

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families

It's hard for me to believe that we are already in the month of May. Perhaps the most important event of the year will take place this month and that is our troop reorganization. Each scout must take an active role in this very important night. First, we will elect a Senior Patrol Leader. After that is complete, we will reorganize ourselves into patrols and each patrol will elect their patrol leader. Once that is complete, it is time to work on what will essentially take three months and that is the development of our annual plan.

Does your scout need leadership to advance? That is a very important question that he should be thinking about right now. Does he want to be Senior Patrol Leader? Perhaps he would like to be a patrol leader. Now would be the time to start thinking about that. Would he be willing to go to NYLT for training? Where would your sons like to go in the coming year? These are all very important questions that he should be thinking about.

I often hear boys say that Scouting is a boy run program and that Troop 3 is a boy run troop. That is most certainly true, however, that works only if we have boys who are committed to running the troop. The scouting program only works if we have junior leaders who are committed to working hard to make the program run. And, the program only works if each individual boy is invested and has some say in what they do as a troop.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Library Bazaar Service: Each year Hatboro Troop 3 provides service to the Hatboro Library Bazaar. This will take place on Saturday May 13, 2017. We will meet at 8 AM at the Library and assist in putting tents and tables in place, then

moving all of the books into place. We will meet at the library again at 2:30 PM to move the books back to the shed and then taking tents and tables down. The library cannot hold this event without our help so I encourage everyone to turn out and give a hand. No uniforms are required for this event.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Unfortunately, we will hold our spring pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday May 13, 2017 from 8 AM to 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. This is the same date as the Hatboro Library Bazaar. With that in mind, we will need to have the troop do both events. If your son needs money to pay for summer camp, there is no better way than this fundraiser. So, some scouts will come to the breakfast and some will go to the Library Bazaar. Please help us out so that we can successfully complete both projects. All profits from ticket sales go to individual accounts. There are no better pancakes than the ones made by Jim Lavelle. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Troop Reorganization: As I said above, Monday May 8 will be our troop reorganization. All scouts should plan on attending this meeting as we will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader, form new patrols and then select our new patrol leaders. We will then begin the annual plan process as the new patrols suggest what we will do in the coming year.

May TLC Schedule: May's TLC schedule will be a little different as we begin to develop the annual plan for 2017-2018. We will have our normal TLC on May 2, 2017 at my house where we will schedule events for the month of June. On May 16, 2017, the old TLC will meet with the new TLC at Hatboro Baptist Church. This meeting will be at 7:15 at which time we will begin planning. There will be a 3rd TLC meeting again at my house on May 30, 2017 at 7:30 to complete the annual plan and then on June 6, 2017 our regular June TLC. Please make sure all members of the TLC attend these very important meetings.

Backpacking Trip to the Catskill Mountains: During the weekend of May 19 to May 21, 2017, the Troop will head to the beautiful Catskill Mountains of New York where we will do some backpacking. This should be a wonderful trip for everyone. We estimate the cost of this trip to be about \$25.00 but more information will be coming very soon. This will also be the last shakedown trip for our Philmont Crew who will leave in June. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Grimes are working to put this together.

Washington District Dinner: The District Dinner will be held on Sunday May 7, 2017 at the Vereinigung Erzgebirge Club on Davisville Rd in Warminster. The district will recognize two of our scouters, Brian Dutill and Jim Iaia with the Unit Honored Scouter award. The cost is only \$25.00. Anyone interested in attending, please see David Cooper or Mike Bernard.

PAST EVENTS:

Semi Annual Parents Night: Our semi-annual parent's night was held on Monday April 3, 2017. We recognized all of our scout's advancement for the last six months as well as special recognitions. Special recognitions included Ryan Walsh and Kyler Grimes who received the Union League Good Citizenship Award, Kyler Grimes, Dawson Stremme and Dan McKay who received the first Owen P. Adams, Jr. Campership Award and Dan Howanetz and Jack Burrell who were recognized for service to VT3. Mr. John also presented a wonderful multi-media program of all of our activities for the past six months. Thanks to Mr. John for his hard work on this and to Mr. Cooper for putting it all together.

Wall Stadium Trip: On the weekend of April 21 to 23, Troop 3 traveled to Allaire State Park in New Jersey for a weekend to watch racing at Wall Stadium. We visited Jenkinson's Aquarium on Saturday and then spent some time on the boardwalk. It rained most of the day Saturday so unfortunately, we were not able to see the race as it was cancelled. We found a bowling alley nearby so we went there instead. On Sunday morning we visited the US Coast Guard Station at Manasquan Inlet for a wonderful tour. Thanks to Bob Lee who put it all together and to the adults who came along.

Washington District Roundtable: I want to thank the members of the TLC under the leadership of our Senior Patrol Leader Dawson Stremme who attended the April Roundtable meeting. Our TLC did a demonstration on the annual plan to those in attendance.

Council Dinner: The Cradle of Liberty Council held its annual recognition dinner on April 27, 2017 in Valley Forge. I had the ability to hear from both the Council Chief Scout and then a fantastic keynote speech by the Chief Scout Executive Michael B. Surbaugh. It was a pleasure for me to meet the Chief Scout Executive. There are some great things happening in both the Cradle of Liberty Council and the Greater Scouting movement. The Council Chief Scout indicated that this council has now experienced 8 months of growth and a 4% increase in membership over this time last year. That is surely great news. The Chief Scout Executive told a story of the reasons that he is still in scouting, a story I will share with the entire troop. In addition, the Council recognized Rudy Tellman, Troop 3 Committee member with the Silver Beaver Award. This is the highest award that a council can bestow. Congratulations Rudy! Dave Cooper served on the organizing committee and VT 3 including Bob John, Bob Lee, Dan Lee, and Colin McPoyle filmed the event. This same crew went out to the Council office two weeks ago and did some preliminary filming for the dinner. In addition, the Dieterly family was in attendance along with Lester Blum and Troop 3 alum parents Joe and Jane Cero.

Hatboro Baptist Church Mulching: Thanks to everyone who turned out for our annual mulching service project at Hatboro Baptist Church. We had 22 youth and 20 adults and more wheelbarrows that we could operate. Thanks to everyone's help, we completed spreading all the mulch in an hour and a half. This is an important project that we complete each year for our sponsor. Thanks especially to Mr. Carenzo for organizing this project.

Investiture: I want to congratulate all of our new scouts who were fully invested into the Troop on April 17, 2017. We will have one more investiture on May 1, 2017. I look forward to great things out of this class of scouts.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Summer Camp at Resica Falls: 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. All payments are now due. The total fee will be \$390.00 for scouts. 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. **Important, Please Note:** 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. Dutill so you can be properly recorded.

Summer Cap Merit Badge Selection: The list of Merit Badges is now available on the troop website at www.hatborotroop3.org. Please review the list as merit badge selection will take place on Monday May 15, 2017 at the troop meeting. There are more important dates coming up in June so please look for more information coming soon.

National Youth Leadership Training: National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting action packed program for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding of leadership of self and others. To be eligible for NYLT, the scout must be 13 years of age by the start of the course and be First Class. The cost is \$420.00 and there are five sessions to choose from. The cost is one half the price if this is your second week of camp and the troop will pay ½ the cost when the scout completes the program. Anyone interested in NYLT should speak with me regarding their interest.

Washington District Eagle Board of Review: I am pleased to announce that on April 18, 2017, Joe Dutill appeared before the Washington District Eagle Board of Review. Joe successfully completed his Eagle Board and is now an Eagle Scout. We congratulate Joe for his hard work and will recognize him fully in his Eagle Ceremony during the summer.

Camp Cards: Camp cards have been on sale for a little over a month now and our scouts are doing a great job. As of this writing, Troop 3 has sold the 3rd highest number of camp cards in the council. Two of our scouts have won prizes. Congratulations to Tom Dutil and Chris Meixsell. If you want to sell camp cards, please see Mr. McKay. Keep up the good work guys!

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

Each month in the newsletter I am going to try to highlight some of the great things our scouts are doing. If anyone has information to put here about any of our scouts, please let me know by mid-May.

AJ Larsson will be serving on the staff at NYLT this summer. He has been busy undergoing training for this endeavor and we wish him much luck as he prepares for this.

Dawson Stremme has received all the signatures for his Eagle Project and he will be starting it very soon. You will agree with me once you hear about it that it is a fantastic project. Please do all that you can to help him out.

MAY CALENDAR

Theme – HIKING EXPERIENCES

Assignments:

Pre-opening: DKP **Opening:** 7 Keith's **Closing:** Dark Knight **Service:** We Do Not

MAY BIG EVENT – BACKPACKING THE CATSKILL MTN'S

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM – HBC Appalachian Trail Thru Hiker	2 TLC Meeting – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz’s house	3	4	5	6 Philmont Training Hart Scout Cap
7 Philmont Training Hart Scout Camp Washington District Dinner 5:00 PM	8 Troop Meeting – Reorganization HBC 7:30 PM	9	10	11 Troop Staff and Committee 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers House	12	13 Hatboro Library Bazaar 8 AM Pancake Breakfast 8-11 AM Library Bazaar 2:30 PM
14	15 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM Summer Camp Merit Badge Selection	16 Special TLC 7:15 PM HBC – Annual Plan	17	18 Olympia Scope Camp Hart	19 Depart for Catskills Backpacking Trip 6:30 PM Olympia Scope Camp Hart	20 Catskills Backpacking Trip Olympia Scope Camp Hart
21 Catskills Backpacking Trip Olympia Scope Camp Hart	22 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM- HBC Philmont Discussion	23	24	25	26	27

28	29 Memorial Day – No Meeting	30 Special TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	31			
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