

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

I can hardly believe that we are into the month of November. November is a month where we can take the time to reflect and give thanks. This country has much to be proud of especially in our veterans. I just finished reading a book about World War II and could not help but be moved by the courage and valor that these men displayed, most significantly on the shores of the Normandy on D-Day. Of course there are many reasons to honor our veterans and I am proud to be associated with a Boy Scout Troop that does that each and every year. In addition we celebrate Thanksgiving, which is by far my favorite day of the year. Thanksgiving was a day set aside by President Lincoln in 1864 during the turbulent civil war years. We have much to be thankful for, and when we will sit down to that grand Thanksgiving Feast, we must remember there are still many families in this region that are hungry. There is no better time than now to help ease the hunger of many people. I encourage each of you to take the time this month, say "thank you" to a veteran and help make someone else's Thanksgiving better. We have an opportunity to do both this month.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**Veteran's Night November 9** – We will honor our veterans at our annual veterans night ceremony on November 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM in fellowship hall. Mr. Dutil and Mr. Iaia have been working hard to make this a great event. We will honor veterans both living and deceased. If you have a family member you would like to honor, please let one of them know.

**Scouting for Food** – Troop 3 will participate in the annual scouting for food program. We will distribute food bags on Monday November 9, 2015. Scouts are encouraged to provide a bag to neighbors, friends and family during that week. You should tell them that you will pick up the bags the following weekend. Bags containing food will be brought to the troop meeting on November 23rd. All food items need to be within the expiration dates or we cannot accept it. We also cannot accept glass containers. Scouts should prepare some sort of written instruction for each bag. All of our donations will go to the Lehman Church Food pantry. The pantry is in

desperate need so we have an opportunity to make Thanksgiving special for a number of families this year.

**Baltimore Inner Harbor Trip – November 13-15:** Our trip this month will take us to the City of Baltimore and the Inner Harbor. We will depart from HBC on Friday night November 13 and will return on Sunday afternoon, November 15. While in Baltimore, we will visit Fort McHenry. We will also spend time on Saturday at the Baltimore Aquarium. There may be an opportunity to take a tour of Oriole Park at Camden Yards and to visit the historic ships in the Harbor. We will be camping at Gunpowder Falls State Park just outside of Baltimore. The cost of the trip is \$50.00/person and it will be a patrol feed. This will be the first opportunity to use our new patrol boxes. Mr. Ehly is working hard on this trip so if you are interested in going, please see him

**Hatboro Holiday Parade – Sunday November 22:** As has been our tradition, we will do a Good Turn for the Hatboro Community by videotaping the Hatboro Holiday Parade. This requires a great deal of help to be successful. We will meet at the old Hatboro Fire House on South York Rd. (just north of Byberry Rd) to begin to setup the equipment at 10 AM. We will need a full crew of people at 12:00 and we should be done by 5PM.

**Troop 3 Flyers Night –** Troop 3 will be going to see the Philadelphia Flyers play at the Wells Fargo Center on Tuesday December 15. The cost is \$35.00 per person and a flyer for the game is currently on the troop website. Go to the home page at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org) and check it out. We have an opportunity to provide a color guard while Lauren Hart sings the National Anthem. Scouts must commit to being at the Wells Fargo Center by 6:15 PM and wearing a class "A" uniform including neckerchief. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Pfeil right away.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Semi-Annual Parents Night** - We held our semi-annual parents night on Monday October 5. We recognized all of our scouts for their advancement for the last six months. We also reviewed what we have done as a troop and I would like to thank Mr. John for all of his hard work putting the multi-media show together. I also want to thank Matt Lee. Matt is a natural when in front of an audience and he brought his humor to parents night. Finally, I want to thank Mr. Cooper for putting it all together.

**OA Fall Fellowship –** Unami Lodge held its final lodge weekend of the year on October 9-11 at Resica Falls. We had three members in attendance. They included Mr. Grimes who completed his Ordeal and Kyler Grimes who sealed the bond in brotherhood. Mr. Murphy also attended and gave service to the camp. In addition, over the summer Ben Iaia completed his ordeal. We congratulate all of them for their service.

**Worlds End State Park Backpacking –** Troop 3 spent a beautiful (although a little chilly) weekend 7 scouts and 7 scouters attended and had what I understand was a great time. Thanks to Mr. Lavelle for putting this trip together and for the other scouters who attended to make it possible.

**Philadelphia Encampment** – The same weekend as our World’s End Backpacking trip, we sent a group of scouts and scouters to the Philadelphia Encampment at Lighthouse Field to assist in videotaping and the show on Saturday night. I want to thank Bob and Jeff Dieterly, Greg and Dan Howanetz, Colin McPoyle, Bob Lee, David Cooper and Bob John for giving their time to this very worthwhile council event.

**Pancake Breakfast** – We held our annual fall fundraiser Pancake Breakfast on the morning of October 31, 2015. We served approximately 200 people in the dining room. All of the proceeds of this event go to scouts individual accounts. Thanks to Mr. Lavelle for his hard work with this event and to all those that turned out to help.

**Equipment Room Cleanout** – As soon as we finished with the pancake breakfast, the troop adjourned to the troop room to begin the process of cleaning and inventorying the troop room and then setting up new patrol boxes. This is a huge undertaking and we did not complete it in just 3 hours. We will have additional dates and times to work on this project. Thanks to our equipment committee, our troop and patrol quartermasters and our Senior Patrol Leader for working on this project.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

**Troop Re-charter** – Mr. Balot and Mr. Cooper have begun the process to re-charter the troop. All charters in the Cradle of Liberty Council expire on December 31. We have been told that we must have our re-charter paperwork completed by December 1 so that the process can be complete by December 31. We will be going through our current charter and making corrections. Anyone who is on the charter currently and has not completed the PA Child Clearances will not be re-chartered. Additionally, if your Youth Protection expires within 3 months of our re-charter date (before April 1, 2016) you must retake your Youth Protection Training. You cannot be re-chartered if you fall into this category. Mr. Cooper will/has sent a letter out to all adults, please make sure you return the bottom with a check so that we can complete the re-charter process.

**VT3** – Our Venture crew has been busy this month taping two football games, one on October 2 and one on October 23. These are important events for our Venture Crew and I want to thank all of the scouts and scouters who gave off their time to make this happen. I especially want to thank Mr. John for continuing to head our VT3 crew. While this was a good month for the VT3 crew, Mr. John is in need of help for the VT3 program. Anyone who feels that they want to learn the videotaping process please see him. This is a huge asset to our troop and Mr. John cannot do this himself. Additionally, we are in need of people to assist in the setup for both Eagle Ceremonies and Parents night programs. If these events come up and you can be at the church by 6:45 Pm, please let me know.

**PA Child Clearances** – Mr. Grimes has been working hard to complete this process so that we are able to re-charter on time. As of today, most of the troop staff has completed the process and the others are in process. It is important to note that if you are a parent and are not registered,

after December 31 you will not be able to attend any weekend events if you have not completed this process. Please make sure to complete the process if you want to go camping. I want to thank Mr. Grimes for all of his hard work.

## **NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Fish and Wildlife**

#### **Assignments:**

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

### **NOVEMBER EVENT – TRIP TO BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR**

Monday November 2, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Patrol Boxes and Veterans Night Rehearsal

Tuesday November 3, 2015, 7:30 PM, TLC Meeting – Mr. Waeltz's house

Friday November 6, 2015, 5:00 PM, VT3 Taping Football at HHS Stadium

Monday November 9, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Veterans Night and Scouting for Food

Wednesday November 11, 2015, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable, Ardsley Community Center

Thursday November 12, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Staff and Committee – Mr. Cooper's house

Friday November 13, 2015, 6:30 PM – Depart HBC for Baltimore

Sunday November 15, 2015, 3:00 PM – Arrive back at HBC, dismissal at 3:30 PM

Monday November 16, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Fishing

Sunday November 22, 2015, 10:00 AM – VT3 Taping Hatboro Holiday Parade

Monday November 23, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Collect all scouting for food.

Monday November 30, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Environmental Science