

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

The boys have had a great time so far this summer. We had 33 scouts and 10 adults go to Resica Falls Scout Reservation. While the boys had lots of fun they also completed 64 merit badges, and the 9 new scouts made significant progress towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. After a week to get caught up on laundry, our venture scouts departed for a fun but challenging week of canoeing in the northern wilderness of Maine along the Allagash River water system.

Of course the boys at summer camp also brought back a stack of partial merit badges that require a small amount of additional work that needs to be done at home to complete the badges. History has been shown that if the boys don't jump on finishing up the badges while they are still thinking about them, the partial cards are more likely than not to find their way to the back of the scout's desk drawers. There is no better time than August before school starts for finishing up those badges. In fact August is a great month to make sure all of your summer goals are complete... don't wait for Labor Day weekend, since by then you will already be gearing up for school.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

August Trip, Allaire, NJ – Aug. 15-17: Our August camping trip will take us to our Allaire State Park in New Jersey. We will bike to the ocean on Saturday and spend the day on the beach. On Sunday we will visit the historic Allaire village. We will meet at Hatboro Baptist Church on Friday at 6pm. We will return to the church Sunday at 2pm. The cost for this trip is \$20 plus the cost of patrol food. A sign-up sheet is posted on the troop website. Contact Mr. Dutill if you have additional questions. (bdutill@verizon.net)

As part of this trip we will be riding bicycles from the campsite to the beach. Bring your bike with you to the church to be loaded on the troop trailer. All Scouts and Scouters must wear a helmet as per national scout policy. You will also want to have a day pack to carry towels, water bottles, sunscreen, and anything else that you will want at the beach. Let Mr. Dutill or Mr. Gentry know if you need to borrow bike equipment.

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 1pm

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 and on-line sign-up is available at

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

Community Good Turn – Horsham Police National Night Out – troop involvement

cancelled. The troop participation with this event has been cancelled for 2014. This is due to last-minute changes in the plan of events made by the Horsham PD such that they do not need us, not due to any decisions made by Troop 3. The troop still offers its support to this activity. You all are encouraged to stop by the Horsham Township building on Tuesday, Aug 5 from 5 to 7:30 to see what all is going on. There will be a car show, demonstration of Jaws-of-Life equipment for auto accidents, kids games, and food cooked by the PD.

PAST EVENTS

Community Good Turns: The troop participated in a couple of good turn opportunities during July. The **Hatboro YMCA Tribal Challenge** was held the week that the troop was at summer camp, but Mr. John rose to the challenge of taping the event for the Y. The raw video was shown at the finish line so that participants could see themselves jumping in mud and facing all of the other wild challenges that were part of the event. Thanks also to those who helped with the **U.S. Army Band and Choir concert** hosted by the Freedoms Foundation. The event was a little chaotic for volunteers at their end, but I am very appreciative of those who responded to the short-lead-time call for help.

August Calendar
Theme = Space Exploration

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

Monthly Troop Outing: Allaire State Park, NJ, August 15-17

Aug 4 7:00pm – **Troop Meeting** – Swimming, volleyball, and campfire at Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro. Bring a bathing suit and towel.

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

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

Aug 11 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Design and construction of bottle rockets – Hatboro Baptist Church.

Aug 15 6:00pm – **Allaire Trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church

Aug 17 2:00pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church

Aug 18 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Bottle rocket launch – Pennypack School (130 Spring Ave., Hatboro, off of Lehman Ave.)

Aug 25 5:45pm – **Council-wide Roundtable – Musser Scout Reservation**

Aug 25 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Astronomy and Space with Mr. Carengo – Hatboro Baptist Church

Sep. 1 – **No Troop Meeting** – Labor Day