

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

The end of October brought mixed news to the troop. We learned the news of the recovery of one of our adult Scouters from serious back surgery and the passing away of another Scouter. In another week we will be recognizing family and troop members who served our nation in one of its armed forces or service units. What do all of these individuals have in common? A lifetime of service aimed at helping others. This level of commitment is at the heart of the Scouting Oath and Law. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Doug Gramp as well as the passing of all those who have given their lives to protecting our community and nation. These individuals, living or dead, leave the rest of us with a legacy of reaching out to a larger Good. In the words of the Scout Oath, "On [our] honor, [we] will do our best, to do [our] duty to God and [our] Country." Each of us should ask, what have we done recently to make the world a better place to live? And each of us should take the month of November to thank those who have already stepped up and given their time and attention to the needs of others.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Veteran's Recognition Ceremony – Monday, Nov. 10: At the week's regular troop meeting we will be honoring our nation's veterans. We will honor both those who are living and those who have passed away. If you have a family member who should be recognized, contact Jim Iaia or Brian Dutill.

Troop Good Turns

Nov. 3 and 17 – Annual Food Drive. Troop 3 will be collecting packaged food for the many families that are in need. Our food will go to the Lehman United Methodist Food Cupboard. We will hand out collection bags on Monday, Nov. 3. The bags can then be distributed to neighbors and picked up again on Saturday 15. The Scouts will bring those food donations to the troop meeting on Monday, Nov. 17. Donations should be either dry or canned goods, no glass containers please. All food needs to be within its pre-expiration time period.

Hatboro Parade, Sunday Nov.23: As has been our tradition, we will do a Good Turn for the community of Hatboro by videotaping the Hatboro Holiday Parade. This requires a great deal of help in order to be successful. We will meet at the old Hatboro Firehouse on S. York Rd. just north of Byberry Ave. We will begin to set up the equipment at 10am, and need the full crew of people by 12:00. We should be done by 5pm.

Hatboro-Horsham v. Upper Moreland Football Game, Thanksgiving Day: Assuming that this game is held rather than one of the teams being in the state playoffs, VT3 will be videotaping the game.

November Trip, Haycock – Nov. 8-9 – For our November trip we will be camping at our Haycock property next to Lake Nockamixon. Boys will have an opportunity to go zip-lining over at Spring Mountain, horseback riding through the state park at Nockamixon, boating on the lake, and generally having a good time camping in the woods with their friends. We will also be hosting Webelos scouts from several Cub Scout packs. We will meet at the church SATURDAY MORNING at 7:00am and will return after 1pm on Sunday. Mr. Atras has organized this trip for the troop. If you have any questions please contact him at: matras@comcast.net

Scout Fundraiser, Pancake Breakfast, 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. We will be setting up on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30pm. Then boys should plan on arriving by 7:30am on Saturday to help serve food.

Road From Life To Eagle, Nov. 24: Mr. Jevit plans to host a special meeting for scouts (and parents) on the mechanics of earning the Eagle rank. The workshop will cover the steps required to earn Eagle, what is involved with planning and completing the required service project, and the paperwork that must be submitted. The meeting will be during our regular troop meeting on Monday, Nov. 24. All Life scouts and those that are about to complete Star should plan on attending. The workshop will be help while the younger scouts are sorting the food contributed to the food drive.

PAST EVENTS

Semi-Annual Parents Meeting: The troop enjoyed another semi-annual celebration of advancement and activities. Thanks go to Mr. Cooper for organizing the evening and to Mr. John for all of his work preparing the video presentation.

Backpacking at the Grand Canyon of Pa: The boys experienced a successful backpacking trip at the Grand Canyon. Thanks go to Mr. Lavelle for organizing this trip.

Philadelphia Scout Camporee: The Cradle of Liberty council asked Troop 3 to help them with a camporee held at Lighthouse Park for Philadelphia scouts in early October. Mr. John and Mr. Cooper led a crew of Scouts and Scouters who helped with this event.

VT3: Our committed videographers were busy in October. They taped two football games, the Hatboro YMCA Skeleton Skurry, and the Hatboro-Horsham band Tip of the Hat. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this effort.

November Calendar

Theme = Leave No Trace

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

Monthly Troop Outing: Haycock, November 8-9

Nov 3 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – 7 Principles of Leave No Trace, patrols

Nov 5 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry’s house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham

Nov 8 7:00am – **Haycock trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church

Nov 9 1:30pm - Dismissed from Hatboro Baptist Church

Nov 10 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Veterans Night – return pancake breakfast \$

Nov 12 7:30pm – **District Roundtable** – Abington Presbyterian Church

Nov 13 7:30pm – **Staff Meeting** – Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro

Nov 15 – **Pancake Breakfast** – Hatboro Baptist Church

Fri. 7:30pm - Friday night, set up tables

Sat. 7:30am - Saturday morning, arrive to prepare for serving

Sat. 8-11am - Serving breakfast to customers

Nov 17 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Watershed Conservation (Patrick Lavelle) , and bring food for Food Drive

Nov 23 10am – **Hatboro Christmas Parade** – Hatboro fire house, S. York Road
-5pm

Nov 24 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Road to Eagle workshop