

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

New Years is traditionally a time of resolutions. I don't know about you but I am never very good at keeping up with my plans to exercise, eat right, and think deep and meaningful thoughts. But what is manageable as a New Year's Resolution is to stay active with Boy Scout advancement. Still have some partial merit badge cards left over from camp? What better time than the cold, chilly days of January to work on them. Or how about starting to work on new merit badges. You don't need to wait until next summer camp to get active with advancement. The Boy Scouts currently offer over 150 merit badges for you to work on... with that number you should be able to find something that peaks your interest. Especially appropriate for winter are indoor Eagle-required badges such as Personal Management and the Citizenship badges.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**Bear Creek Ski Area, Jan. 2:** Actually I am late with this newsletter so this event has already come and gone. Scouts and family had a good time up at Bear Creek. Mr. Pfeil reports that it was busy with vacation skiers during the day, but most of them left by the time our troop was skiing at night. Thanks go to Mr. Pfeil for arranging this event. It is the first time in a number of years that we actually were able to ski on the scheduled night rather than suffering through rain and overly warm weather.

**Resica Falls Camping Trip, Jan. 23-25:** Our January camping trip will be cabin camping at Resica Falls. Some of the options available are skiing or snowboarding at Shawnee Ski Area, shotgun and rifle shooting at camp, or hiking across the camp property. The scouts that are going to Mt. Washington in March will camp outside as part of their training. The rest of us will be sleeping and eating in the Firestone cabin. Cost for the camping, transportation, and food for the weekend are \$25. There will be an additional small nominal fee for shooting as well as any skiing expenses. Registration forms are due Monday, January 12. If you have any questions contact Mr. Lavelle at [jimlav1@verizon.net](mailto:jimlav1@verizon.net).

**First Aid Class, Jan. 17 or Feb. 7:** Are you in need of renewing your First Aid / CPR certification... or are you in need of learning these critical skills for the first time? Mr. Adams will be offering CPR and First Aid Certification (THIS IS NOT WILDERNESS FIRST AID) at the Hatboro Baptist annex on two different dates:

8 AM to 4 PM, Saturday January 17 or Saturday February 7

This is a one-day course that is being offered on two different dates. Both dates are limited to a maximum of 12 students per class. Cost to follow as Mr. Adams needs to check if certification will be increased in 2015. Please reply to Mr. Adam's email [adamscpr@msn.com](mailto:adamscpr@msn.com) or see him Monday at Scouts to sign up for one of these classes.

Mr. Adams has had requests for Wilderness & Remote First Aid. A class will be scheduled for early 2015.

## **PAST EVENTS**

**Troop Sports Night:** We tried something new in December and it turned out to be a success. The troop spent a Friday evening at SMG SportsPlex in Warrington. We had a good group of scouts and friends who came out to play ultimate Frisbee, soccer, and knock-out basketball. Thanks go to our Senior Patrol Leader Pat Lavelle for organizing the activities and to Mr. Patchell for taking care of the administrative side of sign-ups.

**Project Blue Light:** Mr. Waeltz and the Horsham Police Department are very appreciative to all of the effort put in by Troop 3 to help their Project Blue Light be a memorable evening. Mr. John took the lead in organizing our part of the evening logistics but he was helped out by a large group of scouts and scouters. Thanks to all for helping the community honor all of those officers who gave their lives in service to others.

**Christmas Caroling:** The troop also participated in our annual evening of Christmas caroling for our elderly and shut-ins. One of the women that we visited said that the visit by our scouts is something that she always looks forward to and that it brings a "warm feeling to her heart".

**January Calendar**  
Theme = Winter Camping

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

**Monthly Troop Outing:** Resica Falls – Cabin Camping

Jan 2 4pm – **Bear Creek Ski Night**

Jan 5 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Winter Camping (Mr. Murphy)

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

Jan 12 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Camping Skills Games

Jan 14 7:30pm – **District Roundtable and OA Chapter Mtg** – Roychester Community House, 2002 Parkview Avenue, Abington

Jan 15 7:30pm – **Troop Staff Meeting** – Mr. Cooper's house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro

Jan 19 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Merit Badges and Rank Advancement

Jan 23 6:00pm – **Resica Falls Trip** – Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church

Jan 25 2:30pm – Dismissed from Hatboro Baptist Church

Jan 26 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Merit Badges and Rank Advancement