

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

When it comes to overall complexity and coordination, the single biggest activity in the Troop 3 calendar year is the Ham and Turkey Supper. I can say that there were a lot of us that went home the evening of March 12 and collapsed into chairs or bed. The good news is that the dinner was a financial success. This is no small deal. The dinner is our sole fund raiser to cover all the costs of providing Scout badges and equipment for the troop. Everyone pitched in in so many ways that it is hard to highlight the contributions of only a few individuals. That being said, special thanks go to our chef's Bob Dieterly, Jim Lavelle, Dave Patchell and Bob Gomez. As most everyone knows, Bob Dieterly took sick the week prior to the dinner and Lea Stremme jumped in and pulled everything together. I can never thank her enough for all that she did.

But the financial success was only "good". What was "great" was the way the troop family pitched in and worked together. Forget about the fundraising aspects of the dinner... I would have us do the dinner even if we were giving away the food. I had a great time out on the dining room floor watching the scouts working together, having to listen each other and to the adult leaders, and being flexible and responsible. I thought they did an excellent job. I can't help but think of all the lessons the scouts learned during the course of that one dinner. And they were able to watch their parents pitch in as well which is also a valuable learning tool. There is no substitute for our scouts being placed in a challenging situation, and finding that they have the skills to rise to those challenges. Thank you to everyone that made this opportunity possible for our scouts.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

Pioneer Tunnel/Reading Phillies Trip: We will be heading to the Reading area on the weekend of April 22 to 24, 2016. On Saturday we will be visiting the Pioneer Tunnel in the Reading area and then that evening we will attend a Reading Phillies baseball game. There is a flyer currently available on the troop website at www.hatborotroop3.org. Mr. Bob Lee is working hard to make this trip a great weekend.

Semi Annual Parents Night: Our semi-annual parent's night will be held on Monday April 11, 2016 at 7:30 in the sanctuary of the church. We will recognize all of the advancement that the scouts have accomplished in the past 6 months and will look back at all the activities the boys have engaged in over that time. These include all of the trips we have been on since October. It is always amazing to see all of the things Troop 3 does in a 6-month period. We will also be doing several special recognitions. This is an important night for the troop, so please plan on attending.

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.

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.

Pack 410 Crossover: We will be crossing over 2 new scouts at the Pack 410 Crossover Ceremony on Saturday April 2, 2016. This event will take place in the Simmons Elementary School Forum at 410 Babylon Rd, Horsham Pa beginning at 2:30 PM. Anyone that is able to help should contact me as soon as possible.

Washington District Pinewood Derby: The Washington District Pinewood Derby will be held on Sunday April 3, 2016 at the Willow Grove Mall. Our own Lester Blum is the District Pinewood Derby Chair and is looking for some help from our troop. Mr. Blum needs help at the following times: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Loading dock (near TGI Fridays). 12:30 to 3:30 Race staging and race help near the elevator first floor. 3:30 to 5:00 take down, loading and cleanup. If you can help contact Mr. Blum at lesterblum@aol.com.

HBC Bed Mulching: Each year we complete a service project for our sponsoring institution by cleaning out and mulching their flowerbeds. We will do this service project on Saturday April 30, 2016. The time is to be decided and will be announced soon. After we have completed that project we will do a spring cleanout of the troop room.

PAST EVENTS:

New York City Trip – During the weekend of March 18 to 20, Troop 3 traveled to New York City where we visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. We camped at William Pouch scout camp on Staten Island and then traveled by the Staten Island Ferry to and from Manhattan. While the weather was a little chilly we had a great time visiting the sites in Lower Manhattan. Thanks to Mr. Patchell for putting this all together.

Troop 3 Presidential Debate: During our troop meeting on March 21, the troop engaged in a debate to coincide with the theme of current events. They spent the two weeks prior preparing

for the debate and our junior leaders as well as Eagle Scout Jimmy Iaia acted as moderators. The boys did a great job with the debate, something different than the normal events.

George Balot Eagle Ceremony: We celebrated all of the achievements of Eagle Scout George Balot with his Eagle ceremony on March 28. Thanks to everyone involved including the Balot family, Bruce and Val McCaffrey and many of our scouts in making this event memorable.

Cub Pack Crossover Events: We have now completed three Cub Pack Crossover Events. There have been so many scouts and scouters involved that I don't think I can remember them all. Thank you to everyone that has helped with these crossover ceremonies.

OTHER NEWS:

Camp Cards: Mr. McKay kicked off our camp card program last Monday night. If you want to go to camp and would like to find an easy way to pay for it, please see Mr. McKay. You can purchase cards in sets of 10 or 25. A set of 10 costs \$50.00 and a set of 25 costs \$125.00. They sell for \$5.00 each with ½ of that cost going to the scout. Vendors include Shop Rite, ACME, Modell's, Philly Pretzel Factory, Applebee's, Papa Johns and more. For information please see Mr. McKay.

Scout with Peanut Allergies: As we announced a few weeks ago, we have a new scout with severe Peanut Allergies. We as a troop will take precautions to prevent this scout from coming in contact with any peanut items. Please remember that peanuts, peanut items, anything made with peanuts, anything cooked in peanut oil and anything made where peanut products are manufactured will not be permitted. Boys will need to read labels when shopping and will need to keep this in mind when planning menus, this includes the adult staff. We ask everyone's help with this issue.

Important May Events: Troop 3 will re-organize itself on Monday May 9, 2016. This is very important for all scouts to attend as we will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader and the reorganize patrols and elect new Patrol Leaders. It is important for boys to be present at this important meeting. Additionally, we will be doing the Hatboro Library Bazaar again on Saturday May 7, 2016. Beginning at 8:00 AM we will help set-up and then at 2:30 PM, we will help take the bazaar down.

APRIL CALENDAR

Theme – Spelunking

Assignments:

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

APRIL BIG EVENT – Pioneer Tunnel/Reading Phillies

Saturday April 2, 2016 – Wilderness First Aid, St. Catherine’s Church Hall

Saturday April 2, 2016 – Pack 410 Crossover – Simmons Elementary School – 2:30 PM

Sunday April 3, 2016 – Wilderness First Aid – St. Catherine’s Church Hall

Sunday April 3, 2016 – Washington District Pinewood Derby – Willow Grove Mall 12:00 Noon

Monday April 4, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC – Trip Planning, Jamboree Info, Investiture

Thursday April 7, 2016, 7:30 PM – TLC –Mr. Waeltz’s house

Monday April 11, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Semi-Annual parents night

Wednesday April 13, 2016, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable – Roychester Community Center

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

Saturday April 16, 2016 – Wilderness First Aid, St. Catherine’s Church Hall

Sunday April 17, 2016 – Wilderness First Aid, St. Catherine’s Church Hall

Monday April 18, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting at HBC – Spelunking 101, Trip Planning

Wednesday April 20, 2016 – Cradle of Liberty Council Dinner – Valley Forge

Friday April 22, 2016, 6:00 PM – HBC for trip to Blue Rocks/Pioneer Tunnel

Sunday April 24, 2016, 2:00 PM – Arrive at HBC from Blue Rocks/Pioneer Tunnel

Sunday April 24, 2016, 5:00 PM – Washington District Dinner

Monday April 25, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC – Canoe Demo

Saturday April 30, 2016, Time TBD – Mulching Beds at HBC and troop room cleanout.