

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

June marks the beginning of our new troop year. The boys have selected their new senior patrol leader for the year (Dawson Stremme) and have divided themselves into new patrols. Next up is for the group of boy leaders to decide on the activity plan for the coming year. I know of no other organization that relies on their youth to make such key decisions about the operation of the group. The fact that our scouts are up to the task is a reflection of the training that begins the very first day a young Webelos scout crosses over to Troop 3. A key element of the Boy Scout program is to put the boys in increasingly challenging situations and let them learn to handle those increased expectations. As Scoutmaster I get to see the culmination of this growing process. It is my honor to have observed last year's Troop Leadership Council. The TLC was led by Senior Patrol Leaders Ryan Walsh and Kyler Grimes. They were joined by our group of patrol leaders and other troop leaders. The TLC did a great job of working together – listening to one another's ideas and making plans for the troop moving forward. Their job was made even more difficult because I as a new Scoutmaster was also learning. Thanks to all that made the 2015-2016 scout year a successful one!

Now it's time to move onto a new scout year and the annual plan is beginning to take shape. The TLC has been working hard and I fully expect a complete annual plan by the time the staff meets on June 9. I want to thank everyone for their input into the annual plan, including both scouts and scouters.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WHITewater TRIP ON THE LEHIGH RIVER, JUNE 17 to 19:** Our June trip is a whitewater rafting trip on the Lehigh River. This trip will take place on Father's Day weekend, June 17, 18 and 19, 2016. We will be leaving HBC on Friday evening and will drive to Hickory Run State Park. We will camp at Hickory Run and will raft the Lehigh River on Saturday. On Sunday we will visit the boulder field before returning home. For those that are curious, the plan is to return home early so that

boys and dads can still enjoy the day with their families. This is a father and son trip, so if dads would like to go, they are welcome. They will still need all of their clearances to attend. The cost of the trip is \$42.00/person. The signup sheet is on the website at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org). All money is due for this trip on June 6.

**HORSHAM DAY:** Horsham Township Celebrates Horsham Day on Saturday June 4. The VT3 crew will be in action filming various events for publication by the township. Mr. John could use help from 7 AM until 8 PM. If you are interested in helping videotape the Horsham Day events please contact Mr. John as soon as possible.

**JUNE FETE:** The Annual June Fete for the benefit of Abington Hospital will be held on the weekend of June 10 thru 12. Troop 3 has been asked to assist at the June Fete for a number of years. Volunteers are needed during the following times and dates:

Friday – 6/10 – 2-5pm, 4-7pm, 7-9pm, 9-11pm

Saturday – 6/11 – 11-2pm, 2-5pm, 5-8pm, 8-10pm

Sunday – 6/12 – 12-3pm, 3-6pm, 5:30-8:30pm

If you are able to help, please contact Bob Genn, Assistant Scoutmaster at 215-520-9364

Wear your Class B t-shirt. All volunteers will get a complimentary ticket to the Fete and will be fed!

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT – SILVER STAG):** The Cradle of Liberty Council will be offering NYLT four different times this year. The first week is June 24-July 1. The second week is July 31 to August 5, the third offering is August 7 to 13 and final offering is two weekends in October. These weekends are October 7 to 9 and October 14 to 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.

**SUMMER CAMP:** Summer Camp is quickly approaching and there are several very important dates that everyone needs to be aware of.

1. June 13, 2016 – Boys will select Merit Badges at our troop meeting that night. If they are going to camp, they should be at this meeting. We will also have a Notary on hand to notarize your permission forms for crossing the border.
2. June 20, 2016 – This will be our annual swim night at Upper Moreland Swim Club. All scouts and scouters going to camp will be tested and classified for their swimming ability. There will also be a parents meeting for any scout going to camp that night at the swim club. We will answer any questions you might have. **This is also the final date to register for camp if you have not already done so.**

3. July 6, 2016 – We will hold a staff meeting for all adult staff attending camp. The place and time will be announced.
4. July 18, 2016 – This is the final date for all camp physicals to be turned in. Remember, anyone going to camp must have Parts A, B and C completed.
5. August 5, 2016, 8:00 AM – We depart for camp!

Please remember that troop camperships are available for scouts wanting to go to camp. It is my opinion that no scout should be denied camp for an inability to pay. Please see me or Mr. Cooper, and remember that this information is confidential.

**EAGLE CEREMONIES:** We will have two Eagle Ceremonies in the month of June. On June 6, 2016, we will recognize Jacob Pilch with his Eagle Ceremony. This will take place in the sanctuary of the church beginning at 8:00 PM. Please join us as we recognize Jake's accomplishments. Then on Saturday June 11, 2016 at 11:00 AM, we will recognize Richard Schoellhammer with his Eagle Ceremony. This will take place at Camp Hart at Musser Scout Reservation on Upper Ridge Rd in Marlborough Township. I encourage everyone to please come out and help us recognize Richie.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**LIBRARY BAZAAR:** On Saturday May 7, 2016 we completed one of the most important service projects of the year. We assisted the Hatboro Library set up and take down their semi-annual Spring Library Bazaar. They could not do this without our help so I thank everyone that came out and assisted.

**CANOE TRAINING:** That same day, May 7 between the library bazaar we took 10 new scouts and a few older scouts to Lake Galena in Bucks County and taught them how to canoe. I want to thank Dan Murphy, George Fesmire, Scott Larsson and Ryan Keppart along with Dawson Stremme and Dan McKay for pitching in to help.

**TROOP RE-ORGANIZATION:** On Monday May 9, we re-organized the troop. The scouts elected Dawson Stremme as the new SPL. Once that was complete, they re-organized into new patrols. Patrol leaders for this year include Ryan Smith, Kevin Pylp and AJ Larsson along with two patrols of first year scouts. I am looking forward to a fantastic scouting year with this troop leadership.

**JUNIATA RIVER TRIP:** Even with threatening weather we were able to have a great weekend canoeing the Juniata River in central Pennsylvania. It was a little cold but still a great weekend. This is a river we have never done so it was great to find this venue. Thanks to Mr. Murphy for putting it all together and to all the adult scouters who went along and helped.

**AJ GAUTHIER EAGLE CEREMONY:** We celebrated all of the accomplishments of AJ Gauthier in his Eagle Ceremony on May 16. I want to thank Bob John for the incredible multi-media

presentation, Dave Cooper for making the arrangements and Bruce and Val McCaffrey and Lea Stremme for doing refreshments afterward.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** We had a very successful pancake breakfast for Saturday May 21. Jim Lavelle put a lot of hard work into this and all the proceeds will go to scouts individual accounts. Thanks to everyone that showed up to help.

**OTHER NEWS:**

**SUMMER CALENDAR AND UNIFORMS:** Please remember to look at the calendar and note that some meetings will be moved to other locations. We typically have our meetings outside during the summer. Also, please note that the summer uniform is in effect. This is a class B uniform shirt and shorts unless otherwise noted. This uniform goes into effect on June 13, the week after Jake Pilch's Eagle ceremony.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** Unfortunately, due to predicted weather on Memorial Day, Warminster Township postponed the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade until Saturday June 4 (the same day as Horsham Day). If anyone can assist in walking the parade route, please contact Mr. John as soon as possible.

## JUNE CALENDAR

### Theme – The Buddy System

#### Assignments:

Pre-opening: We Do Not, Opening: Dark Knight, Closing: Delta Kappa Prime, Service: 7 Keiths

### JUNE BIG EVENT – Whitewater Rafting Trip

Saturday June 4, 2016, 7:00 AM – Horsham Day VT3 Crew

Saturday June 4, 2016, 9:30 AM – Warminster Township Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday June 6, 2016, 8:00 PM – Jake Pilch Eagle Ceremony

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

Wednesday June 8, 2016, 7:15 PM – District Roundtable, Roychester Community Ctr.

Thursday June 9, 2016, 7:30 PM - Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, **HATBORO BAPTIST CHURCH.** Annual plan presentation.

Friday June 10 to Sunday June 12 – June Fete

Saturday June 11, 2016, 11:00 AM – Rich Schoellhammer Eagle Ceremony at the Camp Hart OA Circle.

Monday June 13, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC – Summer Camp Prep

Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 17, 18, 19 – Whitewater Rafting Trip, Lehigh River

Monday June 20, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Upper Moreland Swim Club, Summer Camp Swim Classification and Parent's meeting

Monday June 27, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Pennypack School, Buddy Games