

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

Happy New Year! New Year's Day has traditionally been a day of new beginnings. It is a fresh canvas so to say, so I encourage you to make the best of the New Year. I have never been good at keeping New Year's resolutions which is one of the reasons I don't tend to make them. However, I have decided that this year I would make a resolution to deliver a scouting program that is among the best around. I want to continue to make Hatboro Troop 3 the best troop in the Cradle of Liberty Council. As for each of you, now would be a great time to make your own resolution regarding scouting. 2016 promises to be an exciting year. There are a number of great events on our calendar including our trip to Canada this summer. Make a resolution to be more involved. Or, make a resolution to advance, or even to take a leadership position. Scouting has so much to offer, but what you get out of it is up to you. So here's to 2016, let's make it the best ever!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bear Creek Family Ski Night: Our family ski night is scheduled for January 8, 2016 at Bear Creek Mountain Ski resort. You should have committed to this event prior to the publication of this newsletter but please remember that payment is due at our meeting on January 4, 2016. Questions or concerns for this event should be directed to Mr. Pfeil at gmpfeil@hotmail.com.

Philadelphia Camping Trip: Our camping trip this month will take us to Philadelphia for a tour of the historical district in center city. We will be camping at a property owned by Troop 72 in Cheltenham. They have a cabin where we will eat our meals, but we will be sleeping in tents. On Saturday we will be boarding a train and going to Philadelphia where we will visit the National Constitution Center and Independence National Historic Park. The cost is \$30.00 per person and that includes all our camping fees, food and admission to the museum and national park. There is a signup form on our website and the deadline to signup is January 11, 2016.

PAST EVENTS

Project Blue Light: I wanted to thank everyone who came out to the annual Project Blue Light ceremony hosted by Horsham Township on Tuesday December 8. This was the 15th year that Troop 3 has been involved and the fact is, it could not be done without the help of Troop 3. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Doylestown Rock Gym: Thank you to Mr. Grimes for organizing our trip to the Doylestown Rock gym on Saturday December 12. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Venture Crew Training Hike: The day after the Rock Gym, several of our Ventures and a few adults went on a training hike and hiked along the Appalachian Trail near Hamburg Reservoir. It was a great day and for those training for Philmont, a much needed hike.

Flyers Game: I want to thank Mr. Pfeil for all of his hard work in organizing our trip to the Flyers Game on Tuesday December 15. We had four scouts – Ryan Walsh, Dawson Stremme, Jimmy Lynch and Kyler Grimes represent us on the ice while the National Anthem was performed. We then watched an exciting game of hockey as the Flyers beat the Hurricanes in an overtime win.

Nate Ehly Eagle Ceremony: Thanks to everyone who turned out on Sunday December 20 to help celebrate the accomplishments of Nate Ehly. This was an important event in the life of our troop. The fact that we moved to a different location and a different day was exciting for me and the Ehly family. Congratulations Nate!

Christmas Caroling: Our last event of the year is one of our most popular. Thanks to everyone who came out and went caroling with us on Monday December 21. Along with our scouts we had a number of troop alumni. This is always a great night and because of your efforts, so many families Christmas's were made brighter.

OTHER NEWS:

Re-charter: Our troop re-charter has been sent to the Cradle of Liberty Council. Most everyone was re-chartered with no problems. There were a few adults who were not re-chartered due to missing items, either the clearances or Youth Protection Training that was not up to date. Thanks to everyone who complied with our requests and a huge thank you to Mr. Balot and Mr. Grimes for their efforts to get this task done. If you have not yet paid the re-charter fee, please get that done now. The troop has pre-paid all the fee's so it is important that everyone pay what is owed.

BSA Advancement Changes: Please remember that changes to the BSA advancement program begin today for all ranks. There is a year built into the changes so that it is not all at once but if you advance during this year, you will most likely need to use the new program. We as a troop will be working with each boy to make sure they use the proper program.

Summer Camp 2016: As everyone knows, Troop 3 will be going to Haliburton Canada in August of this year. Mr. Dutil has already been doing quite a bit of work behind the scenes. There will be four payments due for camp fees and the first payment will be due on Monday February 15, 2016. We estimate the total fee will be \$400.00 per person. Everyone should go to camp so if you need help paying for camp, camperships are available. Please see me or Mr. Cooper if you need a campership. More information on Summer Camp and the fees will be coming soon.

Other Upcoming Events: February will be here before you know it and there are three important events on the calendar. On February 1, 2016, we will distribute tickets to our annual Ham and Turkey Supper. This is a very important event that every scout must be involved with. On February 8 we will hold our OA election and on Sunday February 14 we will join with the Hatboro Baptist Church Congregation for the celebration of Scout Sunday. More information on all of these events will follow.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Theme – Colonial History

Assignments:

Pre-opening: Rangers, Opening: Tactical Unicorns, Closing: Eagles Union, Service: MDT

JANUARY EVENT – CHELTENHAM CAMPING/PHILADELPHIA TOUR

Sunday January 3, 2016 – Order of the Arrow Banquet – Presidential Catering

Monday January 4, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC- American Heritage MB

Tuesday January 5, 2016, 7:30 PM – TLC Meeting Mr. Waeltz's house

Friday January 8, 206 – Troop 3 Family Ski Night – Bear Creek Mountain Ski Resort

Monday January 11, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC

Wednesday January 13, 2016, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable – Ardsley Community Center

Thursday January 14, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers House

Friday January 15, 2016, 6:00 PM – Meet at HBC for Cheltenham/Phila. Trip

Sunday January 7, 2016, 12:30 – Arrive at HBC, dismissal at 1:00 PM

Monday January 18, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC, Colonial History Board Game

Monday January 25, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC, Rain Gutter Regatta