

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Troop 3 Families,

Summer is in full swing and with it brings summer camp for scouts around the nation. This is also true for the scouts in Troop 3. We tend to focus on the advancement side of summer camp, but the camp experience offers so much more than just working on ranks and badges. For the new boys, it is an extended opportunity to get to know the older boys in the troop and the other new boys in their patrol, and become more comfortable with the Troop 3 team. And for all the scouts it is a chance to have fun with friends, spend a week outdoors, and experience new challenges. Camp Yawgoog, situated on beautiful Yawgoog Pond in southern Rhode Island will give us that incredible opportunity. Yawgoog has so much to offer so let's leave those electronic devices at home and see what it is like to live in the Great Outdoors.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**Troop Meetings:** Make sure to check the calendar for the Monday troop meetings. We will be meeting in different locations during the month of July.

**Summer Camp July 18 to July 26:** Summer Camp is the highlight of every scout troop's year. We are off to what I know will be a great week at Rhode Island's Yawgoog Scout Reservation. This is the oldest continuously operating scout camp in the country and we have only been there one other time. There are a lot of great activities planned for the week including lots of advancement opportunities, boating, swimming and just enjoying the great outdoors. There are several important dates involved with summer camp:

**Monday June 29, 2015:** We will be at the Upper Moreland Swim Club doing swim tests and having an informal summer camp parents meeting. The parents meeting will begin at 8:00 PM. If you have questions about camp, make sure you attend this important meeting. Although we will have to retake swim tests at camp, this will be a great opportunity for the boys to practice. Even scouts not going to camp can take the test as it is a requirement for advancement.

**Thursday July 16, 2015, 7:00 PM:** We will pack cars for the trip to Rhode Island on Thursday July 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM. All scouts should bring their large bag for the week to the church. They will each need a smaller back pack with a day's change of clothes and toiletry items for Saturday. They will not have access to their large bags until Sunday afternoon.

**Saturday July 18, 2015, 8:00 AM:** We will depart HBC at 8 AM on Saturday July 18, 2015. All scouts will need a full uniform including neckerchief, troop hat, their smaller back pack and a bag lunch, water and rain gear. In addition, they will each need \$10 for dinner that night. They should also bring their medications, with the meds in their original, non-expired bottles and put in a clear Ziploc bag with their name on the bag. If anyone is in need of Troop 3 hats, shirts or neckerchiefs, please see Evelyn Caetano before we leave for camp.

**Sunday July 26, 2015, 5:00 PM:** The troop will return from camp around 5:00 PM. There will be a lot of gear to put away, so scouts will not be dismissed until everything is complete. This should be around 6:00PM

**Camp Medical Information:** Please remember that everyone attending camp, this includes scouts and scouters must have a completed physical form. They must be turned in to Mr. Atras prior to camp so that he can review them. You must also attach a copy of your son's most recent insurance card, both front and back. All medications must be given to the troop medical officer prior to departure.

**Hatboro Tri-Centennial Parade:** The Hatboro Tri-Centennial Parade will take place on Sunday July 5, 2015 beginning at 2:00 PM. The VT3 crew will be filming the parade and Mr. John could use scouts and scouters to assist with this project. Anyone that is available to help should report to the Old Hatboro Firehouse (just north of Byberry Rd) on York Rd at 1:00 PM. The parade should be over and we should be done no later than 4:00 PM.

## **PAST EVENTS**

**Community Service:** Our VT3 crew was in action on June 6 taping Horsham Day events at the Horsham Municipal Complex. Scouts include Dawson Stremme and Dan Howanetz along with Bob John, Jack Burrell and Greg Howanetz. Thanks to VT3 for work on this project. And that same weekend, the annual June Fete for the benefit of Abington Hospital took place. Helping out at the June Fete were Jason Caetano, Chris Meixsell, Dawson Stremme, Jimmy Lynch, along with Mrs. Evelyn Caetano, Chris and Matt Atras and Ron Meixsell. Thanks to each of them for giving their time to such an important event.

On Saturday June 20, several of our scouts and adults assisted at a project at the Upper Moreland Library. Scouts assisting at the Library were Jimmy Lynch, Jason Caetano, Ben Iaia and George Balot along with Jim Iaia and Evelyn Caetano. We thank them for their service to the community.

**French Creek State Park Trip:** It was unfortunate that we had to reduce the French Creek Trip to one day, but the general feeling was that with a tropical storm due to hit the region it was better

to be safe. That being said, the troop still got out to French Creek and did some geocaching and played some disc golf. Thanks to Mr. Careno for working hard to make this trip happen.

**NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training):** Congratulations to our Senior Patrol Leader Kyler Grimes who attended the NYLT course at the Nelson Training Center at Camp Delmont. This is a National training week full of great opportunities for our junior leaders. There are two more opportunities for this great training. If you are interested in going please see Mr. Waeltz.

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** Nate Ehly completed his District Board of Review for Eagle Scout on June 18. We congratulate Nate on his hard work. His Eagle ceremony will be planned in the near future.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Troop 3 Social Media:** I am excited to report that Hatboro Troop 3 now has both a Twitter Account and an Official Facebook page. Please go to both and follow us on Twitter and like our Facebook page. They are updated continuously with the most important information. Find us on Twitter at @hatborotroop3 and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3](http://www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3). You can access both from our website at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org).

**PA Child Protective Services Law:** The Governor recently signed a memorandum that would eliminate some fees for volunteers. The reduction of fee's goes into effect on July 25, 2015. While all other aspects of the law remain in place, the Cradle of Liberty Council is recommending that volunteers wait to get their clearances until after July 25. Please remember that under the law, al volunteers must obtain clearances before December 31, 2015. Anyone with questions should contact Keith Grimes.

## **JULY CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Summer Camp Prep.**

#### **Assignments:**

Pre-opening: Eagle Union, Opening: Illumiyoloskavics, Closing: Rangers, Service: Tactical Unicorns

#### **JULY BIG EVENT:** Summer Camp at Yawgoog Scout Reservation

Sunday July 5 - 2:00 PM – Hatboro Tri-Centennial Parade – VT3 Videotaping

Monday July 6 - 7:15 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Extended Patrol Corners Patrol Flag Planning

Tuesday July 7, - 7:30 PM – TLC Meeting at Mr. Waeltz's house

Thursday July 9, 7:30 PM – Troop Staff and Committee – 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro Pa

Monday July 13, 7:15 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Patrol Flags and Merit Badge Pre-requisite

Thursday July 16, 7:00 PM – HBC Pack cars and trailer for Summer Camp

Saturday July 18, 8:00 AM – Depart HBC for Rhode Island

Monday July 20 – No Troop Meeting, Summer Camp

Sunday July 26, 5:00 PM – Return to HBC dismissal by 6:00 PM

Monday July 27, 7:15 PM - Troop Meeting at Hatboro Park – Capture the flag