

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Scout Families,

Our scout program year is off to a great start and there are many great things to come. I continue to be amazed at what this troop accomplishes on a daily basis. In September we spent a considerable amount of time performing community service. We continued a tradition of helping the Hatboro Library set up and take down their semi-annual library bazaar. This service that we provide to the library is the oldest community service event of Troop 3 and I am proud to still be a part of it. The library could not continue to have this event without our assistance. In addition, on the same day as the library bazaar, we helped the Hatboro Rotary Club park cars for their annual Lobster Pot. The Rotary Club supports Troop 3 with a donation as the result of the Lobster Pot and so it is great to be a part of this tradition. Eagle service projects are always fun to participate in to especially watch our youth work to complete one of the most difficult requirements of scouting. Service to the Hatboro Library came in the form of an Eagle Project in September. Speaking to the president of the library board, they could not thank Troop 3 enough for what we do.

“Do a Good Turn Daily” is not just a set of words with no meaning. Integral to the Scouting Spirit is the drive to make the world we live in a better place. Service opportunities do not always come at convenient times and sometimes they require significant effort, but there are a lot of our neighbors that are in need of help. I am proud that Hatboro Troop 3 makes the second effort to reach out to others. Thank you to all of you who participated in any of these projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Semi-Annual Parents Night: Our Semi-Annual Parents night was originally scheduled for Monday October 3, 2016. Because of my schedule, we have moved the date to Monday October 10, 2016. Please don't miss this event. We will have a full review of our fantastic week at Summer Camp complete with a recognition of all that was achieved. We will show some of the video that was shot and some of the multitudes of pictures along with the other events we have participated in

along the way. We will also recognize all of our advancement since April. There will also be a big announcement on how we have decided the use funds donated from various families and members of the Adams Family in memory of our friend and Assistant Scoutmaster Owen Adams. If anyone has pictures of events they would like to share please get them to Mr. John either on a CD or a flash drive. We could use help setting up on October 10, 2016 at 6:45 PM.

Trip to Haycock Mountain October 21 to October 23: Our monthly trip in October will take us to our property at Haycock Mountain in Upper Bucks County. We will be riding bikes along the shores of Lake Nockamixon, motor-boating on the lake and horseback riding. This is also a great trip to finish up any advancement from summer camp. There is a flyer posted on our website, www.hatborotroop3.org. If you are interested in going, please contact Mr. Ehly.

Philadelphia Encampment, October 14 to 16, 2016: The Council Philadelphia Encampment will be held at Lighthouse Field in Northeast Philadelphia the weekend of October 14 to 16. We will be doing lighting and filming the show at the end of the day and videotaping the event for the Council. Mr. John is in need of help. If you are able to go on Saturday October 15, please let Mr. John know.

Pancake Breakfast, October 29, 2016: Our semi-annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will take place on Saturday October 29 in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. This is all you can eat and most of the proceeds from ticket sales goes back to individual scouts accounts. This is a great event with a great meal. Tickets will be available soon.

PAST EVENTS:

Service Projects: As I noted above, we had several service projects on Saturday September 10. We began the day by helping at the Library Bazaar in setting up tables and tents and then moving all of the books to the tables. Then in the afternoon we were back at the library moving the books back and taking the tents down. Thanks to Mr. Carengo for his work to bring it all together and to everyone that showed up to help out.

After the Library Bazaar we went to College Settlement camp and provided service to the Hatboro Rotary Club at their annual Lobster Pot. Our scouts assisted in parking cars which is a very important part of the day for the Rotary Club. Again thanks to Mr. Carengo and Mr. John and all of our scouts and scouters who assisted.

Musser Madness, September 23 to 25, 2016: We had a great weekend attending the Musser Madness Council Camporee at Musser Scout Reservation. This event celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Musser and there were events at all three camps on the reservation. There were about 2,000 scouts and scouters in attendance and Troop 3 was well represented. Bob John along with Dawson Stremme, Kyler Grimes, Dan McKay and Chris Meixsell filmed events during the day and then the big show. Several adults helped set up for the show. Dave Cooper was part of the museum at Musser at the Cedar Dining Hall and Bob and Jeff Dieterly helped out at the

rifle range. Our scouts had a fantastic time participating in all of the events during the day. A big thanks to Kevin McKay who put it all together and to all of the adults who went along.

OTHER NEWS:

Re-Charter: It is the time of year when we as a troop must re-charter. The Cradle of Liberty Council is asking all units to complete the re-charter process by November 15, 2016. There are a large number of adults who **must** renew your youth protection training before we re-charter. Anyone who's YPT will expire before April 1, 2017 must re-take the course or you will not be re-chartered. In addition, Mr. Dutil has given out letters to every family about the re-charter process. We are asking you to please return the contact information and payment for re-charter as soon as possible. We need your cooperation to make this process work. Adults will be sent a separate letter regarding their fees. Again, we ask for your cooperation in making this happen. I am committed to completing the process on time. If anyone has questions, please see Mr. Balot or Mr. Dutil.

Membership: Fall is the time of year when we typically try to recruit elementary school age boys to join scouting. If you know of anyone who would like to join scouting, maybe someone who is a friend who has wanted to join but has never been asked, then we would love to meet them. Invite them to a meeting or perhaps go camping with us for a weekend. Whatever the case, we would like to talk to the boy and his parents. They can contact me and I will invite them to a meeting personally.

Equipment: Our equipment issues continue to be a problem. The troop committee is committed to providing the best equipment for our boys. With that in mind, our scouts must learn to take care of the equipment we have. We will be spending some money to purchase new equipment and we are currently looking at the feasibility of purchasing new tents. However, if our scouts don't take better care of the equipment we will not be able to purchase new gear. Your cooperation with this is critical.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Theme – Merit Badge Olympics

Assignments:

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

OCTOBER BIG EVENT – HAYCOCK TRIP –BOATING/BIKING/HORSEBACK RIDING

Saturday October 1, 2016, - Haycock Cleanup day 9:00 AM at Haycock

Monday October 3, 2016 – Troop Meeting, 7:30 PM – Merit Badge Olympics

Tuesday October 4, 2016 – TLC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Mr. Waeltz’s house

Friday October 7 to Sunday October 9, 2016 – NYLT, Musser Scout Reservation

Friday October 7 to Sunday October 9, 2016 – OA Fall Fellowship – Musser S.R.

Monday October 10, 2016 – Parents Night, HBC Sanctuary, 7:30 PM

Wednesday October 12, 2016, 7:15 PM – Washington District Roundtable

Thursday October 13, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Committee and Staff Meeting, Mr. Coopers House, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro, Pa

Friday October 14 to Sunday October 16 - NYLT, Musser Scout Reservation

Friday October 14 to Sunday October 16 – Philadelphia Encampment, Lighthouse Field

Saturday October 15, 2016 – Aviation MB, Doylestown Airport

Monday October 17, 2016, 7:30 PM, Troop Meeting at HBC- Merit Badge Olympics

Friday October 21, 2016, 6:30 PM – Depart HBC for Haycock

Sunday October 24, 2016, 12:30 PM – Arrive at HBC, Dismissal at 1:00 PM

Monday October 24, 2016, 7:30 PM – Troop Meeting, HBC, Halloween Party

Saturday October 29, 2016, 8:00 AM – Fall Pancake Breakfast

Monday October 31, 2016 – No Troop Meeting - Halloween