

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

When it comes to overall complexity and coordination, the single biggest activity in the Troop 3 calendar year is the Ham and Turkey Supper. I can say that there were a lot of us that went home the evening of March 15 and collapsed into chairs or bed. The good news is that the dinner was a financial success. This is no small deal. The dinner is our sole fund raiser to cover all the costs of providing Scout badges and equipment for the troop. Everyone pitched in in so many ways that it is hard to highlight the contributions of only a few individuals. That being said, special thanks go to our master chef's Steve Gilman, Bob Waeltz, and Bob Dieterly, and to our Volunteer Coordinator Lea Streeme.

But the financial success was only "good". What was "great" was the way the troop family pitched in and worked together. Forget about the fundraising aspects of the dinner... I would have us do the dinner even if we were giving away the food. I had a great time out on the dining room floor watching the scouts working together, having to listen each other and to the adult leaders, and being flexible and responsible. I thought they did an excellent job. I can't help but think of all the lessons the scouts learned during the course of that one dinner. And they were able to watch their parents pitch in as well which is also a valuable learning tool. There is no substitute for our scouts being placed in a challenging situation, and finding that they have the skills to rise to those challenges. Thank you to everyone that made this opportunity possible for our scouts.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Parents Meeting: Our semi-annual Parents Meeting will be held Monday, April 1. We will take this chance to acknowledge the boys in front of their parents and the rest of the troop with respect to all of their advancement and activities that they have participated in during the past 6 months. As always, a highlight of the evening will be the video of the various troop activities. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Haycock Camping Trip: Our April trip will be to our Haycock property near Lake Nockamixon. The TLC has planned a full agenda for the weekend. We will drive up early

Saturday morning and set up camp. After that we will be lashing swamp beds and talking about weather patterns in the morning and working on a conservation project in the afternoon. Sunday morning will be spent on the lake with the troop boats. This includes canoe training to help our newest scouts get ready for next month's canoe trip on the Mullica River in New Jersey.

Camp Card Fund Raising: This is a completely optional program that we will be offering to our scouts. It is meant to help out those who are looking for ways to help cover their camp costs. We will have Cradle of Liberty Camp Cards that the boys will sell for \$5 each and the entire troop's profit of \$2.50 per card will be credited back to the individual scout's camping account. These cards offer a number of discounts with local merchants. Simply buying at least \$40 of groceries at ShopRite gives the card holder a \$5 discount at the store, which completely pays for the card. Why not give that money to a scout's camping experience rather than to the grocery store. Other merchants include Papa John's, McDonalds, Applebees, and Modells. This is a great way to help cover the costs of attending summer camp and/or other troop activities. Scouts have until the end of May to sell cards.

Troop camperships are available to families who need help covering summer camp costs, but one of the things we look at when we receive a request is whether the scouts have tried to help themselves by participating in last fall's Applebee's breakfast fundraiser, the ham and turkey dinner, or selling camp cards.

Eagle Court of Honor: Matt Rabii, Apr. 28: An Eagle court of honor is an important event in the life of the new Eagle Scout and his family. But it is also an important event in the life of the troop. All of our scouts benefit from seeing one of their peers achieve this high rank. Please join us as we recognize Matt's accomplishments.

PAST EVENTS

Washington DC Trip, Mar. 21-23: All reports are that the troop had a great time in Washington DC last month. No matter how many times a person has been to our nation's capital, there is always more to see on the next visit. A big thank you goes to Mr. Moore for all the time that he spent on the logistics for the trip.

April Calendar
Theme = Weather

Assignments: Preopening (Border), Opening (That), Closing (League of EG), Service (Barbarians)

Monthly Troop Outing: Haycock, Apr 26-27

Apr 3 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry’s house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham

Apr 7 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Parents’ Meeting

Apr 9 7:30pm – **District Roundtable and OA Chapter Mtg** –Roychester Community House, 2002 Parkview Avenue, Abington

Apr 10 7:30pm – **Staff Meeting**– Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro.

Apr. 12 tbd – **Haycock Clean-up**

Apr 14 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Weather, Mr. Iaia

Apr 21 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Extended Patrol Corners

Apr. 26 7:00am – **Haycock Trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church

Apr. 27 3:30pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church

Apr 28 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Matt Rabii Eagle Court of Honor