

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

We had a great week at Treasure Island. We still have one more month of summer and as usual we have a lot going on. At 3:30 AM this morning our Venture Scouts met for their Maine High Adventure Trip. They will return next Thursday, August 9th, around 4 PM. On Sunday, Matt Jevit leaves for the National Junior Leader Instructor Course at Delmont. Bob Waeltz and John Jevit will join him for dinner on Friday, August 10th.

This Monday night, August 6th, we will have a mountain biking demonstration at 7:30 PM and then at 8:00 PM we will go to the sanctuary for an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Bill Austin. I encourage everyone to come out for this big event.

Our Troop Leader Council will meet on Tuesday night, August 7th at my house at 7:30 PM to plan our activities and meetings for September. Our Adult Staff and Troop Committee meeting will be on Thursday night, August 16th at 7:30 PM at Dave Cooper's house, 133 Loller Road, Hatboro.

On Thursday night, August 9th, we will have an Eagle Scout Ceremony at Eaton Park for Dan Thompson and Dean Russell. Eaton park is located directly across the street from the Hatboro Swim Pool on Moreland Avenue. You can park on the Eaton Park side of the road or when that fills up you can park in the Hatboro Swimming Pool parking lot. If we have inclement weather we will be in the Sanctuary of the Hatboro Baptist Church. Please bring a lawn chair or something to sit on as we are not providing chairs. This should be a fun night to celebrate two more of our scouts on attaining the highest rank in scouting. I hope to see everyone there.

On Saturday, August 11th there is a 50th Anniversary celebration at Resica Falls Scout Reservation from 1 to 10 PM.

Our troop meeting on August 13th will be at Dave Cooper's house at 133 Loller Road. This is behind the Hatboro YMCA off of York Road. We will start at 7 PM and end at 9 PM. Scouts should come with their bathing suits, towels, and footwear. We will be swimming, playing volleyball, enjoy a campfire and snack. Money is also due on August 13th for our camping trip to Alaire State Park in New Jersey. This is near the shore. We will be canoeing, mountain biking, touring the village of Alaire, and swimming in the ocean. We will actually bike down to the beach from the camp on a trail. The cost is \$20.00 per person. This will be a fun trip. We will meet at the Church at 6 PM on Friday August 17th for the trip and return to the Church on Sunday, August 19th and be ready for pick up by 3:30 PM.

We will be back at the Church for our meeting on August 20th for a Bike Maintenance demonstration. On Monday, August 27th we will be at Lukens Park, off of Dresher Road in Horsham. This is also known as Everybody's Playground. Scouts can bike to the park if they live near the Power Line Trail. They shouldn't leave until 7:00 PM to bike to the park as we will not have anyone at Norristown Road to cross them until 7 PM and then we will have someone there until 8:15 PM. Scouts will need to leave the park in time to make it home before dark. Scouts that do not live near the Power Line Trail should bring their bikes by car to Lukens Park and they can ride the entire trail (about 6 miles round trip). We will have a snack at the pavilion at the park. There will be no formal meeting and scouts should come dressed to bike.

- no uniforms.

There will be no meeting on Labor Day, September 3rd. Scouts should note that we are doing the Hatboro Library Bazaar set up between 8 and 9 AM on Saturday, September 8th and take down between 3 and 4 PM that same day. We will be directing the parking of cars at the Lobster pot at Jarrett's farm between 4 and 6:30 PM. I will need to know who can help out by our meeting on August 27th. Anyone who wants to attend the Lobster pot should see me. The cost is \$35.00 per person. It is a great evening and the profits go to our community which includes Hatboro Troop 3.

On September 10th we will have an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Andrew Garrison at the Sanctuary at the Church. Once again I hope to see everyone out for this festive occasion.

Our big trip in September will be to West Point. We will camp at the Point and on Saturday we will be going on a 3 hour cruise on the 110 foot sloop, the Clearwater. Our Scouts will actually sail the ship. This is an exciting trip. We have space for 50 people on the boat. The cost is \$50.00 per person. We will accept reservations only with payment in full. This is a first come first served event. Check should be sent to me or delivered to me payable to Hatboro Troop 3. We will leave on Friday night, September 21st and return on Sunday, September 23rd. The \$50.00 fee includes the boat excursion, food, gas and lodging (in tents at the Point).

The annual plan is posted on our Web site. We are still refining it as we scurry to make reservations but it is pretty accurate.

On July 9th we had an Eagle Ceremony for Kyle Hallowell. Kyle had a very nice crowd on hand for his ceremony. Our thanks to Dave Cooper for doing the programs, Jack Burrell for his long and hard work on the computer to help me produce the multi-media parts of the program, Val and Bruce McCaffrey for helping with the refreshments, and everyone who helped out with set up and take down and the program. Kyle is presently in England for the World Jamboree. We will look forward to hearing all about his trip when he returns.

On July 12th Senior Patrol Leader Kyle Hallowell presented the annual plan prepared by his TLC to the Troop Committee and Adult Staff. The patrol leaders and Kyle did a nice job in putting the program together. Kyle's presentation to the joint meeting of our adults was well received. You can check out the program and camping trips as well as tentative dates on our Web site.

Two of our troop members served on or are still serving on staff at our Council summer camps. Michael Murphy is on the staff at Resica Falls doing the climbing and boot and paddle programs and Dan Plunkett served earlier this summer on the kitchen staff at Treasure Island. Mike Murphy is presently on the Maine Wilderness High Adventure trip with our Ventures and will return to Resica on his return from Maine.

John Jevit and Stu Gentry took time from their busy schedules to take the intensive, two day session on Wilderness First Aid. It is really great to have so many of our leaders giving up so much time to get advance training.

Our big trip this month was to summer camp at Treasure Island. What a privilege it was for me to be able to be part of this group. I am very proud of all our accomplishments at camp. The weather was good except for a very rainy day Monday and then a violent storm on Friday night. Our scouts weathered both and the morale was good. Dave Cooper worked hard to get all the paperwork done for camp. Owen Adams had a big job handling medications for 26 scouts through the Medical Lodge. He also taught first aid and administered to all our medical problems. Stu Gentry did all the advancement records and also instructed scouts who needed work to get to First Class. Bill Walls coordinated our transportation. Doug Gramp worked hard on all our registrations, camper lists and now he will be getting all our awards in order and duly recording them. John Jevit, Bob Waeltz and Scott Herbine did a super job with our first year scouts. John Austin did fingerprinting merit badge, Barry Fisher did Chemistry Merit Badge and I am still working with the scouts on Journalism Merit Badge. Matt Field and Mike Sams tied for first place in the camp wide cook-off. Mike Sams designed and built the winning sail boat for the Leader's Regatta and Mike Wilks sailed it to victory. Every adult in camp worked hard every day to help our scouts have a great experience. We had 61 boys and 21 adults in camp. 36 of our scouts completed the polar bear challenge including all our first year scouts which was a record 25 boys this year, 2 of our older scouts completed the advance Survivors program. Eight scouts completed the Cope Course. Six scouts did the mile swim. One scout completed Scout Snorkeling and BSA Lifeguard. Three scouts received the World Conservation Award and 25 Scouts earned their Totin Chips. Dan Oden and Ed Careno completed Troop Committee Training put on by our own Bill Kuhfuss. Two adults received their Brotherhood and four completed their Ordeals at Treasure Island. There is so much more. What a great dynamic group. I am so grateful to be associated with all of you.

On Monday night, July 3rd, we had a good time playing softball at the Pennypack Field.

Our VT3-22 team will be doing Hatboro Horsham High School Football games again this year. The first game is Friday, September 14th at home. The crew will need to be there by 5:45 PM and we should finish by 9:30 PM. There is another home game on September 20th, Thursday night and another game on September 28th, Friday night.

I will not be doing another Newsletter until the second week in September. That is why I am including everything in this Newsletter through mid September.

I hope to see everybody at our Eagle Ceremonies.

Your Scoutmaster,

Bob John

Month: August

Theme: Biking

Assignments: Pre-Opening, Super Beavers; Opening, Renegade; Game, Wendy's # 6; Closing, 52 Letters; Service, Waffels.

Big Event: Alaire State Park, New Jersey. August 17th to the 19th.

August 1	3:30 AM HBC. Venture Crew leaves for Maine High Adventure Trip
August 5	Delmont Scout Reservation, Silver Stag starts.
August 6	7:15 PM HBC Troop Meeting. Intro to Mountain Biking, B. Kuhfuss
August 6	8:00 PM HBC Sanctuary, Eagle Scout Ceremony for Bill Austin.
August 7	7:30 PM Bob John's house. TLC meeting.
August 9	8:00 PM Eaton Park. Eagle Ceremony for Dan Thompson and Dean Russell.
August 10	5:00 PM Delmont, Feast for Silver stag.
August 11	1 to 10 PM Resica Falls, 50 th Anniversary celebration for camp
August 13	7 to 9 PM Dave Cooper's house. 133 Loller Road, Hatboro. Swim, Volleyball, campfire. \$20.00 due for camping trip to Alaire State Park.
August 16	7:30 PM Dave Cooper's house. Staff and Troop Committee meetings.
August 17	6:00 PM HBC Meet for Alaire camping trip
August 19	3:30 PM HBC Return from Alaire camping trip.
August 20	7:15 PM HBC Troop Meeting. Bike maintenance by Jon Yale.
August 27	7 to 9 PM Lukens Park, Dresher Rd, Horsham (Everybody's playground) Biking night on Power Line Trail.
September 3	No meeting
September 8	8 to 9 AM Haboro Union Library. Set up Book Fair
September 8	3 to 4 PM Hatboro Union Library. Take down Book Fair
September 8	4 to 6:30 PM Jarrett Farm. Lobster Pot. Direct parking of cars.
September 10	7:15 PM HBC. Troop Meeting.
September 10	8:00 PM HBC Sanctuary. Andrew Garrison' Eagle Ceremony
September 14	5:45 PM Hatter Stadium. Broadcast HHHS Football game.

Note: September trip is to West Point, September 21st to the 23rd. Clearwater sloop is limited to 50 people. First come first served. (Cost is \$50.00)