

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

September was a busy month for the troop with respect to community good turns. Our scouts and scouters helped the Hatboro library with their book sale and parked cars for the Hatboro Rotary Club's lobster pot. Both organizations rely on us to help with these events. I think that Troop 3 can take a lot of pride in what we do to help out in the community. It is not just that the troop is active. But more importantly, we demonstrate how one can get involved in making the towns we live in better. The slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily" is more than a phrase. Integral to the Scouting Spirit is the drive to make the world we live in a better place. Service opportunities do not always come at convenient times and sometimes they require significant effort, but there are a lot of our neighbors that are in need of help. I am proud that Hatboro Troop 3 makes the second effort to reach out to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

Semi-Annual Parents Meeting – Monday, October 5: Come to our Parents Meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church on Monday, October 5. We will recognize all of the advancement that the scouts have accomplished in the past 6 months and will look back at all the activities the boys have engaged in over that time. These include all the fun we had at Summer Camp and the Venture trip on the Allagash. It is always amazing to see all of the things Troop 3 does in a 6-month period. We will also be doing several special recognitions. This is an important night for the troop, so please plan on attending.

Troop Good Turns

Hatboro-Horsham High School Football – Our video crew will be filming the Hatboro-Horsham High School football games on October 2nd, 9th and 23rd. Please contact Mr. John if you are able to help out.

Oct. 18 – Philadelphia Encampment – The Cradle of Liberty Council will be holding their 3rd annual Philadelphia Encampment during the weekend of October 17. This is open to all troops, but is particularly targeted to providing disadvantaged intercity scouts with a camporee experience. Troop 3 has been asked to provide logistical support for this event. We will be assisting the Cradle of Liberty Council in two ways. First, we will assist St. Christopher's Hospital with running a First Aid Station. They will be teaching inner city scouts the basics of First Aid and we have been asked to assist. While providing general help with the program on Saturday we will also be setting up a stage and lighting for their Saturday evening program. Please contact Mr. John for additional details if you are able to help. VT3 will meet at Mr. John's house at 8am and will return by 10pm. The stage crew will meet at Hatboro Baptist at 10am and will return by 3pm.

Encampment Location: Lighthouse Field, 199 E. Erie Ave., Philadelphia

October Trip, Worlds End State Park – For our October trip we will be backpacking through the Worlds End State Park in North Central PA Backpacking is the quintessential Boy Scout experience – allowing the boys to survive in the woods with only the gear they carry on their backs. In this case we have the additional benefit of enjoying the fall colors while hiking through one of Pennsylvania's most beautiful parks. We will be leaving Friday at 6pm and will return by 4:30pm on Sunday. The cost of the trip is \$40.00 for all expenses including food and payment is due Monday, Oct. 12. The troop has loaner backpacks and other camping equipment for those who need to borrow equipment for the trip. If you have additional questions please contact Mr. Lavelle at jimlavl@verizon.net.

Pancake Breakfast – Our annual fall Pancake Breakfast will be held on the morning of October 31, 2015 in Fellowship Hall. This is the fundraiser in which our scouts can help pay their way to Summer Camp. We will be going to Haliburton next summer so I encourage everyone to sell as many tickets as possible. We will begin serving at 8 AM and will finish at 11 AM. Tickets will cost \$6.00 for every adult ticket and \$3.00 for every child ticket (3-11 yrs) under 3 is free. Scouts will receive a portion of the ticket sales for their summer camp account.

PAST EVENTS:

September Trip to Haycock Mountain – We had a great time at our property at the foot of Haycock Mountain in September. We tried something different in which the boys paddled along Lake Nockamixon to our property with all of their gear. Once at the camp site, they made shelters and cooked on backpacking stoves. They also spent some time in the afternoon out on the water and then paddled back the next day. I want to thank Mr. Balot and Mr. Murphy for putting this trip together and Mr. Cooper and Mr. Fesmire for taking care of the canoes.

Community Good Turns: September was a busy month with regards to providing service to others.

- Hatboro Library Bazaar (setting up and putting away books for sale)
- Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot (parking cars)

Jimmy Iaia Eagle Ceremony – We celebrated all of the accomplishments of Jimmy Iaia on Monday September 21 with his Eagle Ceremony. It was a very nice night and I want to thank Mr. John for all of the work he put into the video, the scouts who had speaking parts, Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey for taking care of the refreshments and Mr. Cooper who put the program together.

Brandon Gomez Eagle Ceremony – I failed to mention this in my last newsletter. We celebrated the accomplishments of Brandon Gomez on August 24 with his Eagle Ceremony. Again, I want to thank Mr. John for all of his hard work in putting the video together and Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey for doing refreshments and our three speakers Mr. Jevit, Mr. Ehly and Mr. Fisher.

We wish both of these two new Eagle Scouts much success as they move into new phases of their lives.

Washington District Eagle Board of Review – I want to congratulate Richard Schoellhammer who appeared before the Washington District Eagle Board of Review on Thursday September 24. Rich has now completed the trail to Eagle. We will schedule a ceremony for Rich in the near future.

OTHER NEWS:

Troop 3 Parents Guide: We have put together a 19 page parents' guide which contains a lot of useful information about scouting and Troop 3. There is a link to the guide on the homepage of our website at www.hatborotroop3.org.

PA Child Protection Law: Please remember that if you want to re-register as a scouter you must complete the PA Criminal History Clearance, the Department of Human Services Clearance and sign the waiver if you have lived in PA for ten years. If you have been out of the Commonwealth at any time in the last ten years, then you must be fingerprinted. All of these forms must be turned into the Council Office. If you need help or have questions, please speak with Keith Grimes.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Theme – Leave No Trace

Assignments:

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

OCTOBER BIG EVENT – BACKPACKING AT WORLDS END STATE PARK

Friday October 2, 2015 – VT3 taping HH Football 5:30 PM at HH Stadium

Saturday October 3, 2015 – Aviation MB, 8:00 AM at Doylestown Airport

Monday October 5, 2015 – Parent’s Night, 7:30 PM at HBC Sanctuary

Tuesday October 6, 2015 – TLC, 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz’s house

Thursday October 8, 2015 – Troop Staff and Committee, 7:30 PM 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro PA

Friday October 9, 2015 – VT3 taping HH Football, 5:30 PM at HH stadium

Friday October 9, 2015 – OA Fall Fellowship at Resica Falls

Monday October 12, 2015 – Troop Meeting, 7:30 PM at HBC - Backpacking

Friday October 16, 2015, Meet at HBC at 6:00 PM for Worlds End State Park

Saturday October 17, 2015 – Philadelphia Encampment Lighthouse Field, Time to be announced

Sunday October 18, 2015 – Return from World’s End State Park at

Monday October 19, 2015 – Troop Meeting at HBC, 7:30 PM – Leave No Trace

Friday October 23, 2015 – VT3 taping HH Football, 5:30 PM at HH Stadium

Monday October 26, 2015 – Troop Meeting at HBC, 7:30 PM – Halloween Party, come in costume

Friday October 30, 2015 – Set-up for Pancake Breakfast at 7:00 PM, HBC

Saturday October 31, 2015 – Pancake Breakfast at HBC 8:00 to 11:00 AM