

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families

It's hard for me to believe that we are already in the month of May. Now that winter is behind us and we are fully into spring, take a look at all of the great things coming up. Perhaps the most important event of the year will take place this month and that is our troop reorganization. Each scout must take an active role in this very important night. First, we will elect a Senior Patrol Leader. After that is complete, we will reorganize ourselves into patrols and each patrol will elect their patrol leader. Once that is complete, it is time to work on what will essentially take three months and that is the development of our annual plan.

Does your scout need leadership to advance? That is a very important question that he should be thinking about right now. Does he want to be Senior Patrol Leader? Perhaps he would like to be a patrol leader. Now would be the time to start thinking about that. Would he be willing to go to NYLT for training? Where would your sons like to go in the coming year? These are all very important questions that he should be thinking about.

The scouting program only works if we have junior leaders who are committed to working hard to make the program run. And, the program only works if each individual boy is invested and has some say in what they do as a troop.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Library Bazaar Service: Each year Hatboro Troop 3 provides service to the Hatboro Library Bazaar. This will take place on Saturday May 7, 2016. We will meet at 8 AM at the Library and assist in putting tents and tables in place, then moving all of the books into place. We will meet at the library again at 2:30 PM to move the books back to the shed and then taking tents and tables down. The library cannot hold this event without our help so I encourage everyone to turn out and give a hand. No uniforms are required for this event.

Canoe Training: We will hold canoe training for our newest scouts on Saturday, May 7. This training is in preparation for the longer canoe trip the next week. We will meet at Hatboro Baptist at 9am (after setting up the Library Bazaar) and will return to the church by 12. Boys should bring water and should wear shoes that can get wet. We will travel over to Tyler State Park where they have a small pond and river that the boys can explore. If you have any questions give Mr. Waeltz a call at 215-206-0276 or see the flyer posted on our troop website.

Troop Reorganization: As I said above, Monday May 9 will be our troop re-organization. All scouts should plan on attending this meeting as we will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader, form new patrols and then select our new patrol leaders. We will then begin the annual plan process as the new patrols suggest what we will do in the coming year.

May TLC Meeting: Because of Troop Re-organization, we will move our May TLC meeting to Tuesday May 10. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the old TLC and the new TLC and will be held in Fellowship Hall at Hatboro Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 7:15 PM. There will be an additional TLC meeting on Tuesday May 24 to continue the annual plan. Details on that meeting will follow.

May Canoe Trip to the Juniata River: The annual plan originally had us going to the Cacapon River in West Virginia. There were some challenges in the planning of this trip so Mr. Murphy found the Juniata River in Central Pennsylvania and the TLC agreed. We will depart from Hatboro Baptist Church on Friday May 13. We will canoe the Juniata River and then camp on Saturday night finishing the trip on Sunday. The cost will be \$40.00. If you want to go, Mr. Murphy has signup forms.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: We will hold our spring pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday May 21, 2016 from 8 AM to 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. If your son needs money to pay for summer camp, there is no better way than this fundraiser. All profits from ticket sales go to individual accounts. There are no better pancakes then the ones made by Jim Lavelle. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

AJ Gauthier Eagle Ceremony: We will celebrate the accomplishments of AJ Gauthier in his Eagle Ceremony on Monday May 16, 2016 at 8:00 PM. AJ worked hard to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout so please plan on joining us for this very important event.

PAST EVENTS:

Wilderness First Aid: I want to thank Mr. Adams and Mr. Bernard who spent two weekends in April teaching Wilderness First Aid too many of our scouts and scouters. This is a two day course and they did two full courses in April. Thanks to both for their commitment to the scouting program.

Washington District Pinewood Derby: I want to thank Bob and Bobby Jones for assisting our own Lester Blum at the Washington District Pinewood Derby on April 3. Bob and Bobby arrived early and helped with setup.

2017 National Scout Jamboree: Our scouts saw a presentation from Mr. John Metzgar, Scoutmaster of the Washington District contingent to the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia. If any of our scouts would like to go, please see Mr. Waeltz for information on go to the council website at www.colbsa.org.

Semi Annual Parents Night: Our semi-annual parent's night was held on Monday May 11, 2016. We recognized all of our scout's advancement for the last six months as well as special recognitions. Mr. John also presented a wonderful multi-media program of all of our activities for the past six months. Thanks to Mr. John for his hard work on this and to Mr. Cooper for putting it all together.

OA Service Weekend at Musser: Newly elected Ordeal Candidate Kevin Pylp attended the Unami Lodge OA Service weekend at Musser Scout Reservation the weekend of April 15 to 18. Kevin completed his ordeal and is now a member of Unami Lodge 1. Congratulations Kevin on completing your ordeal. Also thanks to Mr. Murphy for attending the weekend and providing cheerful service to the lodge and to the council camps.

Pioneer Tunnel/Reading Phillies Trip: With the exception of Saturday morning, the troop had great weather for a fantastic trip to the Pioneer Tunnel near Reading and then a great night for baseball with the Reading Phillies. Thanks to Mr. Lee for his hard work putting this trip together and to all the scouters who attended to give leadership.

Washington District Dinner: The Washington District Dinner was held on Sunday April 24, 2016. The district recognized Rudy Tellman with the District Award of Merit. They also recognized Jim Lavelle with the Unit Honored Scouter award for Troop 3, Keith Grimes with the Unit Honored Scouter award for Crew 3 and Lea Stremme for the Unit Silent Strength award. Lester Blum also received his Commissioner Key. In addition, Troop 3 received the Journey to Excellence Gold Ribbon. Congratulations to all of those honored at the District Dinner.

Mulching Service Project: Thanks to everyone who turned out for our annual mulching service project at Hatboro Baptist Church. This is an important project that we complete each year for our sponsor. Thanks especially to Mr. Carenzo for organizing tis project.

OTHER NEWS:

New Troop Treasurer: Mrs. Bernard will be leaving the post of troop treasurer that she has held for more years that I can count. She has done remarkable job keeping the troops accounts and records. We thank her for her incredible work in this area. The troop committee has unanimously voted to appoint Brian Dutil to this important job. Brian will spend some time learning the process and the transition will take place at the end of the year.

Camp Cards: The camp card program is still underway and from reports that I have gotten from Mr. McKay, our scouts are doing a great job. If you want camp cards or need more, please contact Mr. McKay.

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. These payments need to be made as soon as possible. If you have not yet registered for camp and want to go, you still have time but it must be done now. Check out our web site at www.hatborotroop3.org for the registration form.

As many of you know, Haliburton is a primitive camp in Upper Ontario Canada. We will be camping on Lake Kennabi for the week and we staff our own program. We plan and execute our own meals, run our own merit badge program and our own 1st year program. All of this takes a lot of people. We are currently looking to fill staff positions in many areas. If you are interested in going to Haliburton please contact Brian Dutil at bdutil@verizon.net. We will be completing a list of merit badge offerings soon.

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 to help pay for summer camp then please talk to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Waeltz.

National Youth Leadership Training: The Cradle of Liberty Council will be offering NYLT three different times this year. The first week is June 26 to July 1. The second week is July 31 to August 5 and the third offering is during two weekends, October 7-9 and October 14-16. The cost of this training is \$275.00, however, the troop will reimburse ½ of the cost upon successful completion. This is a great training for youth and I encourage our junior leaders to take advantage of this training. Those interested in going to NYLT should see Mr. Waeltz.

Wood badge Training: Mr. Grimes will be off for the next two weekends to Wood badge Training at Musser Scout Reservation. Wood badge is the premier training course for scouters. Once the training is complete, Mr. Grimes will have to “work his ticket.” We congratulate Mr. Grimes on taking this training and await his beading ceremony.

Crooked Billet Day Celebration: Several of our scouts represented Troop 3 at the annual “Crooked Billet Day” celebration at Crooked Billet Elementary School in Hatboro. Those scouts presented the colors and included AJ Larsson, Harry Schultz, Ivan Kakiko, Jimmy McGlumphy and Robbie McGee. Special thanks to Jim Iaia who arranged this. It is so great to see members of our troop taking part in community events.

MAY CALENDAR

Theme – Safe Boating

Assignments:

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

MAY BIG EVENT – Canoeing the Juniata River

Monday May 2, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Boating Knots

Saturday May 7, 2016, 8 to 9 AM – Hatboro Library Bazaar setup

Saturday May 7, 2016, 9 AM – Canoe Training – Tyler State Park

Saturday May 7, 2016, 2:30 to 3:30 PM – Hatboro Library Bazaar take down

Monday May 9, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Reorganization HBC

Tuesday May 10, 2016, 7:15 PM – Special TLC Meeting at HBC

Wednesday May 11, 2016, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable, Roychester Community Ctr.

Thursday May 12, 2016, 7:30 PM - Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers house

Friday May 13, 2016, 6:00 PM, Depart for Juniata River Canoe Trip

Sunday May 15, 2016, 4:00 PM – Arrive at HBC from Juniata River

Monday May 16, 2016, 8:00 PM – AJ Gauthier Eagle Ceremony HBC Sanctuary

Friday, Saturday, Sunday May 20, 21, 22, 2016 – OA Weekend – Resica Falls

Monday May 23, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, HBC – Trip Planning

Tuesday May 24, 2016, 7:30 PM – Special TLC Meeting, Mr. Waeltz's house

Monday May 30, 2016, No Troop Meeting – Memorial Day