

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

May is always an important month for Troop 3. The boys select a new Senior Patrol Leader and they organize themselves into new patrols. And then, without much practice working with each other, the new Troop Leaders Council has to put together the troop's annual plan. It is always amazing to me as a Scout Leader to watch how well the boys rise to the challenge.

This year's reorganization is going to be particularly momentous. Not only are the boys changing their leaders but we are also changing the adult leadership. My wife and I will be heading for Colorado the first week of June. I can't believe how fast the date for our move is approaching. We are busy packing up everything in the house. As part of our stuff I will be taking with me an enormous mental box of great memories from my time spent with Troop 3. I am thankful for all that the troop did to help my son grow and mature. And for myself, I cannot overstate all that I have learned from the other adult Scouters... and from all of the boys. Being a Scout leader is very much a two-way street. Our adults give of their time because they believe in the Scouting movement. But they also get a lot back from the organization in a myriad of ways. I speak from my heart when I thank each of you for making my time with Troop 3 such a positive experience.

I may be leaving but I don't expect Troop 3 to miss a beat. Bob Waeltz will be taking over as Scoutmaster and will be aided by Keith Grimes as lead Assistant Scoutmaster. These Scouters have lots of experience with Troop 3 and believe in the program. I know that they are going to have the same help that I had from all the rest of the Troop 3 community. Join me as I wish Bob and Keith all the best as they continue the Hatboro Troop 3 tradition of excellence and service to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Troop Reorganization, May 4: We will undergo our annual troop reorganization the first Monday in May. Boys should begin to consider whether they would like to be a patrol leader. They should also think about who they would like to lead the troop in the role of Senior Patrol Leader. All of these positions are critical to the success of the troop. The new positions and patrols will take effect the first of June.

Service to the Church and Community: We have several service opportunities in May.

May 2, 9-4pm, **Mulching the Hatboro Baptist Garden Beds.** We already have had this event. The troop worked hard on the outside property at the church. Thanks go to all those who participated. It is always nice to give back to the church that hosts our troop.

May 9, 8-9am, 3-4pm, **Hatboro Library Bazaar.** This is our semiannual donation of time to help the Hatboro library. They rely on the money earned by the sale of used books to help cover their operating costs. Those sales would not be possible without the troop moving the 3000+ books from their storage shed to the sales tables. We will meet at the library at 8am to set-up the books and then will put the books back away at 3pm. You do not need to wear a uniform for this good turn.

May Trip, Canoeing on the Antietam Creek, May 15-17: Our May camping trip will take us to Virginia to canoe on Antietam Creek. The canoeing itself will be a day trip with us camping next to a canal near the end of our canoe route. On Sunday we will hike to a Civil War battlement site that overlooks Harpers Ferry, WV. We will meet at Hatboro Baptist Friday evening at 6pm. Scouts and Scouters should bring plenty of drinking water and sunscreen. We should be back on Sunday by 4pm.

Canoe Training, May 9: We will hold canoe training for our newest scouts on Saturday, May 9. This training is in preparation for the longer canoe trip the next week. We will meet at Hatboro Baptist at 9am (after setting up the Library Bazaar) and will return to the church by 12. Boys should bring water and should wear shoes that can get wet. We will travel over to Tyler State Park where they have a small pond and river that the boys can explore. If you have any questions give Mr. Gentry a call at 215-659-6059 or see the flyer posted on our troop website.

Summer Camp in July: The troop will be attending Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Rhode Island. We will be leaving Saturday, July 18 and returning Sunday, July 26. The cost for boys is \$480 and \$175 for adults. Check out our web site at www.hatborotroop3.org for more info.

Troop camperships are available for those who need financial help to attend camp. Our goal is to have every boy attend camp no matter what their financial situation. If you need financial help with the first deposit then please talk to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Gentry.

PAST EVENTS

Parents Meeting: The semi-annual parents meeting is always a nice evening as we honor the accomplishments of our Scouts. A big thank you to Mr. Cooper for organizing the evening and to Mr. John and Mr. Burrell for putting together the troop video.

Manassas Battlefield: We had a GREAT trip to Manassas, Virginia. We hiked the battlefield and learned about the two different battles that were fought there including the first major battle of the Civil War. On Sunday we enjoyed a visit to Mt. Vernon. Thanks go to Mr. Waeltz for organizing this trip... and for reserving such nice spring weather.

May Calendar

Theme = Wildlife Management

Assignments: Preopening (Me), Opening (Phoenix), Closing (Florida Monument), Service (Duct Tape)

Monthly Troop Outing: Canoeing on Antietam Creek, Virginia

May 3 5:00pm – **District Dinner** – Heilman Hall, Bryn Athyn School, 600 Tomlinson Rd.

May 4 7:30pm – **Troop Meeting** – Troop Reorganization

May 7 7:15pm – **Troop Staff Meeting**– Mr. Cooper's house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro

May. 9 8-9am – **Hatboro Library Book Bazaar** – S. York Rd, Hatboro – no uniforms
3-4pm

May 9 9am-12 – **Canoe Training** – meet at Hatboro Baptist – travel to Tyler State Park

May 11 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Canoe safety and annual plan brainstorming

May 13 7:30pm – **District Roundtable and OA Chapter Mtg** –Roychester Community House, 2002 Parkview Avenue, Abington

May 13 7:30pm – **TLC – LOCATION CHANGE**, Hatboro Baptist

May. 17 6:00pm – **Antietam Trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church

May. 19 4:00pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church

May 18 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Leave No Trace

May 25 7:15pm – **No Troop Meeting** – Memorial Day