

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

This is the time of year when we welcome new scouts to Troop 3. We have a number of younger boys that are joining Boy Scouts for the first time. By my estimates we will be taking in around 16 new scouts. They will come to us from a number of sources including 4 cub packs, and several who are joining after never being in a scouting program. We will be looking to add to entire new patrols. I always tell visiting parents that my first priority is that boys find some home with a Boy Scout troop that they feel comfortable with, whether it is our troop or some other troop. I think that Troop 3 has a lot to offer, but more importantly I want to see all of the boys in our community have the benefit of what Scouting has to offer. The other side of the coin is that we will only lose one scout to ageing out this year, so once again, our Troop is growing. Scouting is not about what boys initially bring to the troop. It is all about the skills and confidence that they develop during the years while they are in Scouting. I encourage everyone to make these boys feel welcome. Think back to when you were first joining this troop and what you felt like. It is up to all of us to make them feel comfortable so that they will want to stay in scouting.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Ham and Turkey Supper, March 12: The date for the annual ham and turkey supper is Saturday, March 12. The dinner is an important event for the troop and it is expected that all scouts and their parents will help. It is the one fund raising event we do during the year for the benefit of the troop. Proceeds go to buying all of the awards the boys earn and to keeping our camping equipment in good repair. Tickets have already been distributed to the scouts. Unsold tickets and money need to be returned by the start of the troop meeting March 7. Boys going on the Mt. Washington trip will need to arrange with Mrs. Stremme to return their tickets before they leave for New Hampshire.

The other critical part to running a successful supper is having both boys and parents involved with the operation of the dinner. As said before, it is expected that all boys and parents participate in this event. We are using an online signup for our parent and Scouter volunteers.

Please go to the site at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44afad2da20-2016> for sign up for times that you can help. Boys are being asked to sign up at the troop meeting. Boys will set up tables at 9:30 am on Saturday, and then should return to the church in uniform (but no neckerchiefs) by 3:30pm.

NYC Trip – March 18 – 20, 2016: We will be heading to New York City on March 18, 19 and 20. This promises to be a great trip. We will be camping at Camp Pouch on Staten Island for the weekend as patrols and will be doing patrol cooking. On Saturday we will take the Staten Island Ferry to Manhattan and will then board a second boat for the trip to Liberty and Ellis Islands. We will then travel back to Manhattan and board the Staten Island Ferry for the trip back. On Sunday we will travel back to Manhattan for a short walk to the 9-11 Memorial and Museum. If you have not seen this yet, this is an incredibly well done memorial to the horrors of September 11, 2001. The cost is \$46.00 for youth and \$55.00 for adults. All reservations must be made by February 29, 2016. See Mr. Patchell for more information. The flyer is on the website.

Mt. Washington Venture Trip, Mar. 5-8: A group of intrepid venture Scouts and Scouters are going to take on the mountain and the weather by trying to scale Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. Armed with only cold-weather gear, ice axes, crampons, and lots of gumption, the group will try to ascend one of the windiest places on Earth. In the summer it is an easy car ride to the top, but in the winter... The group will be leaving early Saturday morning and will return Tuesday. You can follow the weather conditions and see streaming video feeds from the top by going to www.mountwashington.org/weather/summit.php.

Summer Camp in August: The troop will be attending Haliburton Scout Reserve. We will be leaving Friday August 5 and returning Sunday, August 14, 2016. The cost for everyone is \$400.00. The payment schedule is (\$100/\$100/\$100/100) due by Feb. 15rd, Mar. 16rd, Apr. 18th, and May 16th. Check out our web site at www.hatborotroop3.org for the registration form.

On Monday March 7, during the troop meeting we will hold a meeting for any registered adult who wants to attend camp. We need to begin the process of working out staffing. Anyone adult attending camp must agree to take on some job or responsibility. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Mr. Dutil.

Troop camperships are available for those who need financial help to attend camp. Our goal is to have every boy attend camp no matter what their financial situation. If you need financial help with the first deposit then please talk to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Waeltz.

Cub Pack Crossover Events: We will be doing several cross over events in the next few weeks. The first two will be Sunday March 6, 2016. The first is Pack 59 and will take place at St. David's Roman Catholic Church on Easton Rd in Willow Grove. They are having a carnival and would like assistance from boys in Troop 3 to help run the booths. This begins at 2 PM. The cross over will begin at 3:30 PM. I will need both youth and adult assistance for this.

The same day beginning at 6:30 PM, will be the Pack 17 crossover. This will be held at Lehman Church at York Rd and Lehman Ave. in Hatboro and again, I will need both youth and adult assistance with this. Finally on April 2, 2016, we will attend the Cub Pack 410 crossover ceremony. I will have more information on this in the coming weeks. Anyone who wants to help, please contact me as soon as possible.

PAST EVENTS

Scout Sunday: Our Scouts did a great job at the Hatboro Baptist worship service on Scout Sunday. Multiple people in the congregation went out of their way to comment on how impressed they were with our boys. Thanks go out to all the Scouts who played a role in the service, be it speaking, doing the offering, handing out bulletins at the beginning, or just sitting in support with the troop. We are thankful for all the support that the church offers us as our charter organization.

Resica Falls Trip: During the weekend of February 19-21, we went to Resica Falls Scout Reservation. Over 41 people, both scouts and scouters along with a few Webelos as guests were in attendance. We hiked, skied and opened the rifle range for some shooting sports. Thanks to Mr. Lavelle who put it all together and to Mr. Fisher and Mr. Gomes who organized the skiing portion, Mr. Murphy who planned the hikes and Mr. Cooper, Mr. Dieterly, Mr. Balot and Jeff Dieterly who staffed the ranges.

Pack 554 Crossover: I also want to thank Mr. Lee, Mr. Iaia and Ben Iaia who attended the Cub Pack 554 Blue and Gold Banquet on February 20. Since we were at Resica Falls, they stepped up and conducted our crossover ceremony. We welcome 4 new scouts from Pack 554 to our Troop.

OTHER NEWS:

Pa Child Protective Services Law: Please remember that if you are not a currently registered scouter and you would like to go camping on any given weekend, you must also submit your clearances. I'm sorry but we cannot take you with us if we don't have this information on file. See Mr. Grimes with any questions.

Re-charter and Adult Dues Payments: We have re-chartered the troop and many adult scouters have not yet made their adult dues payments. Please make sure this gets done as the troop has already paid these fees. Please see Mr. Balot or Mr. Dutil to make this payment.

Parents Night April 11: Please don't forget that our semiannual parent's night will be held on Monday April 11. This is a change in the calendar. Mr. John is asking anyone who has photographs of any events from October through March, please get them to him so that he can include them in the parent's night multi-media presentation.

Reminder: Mr. Adams will be teaching two Wilderness First Aid courses. Both will be held at St. Catherine's Church on Witmer Rd in Horsham. The dates will be April 2 and 3. The second date

will be April 16 and 17. If you are going on a High Adventure Trip you should consider this training. He has opened these to other troops so if you want to be trained please let Mr. Adams know.

MARCH CALENDAR

Theme – Current Events

Assignments:

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

MARCH BIG EVENT – New York City Trip

Thursday March 3, 2016, 7:30 PM – TLC, 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz's house

Saturday March 5, 2016, - Venture Crew Departs for Mt. Washington

Sunday March 6, 2016, 3:30 PM – Pack 59 Crossover at St. David's Church

Sunday March 6, 2016, 6:30 PM – Pack 17 Crossover at Lehman Church

Monday March 7, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC, Debate Prep/Summer Camp Adult Meeting and Ham and Turkey Supper Tickets due.

Tuesday March 8, 2016 – Venture Crew returns from Mt. Washington

Wednesday March 9, 2016, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable – Ardsley Community Center

Thursday March 10, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers house

Saturday March 12, 2016, - 9:30 AM Setup for Ham and Turkey Supper at HBC

Saturday March 12, 2016 – 3:30 PM, All scouts and scouters report for Ham and Turkey Supper

Monday March 14, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Debate Prep

Friday March 18, 2016, 6:00 PM – Meet at HBC for Trip to New York City

Sunday March 20, 2016, 2:00 PM – Arrive at HBC/Dismissal by 2:30 PM

Monday March 21, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC - Debate

Monday March 28, 2016, 7:30 PM - Troop Meeting – George Balot Eagle Ceremony