

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

Our 2015-2016 program year has come to a close and we now begin a new year. There are many exciting things happening and I would love nothing more than for every scout to be a part of the fun. Please take some time to look at the annual plan. My hope is that each family will take the plan and add it to their family calendar. The TLC spent a considerable amount of time to complete this plan and I think it takes us back to traditional scouting. The TLC really did think outside the box and there are things that have been included that we have never done.

This is also a time for our scouts to set goals for what they want to accomplish. Over the last few months I have met with many of our scouts and we have talked about what they want out of the program. Summer camp was very successful, however, there is still a lot of work to be done. It is now time to consider advancing in rank. It is time to complete the merit badges that were left undone. Think about service and leadership. Most everyone will be using the advancement requirements in the new scout handbook, and now every rank has a service requirement. If you remember, last April at Parents Night, I challenged all of our scouts to advance one rank before the next Parents Night. That date is quickly approaching and so if they have not done that, it is time to give that some serious consideration.

Service to the community is also a major part of the program and we begin the program year with two opportunities. I encourage all of our scouts and their families to stay involved with the troop. Without parent support, this troop cannot continue to exist. My wish for all of our scouts is a great scouting year. If they know someone who would like to join scouting, ask them to invite that friend to a meeting and see what we are all about.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Community Good Turns

**** PLEASE TAKE NOTE SINCE WE WILL NOT HAVE A TROOP MEETING BEFORE THESE EVENTS**

September 10 – Hatboro Library Bazaar. As has been our tradition, we will be helping the Hatboro Library with their semi-annual bazaar. We will be helping to set up their book sale from 8-9am, and then will help put things back from 2:00-3:00pm. No uniforms are needed.

September 10 – Hatboro Rotary Club Lobster Pot. That same day we will also be helping the Rotary Club by parking cars for their Lobster Pot. Once again this year, the dinner is being held at College Settlement Camp (600 Witmer Rd, Horsham). We will meet at the Hatboro Library parking lot at 3:30, and will park cars from 4-6:30pm. We will be in Class A uniforms but without neckerchiefs.

September 23 to September 25 – Musser Madness celebrating 100 years of Musser Scout Reservation: We will head to Musser Scout Reservation on the weekend of September 23 to September 25. The weekend includes a whole lot of different activities, box lunch on Saturday, food trucks for dinner and an evening show with fireworks. Mr. McKay has made reservations and we need to give him an accurate count by Friday September 8. The cost will be \$25.00 (this is the council cost) but will probably include an additional charge for other meals. Don't miss this great event.

PAST EVENTS:

Summer Camp: We had a fantastic week at Haliburton Scout Reserve in Ontario Canada the week of August 5 to August 14. There is no doubt that going to this camp has a unique set of challenges. That being said, our scouts overcame those challenges and had a great time. Our 1st year scouts made considerable progress toward their Tenderfoot Rank and I expect them to complete this very soon. They also did some work on 2nd Class and 1st Class. In addition, they each received their Totn' Chip and Swimming Merit Badge. They had a great time at the rifle and archery ranges, kayaking, rappelling and of course at the camp wide regatta. Our other scouts also did great work completing 58 merit badges and 35 partial badges. There were 7 rank advancements during camp and I expect more soon.

Troop 3 swept the shooting competition in camp with David Fortunato taking the scout 1st place, Dawson Stremme taking the venture 1st place and Jim Lavelle taking the adult 1st place. Congratulations to all of them. Our scouts also took 3rd place in the camp wide regatta.

A trip like this takes a lot of time and energy to make it work. I want to thank all of the staff that attended. Bob Lee and Ryan Kepphart were responsible for our first year program and this was at times one of our biggest challenges. Thanks to both of them. I want to thank our merit badge counsellors including Ed Carengo, Ron Meixsell, Dan Murphy and Bob McGlumphy. Bob

McGlumphy also got us the large trailer so thanks to him for that. I also want to thank several adults who came in a supporting role and did whatever needed to be done. They included Roy Redner, Jimmy Iaia and Alex Bennett, and as the result, Alex will be joining the ranks of our Assistant Scoutmasters. Our waterfront staff included Mark Bonner and Jason Graf and our dock master David Stremme. Thanks to all three of them for their great work. Our advancement coordinator for the week was Mike Balot and our Medical Officer was Scott Larsson. Thanks to both of them and also to Matt Atras, who while not on the trip made sure all of our physicals were in proper order. Equipment is by far one of the largest responsibilities and this included work before the trip, during the trip and after the trip. Brian Ehly and Jim Lavelle were responsible for getting equipment to Haliburton, getting it barged to the island and then getting it all back. Thank you to both for a fantastic job.

The other major part of this trip was feeding everyone. Jim Iaia began work on this aspect last summer and along with Kevin McKay and Rob Walsh, took on a huge responsibility. A sincere thank you to all of them for a job well done.

Finally, the two people I relied on the most. Brian Dutil took the responsibility of planning this trip and much like Jim Iaia, began last summer. The final weeks of planning and actually being in camp were tough but Brian managed everything and did a great job. I can't thank him enough for all of his hard work. Keith Grimes was my other right hand and when I needed help, he was there to lend a hand. Thank you Keith for all of your hard work.

OTHER NEWS:

Owen Adams: On behalf of Mrs. Adams, I want to take a minute to thank each and every member of Troop 3 for your incredible outpouring of support for her and the entire Adams family during this very difficult time. As I write this newsletter, I just returned from his funeral. It was so great to see so many scouts and scouters not only at the visitation but at the mass and graveside service. This troop is an inspiration to me and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

As you know, Mrs. Adams has requested that Troop 3 be one of three organizations to receive money in lieu of flowers. If you are so inclined, please send any donations to my attention. We are currently working on a use for the funds and details will be announced soon.

Advancement: It is important to remember, that anyone who has completed first class or above this year must now transition to the new scout handbook requirements. Everyone must transition in January of 2017. There is an insert available so you don't have to purchase a new handbook. See Mr. Grimes if you need an insert.

Merit Badge Books: Our troop Librarian has spent considerable time cleaning out old Merit Badge Books. If you borrowed one for summer camp, please return it as soon as possible. If you have books to donate, please bring them any Monday night and give to either Jason Caetano or Ben Iaia.

Equipment: We took most of our equipment to summer camp and upon return it all went home for cleaning or airing out. We need that equipment back to prepare for our September trip. Please help out our QM staff and return the equipment by Monday September 12. Thanks for your help with this matter.

IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENT:

Parent's Night October 10, 2016: Please note that our Semi-Annual Parent's night will be on Monday October 10, 2016 and not on Monday October 3, 2016 as originally published in the annual plan. Please make a note as we will review in depth our summer camp experience.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Theme – Scout History

Assignments:

Pre-opening: Delta, Kappa Prime **Opening:** 7 Keith's, **Closing:** Dark Knight, **Service:** We Do Not

SEPTEMBER BIG EVENT – MUSSER MADNESS, 100 YEARS OF MUSSER SCOUT RESERVATION

Monday September 5, 2016, No Troop Meeting – Labor Day

Tuesday September 6, 2016 – TLC Meeting Mr. Waeltz's house

Friday September 9, 2016 – VT3 Taping HH v. Souderton Football 5:30 PM at HHS Stadium

Saturday September 10, 2016, 8:00 AM – Hatboro Library Bazaar Setup

Saturday September 10, 2016, 2:00 PM – Hatboro Library Bazaar Takedown

Saturday September 10, 2016, 3:30 PM – Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot/Parking at College Settlement

Monday September 12, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting HBC, Troop 3 Jeopardy

Wednesday September 14, 2016, 7:15 PM – Washington District Roundtable

Thursday September 15, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers House, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro, Pa

Sunday September 18, 2016 – Time TBA, Ryan Walsh Eagle Project at Hatboro Library

Monday September 19, 2016, 7:30 PM, Troop Meeting at HBC- Haliburton Picture Night

Friday September 23, 2016, 6:30 PM – Depart HBC for Musser Scout Reservation

Sunday September 25, 2016, 12:30 PM – Arrive at HBC, Dismissal at 1:00 PM

Monday September 26, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, HBC, Membership Drive.