

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Troop 3 Families,

As I sit down to write my first newsletter, I can't help but to reflect on my time with Troop 3. While doing so, I was drawn back to the summer of 2008. The troop went to Camp Daniel Boone and along with us went a group of brand new scouts. Just like any other year, they had a lot to learn. Fast forward to 2015 and suddenly, this group of now young men are graduating from high school. They have accomplished quite a bit in their time with Troop 3. It has been a pleasure watching them grow from boys to men. I wish them much success as they move on to a new phase of their lives.

As we begin the month of June, the troop has been reorganized. A new senior patrol leader is in place as well as new patrols and patrol leaders. Ryan Walsh and Kyler Grimes will each serve 6 months as SPL. The TLC has already been working hard on the annual plan which they will present to the troop committee next week.

Pat Lavelle and George Balot have served the troop as its Senior Patrol Leaders for the last year. They lead a TLC that created an annual plan, executed the plan and kept this troop running. What a wonderful job they did and I thank them for their service. Pat is one of that group from 2008 that will be leaving us and George will be here for another year. I also want to thank Stu Gentry for his service as our scoutmaster. In addition his 2 ½ years as scoutmaster, he also faithfully served the troop for many years as an assistant scoutmaster. On behalf of Troop 3, I thank Stu for his incredible service to the youth of our community. I wish him and Abbie well as they make the move to Colorado.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

**Nick Kelly Eagle Ceremony:** We will celebrate the achievements of Nick Kelly with his Eagle Ceremony on Monday June 1 at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary of the church. Nick has worked hard to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout. Please join us as we recognize Nick for all of his hard work.

**JUNE TRIP TO FRENCH CREEK STATE PARK:** We will be heading to French Creek State Park on Friday June 19. We will depart HBC at 6:30 PM for the short drive to French Creek. Mr. Careno and the TLC have planned a weekend full of activities including Disc Golf, Geocaching and a visit to Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. There is no cost to this trip with the exception of each patrol's food. We will return to HBC on Sunday June 21 at 2:00 PM with a 2:30 dismissal time. If you want to go, you must let Mr. Careno know by Monday June 15.

**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](http://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 then please talk to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Waeltz.

On the topic of summer camp, we will meet at the Upper Moreland Swim Club on Monday June 29, 2015. We will conduct swim tests for all scouts. Unfortunately, Yawgoog Scout Camp will not accept our tests so we will have to do them again once we get to Yawgoog, but this is a great opportunity to make sure that each scout can complete the test. After the test there will be a free swim. We will also have a summer camp parents meeting that same night.

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT – SILVER STAG):** The Cradle of Liberty Council will be offering NYLT three different times this year. The first week is June 21-26. The second week is August 2-7 and the third offering is during two weekends, September 25-27 and October 2-4. The cost of this training is \$275.00, however, the troop will reimburse ½ of the cost upon successful completion. This is a great training for youth and I encourage our junior leaders to take advantage of this training. Those interested in going to NYLT should see Mr. Waeltz.

**JUNE FETE:** The Annual June Fete for the benefit of Abington Hospital will be held on the weekend of June 5 thru 7. Troop 3 has been asked to assist at the June Fete for a number of years. Volunteers are needed during the following times and dates:

Friday – 6/5 – 2-5pm, 4-7pm, 7-9pm, 9-11pm

Saturday – 6/6 – 11-2pm, 2-5pm, 5-8pm, 8-10pm

Sunday – 6/7 – 12-3pm, 3-6pm, 5:30-8:30pm

If you are able to help, please contact Bob Genn, Assistant Scoutmaster at 215-520-9364

Wear your Class B t-shirt. All volunteers will get a complimentary ticket to the Fete and will be fed!

## **PAST EVENTS**

**SERVICE PROJECTS:** We completed three very important service projects in May.

**Mulching Beds at HBC:** On May 2, 2015 the troop cleaned and mulched all of the flower beds at Hatboro Baptist Church. This is a very important project for us and the church. Thanks to everyone involved especially Mr. Carenzo and Mr. Moore who made all of the arrangements.

**Hatboro Union Library Bazaar:** Then on May 8, 2015 we once again assisted the Hatboro Union Library with their spring bazaar. We set up tents, tables and moved all of the books to the tables in the morning, then in the afternoon we took it all down. The Hatboro Union Library counts on Troop 3 for this event and again I thank everyone that was a part of this very important project.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Troop 3 also participated again in the Warminster Township Memorial Day Parade. The parade went from the township municipal building on Henry Ave to the VFW on Louis Drive.

**WASHINGTON DISTRICT DINNER:** The Washington District Dinner was held on the evening of May 3, 2015 and Troop 3 was very well represented. Mike Moore received the Unit Honored Scouter award. This award is presented to a registered scouter who goes above and beyond in service to the organization. The unit silent strength award was presented to Evelyn Caetano. This award is presented to a non-registered adult who gives of their time and energy in service to the unit. Congratulations to both of these adults. In addition, Rudy Tellman received his beads for completing Wood-badge. Congratulations to Rudy for this recognition. Finally, Scott Herbine was recognized by the District for receiving the James E. West Fellowship. Congratulations to Scott.

**ANTIETAM CANOE TRIP:** Our trip in May took us to the Antietam Creek near the civil war battlefield of Antietam. The troop camped Friday night and then canoed the Antietam creek on Saturday. On Sunday the troop went to Burnside Bridge on the Antietam Battlefield where Mr. Iaia described what took place there in 1862. A big thanks to Mr. Murphy who organized this trip.

**EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW:** Two of our scouts participated in the District Eagle Board and both successfully completed all of the requirements. Congratulations to Jim Iaia and Brandon Gomez. We will celebrate their accomplishments in the near future.

**FINALLY,** I want to express my thanks to all of the scouters who have entrusted me with the operation of this troop. Hatboro Troop 3 represents the very best program that scouting can offer and it is my hope that this excellence will continue. Mr. Grimes and I are committed to

continuing to bring the best scouting program to our scouts. Feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have.

June Calendar  
Theme = Search and Rescue

**Assignments:** Preopening (Illumiyoloskavics), Opening (Rangers), Closing (Tactical Unicorns), Service (Eagles Union)

**Monthly Troop Outing:** French Creek State Park June 19 to 21

- June 1 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Nick Kelly Eagle Court of Honor
- June 3 7:30 pm - **TLC** Mr. Waeltz’s house, 17 Brownstone Dr, Horsham Pa 19044
- June 6 – **Horsham Day**
- June 5,6 and 7 - **June Fete** for Abington Hospital
- June 8 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Search and Rescue Demo
- June 10 7:00pm – **District Roundtable**–
- June 11 7:30pm – **Staff Meeting** – Mr. Coopers house, 122 Loller Rd, Hatboro, annual plan presentation
- June 15 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Summer Camp merit badge sigup, VT3 Demo
- June 18 7:00om - **Load Gear for Trip** - HBC
- June 19 6:00pm – **French Creek SP Trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church
- June 21 2:00pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church
- June 22 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Pennypack School Field – Organized Game
- June 29 7:00pm – **Troop Meeting** – Swim tests and free swim at Upper Moreland Swim Club (3505 Moore Rd, Hatboro, off of Lukens Lane).