

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

This coming Monday, December 19th, we will go caroling for our Troop meeting. Each scout should bring 1 dozen homemade cookies so that we can put them together in tins to deliver to those families we go out to see. In addition, each scout should dress for the weather because we will be outside for a good bit of the meeting. When we return back to the church, we will have hot chocolate and the leftover cookies we didn't need to fill the tins for our friends that we visited throughout the evening.

There will be no meeting on Monday, December 26th.

We will be meeting on Monday, January 2nd. Reservations are due that night for our camping trip to Resica Falls over the weekend of January 20th through the 22nd. We will be staying at Resica in a cabin with heat and showers. Scouts can sign up to go skiing on Saturday. In addition, there will be opportunities for ice fishing, hiking, and shooting rifles and shotguns. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20th, at the church and then return home and be ready for dismissal from the church at 12:30 p.m., on Sunday, January 22nd. For Scouts not going skiing, the cost for the weekend will be \$30.00 which includes food, transportation and lodging. There will be a small additional charge for shells for shot gun shooting. The total charge with a lift ticket for skiing is \$76.00. The total cost with a lift ticket, lessons and rental is \$103.00.

Our Troop Leader Council meeting for our Patrol Leaders and Junior Leaders will be on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., at my house.

Several of our scouts and scouters signed up for the Winter Classic at Citizens Park which will take place on Friday, January 6th, when the Phantoms take on the Hershey Bears. Starting time is 7:00 pm. There is no more room available for this event but if there are any cancelations we do have a standby list.

The Unami Lodge will have its annual dinner on Sunday, January 8th.

Our Troop Committee and Adult Staff meeting will be at Dave Cooper's house on Thursday night, January 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

The very next night will be our Night Ski at Bear Creek. Reservations and money are due for this trip by Monday, January 2nd. Garry Pfeil has already put out an email about this trip and as usual it presents a great opportunity for young scouts to learn how to ski at a very reasonable price. In addition, it is a good warm up for the weekend trip the following week. Families and friends are invited to take part in the Bear Creek night ski. If you are inviting friends and families, you need to make your own transportation arrangements for them.

There is also a Venture Crew ski trip scheduled for February 3rd – 5th to Blue Knob.

Please note that we have changed the ham/turkey supper to March 24th. It turns out that we had several conflicts including school activities that made it only sensible to change the date so more of our scouts and families can participate in our

major fund raiser for the year.

Our Annual Plan mistakenly indicated that Parents' Night will be on April 2nd. Actually, we had set April 9th as Parents' Night because the Hatboro-Horsham School District has off the entire Easter Week. Consequently, we are having Parents' Night on April 9th.

We had changed our trip for March 16th to the 18th to Baltimore Harbor to November because we could not get the USS New Jersey for November. We could not get the USS New Jersey for the March weekend either so now we will be going to Henlopen State Park in Delaware. It is right off of the beach and has great nature trails and scenic views looking out off the bluffs into the ocean. We will also offer deep sea fishing.

All dues must be paid up by December 31st. The cost is \$36.00 per year. We have been telling our scouts what they owe for several weeks. We cannot continue to pay for registration and Boys' Life without this income. We must pay the fees in January so please check with your son(s) and make sure he/they are paid up. Adults must pay the \$15.00 registration fee by this date.

We will be at Resica Falls in the Poconos for summer camp this year. Camp will be from July 22nd to July 28th. The cost is \$340.00 for Scouts and \$160 for adults. The first payment is due February 6, in the amount of \$100.00 for Scouts and \$50.00 for adults. An additional \$120.00 is due on March 5th and April 2nd for scouts and \$50.00 and \$60.00 respectively for Adults. Camperships are available through Council but applications are due March 1st. The first payment and final payment dates are crucial as if we do not have the money for those dates an additional \$15.00 will be charged for camp.

Woodbadge will be offered for Adults seeking advance training over the weekends of May 4th and June 2nd. Both weekends start on Friday morning and end on Sunday evening. See me or Mike Balot for applications

We have enjoyed a lot of activities since our last newsletter. On the weekend of October 22nd through the 23rd, our scouts went backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. Our thanks to Dan Murphy who made the arrangements for this trip. He also spent a couple of our troop meetings helping the boys prepare for this outing.

On October 24th, we had our annual Halloween party. Our thanks to Bruce and Val McCaffrey for taking care of the refreshments.

The Hatboro YMCA sponsored the Annual Skeleton Run in order to raise money for Main Street and the Hatboro Y on October 29th. This year we had several of our scouts and adults help out. Greg Howanetz was in charge of the VT-3 video crew that filmed the event. Assisting him were Craig Lauer, and scouts Taylor Lauer, Dan Howanetz, John Pasquarello and Jason Graf. Assisting Mike Moore, who headed up the contingent to assist with the parking for all the participants, were adults Matt Atras, Jim Lavelle, Bill Tritsch, Bob Gomez, Bill Graf and scouts Chris Atras, Patrick Lavelle, Brandon Gomez and Nate Ehly. The Y was very appreciative of all our efforts to make their fund raiser go so well.

On Sunday, October 30th, we had our 2nd Pancake Breakfast at Applebees. Our thanks to Bob Waeltz who handled all the arrangements for this fund raiser. We raised \$1,226.50 at this breakfast and together with the one we did before at Applebees produced over \$2,300.00 that we are putting towards the purchase of our tents which we are already using. Our thanks to everyone who participated.

On November 5th Craig Lauer was on the staff for the University of Scouting training program. Craig continues to serve on the Council Staff for programs for Scouts with challenges.

On November 6th, Owen Adams headed up our good turn for the annual Greyhound Run. Scouts assisting were Kyler Grimes, Kurt Herbine, Brandon Gomez, Taylor Lauer, Dylan Callum, Connor Gregory, Matt Lee, Ryan Walsh, Jeff Dieterly, and Peter Careno. Adults included Messrs Atras, Gomez, Lauer, Jevit, Lee, Walsh, Dieterly and Careno. We received a very nice thank you letter from the Greyhound Group. Without our help, this event would not be possible.

On November 7th – November 21st, we did the Scouting for Food Drive. Mike Moore headed up this effort and Mike Bernard assisted with the coordination with the Hatboro Lehman Church where the food was taken to be stored for distribution to needy families. This is always an important event as we have so many families struggling in our own area. We received over 3,000 items and the Survivors Patrol won the contest for bringing in the most items. Our thanks to all the scouts and scouters who brought in food for the needy.

On November 11th, several of our scouts participated in the Color Guard at Keith Valley Middle School for the Veterans

Day breakfast. They included Colin Gawlinski, Dawson Stremme, Dan Howanetz and Kyler Grimes. Our key person for heading up this activity was Jim Iaia.

On the weekend of November 11th – 13th, our Troop went to Baltimore Harbor for the weekend. Brian Dutill was in charge of making all of the arrangements and executing the plan. Brian did a great job on short notice. We were going to go to the U.S.S. New Jersey on Saturday night that weekend but since they had no openings we had to change our trip to Baltimore Harbor. This was a great trip and everyone had a good time.

On Monday night, November 14th, Rudy Tellmann was in charge of our Veterans Day program. Rudy works very hard on this program and did an excellent job. In particular, I would like to thank all our scouts who assisted with this very impressive salute to our veterans. Steve Tritsch, Jim Iaia, Jeff Dieterly, Brandon Gomez, Pat Lavelle, Nick Kelly, Joe Moore, Logan Wright, Taylor Lauer, Jason Graf and Cole Patchell all assisted with the program. It was great to see so many of our former scouts and scout family being honored for all they have done for our country.

On November 19th, we filmed the annual Hatboro Holiday Parade in Hatboro. This is always a major production. We had 24 of our scouts and scouters involved with setting up, taking down, filming and coordinating the production. With the lift truck to film from overhead and the two side cameras, this is always an impressive production. It goes up on cable TV in 7 area communities. It is always nice to get great feedback from the many people that get a chance to see themselves or family and friends in the parade or just to see the parade at home. My thanks to everyone for a job well done.

On November 28, 2011, Logan Wright, Jim Iaia, Rob Waeltz, Joe Moore and Brandon Gomez assisted me with a good turn at the Hatboro Union Library. We moved boxes from the balcony around the main library up to the 3rd floor. The Library really appreciated this service.

On the weekend of December 3rd and 4th, Mike Bernard and Owen Adams put on a Wilderness First Aid Instruction Program for our adults and scouts. We had 23 of our adults and scouts give up the entire weekend for this advanced training. Owen and Mike did a great job in keeping everyone's interest in the program throughout this 16-hour course. It is really awesome to have so many people taking additional training so that they can better serve our troop. This is certainly an asset to us to not only have the two (2) foremost instructors in the entire Council and this Region, but to have so many willing participants. Our thanks to Bruce McCaffrey for getting the training room at the Horsham Fire Station for this two day training course.

Bob Genn is currently collecting money and taking reservations for the Olympia Scope program which will take place over Memorial Day weekend. It starts Thursday, May 24th, and ends on Monday, May 28th. The boys will be going to Canada and staying with fellow Canadian scouts at their homes for two of the nights and also touring the Toronto area. On Saturday, they will go to an outdoor program. The cost is \$190.00 and space is limited. Please contact Bob Genn at once if you are interested in attending this activity.

This past Tuesday night, December 13th, we once again did another good turn. We did the lights and assisted with take down of the Horsham Township Police Blue Light Program which recognizes fallen police officers from the entire county. This always involves county and State and National figures. Our own Bob Waeltz was in charge of the program. We also filmed the program and will put it up on television. In addition to filming, we also did close-circuit projection of the activities going on outside the Horsham Fire Station so that people that were inside could see what was going on outside.

This is always a great time of the year. I hope that each of you will not only have a Happy and Joyful Holiday but that you will experience the warmth of sharing with your families and friends. Certainly, we have done our share of good turns this year and I am honored to be the Scoutmaster of such a giving group of young men and adults. Hopefully, it will give each of us a better sense of how fortunate we are and a good feeling as we continue to make a difference and celebrate this Season's festivities and religious services. Barbara and I wish each of you the best ever of holidays.

Your Scoutmaster,

Bob John

Calendar of Events

Month: December

Theme: Public Service

Assignments: Pre-opening, DDs; Opening, Jolly Rogers; Game, Ventures; Closing, Politically Incorrect; Service, Pony Boys.

Big Event: Winter Classic, Phantoms vs. Hershey Ice Hockey at Citizens Park, January 6th

Good Turns: Blue Light Program, December 13th, and Christmas Caroling, December 19th

December 3rd 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wilderness First Aid at Horsham Fire Company.

December 4th 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wilderness First Aid at Horsham Fire Company.

December 5th 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Detective Waeltz speaking on Public Service.

December 6th 7:30 p.m. Bob John's house. TLC meeting.

December 12th 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Dave Patchel speaking about the Fireman's Role in Public Service.

December 13th 5:30 p.m. Horsham Fire Station. Blue Light.

December 15th 7:30 p.m. Troop Committee and Staff meeting, Dave Cooper's house. Starts with the Annual Christmas party.

December 19th 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Christmas caroling. Boys each bring a dozen homemade cookies.

December 26th **NO MEETING.**

Month: January

Theme: Winter Camping

Assignments: Pre-opening, Cous Cous; Opening, DDs; Game, Ventures; Closing, Jolly Rogers; Service, Politically Incorrect

Big Event: Night Ski on January 13th, Camping Trip January 20th – 22nd includes skiing at Shawnee

January 2nd 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Sign up due for January 13th night ski and January 20th – 22nd camping trip to Resica including skiing at Shawnee. Introduction to Winter Sports merit badge, Barry Fisher. Hypothermia and frost bite, Owen Adams

January 3rd 7:30 p.m. Bob John's house, Troop Leader Council meeting.

January 6th 7:00 p.m. Citizens Park Winter Classic. Phantoms vs. Hershey.

January 8th Lodge dinner.

January 9th 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Visit by Pack 59. Skiing & snow boarding instruction and safety, Jacob Fisher.

January 12th 7:30 p.m. Dave Cooper's house. Troop Committee and Staff meeting.

January 13th 4 – 10:00 p.m. Bear Creek. Night skiing.

January 16th 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Winter sports apparel. Bob John and Dan Murphy.

January 20th 6:00 p.m. HBC. Meet for camping trip.

January 22nd 12:30 p.m. Dismissed from church after returning from camping trip.

January 23rd 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Pack 675 visit. Mt. Washington program by Dan Murphy.

January 30th 7:15 p.m. HBC. Troop meeting. Winter survival skills, Dan Murphy and Bob John.