

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Scout Families,

It is hard for me to believe that here I am writing another newsletter. Where did the month of November go and more importantly where, did this year go? Looking back at 2016, I can't help but think that this has been such a great scouting year. Consider some of the things we accomplished this year. We spent a week in Canada at summer camp, something many troops can only think about. We produced 5 Eagle Ceremonies and have two more in the planning stages for 2017. We took in 12 new scouts and all have remained as a part of Troop 3. We have completed no less than 7 service projects for the community 2 of which were Eagle Projects. We have executed an annual plan that is exciting for our youth and have been recognized by Washington District on several occasions for the things that we do as a troop. Why are we successful? Our success is due mainly to those that work so hard to make it successful and that includes every one of you, our Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee, parents, our junior leaders and the scouts themselves.

As we move toward the end of the calendar year, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone. No matter what role you take, driving to a trip, helping with the Ham and Turkey Supper serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster or member of the Troop Committee or just bringing your son to meetings once a week, your service is important. I believe that we deliver the best scouting program around and without each of you, we would not be successful. I extend to each and every family, my very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Doylestown Rock Gym:** We will be spending a night at the Doylestown Rock Gym on the evening of December 2, 2016 overnight into the morning of December 3. We will be climbing on both

Friday night and Saturday morning. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday. This will be an opportunity for our scouts to do some fun rock climbing. We will meet at the Hatboro Baptist Church on Friday December 2 at 6:30 PM and should return to Hatboro by 10:30 AM on Saturday. The cost is \$42 and you should have contacted Mr. Grimes prior to this newsletter going out.

**Hatboro Train Show Good Turn:** We have been asked to assist with this event which will take place on Friday and Saturday December 2 and 3 at Keith Valley Middle School. Main Street Hatboro is a major recipient of funds due to this event and they need our help in setting up and taking down tables. Setup begins at 4PM on Friday December 2 and takedown is on Saturday December 3 at 3 PM. Any help is appreciated.

**Troop 3 Night at the Phantoms:** Troop 3 will travel to the Lehigh Valley on Saturday December 17 to watch the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Providence Bruins at 7:05 PM. We will have an honor guard present the colors as part of pre-game. All tickets will have been paid for before this newsletter goes out.

**Horsham Township Project Blue Light - Tuesday December 6, 2016:** The Horsham Police Department is hosting their annual evening ceremony to honor those Montgomery County Police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Troop 3 will be helping to set up, provide lighting, and videotape the event. We will meet at the Horsham Fire House on Horsham Rd by the township building at 5:00pm to set-up. The ceremony should be done by 8:00. Volunteers can stay for dinner afterwards. The ceremony itself starts at 6:30, but the road will be closing before that so if you are coming for the ceremony you will want to arrive by 6:15. We will be in class A uniforms for this Good Turn.

**Christmas Caroling, Monday Dec. 19:** The troop will be Christmas caroling in the community during our normal troop meeting time. Our elderly and shut-ins very much appreciate being remembered by the Troop during the holiday season. All scouts should bring a plate of homemade cookies that we will package and distribute to the shut-ins.

**Troop Staff Meeting and Christmas Party, Tuesday Dec. 20:** All adults are invited to gather at Dave Cooper's house to celebrate another successful year with Troop 3. Please bring your favorite beverage, dessert or snack for all to share. We will have fellowship to begin the meeting as well as a brief business meeting. This is a great way to celebrate the holidays and all of the success of Troop 3. We will meet at 7:30pm at 133 Loller Rd., Hatboro.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Veteran's Recognition Ceremony:** I want to thank Mr. Iaia, Mr. Dutil, and Mr. Jones who organized a moving tribute to our veterans at our troop meeting on November 7. Special thanks go to all of the scouts that made the evening possible and also to Mr. Grimes who arranged for our Guest Speaker, Captain Francis Spencer.

**US Naval Academy Trip:** Over the weekend of November 11 to 13, we traveled to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis MD. We stayed at the Elks Camp Barrett just outside of Annapolis and then on Saturday morning had a great tour of the Naval Academy followed by a tailgate lunch and football game. Navy beat Tulsa in one of the best football games I have ever seen. Thanks to Mr. McKay for organizing this trip and to Mr. Atras for helping get everyone home safely.

**Hatboro Holliday Parade:** The Hatboro Holiday parade is the largest event that our VT3 crew produces during the course of the year. There were a large number of people involved including: Mike Balot, Bob Dieterly, Jeff Dieterly, Bob Lee, Bruce McCaffrey, Ron Meixsell and Dave Stremme – Setup and logistics. Dan Murphy and Doug Sams – Scaffolds, Self Oil - Stake Truck, Wallis Miller for use of the Miller and Cornell Building, the Second Alarmers – Chief John Klenk, Bucket Truck – Borough of Hatboro and Brent Sines, Caterer – Barbara John, Carpenter – Dan Murphy, Parade Spotters – John Jevit and Bruce McCaffrey, Technical Director – Dan Howanetz, Camera Operators – Greg Howanetz, Bob John, Dan Lee, Colin McPoyle, Dawson Stremme. Video and Sound Mixer – Jack Burrell, Announcer – Paul Big Bear and Producer and Editor – Bob John. Thanks to everyone who was a part of this event.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

**Troop 3 New AED:** in late October, Troop 3 purchased it's first AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for use by the troop on trips and other events. This was purchased through the generosity of the Caetano family and in memory of Mr. Owen P. Adams, Jr. This had been discussed for many months by the troop committee and upon his passing, the Caetano family donated the money for the purchase. Thanks to Joe and Evelyn for this most generous donation.

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** On Tuesday November 8, 2016, Kyler Grimes and Ryan Walsh appeared before the District Eagle Board of Review. I am happy to announce that both are now Eagle Scouts. We will celebrate their achievements in early 2017. Congratulations Kyler and Ryan.

**Scouting for Food:** We collected 893 food items during our November Scouting for Food drive. All of these items went to Lehman Church to help re-stock their food pantry. The patrol with the largest amount collected was Dark Knight. I thank everyone who participated and encourage to give to Lehman's food pantry throughout the year.

**New Tents:** As most everyone knows, the troop committee has been looking at new tents to purchase. Our Eureka tents are becoming worn out and need to be replaced. We had a demonstration of 7 tents a few weeks ago and we hope to make a decision in the spring. In the meantime, the TLC and the troop committee will evaluate all options and make a decision. If anyone has information on other tents, please let us know.

**Adams Campership:** Please remember that applications for this campership are now available. They must be returned by the first Monday in February.

## **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**Theme – Athletics**

**Assignments:**

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

**DECEMBER BIG EVENT – DOYLESTOWN ROCK GYM AND PHANTOMS HOCKEY**

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## Troop 3 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TLC – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	2 Train Show Set-up 4 PM Keith Valley M.S. Depart for Doylestown Rock Gym 6:30 PM	3 Arrive at HBC 11:00 am Train Show Take Down 3 PM –Keith Valley
4	5 Troop Meeting – 7:30PM Athletics Charades	6 Project Blue Light Horsham Municipal Bldg 5:00 PM	7	8	9	10
11	12 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM Climbing	13	14 Washington District Roundtable 7:15 PM Roychester Comm. Ctr	15	16	17 Lehigh Valley Phantoms 7:00 PM
18	19 Christmas Caroling – 7:30 PM HBC	20 Troop Committee and Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Holiday Party	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26 No Meeting	27	28	29	30	31