

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

Graduation season is coming to a high school near you. This has gotten me thinking about Scouts and graduation. Commencement speakers like to talk about the transition from high school to the rest of one's life. That is great when it comes to school. But a certain retired scoutmaster liked to admonish us to "stay the course". The Scouting ideals captured by the Oath and Law can be taken wherever you go. They can be packed in your school bag no matter whether you are heading for middle school, high school, or college. The Scouting ideals do not need to be "checked at the gate" when you get to the airport on your vacation. "On my honor, I will do my best..." will guide you for all seasons... but only if you stay true and open to those ideals.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Troop Reorganization, May 5: 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 3, 9-4pm, **Mulching the Hatboro Baptist Garden Beds.** This is a chance for the troop to help out the church that supports our troop. Please join us and bring your gardening gloves, shovels, garden rakes, etc. We will be there rain or shine... so let's hope for "shine".

May 10, 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 26, **Warminster Memorial Day Parade Color Guard.** For the second year in a row the troop has been asked to provide the color guard for the Warminster Memorial Day Parade. A group of 4 scouts will be leading the way at the front of the parade.

May Trip, Canoeing on the Mullica River, May 17-18: Our May camping trip will take us to New Jersey to canoe on the Mullica River. We will take all of our gear with us in the canoes and will camp Saturday night along the river. It pays to be careful so use lots of plastic bags to dry-proof your gear. A dry sleeping bag is a lot more comfy than a wet one. We will meet at Hatboro Baptist Saturday morning at 7:00am to leave for our trip. Scouts and Scouters should bring a sack lunch for Saturday along with plenty of drinking water and sunscreen. We should be back on Sunday by 1:30pm.

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.

Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor: We are proud to announce that one of our leaders, Dan Murphy, was elected by the Unami Lodge to receive the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow. We congratulate Dan on the honor of being elected to become a Vigil member of this service organization and wish him the best on his induction weekend May 16-18.

Eagle Court of Honor: Jacob Fisher, May 12: 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 Jacob's accomplishments.

PAST EVENTS

Haycock Camping Trip: The mud fought us but we fought back and won the battle. Our older scouts lashed a raised swamp bed with two boys trusting their knots and sleeping on the platform that night. Meanwhile our younger scouts took a hike to the top of Haycock Mountain. The next day we held our Scouts Own church service down at the lake at the bottom of the new trail that we built from our campsite. Thanks go to Mr. Iaia for organizing the trip and to Ryan Walsh who served as our SPL for the weekend.

Haycock Clean-Up: One factor contributing to the success of the Haycock weekend was the site preparation work that was done earlier in the month. We appreciate all of the weed clearing and wood cutting efforts of Jeff and Bob Dieterley, Brandon and Bob Gomez, Mike Balot, Ed Carenzo, and Stu Gentry.

May Calendar
Theme = Water Sports

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

Monthly Troop Outing: Mullica River Canoe Trip, May 17-18

- May 3 9 – 3 – **Hatboro Baptist Mulching** – rain or shine, bring gloves and shovels
- May 4 5:00pm – **District Dinner** – North Penn VFW, Glenside
- May 5 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Troop Reorganization
- May 7 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry’s house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham
- May 8 7:30pm – **Staff Meeting** – Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro.
- May 9 7-8:30 – **Pack 410 Mtg** – Simmons Elementary School, Horsham
- May. 10 8-9am – **Hatboro Library Book Bazaar** – S. York Rd, Hatboro – no uniforms
3-4pm
- May 12 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Jacob Fisher Eagle Court of Honor
- May 15 – **District Cub Recruiting Night** – details to follow
- May. 17 7:00am – **Mullica River Trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church
May. 18 1:30pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church
- May 19 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Hot Air Ballooning
- May 26 10-12 – **Warminster Parade**
- May 26 7:15pm – **No Troop Meeting** – Memorial Day
- May 27 – **Council Eagle Recognition Dinner** – Union League, Philadelphia
- May 31 – **Troop Room Clean-out**