

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Troop 3 Families,

The biggest event of the troop program year is now behind us. Until this year, I haven't been to a summer camp since 2011. I realized pretty quickly all the fun that I have missed. We took 28 youth and 13 adult scouters to Camp Yawgoog. With stops at the US Coast Guard Academy and Mystic Seaport, this trip was truly a wonderful week. During our week at Yawgoog, I was stopped time and again by many people who commented on our troop and how well they presented themselves. I was incredibly proud of all that the boys accomplished during this very successful week.

While the boys had lots of fun, they also completed 74 merit badges, and the 6 new scouts made significant progress towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. In addition, there were 6 rank advancements. Of course the boys at summer camp also brought back a stack of partial merit badges. With a small amount of additional work at home, they will be able to complete these badges. History has shown that if the boys don't jump on finishing the badges while they are still thinking about them, the partial cards are probably going to find their way to the back of the scout's desk drawers. So, before school starts finish up those badges. In fact, August is a great month to make sure all of your summer goals are complete. Don't wait until Labor Day weekend, by then you will already be gearing up for school. I can also report that Dawson Stremme was the winner of the Bucklin medal for the highest score at the rifle range. He is currently the highest scoring scout and if his score holds he will win the grand prize. We will have to wait until the end of the Yawgoog camping season.

It takes a lot of planning in order to make summer camp a reality. I want to thank the adult staff that pitched in to make it all happen. These included Keith Grimes who took over the operation after I left on Friday morning. I also want to thank Mike Balot, Jim Iaia, Bob Jones, Scott Larsson, Jimmy Iaia, Ed Carengo, Roy Redner, and Ryan Kephart for their contributions. I also want to thank Bob Lee and Ron Meixsell who worked so hard with our new scout program and Brian Dutilly who put it all together. Each of them contributed their time and talent to make it a great week.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:**

**Venture Crew Trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway:** Our Venture Crew will be departing on August 1, 2015 for a weeklong trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in upstate Maine. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Grimes will be taking 5 scouts and 5 scouters along with them.

**Washington District Blood Drive:** Washington District will hold their annual Blood Drive on Saturday August 15 from 9AM to 2 PM in the upstairs Community Center at the Willow Grove Giant Food Store. The address is 315 York Road, Willow Grove, Pa. You can pre-register or just show up. If you are interested, please see me for details.

**August Trip, August 21 to 23, 2015:** The original annual plan published last year had the troop going to Sandy Hook New Jersey in August. Unfortunately, when Mr. Moore began to make arrangements for the trip, he found that things had changed at Sandy Hook and we were not able to go there. The TLC decided that they wanted to go to Green Lane Park in Western Montgomery County instead. The troop will leave Friday night for Green Lane. There, they can camp, fish, boat and participate in a number of activities. They also decided that they would like to combine the trip with a troop family picnic. Families will be invited to Green Lane for the day on Saturday where they can see how we camp and have some fun. The day will end with a troop campfire. The cost will be \$15.00 per scout. All meals will be a troop feed format. The troop will provide hamburgers and hot dogs during the day. We ask that if you are coming to Green Lane for the day that you bring a side dish or desert. More information on this trip will be forthcoming.

**Brandon Gomez Eagle Ceremony:** We will celebrate all of the accomplishments of Brandon Gomez at his Eagle Ceremony on August 24, 2015 in the sanctuary of the church. Please plan on joining us for this very important event.

## **PAST EVENTS:**

**Hatboro Tri-Centennial Parade:** I want to thank the scouts and scouters who came out to Hatboro on July 5, 2015 to assist in the taping of the Hatboro Tri-Centennial Parade. They included Dan Howanetz and Manas Date, and scouters Mike Moore, Keith Grimes, Mike Balot, Greg Howanetz, Dan Murphy, Bob John and Bob Waeltz.

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** On Thursday July 16, 2015, three of our scouts had their Eagle Board of Review. I want to congratulate Corey Brown, Jake Pilch and AJ Gauthier who each passed their board of review. Ceremonies for each of them will be held at a future date.

## **OTHER NEWS:**

**PA Child Protection Law:** The PA child protection law has been amended. There is now no charge to complete the State Police Certification or the Child line Certification. In addition, the fingerprints are only required if you have lived outside of Pennsylvania at any time during the last ten years. You can sign a waiver if you don't need to have fingerprints done. Please remember that every registered adult must complete these certifications by December 31 or you will not be re-registered. Your documents must be uploaded to the Council Office. We sent an e-mail out this week outlining all of the changes. Please take the time to read this e-mail. If you don't upload forms to the Council office by December 31, 2015 you will not be re-registered. If you need assistance with this, please see Mr. Grimes.

**Troop 3 Social Media:** If you have not checked out our social media sites, I encourage you to do so. We had a great time sending photos out via our twitter feed during our trip to Yawgoog. In just that week, we gained a number of followers and as of this writing we now have 57 followers. There are now over 200 photos on our Facebook page from our week at summer camp. Be sure to check them out. Both our Twitter account and our Facebook page can be accessed via our website at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org).

**Annual Plan:** The 2015-2016 Troop 3 Annual Plan is now complete and is posted to the Troop website. Please go to the website and see all of the great events and activities that are planned for the coming program year.

## **AUGUST CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Water Sports**

#### **Assignments:**

Pre-opening: Tactical Unicorns, Opening: Eagles Union, Closing: Dream Meme Team, Service: Rangers

#### **AUGUST BIG EVENT:** Camping Trip and Troop Picnic at Green Lane Park

Saturday August 1 – Venture Crew Departs for Allagash

Monday August 3 - 7:15 PM – Troop Meeting at Pennypack School - Sack Wack

Sunday August 9, 2015 – Venture Crew returns from Allagash

Monday August 10, 2015 – 7:15 PM – Pool Party at Mr. Coopers house 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro

Tuesday August 11, - 7:30 PM – TLC Meeting at Mr. Waeltz's house

Thursday August 12, 7:30 PM – Troop Staff and Committee – 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro Pa

Monday August 17, 7:15 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Boating

Friday August 21- 6:30 PM – Depart HBC for Green Lane Park

Saturday August 22, Troop Family Picnic at Green Lane Park

Sunday August 23 – 12:30 PM Return to HBC Dismissal at 1:00 PM

Monday August 24, 7:15 –Troop Meeting Brandon Gomez Eagle Ceremony at 8:00 PM

Monday August 31, 7:15 PM - Troop Meeting at Carpenter Park. Bring a friend and Ice Cream Social.

