

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

My wife and I have been busy trying to get our house ready to sell before moving to Colorado. It has meant a lot of sorting and packing of boxes. The most difficult thing to do is to decide what we should take with us and what should be thrown out. Some decisions are easy... think 1980's fashions. But other choices are a lot more difficult because we don't know what we will need.

Life is like that. We go from event to event, passing through a series of successive milestones. And we end up having to answer the same types of questions that we face with boxes in the basement...what we have learned and what do we carry on with us. The good news is that the lessons that we learn from Scouts are timeless. They never go out of style, nor become stale or moldy. And Boy Scouts is a program that keeps on giving. I can honestly say that I have learned a lot from all of my interactions with the Scouts and Scouters of Hatboro Troop 3 and will pack those learnings up and take them with me to Colorado. What have you learned from Scouts? And how can you keep building on those lessons in the future?

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**Parents Meeting, April 6:** Our semi-annual parents meeting will be held Monday, April 6. We will be celebrating all of the advancement earned by the boys over the past 6 months as well as reviewing all of the rest of our troop activities. As always, a highlight for the evening will be Mr. John's video highlighting all that our boys have done since October.

**Manassas Battlefield – April 17-19:** Our April trip will be to Manassas, Virginia where the two battles of Bull Run were fought during the Civil War. We will be hiking the battlefield on Saturday. On Sunday we will head over to Mt. Vernon where we will see George Washington's home and then participate in a wreath laying ceremony for the historic site. We need to know who is going by Friday, April 10 since the various sites require advance notice of who will be visiting. The troop cost of the trip is \$40 plus the cost of patrol food. The trip flyer can be found on troop website, [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org). Mr. Waeltz is organizing the trip and can be contacted if you have further questions. ([bwaeltz@verizon.net](mailto:bwaeltz@verizon.net))

**Camp Card Fund Raising:** This is a completely optional program that is meant to help out those who are looking for ways to cover their camp costs. We have Cradle of Liberty Camp Cards that the boys sell for \$5 each and the entire profit of \$2.50 per card is credited back to the individual scout's camping account. These cards offer a number of discounts with local merchants. Simply buying at least \$40 of groceries at ShopRite or Acme gives the card holder a \$5 discount at the store, which completely pays for the card. Why not give that money to a scout's camping experience rather than to the grocery store. Other merchants include Papa John's, McDonalds, Applebees, and Modells. This is a great way to help cover the costs of attending summer camp and/or other troop activities. Mr. McKay is in charge of this fundraising event. **UNSOLD CARDS MUST BE RETURNED BY APRIL 13 TO RECEIVE A FULL REFUND.**

**Summer Camp in July:** The troop will be attending Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Rhode Island. We will be leaving Saturday, July 18 and returning Sunday, July 26. The cost for boys is \$480 and \$175 for adults. The payment schedule is (\$120/\$120/\$120/120) due by Feb. 23rd, Mar. 23rd, Apr. 27th, and May 18th. Check out our web site at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org) for the registration form.

Troop camperships are available for those who need financial help to attend camp. Our goal is to have every boy attend camp no matter what their financial situation. If you need financial help with the first deposit then please talk to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Gentry.

## **KEY FUTURE EVENTS**

**Troop Reorganization, May 4:** We will undergo our annual troop reorganization the first Monday in May. Boys should begin to consider whether they would like to be a patrol leader. They should also think about who they would like to lead the troop in the role of Senior Patrol Leader. All of these positions are critical to the success of the troop. The new positions and patrols will take effect the first of June.

## **PAST EVENTS**

**Monthly Trip - Camp Rodney:** Our scouts braved the challenge of a late winter snow storm and travelled to the Chesapeake Bay for climbing and outdoor fun. In spite of the snow the boys had a great time and proved their resilience. Thanks go to Mr. Walsh for organizing the trip.

**VT3 Community Good Turns:** The VT3 video crew was busy in March. The Hatboro-Horsham school district asked VT3 to video tape the district band concert. Then later in the month the Cradle of Liberty Boy Scout Council asked the crew to video tape the council's Silver Beaver Award recipients. Thanks go to all of you who stepped up and helped Mr. John with these events.

**Webelos Crossover Ceremonies:** We were excited to welcome two sets of Webelos for a total of 7 Webelos plus 2 others who are joining Troop 3 without previous Scouting experience. Thank you for all the Scouts and Scouters who helped welcome the boys from Pack 17 (Lehmann Methodist Church) and Pack 410 (Simmons Elementary School) into Troop 3.

**April Calendar**  
Theme = Civil War History

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

**Monthly Troop Outing:** Manassas Battlefield, Virginia

- Apr 1 7:30pm – **TLC** – Mr. Gentry’s house, 6 Sweet Gum Ln, Horsham
- Apr 6 7:30pm – **Troop Meeting** – Parents’ Meeting
- Apr 8 7:30pm – **District Roundtable and OA Chapter Mtg** –Roychester Community  
House, 2002 Parkview Avenue, Abington
- Apr 9 7:15pm – **Troop Staff Meeting**– Mr. Cooper’s house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro
- Apr 11 7:15pm – **COL Merit Badge College**
- Apr 12 – **District Pinewood Derby** – Willow Grove Mall
- Apr 13 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Extended patrol corners and trip planning
- Apr. 17 6:00pm – **Manassas Trip** - Meet at Hatboro Baptist Church
- Apr. 19 3:30pm - Return to Hatboro Baptist Church
- Apr 20 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Civil War Trivia
- Apr 27 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Civil War Battle Tactics
- May 4 7:15pm – **Troop Meeting** – Troop Reorganization