

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

July is summer camp month for scouts around the nation. We tend to focus on the advancement side of summer camp, but the camp experience offers so much more than just working on ranks and badges. For the boys new to the troop, it is an extended opportunity to get to know the older boys in the troop and the other new boys in their patrol, with the goal being that they can feel much more like they are part of the Troop 3 team. And for all the scouts it is a chance to have fun with friends, spend a week outdoors, and experience new challenges. Let's leave those electronic devices at home and see what it is like to live in the Great Outdoors. Scouting started with 21 boys joining Lord Baden-Powell for a week of camping on Brownsea Island. 108 years later we are having just as much fun at summer camp as those original scouts.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Troop Meetings: Make sure to check the calendar for the Monday troop meetings. We will be meeting in different locations each Monday during July.

Summer Camp, Resica Falls Scout Reservation, July 13 – July 19: We are off to the Poconos for a week of fun. I have it on good authority that the weather used up all of its rain by the beginning of July so that we will only have sunny skies during the middle of July. An information letter and packing list was given to the boys and is available on the website. The two key dates are:

Sunday, July 13, 9am – Leave for camp. We will meet at the Wells Fargo Bank in the Village Mall Shopping Center, Horsham at 9am. Scouts should be in full uniform including neckerchief and troop hat. They will need a day pack with water, sack lunch, and rain gear. They should also bring their medications, with the meds in their original, non-expired bottles and put in a clear Ziplock bag with their name on the bag.

Saturday, July 19 – Return from camp. We will return to Hatboro Baptist Saturday afternoon. The boys should be ready to be dismissed to go home by about 1pm.

Cradle of Liberty Blood Drive: The summer is traditionally a tough time for the Red Cross to collect blood for those in need. The Cradle of Liberty Council along with the F.A. Mascaro family has taken on the challenge of helping by offering a council-wide blood drive. Our own Peter Walts is heading up the drive for the council. The organization is in place. Locations have been scheduled. All that is needed now are donors... and we all know that "service to others" is integral to the Boy Scout way. There are multiple dates and locations all over the Cradle of Liberty area, but the two closest sites are listed below.

Saturday, August 16, Willow Grove Giant – Community Room – 9am to 2pm

Sunday, August 24, American Legion, 493 S Bethlehem Pike, Ft. Washington – 9am to ?

Mr. Gentry has donor sign-up cards that should be returned to him. Donors needed to be at least 17 years of age (or 16 with signed parental consent form). Donors do not need to be limited to just Scouts and Scouters. In fact, a full campership is available to the council scout that recruits the most donors. Family, friends, neighbors, etc. are all welcome and encouraged to be donors. More information is available on our troop website and at

www.colbsa.org/scout-for-lifeblood-drive/scout-for-life-blood-drive.html

Venture Trip, Allagash River, Maine – July 25 – August 2: The Venture crew will be off to Maine in late July. They will be canoeing on the Allagash river which winds through Maine's northern wilderness area. This is the same basic area that they canoed through last year but they will be taking a different route this year with different sights to see. Wish them luck, and wish them protection from the bugs. They will be meeting at 4am at Hatboro Baptist on July 25th, and will return about 5pm on Aug. 2nd.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT, also known as Silver Stage): There is still time for interested scouts to sign up for National Youth Leadership Training. The Cradle of Liberty Council is offering two more different sessions of its acclaimed NYLT program for scouts 13-17 years old. The sessions are scheduled for August 3-9, and two weekends Sept 26-28 & Oct 3-5. This is a great experience for scouts no matter whether or not they want to take on a troop leadership position. The cost is \$265, but the troop will reimburse 50% of the cost when the course is completed. Please let Mr. Gentry know as soon as possible if you would like more information on the training program.

Service to the Community – July 16, Hatboro Y Tribal Challenge. The Hatboro YMCA and the Hatboro Rotary Club are again joining forces to host a 3 mile run along the Horsham power line trail. We have helped them with this event in the past but unfortunately we will be at summer camp at the same time this year. This being said, Mr. John and VT3 are still going to help with videotaping the event. If you are staying in town and are available to help please contact Mr. John.

PAST EVENTS

June Trip, Dorney Park and Camp Delmont: The troop had a fun time at Dorney Park. They rode lots of rides and got wet in the water park on Saturday. Then on Sunday morning they

turned their attention to helping the scout council by doing a service project at Camp Delmont where they had been camping for the weekend. Thanks go to Mr. Walsh for organizing the trip.

Community Service: Thanks to all those involved with helping to videotape the Horsham Day activities. This includes scout videographers Kyler Grimes, Dawson Stremme, and Dan Howanetz along with Mr. Howanetz.

July Calendar
Theme = Outdoor Activities

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

Monthly Troop Outing: Resica Falls Scout Reservation Summer Camp, July 13 – 19

- July 7 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Summer camp preparation. Design and construction of troop flags
- July 9 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry's house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham
- July 10 7:30pm – **Troop Staff Meeting** – ***** CHANGE IN USUAL LOCATION *****
We will be meeting at Val and Bruce McCaffrey's house
424 Hallowell Ave., Horsham (off of Horsham Rd. near air base)
- July 13 9:00am – **Leave for Scout Camp** – Meet at the Wells Fargo Bank, Village Mall Shopping Center
All scouts and adults should bring:
- sack lunch and drink for Sunday
- day pack with water bottle and rain gear, also swim suit and towel if have not taken swim test yet
- clear plastic bag containing meds in original, non-expired bottles
- dressed in Class A uniform including neckerchief and troop hat
- July 16 5:15pm – **Hatboro YMCA Tribal Challenge** – video service project - meet at
- 7:30 Mr. John's house.
- July 19 1:00pm – **Return from Scout Camp** – Will return to Hatboro Baptist Church by about 12:30. Scouts will be dismissed to go home by 1:00pm.
- July 21 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee – Carpenter Park, Horsham Rd., Horsham.
- July 25 4:00am – **Venture Crew Leaves for Allagash Trip** – meet at Hatboro Baptist Church
- July 28 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Patrol game night at Hatboro Memorial Park – 330 West Moreland Avenue (behind the Hatboro Pool)
- Aug. 2 ~5:00pm – **Venture Crew Returns from Allagash** – Hatboro Baptist Church