

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

Happy New Year! With the holiday season now behind us, it is time to turn our attention once again back to our scouting program. With the New Year comes great scouting events. I look forward to each New Year because we get to see our troop grow with new members and we get to see what our older youth members can achieve in leadership. I have never been good at keeping New Year's resolutions which is one of the reasons I don't tend to make them. I want to make a resolution to continue to make Hatboro Troop 3 the best troop in the Cradle of Liberty Council. There is much we can do as a troop to achieve that goal. I would like to see us be more involved in the life of Unami Lodge One (our OA Lodge), I would like to see us continue our commitment to serve the community by adding new projects and I would like to see us continue along the advancement trail. As for each of you, now would be a great time to make your own resolution regarding scouting. 2017 promises to be an exciting year. There are a number of great events on our calendar including summer camp at Resica Falls, Philmont and the National Scout Jamboree as well as a planned canoe trip along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine. . Make a resolution to be more involved. Or, make a resolution to advance, or even to take a leadership position. Scouting has so much to offer, but what you get out of it is up to you. So here's to 2017, let's make it the best ever!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bear Creek Family Ski Night: Our family ski night is scheduled for January 6, 2017 at Bear Creek Mountain Ski resort. You should have committed to this event prior to the publication of this newsletter but please remember that

payment is due at our meeting on January 2, 2017. Questions or concerns for this event should be directed to Mr. Pfeil at gmpfeil@hotmail.com.

Ft. Indiantown Gap Trip: If you were to look at the annual plan you would have seen that we were supposed to be going to Antietam Maryland and hiking around the National Battlefield. Unfortunately, we had to change this trip due to the fact that there is no scout camp nearby. We looked at several possibilities and finally settled on Ft. Indiantown Gap. We will be staying in the base barracks and during the day Saturday we will be hiking along a trail adjacent to the property. Saturday night will feature bowling at a local bowling alley. This promises to be a fun trip. The flyer for this trip is available now and Mr. Balot has e-mailed it to every home. You must return the flyer and payment by Monday January 2, 2017. The cost is \$44.00 per person and that includes food, lodging, transportation and bowling.

Kyler Grimes Eagle Ceremony: We will celebrate the accomplishments of Kyler Grimes with his Eagle Ceremony on Monday January 16, 2017 at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary of the church. This is an important night for Troop 3 and the Grimes family. Kyler has worked hard to attain this rank so I ask everyone to come out and support him.

PAST EVENTS:

Doylestown Rock Gym: A huge thanks to Mr. Grimes, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Jones who took a nice number of our scouts to the Doylestown Rock Gym on Friday December 2 and Saturday December 3 for our first ever overnight trip to the gym. My understanding was that everyone that went had a great time.

Project Blue Light: On Tuesday December 6, 2016, Troop 3 provided invaluable assistance to the Horsham Township Police Department at their 18th annual "Project Blue Light" ceremony. I have been the internal coordinator of this event for 18 years and Troop 3 has been involved for 16 years. I could not do this without the help of Troop 3 and I am grateful for all the help. Thank you to Mr. John for coordinating this effort and to everyone who came out to help.

Phantoms Hockey Game: On Saturday December 17, 2016, a small group of scouts and adults traveled to Allentown to watch the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Providence Bruins. We also provided the color guard before the game and I want to thank Bobby Jones, Aiden Garlanger, Ivan Kikkiko, Manas Date and Jimmy McGlumphly for their service and of course Mr. Jones who took the responsibility to make sure the color guard was there and ready to go. Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Pfeil for organizing this event.

Christmas Caroling: On December 19, 2016 the troop went Christmas Caroling, our annual event to bring some joy to those that needed it during the

Christmas Season. We broke the troop into small groups and visited 10 homes. This is a very special night and I thank everyone who participated.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Advancement: As we move into the year 2017, I must remind everyone that the changes to the Advancement program announced in January of 2016 are now mandatory for everyone. So, if you were in the middle of a rank advancement by the end of 2016, you now must convert to the new advancement requirements and finish using the new requirements. If you have questions about this, please ask either Mr. Balot, Mr. Grimes or myself and we will help you through the changes.

Owen Adams Campership Fund: Please remember that applications for the Owen Adams Campership are due on the first Monday in February. If you would like to be considered for this campership you must complete and submit the application. Encourage everyone to consider this campership.

Summer Camp 2017: As everyone knows, Troop 3 will be going to Resica Falls in July of this year. Mr. Dutil has already been doing quite a bit of work behind the scenes. There will be three payments of \$130.00 due for camp fees and the first payment will be due on Monday February 6, 2017. We estimate the total fee will be \$390.00 for scouts. We must send a deposit of \$50.00 per boy by March 1 so we must have an accurate head count by then. Everyone should go to camp so if you need help paying for camp, camperships are available. Please see me or Mr. Cooper if you need a campership. I have attached to the e-mail with this newsletter, the flyer for summer camp.

Thank You: On a personal note, I want to express my appreciation to everyone who offered condolences and prayers to me and my family when my mother died or who visited our family at her funeral. It was comforting to me and my entire family. On behalf of my brothers and sisters and our families, thank you!

JANUARY CALENDAR

Theme – Civil War

Assignments:

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

JANUARY BIG EVENT – FT. INDIANTOWN GAP TRIP

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEARS DAY!	2 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Civil War	3 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	4	5	6 Family Ski night Bear Creek Mtn	7
8	9 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Civil War Re-enactor	10	11 Washington Dist. Roundtable 7:15 PM Roychester Comm. Ctr	12 Staff & Committee 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers House	13 Ft. Indiantown Gap Trip 6:30 PM Depart from HBC	14 Ft. Indiantown Gap
15 Ft. Indiantown Gap Arrive at HBC 2:00 PM	16 Kyler Grimes Eagle Ceremony 7:30 PM HBC Sanctuary	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Civil War Battle	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Civil War Movie	31				

Please note that Scout Sunday is Sunday February 12, 2016 at the 11:00 AM Service. I encourage everyone to put this date on their calendars. More information on Scout Sunday will be coming soon. Please plan to attend.