

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

I spent the Thanksgiving holiday painstakingly reviewing the Scout Law... and no where do I find that a Scout is thankful. There are 12 items that a Scout is, but “thankful” does not seem to be one of them. Or is it?

The Scout Law details specific behaviors expected of us as Scouts. But it is not a legal document that requires a formal checklist of expectations. Instead, the Law creates a broader sense how we should live our lives. Somewhere along the way while being courteous and kind, or perhaps trustworthy and helpful, we find that being thankful is entirely consistent with the Scouting Way. Let us take the time to look around and be thankful for all that we have been given. But it doesn't stop there. Let us also look for ways that we can give back to others in gratitude for all that has been given to us.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Troop Sports Night - Friday, Dec. 19: Our December outing will be a sports night at SMG SportsPlex in Warrington. (Located at 654 York Rd. at the corner of Street Rd, across from Archbishop Wood HS.) For the cost of \$5 per boy, we will have the chance to get cure their “cabin fever” by getting out of the house to play sports with friends. We have gym space reserved for 8-9pm so you should plan on arriving by 7:45pm. Mr. Patchell will be taking signups at the troop meetings for the event, and the TLC will be putting together the schedule for the night. It should be a fun evening, and a great opportunity to invite friends to join us.

Project Blue Light, Dec. 9: The Horsham Police Department is hosting their annual evening ceremony to honor those Montgomery County police officers who gave their lives in the line of service. Troop 3 will be helping to set up, provide lighting, and videotape the event. We will meet at the Horsham Fire House on Horsham Rd by the township building at 5:00pm to set-up. The ceremony should be done by 8:00. Volunteers can stay for dinner afterwards. The ceremony

itself starts at 6:30, but the road will be closing before that so if you are coming for the ceremony you will want to arrive by 6:15. We will be in Class A uniforms for this Good Turn.

Christmas Caroling, Monday Dec. 22: The troop will be Christmas caroling in the community during our normal troop meeting time. Our elderly and shut-ins very much appreciate being remembered by the Troop during the holiday season. All scouts should bring a plate of homemade cookies that we will package and distribute to the shut-ins.

Troop Staff Meeting and Christmas Party, Thursday Dec. 18: All adults are invited to gather at Dave Cooper's house to celebrate another successful year with Troop 3. Bring a dessert or snack as well as your membership renewal form if you have not sent it in yet. We will meet at 7:30pm at 133 Loller Rd., Hatboro.

Semi-Annual Turn-over in Troop Leadership: A number of patrols and other troop leaders planned to change boys involved with leadership roles after 6 months in their current positions. The beginning of December marks that 6-month point in our scouting year. Thanks go to all of those boys stepping down from their current positions. The troop could not operate with all of our boy leaders stepping up and helping the troop with its operations. As part of this turn-over our SPL position will transition from George Balot to Patrick Lavelle. Thanks George for all of your leadership and best wishes Patrick for your future efforts.

PAST EVENTS

Veteran's Recognition Ceremony: Mr. Iaia, Mr. Dutil, and Mr. Jones organized a moving tribute to our veterans at our troop meeting on November 10. Special thanks go to all of the scouts that made the evening possible.

Hatboro Parade: It takes a community to raise a child... and it takes a Troop to videotape a parade. Thanks to the more than 20 people who worked hard that day to help Hatboro Borough.

VT3: While we are talking about our video crew, thanks go out to all of those involved with the success of VT3. The crew was busy during the fall with football games and other community events in addition to the Hatboro Parade. The group of active videographers included Dawson Stremme, Dan Howanetz, Kyler Grimes, Bobby Jones, Jason Graf, and Jeff Dieterley. The crew also had the support of a number of adults including Mr. John, Mr. Burrell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dieterley, Mr. Howanetz, and Mr. Jones

November Trip, Haycock: Our November trip took us to Haycock. We had boys going in all directions with some of them zip-lining, others horseback riding, and a third group working with visiting Webelos scouts. Thanks go to Mr. Atras for organizing the event.

Pancake Breakfast: The boys also put on a successful pancake breakfast in November. The last several years we had a fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant for the boys' camping accounts, but this year we decided to do it ourselves. The boys did a great job of greeting, serving, and cleaning up for our guests. Mr. Waeltz and Mr. Lavelle led the planning for the event, but our SPL Patrick Lavelle was in charge of the actual cooking of the flapjacks. Well done Patrick! All of the profits for the tickets went to the boys who sold the tickets.

December Calendar
Theme = Winter Sports

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

Monthly Troop Outing: SMG SportsPlex, Warrington

- Dec 1 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Indoor sports competition (led by patrols)
- Dec 3 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry’s house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham
- Dec 8 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Sports Injuries, Prevention and Treatment
- Dec 9 5:00pm – **Project Blue Light** – Horsham firehouse – Horsham Rd
- 8:30pm (ceremony at 6:30pm, supper available afterwards)
- Dec 10 7:30pm – **District Roundtable and OA Chapter Mtg** –Roychester Community House, 2002 Parkview Avenue, Abington
- Dec 11 6:00pm – **District Movie Night** – recruiting night for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, held at Hatboro Baptist Church
- Dec 13 8-5pm – **University of Scouting** – Valley Forge Military Academy
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- Dec 15 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Board-game night (led by patrols)
- Dec 18 7:30pm – **Staff Meeting & Christmas Party** – Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro. Bring a platter of food to share with others
- Dec 19 7:45pm – **SMG SportsPlex** – indoor sports night in gym, invite a friend
- 9:00pm 654 York Rd. (at Street Rd) across from Archbishop Wood HS
- Dec 22 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Christmas caroling for shut-ins. Bring a plate of homemade cookies to share with the shut-ins.
- Dec 29 7:15pm – **No Troop Meeting** – enjoy the holidays with your family