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TEAM CHANGES & RETURNING ADMIN!

BY: SSNIP

Toward the end of March, the Project Manager for Mineplex, sjsampson, officially resigned from his position due to responsibilities outside of the network. As a result of his resignation, some changes have been made within the administration team to avoid any setbacks for our Developers, as well as to pick up some slack from his absence.

For the time being, Strutt20 will be taking over Sampson's role as Project Manager. He will be working alongside our Developers to produce content for our Java and Bedrock servers. BlueBeetleHD and DeanTM will also be stepping up to ensure our Quality Assurance team runs smoothly. They will be overseeing the team and improving communications between the production team and testers.

With their new responsibilities, BlueBeetleHD and DeanTM will need some extra help in managing the staff team. Diar, a former Admin who has experience leading both the Trainee Management and Social Media Sr. Mod teams, has returned to cover some of the extra workload and to assist BlueBeetleHD and DeanTM wherever he can.

Finally, our Build Team Admin, t3hero, will be stepping up as the new Content Lead for Mineplex. He will be helping with all content for our Bedrock server and marketplace in addition to running the Build Team. Despite his expanded role, t3hero's title is still Admin. The Admin position is no longer reserved for those who lead a specific team but is also for those who work on multiple teams or projects. These changes will not affect players' day-to-day activities, but our administration team likes to keep the community up to date.



FEEDBACK TEAM!

BY: HARVVEY

With so many updates pushed every month, it's important that the voice of you, the community of Mineplex, is heard by the Leadership Team. In order to accomplish this, the Feedback Team is here to listen and forward your opinions onward! But what is this team, and what do they actually do?

What is the Feedback Team?

The Feedback Team gathers and sorts the community feedback Mineplex receives. This includes feedback on newly released features, changes, and patches through numerous sources. After that, they create a detailed report and send it off to the Leadership Team for review, and it's all based on the thoughts straight from the community! LT personally reviews and considers the information received for future releases, allowing the community to have their say in upcoming updates.

How do you share your feedback?

Currently, the team collects feedback through a variety of different sources on multiple platforms. Whenever a new update is released onto the network, the team actively checks:

- The official Mineplex Discord - discord.mineplex.com
- Official forum announcement and Enjin walls - mineplex.com/forums
- In-game - discussions and direct messages
- Major groups and servers - competitive leagues, community Discord, community hangout, Game Insights, etc.
- Social media platforms - twitter.com/Mineplex, facebook.com/MineplexGames

The best way to make your voice heard is by partaking in discussions and voicing your opinion to the team. Whether they may be positive or negative, everything is useful in determining the general consensus of an update.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the team: Giovanna (Manager), EmmaLie, Glitz, Harvvey, Hyllore, Khartier and xVanessa. They will be more than happy to listen to your feedback and answer any queries!

FORUMS TEAM INTERVIEW!

BY: THEGRANDMASTER

Mineplex's Forum Moderators and Forum Ninjas are some of the most recognizable staff members on the server as they pride themselves on interacting with community members on the forums. However, is there more to these staff members than meets the eye? This Q&A aims to give more insight on what the Forums Team is like. It doesn't matter if you happen to be a casual forum user or someone who frequently uses the forums, this is an article you won't want to miss.

The first interview belongs to none other than Mineplex's Forums Team Administrator, Jarvis!

What is your favourite part about being the Mineplex Forums Team administrator?

My favorite part about being the Forums Admin is that I can communicate and interact with community members, and our forum staff members. It's honestly great to know that our community has such energy to help better the server, the forums and pretty much every aspect of Mineplex.

What makes the forums such an important part of the server?

It's a place where our community members can get together and discuss various topics. This is where suggestions and feedback are reviewed by our staff team and management teams (including admin+). Without the forums, we would have limited communication to our player base. And plus it's a place where you can show off your creative work, your giveaways and much more.

Why is Forums Team best team?

Does your team come with its own website to help assist with your everyday tasks? No, I didn't think so.

The next interview is with Forum Ninja, FM mentor and FM manager _Jillian!

To give some context, a FM mentor is a Forum Ninja that trains a Forum Moderator and guides them towards achieving their goal of becoming a Forum Ninja themselves. Jillian was recently promoted to Forum Moderator lead after MotherOfPandas stepped down from the staff team. As the Forum Moderator lead, Jillian is responsible for all of the Forum Moderators – from recruiting them to managing them.

What about being a FM mentor gives you the most enjoyment?

Something I've always found really enjoyable about FM mentoring is how interactive it allows you to be. As an FM mentor, you meet such a diverse group of individuals and are given the opportunity to help them grow beyond just general forum work. Along with some stigma that comes with Forum Ninja, a lot of people overlook the work we do as mentors. It goes beyond just fixing mistakes and spitting out forum statistics every week for the FMs' progress reports. We're constantly working to help the FMs reach their goals and improve as people, not just on the forums but with their own lives as well, which is something I've always loved doing.

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As the new FM manager, what have you found your biggest challenge to be?

I can't say I've come across anything noteworthy enough to call a challenge as the lead thus far, but something I feel like I'd struggle with in the future is being able to live up to certain expectations. Having such wonderful FM leads before me makes me feel like there are certain standards I have to live up to. Maybe I'm being a little dramatic, but being put into a position of power puts a bit of pressure on you. People expect things from you to a certain extent based on how those who came before you handled the position. If I made a mistake before, I had a bit more to fall back on and knew it wouldn't impact me too much; now, people are looking a little more at me being the one to fall back on and see me as more of a sort of role model, which is kinda scary.

The last, but certainly not least, interview belongs to Wanderer_, who is a Forum Ninja and Reports Patrol lead.

What is your favorite part about being a Forum Ninja?

I've always enjoyed being able to work with the entirety of the Forums Team (yes, this includes you Reports Patrol) and the ability to admire the hard work and dedication that everyone puts into the forums -- and thereby Mineplex as a whole.

I'm happy to be around to try and give all our members some appreciation, which they definitely deserve.

And of course, being a Forum nerd who's been active on a variety of different types of forums, reading some well-thought-out forum threads doesn't hurt my enjoyment of this team either.

Why is Forums Team best team?

The people. Every single member of the team, regardless of how much work they manage to put in this team, is an amazing asset to the team. All the dedicated people who take time out of their day to put into helping out Mineplex through the forums, and despite the ridicule you can sometimes face for being a Forum mod and shutting down a thread, are amazing and hella under-appreciated. And I'm glad to have been granted the opportunity to work with all of you for the last 3 years.

Why not see what these three staff members are up to? Check out our forums at mineplex.com/forums to have the chance to see them in action. However, don't be a rule breaker that they have to deal with!

THE IDEAS TEAM!

BY: FLAWSOME

The Ideas Team is a group of individuals dedicated to bringing forth community ideas and making them a reality. We got the opportunity to go behind the scenes and interview a community member from the team, A_Vocaloid_Nerd, and the Ideas lead herself, EmmaLie, to gain a better understanding of what they do for Mineplex.

What does your job within the team entail?

A_Vocaloid_Nerd: In the Ideas Team, we give our opinions on Ideas brought to us by the community. We also work along Game Insights to find any game issues or ideas for new games, kits, or balancing issues. It seems difficult, but it's a really fun job!

EmmaLie: As Ideas Lead, there's quite a lot that I do for the team. Processing applications, managing our documents, adding people to the team, monitoring and sending out warnings to inactive members, demoting people, looking after Ideas Members & Ideas Managers and making sure they are doing what they need to be doing, organizing the trello boards, processing cards after discussion has finished, participating in discussion and responding to forum threads. I wouldn't be able to get all of this done by myself though. Ideas Management helps out quite a bit so shout out to them for being awesome.

Why did you apply for the Ideas Team?

A_Vocaloid_Nerd: I applied for the Ideas Team to bring community ideas to the Staff Team and to make sure that they are being heard and listened to.

EmmaLie: I actually didn't apply. I was recruited onto Council which was a group of members who were a part of Mineplex community groups. I was there for a while and got invited to join the ideas project as a representative for the community group I was a part of.

How does your role on Ideas contribute to Mineplex and its community?

A_Vocaloid_Nerd: I'm always searching for new ideas on the forums and I add a lot of them to the ideas board to start discussions. I give feedback and critique other ideas to make sure every idea is being discussed thoroughly

EmmaLie: Managing this project efficiently is not an easy task and we have had to overcome quite a few obstacles to get to where we are today. I contribute a lot to Mineplex and the community in many different ways but running this project is definitely the biggest one. My goal for this project is to make sure our community is being heard and that some of their ideas get implemented. We wouldn't be successful without our players so I want to make sure they are getting what they need.

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What do you enjoy most about being on the team?

A_Vocaloid_Nerd: Pretty much everything! The chance to further help the server, the members, and the community! Everyone on the team does our best to make sure everyone's idea is heard and discussed, and this is what makes the Ideas Team so enjoyable and great to be in.

EmmaLie: There's a lot that I enjoy about the team but I love the feeling when an idea gets approved by production because that means someone's idea is one step closer to being implemented. I also really like interacting with the ideas members, we have a lot of interesting people on this team and they are always talking about random stuff in the chats. It's great to work with people that can make you laugh, makes the experience more enjoyable.

Why would you recommend people to apply for the Ideas Team?

A_Vocaloid_Nerd: I think you'd love it here in the Ideas Team! The chance to help out the community and work alongside our management as equals makes the Ideas Team a really supportive and helpful group!

EmmaLie: The Ideas Project is a really special team because it's all about players coming together to benefit the entire community. Our entire focus is on ideas made by the community and if you're someone that is interested in searching for and discussing ideas, and making sure our players are being heard, you'd really enjoy being on this team. Applications are always open because we are constantly looking for new players to join the team.

To end this off, we leave you with this statement from EmmaLie: "If you're someone that is interested in searching for and discussing ideas, and making sure our players are being heard, you'd really enjoy being on this team." Applications are always open, so what are you waiting for? Submit an application and be a part of the change you want to see on Mineplex!

Apply here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ltF8uDe6dRJgMFSp1>

LOBBY SCAVENGER HUNT!

BY: SUSPICIOUS

Kick off your shoes, drop your notebooks, and recline those beach chairs, everyone, because spring break is finally here! And you know what else happens in spring? Scavenger hunts! In fact, we're going to host one right here, right now on Mineplex!

Here's how it will work: below are screenshots of random areas throughout the lobby. To qualify for a prize, you must correctly guess where the photo was taken (coordinates are okay) using the submission form. Think of Guess the Location but on a larger scale. If multiple people guess correctly, the winner will be randomly selected between those who are correct. Need some motivation to get started? What if we told you there are a couple of Mythical Chests on the line...?

As always, best of luck!



Submit your responses here: <https://goo.gl/forms/q4kbBOuRajHgm7x82>

STAFF BUILD SHOWCASE!

BY: LOOFII

As many players have noticed, one of the cool, new additions in the updated Mineplex lobby is the staff-building area on a lilypad near the bridge. Many staff members and players alike have expressed excitement to this addition and staff have taken the opportunity to create absolute masterpieces. Here is one such piece by two members of Mineplex's very own staff team!



This excellent piece was made by AttemptOne and Qu1nten. They were inspired to create this build due to the addition of the building area and had some free time to spare while helping out in the lobby. They chose the rustic style because they felt it best represented their skills in building, as well as it being the most enjoyable style for them. They feel that this build is a good representation of their current skill in building, and if they could change one thing about the build they would add more detail to the surrounding grass and terrain.

PROMOTIONS/RESIGNATIONS

BY: SNOWYKITTY

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

March 2 - JollyGreenGamer

Java Trainee

March 3 - GrandpaNguyen, ItzJust4Fun,
MapleSyrup_, Mindless

March 10 - Invesli, Jobmaximous, Rejudge

March 17 - Acroo, Geographies, Harshamondo,
SorryIWasLate, SpaceMC

March 24 - Busjack5, junkmaus,
MineplexTrainee, ProjectElijah

March 31 - iNewo, Ralfiee

Bedrock Trainee

March 10 - DarkNinja2004X, Luigiiz3,
MPGwenGuardian, MrNotoriousPE,
PinkPossum03, ShyboyGamingYT,
UnclassifiedTM, xHaeilleh

Bedrock Mod

March 31 - LaurancelsCool

Java Mod

March 10 - BenSVE, KolaKool, Tylarr, xMini

March 17 - BasetTheSatann, tco

March 24 - xFrazer

March 31 - Farah_, ImposterK

Java Sr. Mod

March 10 - Meami (TM Mentoring)

March 12 - zdemon98 (Mod Coord)

Resignations:

March 2 - ABB77

March 4 - SirTophamHat

March 4 - EmmaGrill (Mod Coord,
Newsletter Writer/Editor)

March 4 - RAG17YT

March 7 - IceRock (Builder)

March 6 - natesbait

March 8 - AwwRip

March 11 - Rqbby

March 11 - Huntier

March 12 - alfi3003 (Mod Coord)

March 15 - Nezze

March 19 - coralines (Forum Ninja)

March 21 - TheGrandRoman

March 29 - sjsampson (Leader)

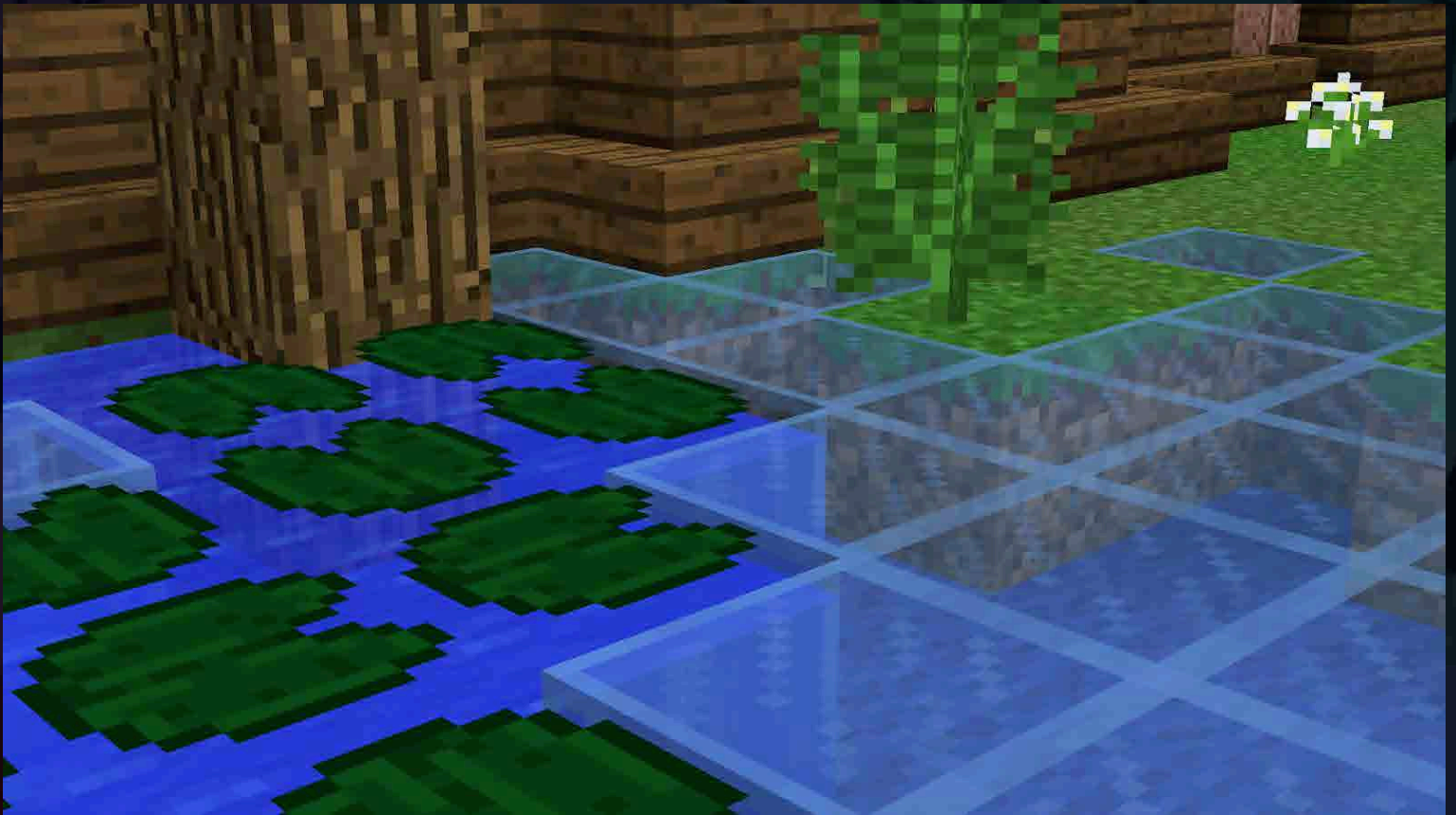
March 30 - z33z

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: LOOFII

Welcome to everyone's favorite monthly Newsletter game: Guess the Location! That's right, we're back with another fun challenge in Mineplex's new lobby. For those of you who are first-timers, Guess the Location is a game where the objective is to guess where in the lobby a screenshot was taken — and three lucky winners get two Mythical Chests! So what are you waiting for?

Here's this month's image:



You can submit your guesses here: <https://goo.gl/forms/IZkj5aTXSKQBI2ty2>

Congratulations to last month's winners:

BlackHero123

Danese

Timmi6790

You will receive your two Mythical Chests soon!

As for the rest of you, good luck on your guesses!

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: COWIEH

It looks like Caption the Image has once again returned, this time with a very interesting theme for the rainy month of April. For those who are unfamiliar with Caption the Image, the rules are simple. The objective of this game is to create the funniest, most accurate, or just plain goofiest caption possible for the image provided. If your caption is selected, it will be featured in the next edition of the newsletter along with the image and form for that month.

As for this month's image, it seems as if the Easter Bunny is a little too frightened to jump off the diving board!



Do you think you have what it takes to craft the best caption? Submit your entries here: <https://goo.gl/forms/e7AcJlpdj7w6znxy2>

For the month of March, this member of the community created a very humorous caption. We suppose his four leaf clover granted him good luck while brainstorming this caption.



"A rare sighting of a leprechaun in its rebellious teenage phase." - AGLThree

Congratulations to last month's winner, and best of luck to those who think they can meet this month's challenge! Whether or not your caption was chosen as a winner, we still have great laughs from each one of your submissions.

FUNNY STORIES!

BY: SNOWYKITTY

Last month, we asked around for some funny stories from the community. We collected a handful of these amusing tales for your entertainment. Enjoy!

Anonymous: Once I [...] changed my Skype name, mood message, and profile picture to match my friend's account, then pretended to be them for a day. After a few short hours there was mass confusion across our close group of friends. The best part being that the person who I was impersonating was actually gone all day, and had no idea what had happened when he returned.

Daanilo: There was this one time where there were me and some other friends on TeamSpeak. My TS Push-to-Talk key is the number 1. So, the game had ended and I was just going to type a simple "gg" in chat. What happened is that I forgot I was holding down my push to talk key and you could literally see a "Gg1111111111111111111111111111" from a staff member spammed in chat. I was so embarrassed.

Toki: I was spectating a hacker, which is fairly common for staff members to do. The player that asked me to spectate the hacker asked if I came to the Bridges server in the /a chat. I typed up a reply stating that I was there, however I accidentally sent it to the suspected hacker instead! The hacker then responded to me in /a "Go ahead and ban me", and then proceeded to fly hack towards the sun. It was a beautiful moment, and of course I banned the naughty rule breaker.

Unclassified: Once it was 2 in the morning and I had woke up from dream about me being lost in the woods. I called my mom when I thought I was dreaming to pick me up in the woods even though I was in my bedroom half awake.

xlitz: Well, when I was in preschool my friend Roman wanted a lego brick that my friend, Samantha had. I had a plastic toy hammer in my hand, and dumb me hit her on the head with it! I was in so much trouble, and now my brother Eli teases me about it almost daily.

NEWSLETTER STAFF BIOS



Tortelett: 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. This issue marks my two year anniversary on the team!



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.



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!



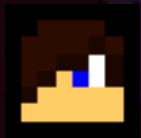
SnowyKitty: Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Java Moderator here on Mineplex and the manager of the Newsletter Team. I love to read and write fiction stories, from realistic to sci-fi! My favorite game is Draw My Thing, though I'll really play anything even though I'm not the best at PvP. If you see me somewhere, don't be afraid to shoot me a hello!



ssnip: Yo! I'm ssnip, and I'm a moderator at Mineplex! I host events, moderate the forums, collect community ideas, and write for the newsletter! If you ever see me in-game (or at an event wink) don't be afraid to say hi!



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 Translations Team and the Ideas Team. If you see me around, don't be afraid to say hi – I (usually) don't bite!



TheGrandmaster: Hey! I'm TheGrandmaster, and I'm a moderator on Mineplex presently on three sub-teams; MCA, FM and NL. 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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