

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

After almost a year of planning, our trip to Canada has arrived. Summer camp is the most exciting trip of any calendar year. It is here that our scouts complete the bulk of their advancement but there is so much more to a week at summer camp. This is a time where new patrols begin to really work like a team. This is especially important this year as all of their meals will be cooked as patrols. There is no dining hall at Haliburton. It will be up to the leadership of the individual patrols to make sure that everything is completed before they begin their day. Just like any other summer camp, they will have camp inspections each day. For our first year scouts, they will experience the true essence of the Boy Scout program, they will work hard and they will learn a lot in ten days, but they will also have fun swimming in the lake, going to the rifle and archery ranges and of course living on an island without the comforts of home. This will be my third trip to Canada and I am excited to see what these boys can accomplish during this week. Please take note below of the flurry of activity this week as we make the final preparations for our departure.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Summer Camp August 5 to August 14: The following events will take place this week as we prepare for departure.

1. Troop Meeting Monday August 1, 2016. This meeting will be held at Hatboro Baptist Church. We will collect any outstanding forms to include physicals and border crossing letters. The boys will be designing and making their patrol flags and we will also collect any birth certificates and passports for our youth members. Adults will need to bring passports with them on Friday. This will be our last meeting before we depart for camp.
2. Wednesday August 3, 2016, 7:00 PM: Anyone going to camp will meet at Hatboro Baptist Church. Everyone (Scouts and Scouters) must bring with them 2 separate bags. The first bag is the large duffel that will contain everything they need for the week. The second

bag is the smaller duffel that will be their overnight bag for Friday night into Saturday. Everyone should have received the packing list, however if you need it you can find it on our website under the forms tab. **PLEASE NOTE: At the last committee and staff meeting it was decided that the bags of every scout will be examined prior to being placed in the trailer. This is not because they are not being trusted, but because we want no outside food in camp. The menu has been carefully planned and no outside food will be permitted.**

3. Friday August 5, 2016, 7:30 AM: Everyone going to Haliburton will arrive at Hatboro Baptist Church at this time. They should bring with them their third bag which is a day pack and should include anything they need for the car ride. They should also bring a sack lunch and any medications that are needed in their original bottle. Everyone will be dressed in a full uniform including troop neckerchief, neckerchief slide and troop 3 hat. As a part of the electronics policy, scouts may have electronics on the ride to and from camp, but not while in camp. **PLEASE NOTE: Day bags will also be examined for excess food or food items not permitted.**
4. Sunday August 14, 2016, 4PM (approximately): We plan on arriving at the church by 4 PM. Dismissal will not take place until everyone is back and everything is put away. Please do not plan on taking any scout prior to that being done. My hope is that this will be around 5 PM.

PAST EVENTS:

Hershey Park Trip: On the weekend of July 8, 9 and 10 a small contingent of scouts and scouters descended on Hershey Park, the "Sweetest Place on Earth" and spent all day Saturday riding the rides. Everyone tells me it was a great trip and I thank Bob Jones for making all of the arrangements and the other 3 adults that went and helped out.

Corey Brown Eagle Ceremony: We celebrated the accomplishments of Corey Brown with his Eagle Ceremony on July 11, 2016. This was the 5th Eagle ceremony of the year and the last for the foreseeable future. I thank Bob John for his hard work in putting the media presentation together as well as Greg and Dan Howanetz who helped out. I also thank the speakers and of course David Cooper who took care of the programs and Mrs. Stremme and Carlea Stremme who took care of the refreshments.

Venture Crew Backpacking Trip: On July 21, 2016, several members of our Venture Crew left for the Laurel highlands of Pennsylvania on a back packing trip. They were on the trail until Tuesday July 26 when they returned home. I want to thank Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grimes, Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Stremme for going along and also Mr. Patchell and Mrs. Grimes for going out Sunday to move cars around. Take a look at the pictures Mr. Grimes posted on our facebook page and see all that they did.

OTHER NEWS:

Troop 3 Social Media: I encourage all of our Troop 3 families to sign up for our social media sites at Facebook and Twitter. There are times when we need to get information out quickly and this is the best method. To access our Facebook page go to www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3/ and to access our Twitter feed go <https://twitter.com/hatborotroop3>. We are going to explore the possibility of a method to text important last minute changes to every family. After we return from camp, I will explore this more with our technology people.

Annual Plan: As you know, the annual plan for 2016-2017 is now posted to our website. We will continue to update the plan throughout the year. If you have not seen it yet, I encourage you to do so. The TLC under the leadership of our Senior Patrol Leader Dawson Stremme worked very hard to put this plan together. They had spirited discussion about every trip and came up with what I think is a great plan. There are still two trips that do not have coordinators. If you are interested, please talk to Mr. Grimes.

Important Future Events: Coming up on September 10, 2016 we have two very important service projects. The first is the Hatboro Library Bazaar setup and takedown. We are asking scouts and scouters to be at the Hatboro Library on September 10 from 8 to 9 AM and then again from 2:30 to 3:30 PM to setup and takedown the bazaar. The second service project is the Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot. We assist in the parking of cars for this event. The actual location and times will be announced, but please keep this day on your calendars.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Theme – Team Building

Assignments:

Pre-opening: 7Keiths **Opening:** Just Do It, **Closing:** We Do Not, **Service:** Dark Knight

AUGUST BIG EVENT – SUMMER CAMP IN CANADA

Monday August 1, 2016, 7:30 PM, Troop Meeting HBC, Final Camp Prep

Tuesday August 2, 2016 – **NO TLC MEETING, MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CAMP**

Wednesday August 3, 2016, 7:00 PM – Summer Camp Packing. Everyone going to camp must attend.

Friday August 5, 2016, 7:30 AM – Gather at HBC

Friday August 5, 2016, 2016, 8:00 AM – Depart HBC for Canada

Monday August 8, 2016 – **NO TROOP MEETING, SUMMER CAMP**

Sunday August 14, 2016, 4:00 PM (approx.) arrive at HBC, Dismissal at 5:00 PM (approx.)

Monday August 15, 2016, 7:30 PM, Troop Meeting, Hatboro Park, Buddy Games and Ice Cream Social. Location is subject to change.

Monday August 22, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting Pennypack School, Tug of War

Thursday August 25, 2016 – Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers House, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro, Pa

Monday August 29, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, Camp Cooper Pool Party, Mr. Coopers house, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro Pa