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### **TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents:

We have had some great weather this fall and today is another one of those beautiful days. This Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, VT3-22 will tape the Hatboro-Horsham soccer game at the Hatters' Stadium. On Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will do the High School football game at the Stadium.

On Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have our bi-annual Parents Night. I encourage all of our parents to come out for the program. We have a lot to cover. There will be a special ceremony to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting throughout the world. A commemorative patch will be given to those Scouts and Scouters who participate that night in the ceremony. We also will have a multi-media show of our past Troop activities which includes summer camp and the high adventure trip. We will recognize all those boys who have advanced in the past six (6) months. David Cooper has also threatened some type of recognition for me for my 35 years of service. In any case, I look forward to seeing everyone at Parents Night on October 1.

Our Troop Leader Council meeting for our youth leaders will be on Tuesday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., at my house. We will tape the Hatters cross country meet on Wednesday afternoon, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our Troop Committee meeting and Adult Staff meeting will be on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at Dave Cooper's house at 7:30 p.m. We will tape the Hatters Soccer game on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Hatters Stadium.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Eagle Scout ceremony for Andrew Pfeil. I hope to see everyone at the ceremony to celebrate our newest Eagle Scout.

We will tape the Hatters Football game on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. That same weekend, we will have our Black Forest backpacking trip.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Halloween Party. All Scouts should come in costume.

Since I last wrote you we have had a lot of fun. Andy Garrison, Bill Austin, Eric Gentry and Matt Jevit completed the National Youth Leadership training course for Cradle of Liberty Council at Delmont. This is a great training course and I know that we will benefit from their training as they will benefit from the opportunity to practice what they learned during our activities. My congratulations to each of them.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Bill Austin received his Eagle award. This is a great accomplishment and we congratulate him for a job well done. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Dan Thompson and Dean Russell received their Eagle awards at a ceremony that was originally scheduled to be outside but due to rain we moved into the Episcopal Church due to the lack of availability of the Baptist Church. The setting was nice and we had a delightful time recognizing both of these young men for their accomplishments.

Our High Adventure crew returned home on August 9<sup>th</sup> after hiking the last 65 miles of the Appalachian Trail, climbing Mt. Katahdin and whitewater rafting the Penobscot River.

Bob Waeltz and John Jevit attended the Silver Stag closing dinner on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Dave Cooper attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Resica Falls.

Kyle Hallowell attended the World Jamboree and had a great time.

Our thanks to David Cooper and Cindy Cooper for providing their lovely home and swimming pool for our troop meeting on Monday night, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Their hospitality is always appreciated. It is no small task to bring in an entire troop of boys and men to use your property. In any case, we had a great time and thank them for their generosity.

On the weekend of August 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> we camped at Alaire State Park in New Jersey, near the Jersey shore. Bill Kuhfuss made all of the plans. Chris Gilman did a mountain bike demonstration for us to prep for this trip on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This was a great trip. On Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, we went canoeing in the morning, went cycling in the afternoon as we rode our bikes down the dedicated bike trail to the beach and back to our campsite, and went swimming in the surf at the shore. On Sunday we did some mountain biking, visited the village and returned home. This will be a trip we may want to repeat again in the future.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> we did a bike activity on the Power Line Trail in Horsham. My thanks to George Fesmire who ran the meeting as I was away on vacation. Our thanks also to Bob Waeltz and Howard Stearns who took care of the crossing at Norristown Road so that our Scouts could safely cross the road. Our thanks also to Bruce McCaffery who provided the refreshments. This was a fun night to conclude our summer programs.

On September 4<sup>th</sup> we taped the Hatters Volleyball game. Then on September 8<sup>th</sup> we had a good turn out to set up the Hatboro Union Library Bazaar and then take it down in the afternoon. We also had a good group out to park the cars at the Rotary Lobster Pot that evening. My thanks to all who participated in these good turns. They are much appreciated and certainly represent what we are all about as a Scout troop.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Andy Garrison received his Eagle Scout award. Our congratulations to Andy on a job well done. Our thanks to Val and Bruce McCaffrey for doing the refreshments at all four of our recent Eagle ceremonies. Our thanks also to Dave Cooper for doing all the printed programs and to Jack Burrell who spent many hours with me putting together the multi-media shows for each of the Eagles.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> we taped the Hatters football game at the High School Stadium. We also taped the Hatters football game on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Chris Selinsky has done a nice job heading up this program. Rob Waeltz and Rob Walls together with adults Jack Burrell and Howard Stearns have assisted me in carrying out this project. I encourage other Scouts to get involved with the program.

Our trip to West Point over the weekend of September 21-23 was a lot of fun. Some time ago I made the reservations for the Clearwater and West Point. More recently, Gary Evans took over the activity and made the arrangements to tour West Point and took care of the transportation, sign up, collection of money and all of

the other details. My thanks to Gary for a job well done. Although the weatherman promised perfect weather for the weekend, as would be our luck, it rained while we were on the boat. However, that did not dampen our spirits and we had a great sail. We also had a nice tour of the Academy and got to go to the Catholic and Protestant chapels for Sunday services. Except for the time on the boat, we had beautiful weather.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Parents Night on October 1.

Your Scoutmaster,

Bob John

Month: September

Theme: Safety Afloat

Assignments: Pre-Opening, Thunderwolves; Opening, Silver Beaver; Game, Renegade; Closing, Wendy's #6; Service, 52 Letters

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| September 17 | 7:15 PM HBC Troop Meeting. Prepare for Clearwater Trip.                            |
| September 19 | 7:15 PM Elkins Park Presbyterian Church. Life to Eagle Seminar.                    |
| September 20 | 6:00 PM Hatters Stadium, tape Hatters football game against Council Rock South.    |
| September 21 | 6:00 PM Meet at HBC Church for West Point Trip.                                    |
| September 23 | 5:30 PM Return to HBC Church from West Point Trip.                                 |
| September 24 | 7:15 PM HBC Troop Meeting. Safety Afloat, Bob John. Venture Scouts Patrol Meeting. |
| September 26 | 6:00 PM Hatters Stadium, tape Hatters soccer game.                                 |
| September 28 | 6:00 PM Hatters Stadium, tape Hatters football game.                               |

Month: October

Theme: Backpacking

Assignments: Pre-Opening, Bobcats; Opening, Thunderwolves, Game, Silver Beavers; Closing, Renegade; Service, Wendy's #6.

Big Event: Black Forest Backpacking Trip, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

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| October 1  | 7:30 PM Sanctuary, HBC. Parents Night.                                 |
| October 2  | 7:30 PM Bob John's house, TLC Meeting.                                 |
| October 3  | 3:00 PM Hatters cross country course. Tape Cross Country Meet.         |
| October 8  | 7:15 PM HBC, Troop Meeting. Packing Demo, Kurt Rosenberger.            |
| October 11 | 7:15 PM Dave Cooper's house, Troop Committee and Adult Staff Meeting.  |
| October 13 | 6:00 PM Hatters Stadium. Tape Hatters Soccer Game.                     |
| October 15 | 7:15 PM HBC, Troop Meeting. Leave No Trace, Larry Wilks                |
| October 15 | 8:00 PM Sanctuary, HBC. Andrew Pfiel's Eagle Ceremony.                 |
| October 16 | 6:00 PM Hatters Gymnasium. Tape Volleyball Game.                       |
| October 18 | 7:30 PM Hatboro Municipal Building. Eagle Board of Review.             |
| October 19 | 6:00 PM Hatters Stadium. Tape Hatters Football Game.                   |
| October 19 | 6:00 PM HBC, Meet for Black Forest Backpacking Trip (North Central PA) |
| October 21 | 4:00 PM HBC, Return home from Backpacking Trip.                        |
| October 22 | 7:15 PM HBC, Troop Meeting. Philmont Presentation, Michael Bernard.    |
| October 29 | 7:15 PM HBC, Troop Meeting. Halloween Party.                           |