

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

The month of February always brings the anniversary of the scouting movement. Born on February 8, 1910, The Boy Scouts of America became the greatest organization for boys. In 1909, Chicago publisher W. D. Boyce was visiting London, where he encountered a boy who came to be known as the Unknown Scout. Boyce was lost on a foggy street when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was a Boy Scout and was merely doing his daily good turn. Interested in the Boy Scouts, Boyce met with staff at the Boy Scouts Headquarters and, by some accounts, Baden-Powell. Upon his return to the U.S., Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. In January 1911, James E. West became the first Chief Scout Executive and Scouting began to expand in the U.S.

The BSA's stated purpose at its incorporation in 1910 was "to teach boys patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values." Later, in 1937, Deputy Chief Scout Executive George J. Fisher expressed the BSA's mission; "Each generation as it comes to maturity has no more important duty than that of teaching high ideals and proper behavior to the generation which follows." The current mission statement of the BSA is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

The 12<sup>th</sup> point of the scout law is "A scout is reverent." Each February, we celebrate the anniversary of scouting along with our chartered organization, Hatboro Baptist Church at a Scout Sunday service. This is the event that allows

us to show the church congregation all of the great things that we do during the course of the year. Read on for more information about Scout Sunday.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:**

**Scout Sunday, Feb. 12:** Scout Sunday is always a special day in the Troop 3 year. It is a chance to share a morning of worship with our sponsoring organization, Hatboro Baptist Church. We are blessed to have a strong relationship with the church and are thankful for the support they give us. I encourage everyone to please join us for the morning worship. A number of boys will play a part in the service, and we are currently in the planning stages along with the pastor on exactly what we will be doing during the service. If you want to be involved, please speak with our adult Scout Sunday Coordinator, Brian Ehly. We will be in Class A uniform including neckerchiefs and merit badge sashes and will meet at 10:30am for the 11:00-12:00 service.

**Resica Falls Trip:** Troop 3 will travel to Resica Falls Scout Reservation in the Pocono Mountains during the weekend of February 24-26. This is one of our most popular trips of the year. We will be staying at Firestone Lodge. We will also be skiing at Shawnee Mountain and will have the shooting range at Big Springs open. In addition, we will be hiking around the reservation. Mr. Lavelle is working hard on this trip. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 and includes all food and transportation costs. If you plan on skiing that will be an extra charge.

**OA Election:** On Monday February 6, 2017, representatives of the Washington Chapter of Unami Lodge One will be present at our troop meeting for our annual Order of the Arrow Election. The Order of the Arrow is a National Camping Honor Society. Candidates for membership are elected by youth members of the troop. In order to be elected, scouts must be First Class and have 15 days and nights of camping, one of which must be a long term camp. This is an important night and we must have one half of our membership present to vote. As long as we elect one member, we can also have an adult elected to membership. Troop 3 has a unique ability to be heavily involved in Unami Lodge. I encourage all of our arrowmen to take some time and get involved. If you are a current member of the lodge, please wear your OA sash on February 6.

**Summer Camp 2017:** As everyone knows, Troop 3 will be going to Resica Falls in July of this year. Mr. Dutill 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. In addition, camperships are available from the Cradle of Liberty Council and we will have a second pancake

breakfast in May. Camp cards will also be available again this year and should be out in mid-March. **Important, Please Note:** I learned at last month's roundtable that anyone attending either Philmont, the National Scout Jamboree or NYLT can attend Resica Falls at ½ price. If you are attending one of these events and were not going to go to summer camp, please reconsider based on this information. Please inform Mr. Dutilleul so you can be properly recorded.

**Ryan Walsh Eagle Ceremony:** On Monday February 20, 2017, we will celebrate the achievements of Ryan Walsh with his Eagle Ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary. This is an important night for the Walsh family and Troop 3. Please join us as we celebrate Ryan and all that he has accomplished.

### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Bear Creek Ski Night:** Our family ski night was held on Friday January 6, 2017 at Bear Creek Mountain. It was a great night for skiing and I thank Mr. Pfeil for making all of the arrangements for this event.

**Ft. Indiantown Gap Trip:** Troop 3 traveled to Ft. Indiantown Gap during the weekend of January 13-15. We had a great time sleeping in the barracks and eating our meals in the community center. On Saturday we went hiking, some along the Appalachian Trail adjacent to the Fort and some along a rails to trails hike in the State Game Lands. It was cold and snowy but still a great day. Later on Saturday we took over a bowling alley in Fredericksburg PA and yes, everyone beat the scoutmaster. We had a tour of the Emergency Operations Center on Sunday before heading home. Thanks to Mr. Balot for putting it all together and to Mr. Murphy for planning the hikes and Mr. Bernard for organizing the EOC tour. I also want to thank the other adults who went along, Mr. Patchell, Mr. Iaia, Mr. Jones and Mr. Meixsell.

**Kyler Grimes Eagle Ceremony:** I want to thank everyone who was in attendance or who participated in Kyler Grimes Eagle Ceremony on January 16. It was a great night for the Grimes family and a fitting tribute to all that Kyler has accomplished in scouting. I especially want to thank Bob John for the multimedia show, the McCaffreys for taking care of refreshments and Dave Cooper for the program.

### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Ham and Turkey Supper Tickets:** Our annual Ham and Turkey Supper will be held the evening of March 11, 2017 from 4 to 7 PM. Tickets are now available and will be \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. This is our only troop fundraiser so I would ask everyone to please do your part to help the troop run smoothly. If you need additional tickets please see Mrs. Stremme. More information about the Ham and Turkey Supper will be coming soon.

**Canoe Damage:** As everyone knows by now, our canoes have been stored for the past year on the property of George Fesmire. The storm last week took its toll on us as a tree fell onto our canoe trailers. This past Saturday we cleaned up the mess and were able to see the extent of the damage. One canoe was completely destroyed and will need to be replaced. Several others were slightly damaged and may be able to be repaired. The troop committee will need to further discuss a long term solution to our canoe problems. If anyone has input or thoughts, please let us know. I want to thank Dave Cooper, George Fesmire, Jake and Steve Pilch, Bob and Bobby Jones, Maureen, AJ and Tyler Larsson and Ed Carenzo for coming out on Saturday to clean up the mess and remove the canoe trailers.

**Kyle Hallowell:** Kyle Hallowell a Hatboro Troop 3 Eagle Scout and former SPL is a Lieutenant in the US Army currently deployed to Nangarhar Afghanistan. Kyle will be deployed there for approximately 9 months. While Kyle is serving our country abroad please share your thoughts and letters of cheer with him. He has internet access and can answer email. The soldiers in Courage Company, his battalion, love getting care packages and care kits are available through the US postal service. His email and address are below. If you are interested in sending a care package please contact his parents at this email [budszoo@hotmail.com](mailto:budszoo@hotmail.com), they can tell you what the soldiers are allowed to have on post. Thanks

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**Troop Treasurer Transition:** After 21 years of service as our troop treasurer, Georgi Bernard has decided to step down. The transition is now complete and I am happy to report that Mr. Brian Dutill is our new treasurer. This is a huge undertaking and I know Brian will do a great job. Brian is currently reviewing all of the troop finances so please be patient. There may be changes in the way bills are paid. In the meantime, I thank Georgi Bernard for her incredible years of service to Troop 3. We will properly honor Georgi at our April parent's night.

## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Cold Weather Activities**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-opening:** We Do No **Opening:** DKP **Closing:** 7 Keiths **Service:** Dark Knight

### **FEBRUARY BIG EVENT – RESICA FALLS SCOUT RESERVATION**

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## Troop Activities

## Hatboro Troop 3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4
5	6 Troop Meeting HBC 7:30 PM OA Election, Resica Falls Payment due, Adams Campership payment due	7 TLC – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz' house	8 Washington District Roundtable 7:15 PM Roychester Comm. Ctr	9 Troop Staff and Committee – 7:30 PM 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro PA	10	11 Valley Forge Pilgrimage
12 Scout Sunday – 11:00 Am HBC Sanctuary	13 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM Mt. Washington Mr. Grimes Beading Ceremony	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Ryan Walsh Eagle Ceremony – 8:00 Pm HBC Sanctuary	21	22	23	24 Depart for Resica Falls 6:30 Pm	25 Resica Falls
26 Resica Falls – Arrive at HBC by 3:00 PM	27 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM Possible Ice Rink	28				