like to go to the beach, and sun bathe on the boardwalk. There’s always something to do at the beach, such as riding the waves, and also building sand castles! Get some ice cream at the concession stand, or play volleyball with your friends! Laying down, and listening to the waves crash down on the sand is a relaxing sound. If you love the sun and the water, the beach is definitely for you.”

Scharf (Mineplex Moderator)

- Written by RavenWings

# Skywars is here!



The ageless idea of PvP in the sky has finally made its way to Mineplex. Things may not sound as they seem, for the Mineplex development team has added some extra aspects to the game. Players now have a wide range of classes to choose from based on their strategy type, plus an addition to bring fun “TNT battles” into the game.

If you are not aware of how it is played, it’s basically a game where you (and 15 other players on Mineplex) are spawned on separate mini-islands. It is then your task to gather the weapons, armor, and materials from your chest and become king of the islands. You will want to attempt to get to the middle of the map as soon as possible, because there awaits more chests, enchanting tables, and TNT! Be careful though, because other players can easily knock you off the island and make you fall into the void. If you wish to stay back at your island and gather materials such as diamonds and craft bows, that works too, it just depends on how you want to play. Be warned, for the map crumbles 3.5 minutes after the game starts, as in Micro Battles by the way it makes the map smaller and pushes the players closer to the center. There are also powerful zombies in the middle protecting the TNT that spawns every so often. Make sure to kill the zombies for good items such as armor, better weapons, and mushroom stew for regeneration in combat.

Skywars is the true battle of aerial wit and strategy, and is enjoyable for all. With a reasonable framerate compared to other games because there aren’t many blocks within the render distance, it is a widely playable game even for people who might normally get a bad framerate. I hope you all enjoy Mineplex’s newest game addition. Have fun!

- Written by Redicebergz

## Admin

### Q&A:

Guess what’s coming back again. Admin Q and A’s will be back, tell a friend! That’s right, the

Admin Q and A is coming back, so be prepared to ask your favorite admins some things you have always wanted to know!



- Written by Okayizzy

- Art drawn by Liza

## ~June Promotions~

Date Promoted	Staff's IGN	Position Promoted To	Sr. Mod Team
6/5/2015	Meow	<b>Moderator</b>	
	Chiss		
	GamerzKing		
	TheGreat60lolo		
	TidalWinds		
	Fency		
	JoeMaster_		
	KevinBoba		
	Kurby4TW		
	nibs13		
	ryan2849		
	Silica		
	TBRFLUFFY		
	TheMegaTony		
	Tovex_		
	Windforce		
	xTimis		
	Sven		<b>Sr. Moderator</b>
	Yasmine		Trainee Management
	Inertia_		Trainee Management
	JackAddaway		Mod Coordination
	LTHesh		Mod Coordination
	Whiztech		Mod Coordination
6/12/15	3vandg	<b>Moderator</b>	
	DWJosh		
	hippapajo		
	Hot_Tati		
	Jlogaming		
	Mistr_		
	Mullet_		
	Natumakie		
	Peshov		
	Phoenix8888		
	pikachomp		





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Date Promoted	Staff's IGN	Position Promoted To	Sr. Mod Team
6/26/2015	Loneh Lazylegz29 MystiQueyQ Naidemoc Nicolee_ Peir StackOverflown Wiicky 2ill177 WillFunkyTown Wolfninja122 xLouis ZacGamesMC	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/29/2015	Atta iDan_ Keksii RedstoneSnorlax ShadowHunter	<b>Moderator</b>	
7/5/2015	Diar	<b>Administrator</b>	Staff Recruitment
7/5/2015	RustyRoo	<b>Head Of Staff</b>	Staff Team

# Retired Staff

Date Retired	Staff's IGN	Position Retired From	Former Sr. Mod Team
6/1/2015	Aaron_	<b>Administrator</b>	Media Team
6/2/2015	OminousAura Quote_Mark seamusdean	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/4/2015	NoHacks _TwizzlerZ_	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/5/2015	xDairyKing	<b>Sr. Moderator</b>	Mod Coordination
6/6/2015	Punch	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/7/2015	Bawk Cory Pr0d xJmaster	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/8/2015	Lectz Litona	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/9/2015	Pierrekitti ShadowChicken46 Sleep VortexSenpai	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/9/2015	Ellioott	<b>Sr. Moderator</b>	Server Management
6/10/2015	iDan_ Kippy	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/11/2015	PrxmtY	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/12/2015	CuteKittyCat	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/14/2015	EvilElectro Labrdr_	<b>Moderator</b>	

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Date Retired	Staff's IGN	Position Retired From	Former Sr. Mod Team
6/15/2015	Lew_	<b>Sr. Moderator</b>	Media Team
6/16/2015	jpalm	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/17/2015	xHav	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/18/2015	xCream	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/19/2015	Dooskee	<b>Head of Staff</b>	
6/20/2015	ImClearShot	<b>Sr. Moderator</b>	Trainee Management
6/23/2015	flybel	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/24/2015	Panda707 TutuRutuTuTu	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/25/2015	Skipp2kill	<b>Sr. Moderator</b>	Quality Assurance
6/28/2015	GabbageFilms Kingpinie SirPoshy Wiicky	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/29/2015	Moe	<b>Moderator</b>	
6/30/2015	Wrstler	<b>Moderator</b>	





# Looking Ahead To July

As the month of July comes upon us, new and recurring events and updates are arriving at our doorstep.

**Karaoke** has remained unchanged, EU's Karaoke occurring on Fridays, and US's on Saturday. Along with that, a fairly new event called "**Forum Activity Fever**" which is taking place on Tuesday, dedicated to giving the community on the forums a new forum activity every week. Another interesting event that is new is one called the "**TeamSpeak Hangout**", hosted to encourage interaction between the community. And we can't forget about the popular "**Trainee Acceptance Party**" every Friday, for weekly news and of course, accepting Trainees.

However, we have much more to look forward to this month. Already, in the beginning few days of the first week, we had a huge map release, with **47 new maps** in games like Super Smash Mobs, Castle Siege and Dragons Escape!

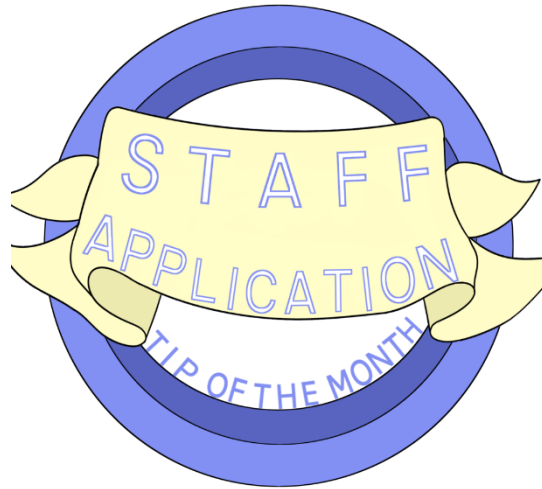
Quickly following it, an announcement about the new HOS and two admins. **RustyRoo**, **Diar** and **Relyh** all were promoted to their new positions in July. We wish them the best, and look forward for what they will give to Mineplex this July and the oncoming months of 2015.

A huge announcement about the **Mineplex: Pocket Edition** came out on July 4th. Still very early in development, there are massive plans to taking the Mineplex we know into a handheld device, but with major tweaks and changes. As it's still being created, there are not many details surrounding this app, but more information will definitely be released soon.

- [Written by RavenWings](#)

A 6-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A character with a blue square head and a pink shirt stands in a grassy field next to a small white dog. A large green tree is in the background. Panel 2: The character is looking down at a red cube on the ground. The dog is also looking at it. Panel 3: The character is holding a sword. Panel 4: The character is using the sword to cut a block. The text 'BLOCK' is written next to the block. Panel 5: The character is looking at a block on a cliff. The text 'You used cubstrike' is written next to the block. Panel 6: The character is looking at a block on a cliff. The text 'Poof' is written next to the block.

# Application Tip of the Month



The amount of applications we receive from our community is truly remarkable. Ranging from those with years of experience to those who wish to start a staffing journey here at Mineplex, all kinds of applicants are interested in the Trainee position. It's great that we have so many people interested in benefiting Mineplex.

However, we can't guarantee that all our applicants are going to make the cut. There is a lot of criteria necessary for applicants that must be met to make the bare minimum of our expectations. This month, we'll be focusing on in-game time as well as the knowledge of the Mineplex games. Let's get started with some recommendations the tips!

As a Trainee, all sorts of questions fly around the chat. From how to purchase ranks to how many coins the Bat Morph costs; it can be quite a struggle to keep up. On top of these common questions, players - newer ones in particular - may not have a sound knowledge of how the games work, even with the tips in the waiting lobby. So who do they turn to? Staff, of course.

Mineplex has many mini-games, most differentiating from each other significantly. Having a great knowledge of these games and how they work is something that falls under general helpfulness. Though you can direct a player to a welcome tutorial or to read the hints in the game lobby, explaining in detail what the game is/what certain kits do is something you should be able to do. We expect this from our staff. Plus, it's fun! Having a great understanding of the mini-games is very important. You can learn this by playing the games, reading the hints in the waiting lobbies and adapting to the gameplay style.

The Mineplex server always has a high number of players online. Mineplex is, by player base, the largest Minecraft server to date. We have had over 1.5 million votes on the Minecraft Server List! But not only that; Mineplex is home to over 25 games, with many cheerful players actively playing as we speak.

Because of our massive network, we require our staff to have a large amount of in-game time (2.1 days). This is so we can be sure our applicants have a great understanding of how our server works. With time comes experience. Additionally, the timeframe of in-game time can be varied. This includes games as well as lobbies. There isn't much of a tip we can give out for this; just go out there, be active, help and have fun!

- Written by Syrrup

- Art by RogueSteamPunker