

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

Summer is in full swing now, families are taking vacation and we are in the final phases of planning for our trip to Canada in early August. For those that are not aware, summer camp is the most important trip of our program year. It is an opportunity for new patrols to come together and build the patrol into a team. We emphasize advancement, leadership and working together for a common goal. There is still a lot of work to do before we leave and most of that work will be completed during the month of July. And while we are making final plans for summer camp, there are a number of other activities going on so please take a moment to read further and see all that we are doing this month.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Hershey Park Trip, July 8 – 10, 2016:** Our trip to Hershey Park is coming up quickly. We will depart from Hatboro Baptist Church on Friday July 8 and will camp outside the park. On Saturday we will have all day at Hershey Park and will return on Sunday July 10 at 1 PM. The cost of this trip is \$53.00 and if you want to go you must let Mr. Jones know by today. He can be contacted on his cell phone at 215-778-2018 or by e-mail at [bobjones6591@gmail.com](mailto:bobjones6591@gmail.com).

**Summer Camp in August:** As we continue to prepare for our departure for Canada, there are some very important dates to remember.

1. We will have a summer camp staff meeting (all scouters attending camp should plan on attending) on Wednesday July 6, 2016. This meeting will begin at 7 PM and will be held in Fellowship hall at Hatboro Baptist Church. It is at this meeting that we will go over all of the logistics of camp including merit badges, transportation, food etc. If for some reason, you cannot attend and are going to camp, please let either Brian Dutillel or myself know.

2. Physicals will be due to Mr. Atras no later than Monday July 18, 2016. Anyone going to summer camp must have a complete physical signed by a medical professional which includes parts A, B and C. Please give the original and two (2) copies to Mr. Atras along with an attached copy of your health insurance card. You will not be able to go to camp if we don't have a complete physical. In addition, every scouter must have up to date Youth Protection Training and all Pennsylvania Clearances.
3. Please do not forget to provide your authorization for your son to cross the Canadian Border as well as your son's original birth certificate. These must be signed by both parents and notarized. Please make sure this form and birth certificates get to Mr. Patchell. For those with passports, we will collect them on August 3, 2016 when we pack for the trip.

**Corey Brown Eagle Ceremony:** We will celebrate the accomplishments of Corey Brown with his Eagle Ceremony on Monday July 11, 2016 in the sanctuary of the church. Corey worked hard to get to the rank of Eagle and I encourage everyone to attend this ceremony. We will be in full class A uniforms for this event.

**Independence Day:** On Monday July 4 we celebrate Independence Day. We will not have a meeting on that day. Celebrate the birth of our nation!

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Horsham Day:** I want to thank Dan and Bob Lee, Dan and Greg Howanetz and Bob John for shooting video of the Horsham Day events. This was a huge undertaking as it is an all-day event and they certainly represented Hatboro Troop 3.

**Eagle Ceremonies:** As a troop, we conducted two (2) Eagle ceremonies in the same week. First on June 6, we conducted an Eagle Ceremony for Jake Pilch. I want to thank everyone who came out for this ceremony and of course Mr. & Mrs. McCaffrey and Mrs. Stremme for their work in the kitchen and Dave Cooper who put the program together and of course Bob John for his work on the trail to Eagle video.

Then on Saturday June 11 several of us traveled to Hart scout camp where we conducted an Eagle Ceremony for Richard Schoellhammer in the camps OA Circle. Again, I want to thank Dave Cooper for putting the program together and Bob John who came to video tape the ceremony. It was out of the norm for Troop 3 but turned out to be a very nice event.

**June Fete:** Once again, Troop 3 provided an important service to Abington Hospital helping out with the June Fete. Scouts, scouters and parents helping this year were Dawson Stremme, Colin McPoyle and Alex Zadroga along with Lea Stremme on Friday night, Jason Caetano, Jimmy Lynch and Colin McPoyle along with Evelyn Caetano on Saturday and Jason Caetano along with Evelyn Caetano and Owen Adams on Sunday. Thank you all for your service to the community.

**Whitewater Trip:** On the weekend of June 17 to 19 (Father's Day weekend) the troop traveled to Hickory Run State Park in the Pocono Mountains. We had a great weekend and on Saturday spent the day rafting down the Lehigh River. While this was not a dam release weekend, the boys that went still had a great time getting wet, swimming and having some great water fights. On Sunday morning we visited the boulder field at Hickory Run before coming home. Thanks to Mr. Walsh for putting it all together and to all the adult staff that went.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

**Venture Crew Backpacking Trip:** Our Venture Crew will depart on Thursday July 21, 2016 for a 6 day backpacking trip in preparation for their expedition to Philmont next July. They will return to Hatboro on Tuesday July 26.

**NYLT:** AJ Larsson completed the National Youth Leadership Training at the Nelson Training Center in June. I congratulate him on taking this very important training. Dan McKay will be going for two weekends in the fall.

**Woodbadge:** Mr. Grimes has now completed the Woodbadge Training program for scouters. This is the BSA premier training course. He took it over two weekends in May and June. He now must work his ticket to successful completion in order to get his Woodbadge Beads. Congratulations Keith!

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:** We have no troop meeting on July 4, however, on July 5, 2016 at 7:30 we will have a TLC meeting at my house. All patrol leaders and the SPL need to attend. Joey Dutill will be doing his Eagle project on Thursday and Friday July 7 and 8 from 9AM to 3 PM at Keith Valley Middle School, 227 Meetinghouse Rd in Horsham. Any scout that is able, please come out and help Joe.

## **JULY CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Cooking with Chocolate**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-opening:** Just Do It, **Opening:** We Do Not, **Closing:** Dark Knight, **Service:** Delta Kappa Prime

### **JULY BIG EVENT – Hershey Park Trip**

Monday July 4, 2016, - No meeting, Independence Day

Tuesday July 5, 2016, 7:30 PM – TLC Meeting, Mr. Waeltz's house

Wednesday July 6, 2016, 7:00 PM – Summer Camp Staff Meeting, HBC Annex

Thursday July 7, 2016, 7:00 PM – Pack for Hershey Trip

Friday July 8, 2016, 6:30 PM – Depart HBC for Hershey Trip

Sunday July 10, 2016, 1:00 PM – Arrive HBC, Dismissal at 1:30 PM

Monday July 11, 2016 – 8:00 PM – Corey Brown Eagle Ceremony HBC Sanctuary

Thursday July 14, 2016, - Troop Staff and Committee meeting, Mr. Coopers house

Monday July 18, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC – Patrol Chocolate Cook-off

Thursday July 21, 2016 – Venture Crew departs on backpacking trip

Monday June 25, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, HBC, History of Chocolate

Tuesday June 26 – Venture Crew returns