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ETERNAL RANK!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

As Americans celebrated Thanksgiving, a new rank came along with the new updates! The Eternal rank was released on November 18th and there is a lot of speculation about this rank.

Obtainment

Rumors and videos swirl around the way to get the rank and there are currently two ways to get it! During the Thanksgiving update when they released the rank, they also released Thanksgiving chickens which are spawned throughout our game modes. You have a chance of getting the rank if you punch a chicken. Another way to obtain the rank is to purchase it in the shop.

Perks

Currently, Eternals can have up to sixty players in their MPS. The monthly bonus is an Omega Chest, two Illuminated Chests, and two Mythical Chests, rivaling the five Mythical Chest bonus of the Titans. You will also get a cyan tag (the old color of Trainee) in-game! Everyone will know if you win the rank because a message pops up server-wide! In lobbies, it will flash from day to night as the message vanishes. Communities can also be created by Eternals. The first taunt was also released where your character turns to bones as clocks spin and it's exclusive to this rank.



Earlier in November, Mineplex released a major update involving a variety of UHC changes and additions. To give you all feel for what happens behind the scenes, we decided to gather some information from the Developer who was responsible for these updates. Here is what the Developer, Moppletop, had to say:

"The main focus we had for this update was to fix to the best of our ability the lag and crashes the old UHC had. This meant creating a brand new system to generate the maps, how we do this is a bit of a secret. Once we had the new generation working well. It was then up to Sigils and UHC GI who came up with the ideas that UHC needed a Solo mode as well as a faster paced mode that didn't require as much time commitment.

"UHC was definitely a challenge to work on, there are a lot of differences between it and every other game on Mineplex which can prove a challenge in it's own right, not to mention trying to support 100 players on an individual game server. Overall the team and I are very happy with the update and appreciate the feedback of the community, one thing we definitely are thinking about is balancing out the achievements but that is undecided.

"As for me, I am currently working on a few very cool projects, one of which will be the biggest game in terms of scale that Mineplex has ever had. Make sure to keep an eye out for teasers."

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

BY: ICEFALL

Earth completes another trip around the sun, and all of its inhabitants are scrambling to get new calendars - welcome to 2017! This year, we've decided to bring the tradition of New Year's Resolutions to the Mineplex community. We asked players what goals they resolved to achieve, and compiled a list of several unique responses. Goal-setting can be very thought-provoking and time-consuming, so thank you all for your contributions and best of luck with your ambitions!

Eclatant: I joined the Mineplex community on May 2016. There were so many things I could do: become a Trainee, join community led groups, meet new people, and enjoy the experience. The possibilities are endless! For my 2017 New Year's Resolution, I have decided that I will become more involved with the community. This means that I will communicate more with other players and I will be assisting the community to the best of my ability. Since I am an underage applicant for Trainee, I will also dedicate my time to bypassing the age requirement. I believe that I can influence the community in a positive way. This concludes my New Year's Resolution! Happy New Year's to everyone!

desrever_: I have one big new year's resolution to give, and that is to stop procrastinating! Procrastinating has affected my life in many ways, but it mostly affects my schoolwork, and grades. I have seen straight A's at the beginning of the school year slowly turn to C's by the end of my school year. I've never really cared, but I've been thinking about my future as a student. How would I ever get into a good college, with my current study habits; or even pass in college? I want to make the change to better myself academically, and as a person. That is why I choose to quit procrastinating from 2017 and onward.

Ronkai: My goals are to achieve Trainee, receive all A's for my summer exams, lessen the amount of time I am no-life-ing on my computer during the weekends, and to become a Recruiter! c:

HMSNike: Over the course of my fall soccer season, I was kicked or hit in the head at least 6 times (personal record), so my resolution is not to get hit in the head at all during soccer next year.

Glorus: My New Year's resolutions are as follows. First, I plan to complete my DoE (Duke of Edinburgh) challenge, which will involve me taking the role of a young leader at my local Scouts group and helping out. It also involves me completing a hike somewhere, and through thick and thin I will persevere with my activities. As well as that, I will be helping as many people as possible in both real life and on Mineplex because at the end of the day, it's a warm smile on someone's face which is one of the great parts of life.

PegasusOfLoyalty: 1) Brighten up as many people's days as possible. 2) Meet face-to-face with one of the most sweetest people in the world, Ethyy. 3) Help others build up more confidence for presentations, performances, and social life. 4) Create art for all of the amazing members in #TeamLoyalty, and interact with of them more through Mineplex parties, raids, and meetings!

TheMinecraft88: My New Year's Resolution to reach level 100 sometime in 2017! Currently Level 73. :)

WINTER MEMORIES

BY: HISSKRUB

As the year of 2016 comes to a close, it is time to recollect and remember ourselves and all of our experiences of the previous years. The winter season holds many memories that will remain with you forever. Let us cherish these memories and be thankful for the best moments we have in life! Enjoy reading these player's favorite winter memories!

DeathOfABachelor

"I have to say that my favorite memory would be from the beginning of November 2015. I was in the snow in New York City with my baby brother and we were honestly having a blast. Drinking hot chocolate, snuggling, and playing in the snow, it was perfect. I loved it and he did too, it was honestly one of my favorite winters."

Glorus

"My favourite aspect of the Winter updates was probably the lobbies. Personally, I would love to see an update of these standards next year, equally for the Halloween lobbies. Seeing as though members of the community have to join lobbies to then play games, every member is offered the opportunity to experience Christmas on Mineplex. The Build Team did a great job of the December Map Update as well in my opinion, I am starting to fall in love with the new Skywars maps! Thanks for keeping us entertained, from what I can see, everyone had a great Christmas!"

iiActuallyHollu

"As I'm a competitive skier, I travel throughout the winter a lot. Once when it was about dusk and I was at the top of a hill getting ready to ski, a massive northern lights show started right before my eyes. I was at complete peace, watching the most breathtaking thing I'd ever seen."

xMars

"My favourite winter memory has to be when I went sledding last year with a few other friends. It had rained the day before so everywhere was incredibly icy. There's a place we call the crater near our houses and it's perfect for sledding so we spent hours messing around out there. We'd ride down the hill together and go crazy fast. It was so icy we had to help each other climb to the top so we could go down again. We all left the crater tired and a little bruised, but it was totally worth the good memories we made!"

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: EMILIE

Our original Mineplex Newsletter game is here again! The rules are simple - a screenshot of a random location in our lobby will be provided, and you'll have to search the lobby to find out where the screenshot was taken! Once you discover the location, fill out the Google Form below! Three players that guessed correctly will be randomly chosen and rewarded two Mythical Chests each!

Here's the screenshot for this month:



Fill out this form if you think you know the location, be as detailed as possible!
<https://goo.gl/forms/U2nkqslXN1MiFs6H3>

Now, last but not least, our winners from last month!

CrazyNerdGirl
AdorableKitten
Nickel_

Congrats to our winners, and good luck to those participating this month!

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: IPBJSAMMICH

Even if your luck isn't at its peak right now, though, there's always a chance to give a shot at the Newsletter game, Caption the Image!

As usual, the objective of this game is to create the funniest, most accurate, or just plain silliest caption possible for the image provided each month! Winners of a given month are showcased in the next edition of the Newsletter! Give it a shot!

January seems to be the month, if any, which receives the most discontent, considering its being the end of the Holiday Season. It's quite the opposite, in my opinion, seeing as my birthday is this month! Nevertheless, please, poke fun at these two Villagers freezing in the New Year Blizzard.



The Form for Responses: <https://goo.gl/forms/zyDHX58x28DTAUmu1>

Last Month's Winners



Mippy(Insert Underscore)Plays - "You vs. the tree she tells you not to worry about."
blshooter - "After a year of waiting, Mineplex decided to get their tree out of the attic."
MoonPups(Insert Underscore) - "Spider Claus?????????"

SOTM AND MOTM!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

This month, two Mineplex staff members were awarded “Mod of the Month” and “Staff of the Month”. These tags are given to a Moderator and a Senior Moderator who have performed amazingly in their sub-teams and teams.

The MOTM is Hylore who has been a staff member since April 1st and are currently a member of the Community Assistance and Quality Assurance Pocket Edition teams. They’re a member of the CoA apps team and actively participate in community projects. Hylore has helped with the ‘Issues Project’ where the community had the opportunity to give feedback about our server. He enjoys the team because there is always something to do and was recently promoted to a Community Manager!

Our SOTM is Wanderer_ who has been a staff member for a long time. They’ve made a comeback from their resignation and rejoined the Forum Ninja team. He helps accept ban appeals and is the manager of the Reports Patrol sub-team. He enjoys answering questions relating to reports and the forums. He’s also a member of Rules Committee and creates/edits our rules on our network.

Congratulations to these staff members and be sure to thank them for all of their hard work!

SR. MOD INTERVIEWS!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

As Mineplex's platforms start to become popular, more Moderators are chosen to become Sr.Moderators! A Senior Moderator is a Moderator that is on a specific team. Not only is it their job to moderate servers, but to also work in a different area in the staff team. For example, Trainee Management (Mentoring) helps mentor all of the new Trainees while Community Management members create the bridge between the staff and the community. I interviewed two newly promoted Senior Mods from two different teams.

What team did you get promoted to?

Whif: Trainee Management - PC Mentoring

SavGhost: I was promoted to Social Media, on December 8th!

What was your reaction to your promotion?

Whif: I was very excited and ecstatic to get started with my new role. Becoming a mentor has been a dream of mine even before I became a staff member, and it's something that I've always aspired to be here on the Mineplex staff team. Apart from being promoted to a Trainee or Moderator, this promotion was definitely the one where I was the most thrilled.

SavGhost: I was shocked because Web actually tricked me into thinking I did not get it. After I figured out it was a prank I was so happy to get on Social Media. I am so thankful for getting on Social Media, I can not wait to work with all my friends on the team!

What are your goals as a Sr.Mod?

Whif: My goal as a Senior Moderator on Trainee Management is to help further improve the Trainee Management team itself as well as provide my own mentees with the best 2-month mentoring experience as possible. I also want to use this as a way to give back to the community.

SavGhost: Well I want to help out and improve the Twitter and Facebook. I find that there is a lot to improve with any social media out there. Although Mineplex has an amazing twitter and I really can not wait to help out with it.

SR. MOD INTERVIEWS!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

How long have you been trying to achieve this goal?

Whif: I've been wanting to become a mentor even before I became a staff member on Mineplex. When I got accepted onto the TMA team, it was basically the same reaction I had when I was promoted to a full-fledged mentor. It was the first step in the right direction, for me at least, and I was happy to know that I was on the road of potentially becoming a mentor one day. I was a TMA for about eight months, and I've learned so much as well as met so many wonderful individuals that I would've never have imagined meeting. I don't regret a single second it.

SavGhost: I was a mod for over a year and 5 months, so it has been a long time but it is worth it as I love Social Media!

What's the one thing you're looking forward to as a Sr.Mod?

Whif: As a Sr.Mod, there's not much that I'm looking forward to as it's not really different from being a Moderator - just the fact that I'm on a team. As a TM mentor, however, I look forward to meeting a lot of people and learning about them. That's something that I enjoyed a lot as a TMA - the interaction with the mentees. Speaking to and just getting to know people with different backgrounds is always something that I look forward to, and I'm really glad that I'm able to have the opportunity to do that.

SavGhost: Just working with people that I haven't worked with before and also making posts. I have some wonderful ideas for posts that maybe you will see soon :wink:

Did anyone help motivate you to get onto this team?

Whif: A lot of the community members as well as a few friends of mine have always encouraged me. Seeing what past and current mentors have done has always fascinated me. Just seeing Trainees with limited knowledge about specific areas of Mineplex joining the staff team to seeing them bloom into Moderators is always the best feeling a mentor or TMA can have. I always wanted to be apart of that and use that as a way to give back to the community that I've been for for about two years. The community, especially, has motivated and encouraged me to get to where I am now. Without them, I probably wouldn't be here.

SavGhost: Well, all my friends really pushed me to go for it. I would really like to thank all my favs, the emos and legacy for really helping me out. I love them all!!

PE TRAINEES INTERVIEW

BY: SUSPICIOUS

As we enter the year of 2017 and the Mineplex developers continue to establish astounding content for our Pocket Edition server, the PE staff team has finally been initiated! Beginning with the first Trainees a couple weeks ago, the staff team maintains a steady pace as they take their positions as Moderators on the PE network. Since this team is new to all of us, it has instigated a lot of suspicion and questions from the community about the direction this team is going in and so forth, so we have decided to interview some of the Trainees about their perspective on the team and how their experience has been so far.

How are you enjoying your position as a Pocket Edition Trainee so far?

Assassind312: I am greatly enjoying my position as a pocket edition Trainee! It's been great fun getting to know many more people, as well as familiarizing myself with all of the responsibilities that come with being a staff member here at Mineplex.

Doqually: So far, I really enjoy being a staff member on PE, It's really unique and awesome, I love it!

Glitz: It's really nice to be able to help players with questions and keep the gameplay and chat clean. Being helpful makes me happy. So yes I am enjoying my position as a Trainee.

What are your thoughts on the similarities and differences between PC and PE staff?

Assassind312: Both the PE and PC staff teams are run very similarly; however, there are some small differences. Due to the pocket edition staff team being quite new, the process is of course still being improved and developed further. That being said, the PE team is a bit more unsystematic in comparison to the PC team. The goal is to have the PE team as well-functioning, or even better functioning than the PC side of things; I'm sure that will be the case in due course.

Doqually: I don't think there is much difference, The main thing that differs them the most is the fact that you can play/moderate from everywhere, whether if you're on the go or at the computer, You can always play on it. The main similarity is that the job is the same, doesn't matter on what platform you are a staff member on.

Glitz: The only difference between PE and PC staff is the fact that there isn't many PE staff members. Similarities include how they are.

PE TRAINEES INTERVIEW

BY: SUSPICIOUS

What made you decide to apply for Pocket Edition instead of PC?

Assassind312: I've always had much deeper ties with the pocket edition version of Minecraft, and that is what ultimately broke the decision of PE Trainee versus PC Trainee. That, combined with the quickly-growing network that pocket edition is becoming, made me want to apply to become a pocket edition Trainee. From the first time I played Mineplex: PE, I've always had an enjoyable time; now, along with becoming a member of the pocket edition staff team, it is my privilege and duty to make Mineplex: PE the best and most enjoyable version of itself.

Doqually: The main reason is that I find the PE server to be more appealing to me, I love the unique features it has to offer such as Mob arena ect.. Another reason is that at the time there was no staff member to moderate - as a consequence it was really chaotic. So I decided that I want to help bring order on the PE server and just be at help.

Glitz: I applied for PE staff instead of PC staff because I find the PE community more of my age preference. It's a much younger community and I love helping out younger kids.

What's your favorite aspect of the PE server?

Assassind312: My favorite aspect of the PE server is its simplicity. Join the network; click an NPC; play! It's that easy to enjoy some of the best MCPE minigames, in my opinion. I also think it's easy to understand for the newer players, which is a great factor to have on any Minecraft server. Along with the fact that you can play the server on the go, I think Mineplex: PE is already well on its way to making for a truly revolutionary Minecraft: Pocket Edition network that casts a positive impact across the entire PE community.

Doqually: Its accessibility, You can play on the server from anywhere, Whether you're on your phone, computer, tablet ect.. which in my opinion is amazing. Another thing is Mob arena, I absolutely love that game, It's so unique and fun that the PC server doesn't have.

Glitz: My favorite aspect of the PE server would have to be the games. I like how it isn't the exact copy of PC games and that there are differences like Merry Mayhem and Mob Arena. As well as the subtle differences in Dragon Escape.

MINEPLEX BINGO!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

Hello everyone! In spirit of the holidays, we will be hosting a fun game of Bingo! In order to play, one must fill out or complete each box. The first three people to fill out their card will win three mythical chests, good luck!

MINEPLEX BINGO				
FIND A CLANS MOD	FINISH THE PARKOUR IN THE SG LOBBY	FIND SOMEONE WITH THE CHRISTMAS ELF PET	FIND SOMEONE OPENING A GINGERBREAD CHEST	TAKE A PICTURE OF THE CANDY CANE PARTICLES
FIND THE MINEPLEX GAMES CHANNEL	TAKE A PICTURE WITH AN ETHERAL	GO ON OUR PLUG DJ	FIND AN EASTER EGG IN A LOBBY	FOLLOW THE MINEPLEX TWITTER
CHANGE YOUR SKIN TO DIAR'S SKIN	PLAY SNOW FIGHT IN A MPS	FREE BOX	FIND THE SNOW BIOME IN SINGLEPLAYER	FIND A LOT OR ADMIN IN-GAME
EARN A TITLE	PLAY CLANS AFTER THE RESTART	LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE	FIND SOMEONE WITH THE SANTA POWERPLAY MORPH	FIND A SCREENSHOT OF A FORMER ADMIN
WIN A GAME OF SKYFALL	WISH SOMEONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!	FIND A YOUTUBER ON TEAMSPEAK	ATTEND A TRAINEE ACCEPTANCE PARTY	FIND SOMEONE WITH A CHRISTMAS USERNAME

Rules:

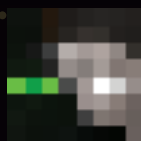
To win you have to get five in a row; vertically, diagonally or horizontally. Screenshots must be recent (except for challenges that require an old one) You cannot use other people's images

Submit here!

<https://goo.gl/forms/BZyOWbAyYsA9EOhD3>

STAFF BIOS

BY: TORTELETT



WebGlitch: Hello there! My name is WebGlitch! I am the Social Media Admin and one of the first Newsletter managers. Hope you like this issue!



Crumplex: Hi, I'm Crum. I have been a staff member on Mineplex since 2014, and I am currently on the social media team. I manage the Media team, Newsletter team, and YT. I also spend a lot of time on the Mineplex Twitter! Follow us @Mineplex :)



Emiliee: Hey! I'm Emilie. If you ever need someone to talk to, feel free to message me on the forums! In my spare time I love playing volleyball and water polo.



iPBJSammich: Heyo! I'm iPBJSammich, and I've been a staff member on Mineplex since June 2015. I am currently on the Karaoke Hosts and Newsletter Teams, and have a lot of fun working with others on the staff team! If you ever see me, don't be afraid to say hello!



xStar_89: Hey there! My name is Star, and I'm currently a Senior Moderator on Mod Coordination alongside being on different sub-teams, including the Newsletter Team! I love meeting new people and trying new things as well as music and ice-cream. I'm usually in-game and on TeamSpeak, so I hope to see you around!



Tortelettt: Hi! I am a moderator on the Newsletter and Media Team! 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!



jOjo: Heyoo, my name's jOjo and I'm the worst PvPer in Minecraft. I'm a senior moderator and work within the Forum Ninja, Forum Moderator Mentoring, Reports Patrol and Newsletter teams (writing + editing) here on Mineplex. I enjoy interacting with others, writing in journalism and spending time with friends. Thanks for reading this month's issue!



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

STAFF BIOS

BY: TORTELETT



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!



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: Heya, I'm Ice. I joined the staff team on 9/9/16 and am now a Sr. Mod on Social Media. I also participate on the media and newsletter sub-teams; I love all things creative, whether that be arts or writing. Feel free to friend me on forums and PM me if you need anything (:



CallMeCass: Hey, I'm Cass! I've been a staff member since the 4th of March. I heavily enjoy writing, storytelling, reading, singing, drawing, and playing the violin! Aside from Newsletter, I am on four other sub-teams. I largely enjoy interacting with players, so if you see me around, feel free to say hi!



JackSquire: Hey! I'm JackSquire. I am currently a Moderator, and I recently joined the Newsletter Team. I joined the staff team on July 8th, 2016. Out of Mineplex, I play soccer, and I ski in the winter!

