

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

The month of February always brings the anniversary of the scouting movement. Born on February 8, 1910, The Boy Scouts of America became the greatest organization for boys. In 1909, Chicago publisher W. D. Boyce was visiting London, where he encountered a boy who came to be known as the Unknown Scout. Boyce was lost on a foggy street when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was a Boy Scout and was merely doing his daily good turn. Interested in the Boy Scouts, Boyce met with staff at the Boy Scouts Headquarters and, by some accounts, Baden-Powell. Upon his return to the U.S., Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. In January 1911, James E. West became the first Chief Scout Executive and Scouting began to expand in the U.S.

The BSA's stated purpose at its incorporation in 1910 was "to teach boys patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values." Later, in 1937, Deputy Chief Scout Executive George J. Fisher expressed the BSA's mission; "Each generation as it comes to maturity has no more important duty than that of teaching high ideals and proper behavior to the generation which follows." The current mission statement of the BSA is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

The 12th point of the scout law is "A scout is reverent." Each February, we celebrate the anniversary of scouting along with our chartered organization, Hatboro Baptist Church at a Scout Sunday service. This is the event that allows us to show the church congregation all of the great things that we do during the course of the year. Read on for more information about Scout Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Summer Camp in winter: The troop will spend 3 weeks in February working on advancement at the troop meetings. New scouts will work on Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements as needed. Older scouts will have their choice of 5 merit badges to work on: First Aid, Citizenship in the Nation, Family Life, Fingerprinting and Rifle and Shotgun. The first three are indoor Eagle required badges that are best earned during the winter rather than at summer camp. Boys will be able to select a single merit badge that they will work on Feb 1, Feb 15, Feb 22, and Feb 29.

Summer Camp in July: Speaking of summer camp, the troop will be attending Haliburton Scout Reserve August 5 through 14. The cost for everyone attending is \$400.00. The first payment is due on February 15. Mr. Dutil will do a camp promotion on February 8. A registration form will be available on our web site at www.hatborotroop3.org soon.

Camperships are available for those who need financial help to attend camp. If you need financial assistance for summer camp please speak to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Waeltz. It is my belief that no scout should miss summer camp because of a financial hardship. Our goal is to have every boy attend camp no matter what their financial situation.

Scout Sunday, Feb. 14: Scout Sunday is always a special day in the Troop 3 year. It is a chance to share a morning of worship with our sponsoring organization, Hatboro Baptist Church. We are blessed to have a strong relationship with the church and are thankful for the support they give us. Please join us for the morning service. We will be in Class A uniform including neckerchiefs and merit badge sashes and will meet at 10:30am for the 11:00-12:00 service. A number of boys will play a part in the morning's worship service.

Resica Falls Trip: Troop 3 will travel to Resica Falls Scout Reservation in the Pocono Mountains during the weekend of February 19-21. This is one of our most popular trips of the year. We will be staying at Firestone Lodge. We will also be skiing at Camelback Mountain and will have the shooting range at Big Springs open. In addition, we will be hiking around the reservation. Mr. Lavelle is working hard on this trip. The cost of the trip is \$25.00 and includes all food and transportation costs. If you plan on skiing that will be an extra charge.

OA Election: On Monday February 8, 2016, representatives of the Washington Chapter of Unami Lodge One will be present at our troop meeting for our annual Order of the Arrow Election. The Order of the Arrow is a National Camping Honor Society. Candidates for membership are elected by youth members of the troop. In order to be elected, scouts must be First Class and have 15 days and nights of camping, one of which must be a long term camp. This is an important night and we must have one half of our membership present to vote.

PAST EVENTS:

Philadelphia Trip: We only took a small group on our Philadelphia Trip, but it turned out to be very nice weekend. We stayed at the Drach memorial scout cabin in Cheltenham which is owned by Troop 22. We then traveled by train to Philadelphia on Saturday morning. We visited the National Constitution Center, Independence Hall and then the Union League of Philadelphia. We then returned to Cheltenham for a great dinner and a night of games. On Sunday, Mr. Murphy took us to Bryn Athyn for a walk along the rails to trails hike to the site of a 1921 Train Accident. Thanks to Mr. Moore who put all of this together and to Mr. Fisher who organized the tour of the Union League.

Bear Creek Ski Trip: Our Bear Creek Ski Trip was originally scheduled for January 8 but it had to be postponed due to lack of snow. We were finally able to get to Bear Creek on January 29 and of course now there was plenty of snow for everyone. Thanks to Mr. Pfeil for organizing this event.

OTHER NEWS

Ham and Turkey Supper: Our main fundraiser of the year is quickly approaching. Please put March 12 on your calendar as the date of our annual Ham and Turkey Supper. Tickets will be distributed on February 1, 2016. This is the one event that we ask every scout to sell tickets for and work the dinner. We cannot operate this troop without everyone pitching in. This includes, scouts, scouters and parents.

April Parents Night: We have decided to move the April parent's night from Monday April 4 to Monday April 11, 2016. This was done for a number of reasons. Please make note of this change to the Troop Calendar.

Wilderness First Aid: Mr. Adams will be teaching two Wilderness First Aid course. Both will be held at St. Catherine's Church on Witmer Rd in Horsham. The dates will be April 2 and 3. The times for Saturday will be 8 am to 4 pm and Sunday 1pm to 5 pm. The second date will be April 16 and 17 and the times are the same. If you are going on a High Adventure Trip you should consider this training. Please let Mr. Adams know if you are going by February 15.

May Pancake Breakfast: Speaking of changes to the calendar, we will be adding an additional pancake breakfast to the calendar on May 21. This is being added to assist scouts in paying their way to Haliburton.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Theme – Advancement

Assignments:

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

FEBRUARY BIG EVENT – RESICA FALLS SHOOTING/SKIING/HIKING

Monday February 1, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC Merit Badge Decisions

Tuesday February 2, 2016, 7:30 PM – TLC Meeting Mr. Waeltz's house

Monday February 8, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC, Summer Cap Promo/OA Election

Wednesday February 10, 2016, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable – Ardsley Community Center

Thursday February 11, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers house

Saturday February 13, 2016, Valley Forge Pilgrimage, Valley Forge N.P.

Sunday February 14, 2016, 11:00 AM – Scout Sunday at Hatboro Baptist Church

Monday February 15, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Merit Badges

Friday February 19, 2016, 6:00 PM – Meet at HBC for Trip to Resica Falls

Saturday February 20, 2016 – Cub Pack 438 Blue and Gold Banquet

Sunday February 21, 2016, 2:00 PM – Arrive at HBC/Dismissal by 2:30 PM

Monday February 22, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC, Merit Badges

Monday February 29, 2016, 7:30 PM - Troop Meeting at HBC, Merit Badges