

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

I can hardly believe that September is here. Of course with September comes the beginning of a new school year and the beginning of a new Troop 3 program year. Maybe that is an exciting thing. Maybe it's a little scary. No matter what your opinion, it marks a new beginning. Forget New Year's Resolutions, it is far more important to mark out your September plans and goals. What do you want to accomplish this school year? What do you want to accomplish in this scouting year? Are there any things that you want to do differently? Are there new things you would like to try? Perhaps, it is to make new friends in a new school, or maybe it's to advance another rank in scouting by the end of the year. The point is that it's almost impossible to achieve these things without first having set your sights on trying to accomplish them. Your goals may shift as the year progresses, but the value of challenging yourself does not change. September is a month to start fresh. My challenge for all of our scouts is to make this school year and this scouting year the very best you can. Work hard and you will succeed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

#### Community Good Turns

**\*\* PLEASE TAKE NOTE SINCE WE WILL NOT HAVE A TROOP MEETING BEFORE THESE EVENTS**

**Sept. 12 – Hatboro Library Bazaar.** As has been our tradition, we will be helping the Hatboro Library with their semi-annual bazaar. We will be helping to set up their book sale from 8-9am, and then will help put things back from 2:30-3:30pm. No uniforms are needed.

**Sept 12 – Hatboro Rotary Club Lobster Pot.** That same day we will also be helping the Rotary Club by parking cars for their Lobster Pot. Once again this year, the dinner is being held at College Settlement Camp (600 Witmer Rd, Horsham). We will meet at the Hatboro Library

parking lot at 3:30, and will park cars from 4-6:30pm. We will be in Class A uniforms but without neckerchiefs.

**September Trip to Haycock Mountain** – We will be camping at the Haycock Mountain property on the weekend of September 19 and 20 (Please note we will leave Saturday morning and will return Sunday afternoon). We will be canoeing to the property from the Lake Nockamixon Boat Launch. We will make camp at the properties lower site. For some it will be a Wilderness Survival Weekend and we will cook using backpacking stoves. We will then return to the lake and spend the rest of the day in canoes, rowboats, motorboats and sailboats. This should be a fun weekend. Mr. Balot is working on the arrangements and more information will be coming soon. Please remember that due to the Labor Day Holiday, this trip will occur the same week as our next troop meeting so Mr. Balot will need to know by then if you are going.

**TLC Meeting – Tuesday September 8.** Due to scheduling conflicts, I had originally planned for a TLC meeting on Wednesday September 9. My schedule has changed again and will allow me to have the TLC on September 8. The meeting will be at 7:30 PM at my house.

**Troop Meetings.** Along with a return to our standard TLC schedule we will also be returning to our normal troop meeting routine. We will meet weekly at Hatboro Baptist and will wear our scout pants and khaki scout shirts. Our first meeting of the program year will be September 14

**Jimmy Iaia Eagle Ceremony** – We will celebrate the accomplishments of Jimmy Iaia at his Eagle Ceremony on Monday September 21, 2015 at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary of the church. Please plan on joining us for this very important event.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Allagash Wilderness Waterway Canoe Trip** – Our Venture Crew left on Saturday August 1, 2015 for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Northern Maine. Five members of the Venture Crew, Dawson Stremme, Kyler Grimes, Ryan Walsh, Dave McCann and Jimmy Iaia along with five adults, Dan Murphy, Kyle Hallowell, Dave Stremme, Keith Grimes and Jim Lavelle made the trip to Maine. They spent the week canoeing and taking in the sights of northern Maine.

**Green Lane Park Trip and Troop Picnic** – The troop spent the weekend of August 21 to 23 at Green Lane Park in Western Montgomery County. 10 scouts and 8 scouters spent the weekend camping and on Saturday many of our families and other scouts and their families came to Green Lane Park for a Troop 3 picnic. The weather was great and everyone seemed to enjoy the perfect day. A big thanks to Mr. Mike Moore for putting this trip together and to George Fesmire who brought our canoes to the lake for all to enjoy.

## **OTHER NEWS:**

**Troop Meeting Plans** – Over the past few months, the TLC has spent considerable time talking about changes to Troop Meeting Plans. I presented these changes to the Troop Staff and Committee and as the result, some changes will go into effect in September and others will be phased in gradually. The changes include the following:

- There will be no announcements at the beginning of meetings anymore. All announcements will be made at the end of the meeting.
- Structure of Troop meetings will be changed to allow for a skills demonstration and then a patrol competition based on the skills demonstration. There will also be a fun game included.
- The Scout Oath and Scout Law will be recited at the opening and closing of each meeting.

**Troop Equipment** – The TLC has also spent quite a bit of time talking about troop equipment. Based on their discussions, the troop has purchased 10 aluminum boxes which are military surplus to be used as patrol boxes. They will be phased into the equipment room shortly. In the near future, we will remove every piece of equipment from the troop room, clean the room and inventory everything we own. Equipment will be replaced as needed. Used equipment that we replace will be donated to inner city troops. Each patrol will also be appointing a patrol quartermaster who will work with the troop quartermaster to keep our equipment in good shape.

**Troop 3 Website and Social Media** – Please remember to refer to the Troop 3 website at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org). Mr. Walsh has spent quite a bit of time updating the photos across the top and adding new updated information. Also, please refer to our Twitter feed @hatborotroop3 and our Facebook page both of which are continuously updated.

## **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Wilderness Survival**

#### **Assignments:**

Pre-opening: Rangers, Opening: Tactical Unicorns, Closing: Eagles Union, Service: Dream Meme Team

### **SEPTEMBER BIG EVENT – TRIP TO HAYCOCK MOUNTAIN**

Monday September 7, 2015 – **NO MEETING LABOR DAY**

Tuesday September 8, 2015 – TLC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Mr. Waeltz's house

Wednesday September 9, 2015, 7:15 PM – Washington District Roundtable, Ardsley Community Center, 2828 Spear Ave, Ardsley, PA

Thursday September 10, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Staff & Committee, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro PA

**Saturday September 12, 2015, 8 to 9 AM – Hatboro Library Bazaar Setup**

**Saturday September 12, 2015 2:30 to 3:30 PM – Hatboro Library Bazaar Takedown**

**Saturday September 12, 2015 3:30 to 6:30 PM – Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot at College Settlement, 600 Witmer Rd, Horsham, PA**

Monday September 14, 2015 – 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC, Wilderness Survival and Pioneering

Saturday September 19, 2015, 7:00 AM – Depart HBC for Haycock Mountain

Sunday September 20, 2015, 2:00 PM – Arrive at HBC, 2:30 PM, dismissal

Monday September 21, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Jim Iai Eagle Ceremony

Friday September 25 to Sunday September 27 – NYLT, Musser Scout Reservation

Monday September 28, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Rocket Into Scouting Open House