

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

September was a busy month for the troop with respect to community good turns. Our scouts and scouters helped the Hatboro library with their book sale, parked cars for the Hatboro Rotary Club's lobster pot, and videotaped football games. This past Saturday a number of us enjoyed a very pleasant fall day out in the sun promoting Scouting at the local Kids Fest held by Rep. Stevens. Mr. Moore and Mr. Waeltz organized a typical Troop 3 campsite in the middle of the parking lot at Hatboro-Horsham High School. We had tents and fresh Monkey Bread cooked in dutch ovens. October will be almost as busy with more videotaping and helping the Cradle of Liberty council with their Philadelphia Encampment.

I think that Troop 3 can take a lot of pride in what it does to help out in the community. It is not just that the troop is active. But more importantly we offer a role on how one can get involved in helping with the greater good of the towns we live in. The slogan "Do A Good Turn Daily" is more than a set of words. Integral to the Scouting Spirit is the drive to make the world we live in a better place. Service opportunities do not always come at convenient times and sometimes they require significant effort, but there are a lot of our neighbors that are in need of help. I am proud that Hatboro Troop 3 makes the second effort to reach out to others.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**Semi-Annual Parents Meeting – Monday, October 6:** Come to our Parents Meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church on Monday, October 6. We will recognize all of the advancement that has been done by the Scouts in the past 6 months and will look back at all the activities the boys have engaged in over that time. It is always amazing to see all of the things Troop 3 does in a 6-month period.

**Troop Visit to Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum – Monday, October 13 – NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THAT MEETING:** For our regular Monday night meeting on Oct. 13 the troop will be meeting at the Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum located on Easton Rd (611) next to the old naval airbase in Horsham. The historical association has agreed to open up the

museum that night even though it is not normally open on Mondays. However this has created the need for a time change for the evening.

6:30pm – for those interested, we will meet at the museum to look at the planes outdoors before it gets too dark

7:00pm – all of us will convene inside the museum to visit their indoor exhibits

8:30pm – meeting will be over and scouts can be picked up

This should be an interesting evening and is open to any family members who would like to join us. Speaking for myself, I have driven by the facility countless times in the past but am looking forward to my first opportunity to see their collection closeup.

## **Troop Good Turns**

**Oct. 10 - VT3 Football Game** – Our video crew will be filming the Hatboro-Horsham High School football game on October 10. Please contact Mr. John if you are able to help out.

**Oct. 18 – Philadelphia Encampment** – The Cradle of Liberty Council will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Philadelphia Encampment in October. This is open to all troops, but is particularly targeted to providing disadvantaged intercity scouts with a camporee experience. Troop 3 has been asked to provide logistical support for this event. While providing general help with the program on Saturday we will also be setting up a stage and lighting for their Saturday evening program. Please contact Mr. John for additional details if you are able to help. VT3 will meet at Mr. John's house at 8am and will return by 10pm. The stage crew will meet at Hatboro Baptist at 10am and will return by 3pm.

Encampment Location: Lighthouse Field, 199 E. Erie Ave., Philadelphia

**Oct. 25 – Skeleton Skurry** – The Hatboro Y will be holding their annual Skeleton Skurry 5k run and 1 mile walk on Saturday, Oct. 25. We will be providing video coverage for this event. We will meet at 8am at Pennypack Elementary School and will be done by 10am.

**October Trip, Grand Canyon of PA – Oct. 10-12** – For our October trip we will be backpacking along the rim of the Grand Canyon of PA. Backpacking is the quintessential Boy Scout experience – allowing the boys to survive in the woods with only the gear they carry on their backs. In this case we have the additional benefit of enjoying the fall colors as we look across the river gorge. We will be leaving Friday at 6pm and will return by 4:30pm on Sunday. The cost of the trip is \$43 for all expenses including food and is due Monday, Oct. 6. The troop has loaner backpacks and other camping equipment for those who need to borrow equipment for the trip. If you have additional questions please contact Mr. Lavelle at [jimlavl@verizon.net](mailto:jimlavl@verizon.net).

**Scout Fundraiser, Applebee's – November 15:** The troop will be conducting a fundraising event on Saturday, November 15 at Hatboro Baptist Church. We will be cooking and serving pancake breakfasts from 8-11 for the low price of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for kids 4-11. Of that cost, ALL of the ticket profits will go to the individual scout's camping fund. This is a great opportunity to help defray the cost of summer camp and other troop events. While the troop does offer camperships for those in financial need, one of the criteria we use is whether the scouts try to help themselves by participating in fundraising events. Mr. Waeltz has distributed tickets to the boys. Money should be returned to the troop by Monday Nov.10. Of course to make this a successful event we will need help from the boys. We will operate the breakfast similar to the

way it was done at Applebees with family seating whenever customers arrive, but we need boys to help set-up, serve, and clean-up.

**Kurt Herbine Eagle Ceremony, October 20:** 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 Kurt's achievement on October 20.

## **PAST EVENTS**

**September Trip, Reinbeck Aerodrome – Sept. 19-21:** Our September camping trip took us to the Reinbeck Aerodrome in New York and to President Roosevelt's house in Hyde Park. We had a great time immersing ourselves in early 20<sup>th</sup> century history. Thanks go to all those who participated in the weekend and to Mr. Balot for making the arrangements.

**Community Good Turns:** September was a busy month with regards to providing service to others.

- Hatboro Library Bazaar (setting up and putting away books for sale)
- Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot (parking cars)
- VT3 video taping of local football games
- Horsham Kids Fest (information on available kids programs including Scouting)

Thanks go to everyone in the troop who gave their time to helping others in the community.

**October Calendar**  
Theme = Backpacking

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

**Monthly Troop Outing:** Backpacking, October 10-12

- Oct 1 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry’s house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham
- Oct 4 – **Hiking MB – 20 mile hike**
- Oct 6 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting – PARENTS MEETING** at 7:45
- Oct 8 7:30pm – **District Roundtable** – Roychester Community House, 2002 Parkview Avenue, Abington
- Oct 10 6:00pm - **VT3** at Hatboro-Horsham HS football game
- Oct 10 6:00pm – **Backpacking** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church  
Oct 12 4:30pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church
- Oct 10-12 - **Order of the Arrow weekend**
- Oct 13 6:30pm – **Troop Meeting** – Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum  
1155 Easton Rd, Horsham, PA  
6:30pm For those available, meet at 6:30 to view the outside planes  
7:00pm All will convene at 7:00 to view the inside exhibits  
8:30pm Meeting over, scouts to be picked up
- Oct 16 7:30pm – **Troop Staff Meeting**– Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro
- Oct 18 8am-10p – **Philadelphia Encampment**  
VT3: 8am to 10pm, meet at Mr. John’s house  
Stage: 10am to 3pm, meet at Hatboro Baptist
- Oct 20 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Kurt Herbine Eagle Court of Honor
- Oct 25 – **Skeleton Skurry** – Pennypack Elementary School
- Oct 27 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Halloween Party (costumes encouraged)
- Coming Up in November**
- Nov 15 – **Troop Pancake Breakfast**