

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## **TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Scout Families,

The month of June is a great time to be a Boy Scout in Hatboro Troop 3. Summer is right around the corner and so is the end of the school year. Along with the beginning of summer, come some fantastic summer adventures including Philmont, Resica Falls Scout Reservation, the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and a trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine. But there is more to the month of June. The boys have selected their new senior patrol leader for the year (Daniel McKay) and they have divided themselves into new patrols and elected new patrol leaders. Next up is for the group of boy leaders to decide on the activity plan for the coming year. I know of no other organization that relies on their youth to make such key decisions about the operation of the group. The fact that our scouts are up to the task is a reflection of the training that begins the very first day a young Webelos scout crosses over to Troop 3. A key element of the Boy Scout program is to put the boys in increasingly challenging situations and let them learn to handle those increased expectations. As Scoutmaster I get to see the culmination of this growing process. It is my honor to have observed last year's Troop Leadership Council. The TLC was led by Senior Patrol Leader Dawson Stremme. He was joined by our group of patrol leaders and other troop leaders. The TLC did a great job of working together – listening to one another's ideas and making plans for the troop moving forward. I want to thank all of our junior leaders who made 2016-2017a successful scouting year!

Our new TLC has already been working hard to complete the 2017-2018 annual plan. A lot of work is already done and with two more sessions, it is my hope to have it completed for first review by mid-June.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Trap Pond Trip:** We will travel to Trap Pond State Park in southern Delaware over Father's Day weekend, June 16 to 18. We have never been to Trap Pond but it seems like a fantastic trip. We will take our fleet of canoes and kayaks in order to do some boating on the lake. The trip flyer is now available on the troop website. The cost is \$20.00 and it includes everything but food. This trip will be a patrol feed so food will be an extra cost. See Mr. Jones for more information.

**Horsham Day:** 2017 marks Horsham Township's Tri-centennial year and along with that comes the largest Horsham Day events in recent memory. Washington District is attempting to grow scouting in Horsham as there is currently only one scout unit in the entire township. There are currently plans to add two new cub scouts packs. With that in mind, the District will roll out the new cub packs on Horsham Day which is June 3. They would like us to set up a model camp and perhaps do some camp cooking. If you are able to help with Horsham Day, please let me know as soon as possible. Here is some important information.

We will be in Deep Meadow in the grassy area right next to the fence that separates the Challenger Field which is where the inflatables will be. **Setup on Saturday morning is from 8am until 10:30am. All passenger vehicles must be out of Deep Meadow at 10:30. Passenger vehicles are allowed back in at 5:00 PM. Breakdown has to be completed by 5:30.**

**Dawson Stremme's Eagle Project:** Dawson has come up with quite an interesting Eagle Project and has spent quite a bit of time planning this project. It includes passing out collection boxes for old flags (which is already done) and then on Saturday June 3 from 10 am to 3 pm at his home on Moreland Ave in Hatboro. The second part of the project will be the actual retirement ceremony which will take place on Wednesday June 14 (Flag Day) at Hatboro Park (behind the Hatboro Pool) at 7 PM. Please contact Dawson if you are available either day.

**Philmont:** After over a year of training, our Philmont Crew will depart for New Mexico on Saturday June 24, 2017. This crew including Kyler Grimes, Dawson Stremme, Sean Delaney, Matt Lee, Dan and Josiah McKay and adults Keith Grimes, Dave Stremme and Kevin McKay will spend 10 days backpacking through the southern Rocky Mountains near Cimarron New Mexico. They will return on July 8, just one day before we depart for summer camp. We wish the crew well on this trip.

**Abington-Jefferson Hospital June Fete:** The Annual June Fete for the benefit of Abington-Jefferson Hospital will be held on the weekend of June 11 thru 13. Troop 3 has been asked to assist at the June Fete for a number of years. Volunteers are needed during the following times and dates:

Friday – 6/11 – 2-5pm, 4-7pm, 7-9pm, 9-11pm

Saturday – 6/12 – 11-2pm, 2-5pm, 5-8pm, 8-10pm

Sunday – 6/13 – 12-3pm, 3-6pm, 5:30-8:30pm

If you are able to help, please contact Bob Genn, Assistant Scoutmaster at 215-520-9364

Wear your Class B t-shirt. All volunteers will get a complimentary ticket to the Fete and will be fed!

### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Catskill Mountains Trip:** The Troop spent a beautiful weekend in New York's Catskill Mountains backpacking along the Appalachian Trail. For our Philmont Crew, this was their last weekend to get ready for their upcoming trip. For our first year scouts, this was a great trip to really make the most of their new scouting experiences. Thanks to Dan Murphy, Keith Grimes and Jim Lavelle who put it all together.

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** We served plenty of pancakes and sausage on Saturday May 13. The weather was not great and we felt as though it might keep the crowds down, but we were wrong. Thanks to Jim Lavelle who takes the lead on this event with probably the best pancakes I've ever eaten. Thanks also to everyone who came out and helped and sold tickets.

**Library Bazaar:** Although the weather did not cooperate for the Hatboro Library's Semi Annual Bazaar, they still held it although it was scaled down. Many of our scouts and adult staff arrived on Friday evening to help setup the bazaar inside. We did not take it down on Saturday but did assist on Monday night with taking the bazaar down. I thank everyone who came out and gave a hand.

### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Annual Plan:** The Troop Leaders Council under the direction of new Senior Patrol Leader, Dan McKay has jumped into the annual plan with both feet. They have made significant progress in building the plan but much work needs to be done. We will have a draft in early June which will be presented to the Troop Committee at their June meeting. We hope to have the plan finalized by late July.

**Summer Camp at Resica Falls:** Our Trip to Resica Falls is quickly approaching and if you have not made all your payments, please do so now. Trips like this take a long time to plan and there are many questions. Everyone should have received the Resica Falls packet from Mr. Dutill. If you have not received it, I have included it with this newsletter. Please note the following.

Monday – June 19 **Swim test (and free swim)**

7-9 pm

Bring bathing suit and towel  
Upper Moreland Swim Club (3505 Moore Rd, Hatboro)  
- From church, go south on York Rd, then left on Byberry Rd.  
- Follow Byberry 0.4 mile past Warminster Rd, then right on Betz Rd.  
- At end of Betz, turn right on Lukens Lane  
- Follow Lukens around bend to 1<sup>st</sup> right – take Moore Rd into Swim Club  
- Tell club you are there with the Boy Scouts

8-8:30 pm

**Parents information meeting**

Optional Q&A session at 8pm at swim club

**Medical Forms** Medical Forms for Summer Camp are due very soon. If you have not yet made an appointment with your Doctor, please do it now. Scouts and Scouters will not be permitted to go to camp without the most updated form including part C. Mr. Atras will be present at meetings leading up to camp if you have questions.

**Allagash Waterway Trip this summer:** Anyone who want to participate in the Allagash Canoe Trip this summer (July 28 - August 5, 2017) must pay a non-refundable deposit of \$150 this coming Monday, June 5, 2017. Cash or Check payable to "Hatboro Troop #3". Mr. Murphy is going to make reservations for our stay at New England Outdoor Center on Tuesday and must send a deposit. See attached flyer for more information.

**Summer Uniforms:** Beginning on Monday June 12 we will be wearing class B uniforms to all troop meetings unless told differently. This does not include traveling to and from trips. Remember that class B uniform means red troop shirt and scout pants or shorts. This will be in effect until the first Monday meeting in September.

**Troop Committee and Staff Calendar Change:** Please note that the June Troop Committee and Staff meeting originally scheduled for June 8 will be moved to Thursday June 15 at 7:30 PM.

**GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:**

Robert Quinn is a first year scout with Troop3. He's finishing 5th grade, and in Upper Moreland that means middle school comes in September. The principal sent a letter to the Quinn family saying that he is one of the 5th graders who will be awarded the "President's Education Award" for academic excellence. The letter says that he was selected for this prestigious award based on outstanding work habits, advanced scores on testing, teacher recommendation, and solid classroom academic performance. Congratulations Robert and Best of Luck as you move to Middle School.

Joe Dutill will graduate from Archbishop Wood High School in June. After graduation and beginning in the fall, Joe will attend Philadelphia University where he will major in Engineering. Congratulations Joe on your graduation and best of luck as you move to the next phase of your life.

## **JUNE CALENDAR**

### **Theme – WATER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-opening:** Phoenix Reborn    **Opening:** Retirement Ctr.    **Closing:** Chocolate Inc.  
**Service:** Nobody

### **JUNE BIG EVENT – TRAP POND**

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## Troop 3 Monthly Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Horsham Day – Setup from 8am to 10:30 with Washington District Whitewater Training. Stremme Eagle Project
4	5 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM HBC	6 TLC- 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	7	8	9 June Fete	10 June Fete
11 June Fete	12 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM - HBC	13	14	15 Troop Committee and Staff – 7:30 PM – Mr. Coopers house	16 Depart for Trap Pond 6:30 PM	17 Trap Pond
18 Trap Pond – arrive at HBC 12:30 PM	19 Troop Meeting – 7:15 PM Upper Moreland Swim club	20	21	22	23	24 Philmont Departs
25	26 Troop Meeting -7:30 PM Carpenter Park	27	28	29	30	