

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

When I sat down to write this newsletter, I realized that I have just completed my 6th month as Scoutmaster of this troop. So I began to think about what makes a successful scout troop, because I think that the program we deliver is among the best. What I realized was that the success of this troop is due mainly to those who work so hard to make it so. That includes each and every one of you, Assistant Scoutmasters, parents, the Troop Committee and of course our scouts themselves. I have had the pleasure of working with a TLC that is committed to making this the best troop around. I thank all of them for their hard work. I also want to thank Ryan Walsh who has now completed his 6 months as our Senior Patrol Leader. He has done a great job of moving this troop forward. Now it is time for Kyler Grimes to be our SPL and my hope is that we won't miss a beat.

As we move toward the end of the calendar year, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for everything that you do to deliver the scouting program to these boys. Without you we would not be successful. I extend to each of you my very best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

Doylestown Rock Gym: We have reserved the Doylestown Rock Gym on Saturday December 12, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM with trained Rock Gym staff. This will be an opportunity for our scouts to do some fun rock wall climbing. We will meet at HBC on December 12 at 9:00 AM and will depart for Doylestown by 9:30 AM. We should be back at HBC by 12 Noon. The cost for this event is \$20.00. Please see Mr. Grimes if interested.

Troop 3 Night at the Flyers: We will be at the Wells Fargo Center on Tuesday December 15, 2015 to see the Philadelphia Flyers take on the Carolina Hurricanes. The game begins at 7:05 PM. We will also have a troop honor guard on the ice for the National Anthem. If you still need tickets or need a ride to the Wells Fargo center please contact Mr. Pfiel.

Horsham Township Project Blue Light - Tuesday December 8, 2015: The Horsham Police Department is hosting their annual evening ceremony to honor those Montgomery County police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Troop 3 will be helping to set up, provide lighting, and videotape the event. We will meet at the Horsham Fire House on Horsham Rd by the township building at 5:00pm to set-up. The ceremony should be done by 8:00. Volunteers can stay for dinner afterwards. The ceremony itself starts at 6:30, but the road will be closing before that so if you are coming for the ceremony you will want to arrive by 6:15. We will be in Class A uniforms for this Good Turn.

Christmas Caroling, Monday Dec. 21: The troop will be Christmas caroling in the community during our normal troop meeting time. Our elderly and shut-ins very much appreciate being remembered by the Troop during the holiday season. All scouts should bring a plate of homemade cookies that we will package and distribute to the shut-ins.

Troop Staff Meeting and Christmas Party, Thursday Dec. 10: All adults are invited to gather at Dave Cooper's house to celebrate another successful year with Troop 3. Please bring your favorite beverage, dessert or snack for all to share. We will have fellowship to begin the meeting as well as a brief business meeting. This is a great way to celebrate the holidays and all of the success of Troop 3. We will meet at 7:30pm at 133 Loller Rd., Hatboro.

Nathan Ehly Eagle Court of Honor – We will celebrate the achievements of Nathan Ehly at his Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday December 20, 2015. This event will be held at Nathan's Church; Crossroads Fellowship at 1404 North Hills Avenue in Willow Grove. The Court of Honor will begin at 2:30 PM. Please plan on attending this important event.

PAST EVENTS:

Veteran's Recognition Ceremony: I want to thank Mr. Iaia, Mr. Dutil, and Mr. Jones who organized a moving tribute to our veterans at our troop meeting on November 9. Special thanks go to all of the scouts that made the evening possible.

Baltimore Inner Harbor: Troop 3 had a great weekend from November 13 to November 15 camping at Gunpowder Falls State Park in Maryland and then visiting Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Our Scouts visited Fort McHenry National Historic Site and the Aquarium. Thanks to Mr. Ehly for organizing this trip.

Hatboro Holiday Parade: The Hatboro Holiday parade is the largest event that our VT3 crew produces during the course of the year. There were a large number of people involved including: Mike Balot, Bob Dieterly, Jeff Dieterly, Bob Gomez, Keith Grimes, AJ Larsson, Scott Larsson, Bob Lee, Bruce McCaffrey, Ron Meixsell and Dave Stremme – Setup and logistics. Dan Murphy and Doug Sams – Scaffolds, Bloodgood Landscaping - Stake Truck, Wallis Miller for use of the Miller and Cornell Building, the Second Alarmers – Chief John Klenk, Bucket Truck – Borough of Hatboro and Brent Sines, Caterer – Barbara John, Carpenter – Dan Murphy, Parade Spotters – John Jevit and Matt Atras, Technical Director – Greg Howanetz, Camera Operators –

Kyler Grimes, Dan Howanetz, Bob John, Dan Lee, Colin McPoyle, Chris Meixsell, Dawson Stremme. Video and Sound Mixer – Jack Burrell, Announcer – Paul Big Bear and Producer and Editor – Bob John. Thanks to everyone who was a part of this event.

OTHER NEWS:

New BSA Advancement Program – On January 1, 2016, the Boy Scout Advancement program will undergo dramatic change. A new scout handbook will be available and at some point during the year, everyone will need to transition to this book. For scouts currently working on Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class, they may continue working under the old program until they reach First Class or January 1, 2017. They must transition when either of those things occur. For scouts working on Star, Life or Eagle – they may continue to work on the current rank under the old program, but upon completion of the current rank or January 1, 2017, they must transfer to the new program. Anyone with questions or concerns should check with r. Balot, Mr. Grimes or myself and we will help them through.

Blue Jean Collection – Mrs. Bernard is collecting used blue jeans to make into quilts. Anyone who has old jeans that are no longer in use is asked to get them to Mrs. Bernard. They are making quilts for Homeless Veterans and Hospice patients. This will be an ongoing event.

Hatboro Train Show – Please remember that this event is this Friday and Saturday at Keith Valley Middle School. They can use help during setup and take down. Setup is at 4 Pm on Friday December 4 and takedown is on Saturday December 5 at 4 PM.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Theme – First Aid

Assignments:

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

DECEMBER EVENT – DOYLESTOWN ROCK GYM

Wednesday December 2, 2015 7:30 PM – TLC Meeting, Mr. Waeltz's house

Friday December 4, 2015, 4:00 PM – Hatboro Train Show setup – Keith Valley M.S.

Saturday December 5, 2015 – Brotherhood Blitz at Musser S.R.

Saturday December 5, 2015, 4:00 PM – Hatboro Train Show takedown

Monday December 7, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting – Emergency Prep

Tuesday December 8, 2015, 5:00 PM – Horsham Twp. Project Blue Light, Horsham Municipal Complex.

Wednesday December 9, 2015, 7:15 PM, Washington District Roundtable, Ardsley Community Center.

Thursday December 10, 2015, 7:30 PM, Troop Staff and Committee meeting and Holiday Party, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro, Pa

Saturday December 12, 2015, 9:00 AM – Doylestown Rock Gym, return by 12:00 noon

Monday December 14, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Emergency Prep

Tuesday December 15, 2015, 7:05 PM, Flyers Game at Wells Fargo Center

Sunday December 20, 2015, 2:30 PM, Nathan Ehly Eagle Ceremony, Crossroads Fellowship Church, 1404 North Hills Ave, Willow Grove PA.

Monday December 21, 2015, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Christmas Caroling

Monday December 28, 2015 – No meeting Christmas Holiday