

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Troop 3 Families,

Well, what a summer this has been so far and we still have a full month to go. Since I wrote my last newsletter, members of our troop have returned from 15 days backpacking at Philmont Scout Reservation, we have completed a week at summer camp, 2 of our scouts have attended the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and just last week, a crew departed for a canoe trip along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in northern Maine.

We often talk about what makes a good Boy Scout program. Honestly, there is no program that can be complete without the excitement that comes with the outdoor experience. We have certainly put the outing in our Boy Scout program this summer.

Of course none of this would be possible without an adult staff to take these boys to where they want to go. We are blessed to have such a dedicated staff who can take the time from work and their families to make these summer events possible. Consider that some of these adults spent 15 days in Philmont, arrived home and then left the next day for summer camp. What about several of our adult staff who are taking 10 days away from their families to go to Maine, some of whom no longer have boys in the program. I speak for all of our families and say to each of them, "Thank you!"

Parent's night will be interesting this fall when we have the opportunity to review in detail each of these events. But remember, that the summer is not over yet and there is still one more trip before school starts.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Laurel Caverns Trip:** We will depart for the Laurel Caverns on Friday morning August 18 at 9:00 AM. **(Note that this is a Friday morning departure).** On the way out to western Pennsylvania, we will stop at the Flight 93 memorial and then on the Ohiopyle State Park where we will camp for three days. On Saturday, we will go to the Laurel Caverns and explore inside the caverns. We also have geology merit badge in the afternoon. Then on Sunday, we will stop at Ft. Necessity and Mt. Davis – the highest point in Pennsylvania – before heading for home. The cost of the trip is \$33.00 for transportation, camping and Friday dinner. You should have given Mr. Murphy a reservation before this newsletter came out.

**Joe Dutil Eagle Ceremony:** On Monday August 14, 2017, the troop will gather in the church sanctuary to recognize Joseph Dutil with his Eagle Ceremony. There will be a brief meeting upstairs at 7:30 PM and then the ceremony will begin at 8 PM. I encourage everyone to attend this event. These ceremonies are very important to the family and to the troop to recognize the Eagle Scout for his hard work.

**Camp Cooper:** Our final event of the program year will be Camp Cooper, a Hatboro Troop 3 tradition. We will meet at the home of our Troop Committee Chairman Dave Cooper to swim and play volleyball and then end the program year with a campfire. This event will be on Monday August 28, 2017.

## **PAST EVENTS:**

**Summer Camp at Resica Falls:** What a great week we had at Resica Falls Scout Reservation. As a troop we accomplished quite a bit. We completed 82 merit badges, there were 25 partial merit badges and 7 scouts advanced in rank including Dawson Stremme who completed all the requirements for Eagle Scout in camp. Five adults completed their Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster training and the Outdoor Leadership skills. Ten of our scouts completed the polar bear swim and our first years completed just about every requirement for Tenderfoot and several in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> class. Seven scouts completed their OA Ordeal and five members of the OA completed their Brotherhood sealing their bond in the lodge. Our Ice Knight patrol took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Island Challenge and as a troop we received both the Unami Award and the Cradle of Liberty Troop award. A huge thanks to Brian Dutil for putting it all together and the other adults that attended Bob Lee who handled our 1<sup>st</sup> year program, Mark Bonner was our medical officer, Jim Iaia, Dan Marks, Chris Marks and Franco Kakiko who were on hand to assist with whatever was needed. Bob Jones who handled our dining hall needs and Keith Grimes who took care of our boards of Review. I also thank our three JASM's who helped our second ear scouts with their advancement.

**Philmont:** As I mentioned earlier, our Philmont Crew returned on Saturday July 8 just one day before we departed for summer camp. Dawson Stremme, Kyler Grimes, Dan McKay, Chris Meixsell and Mr. Grimes turned right around and departed for summer camp with us the next day. According to everything I heard, they had a fantastic time in New Mexico. They summited Mt. Baldy along with the Tooth of Time during their trip. Congratulations to our entire Philmont contingent.

**National Scout Jamboree:** By the time this newsletter goes out, the National Scout Jamboree will be over and Dawson Stremme and Jimmy McGlumphy will be home. They departed for the Bechtel Summit Scout Reserve in West Virginia on Tuesday July 18 and returned on Friday July 28. The Jamboree takes place every four years so for both of these scouts, this may be the only opportunity they had to experience the jamboree. This is the third event Dawson attended this summer. Congratulations to both of these scouts on attending the jamboree.

**August TLC Meeting:** Our August TLC meeting will take place at Mr. Grimes home at 421 Jefferson Ave, Hatboro on Wednesday August 2, 2017. Every patrol needs to be represented. If the patrol leader cannot attend, then a representative should go.

**August Staff Meeting:** We had set several dates for our August staff meeting, but due to vacations and other scheduling issues, we have settled on the date of August 24, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Please take note of the change in schedule.

## **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**2017 - 2018 Annual Plan:** The annual plan was sent out by e-mail to all families last week after the troop committee formally approved the plan. There are still some gaps in the plan, most notably, with trip coordinators. If you have the opportunity, please look at the plan and add these events to your family calendar. We need coordinators, so please volunteer to take and plan a trip. If you have never done this, we are going to have a training session in the very near future so that everyone knows what goes into planning a trip.

**Order of the Arrow:** As I noted in the section on summer camp, we had 7 youth complete their ordeal while in camp. Congratulations to Nathan Kephart, Ivan Kakiko, Michael Jaeschke, AJ Larsson, Chris Meixsell, Aaron Gauthier and Harry Schultz who all completed their ordeal. In addition, congratulations to Dan McKay, Ben Iaia, Jim Iaia, Brian Dutill, and Keith Grimes who all sealed the bond in brotherhood by becoming brotherhood members of the lodge.

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** As it stands currently, we will have two of our scouts going to the Washington District Eagle Board of Review in the month of August. Dawson Stremme and Michael Jaeschke have both

completed the requirements and now only need to be reviewed by the district. The date of the board of review is not set yet, but it will be sometime in mid-August. Congratulations to both of these scouts.

**Photo's Wanted:** If you have taken any photographs of events since April, this would include our April Trip, our May Canoe Trip, our trip in June to Trap Pond, Philmont, Summer Camp, the Jamboree or the Allagash Trip or any other events in the past six months, please share them with us by putting them on a flash drive and giving them to Keith Grimes and Bob John. We will need these photos as we approach parent's night in October. Thanks.

## **AUGUST CALENDAR**

### **Theme – GEOLOGY**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-opening:** Nobody **Opening:** Chocolate Inc. **Closing:** Ice Knight. **Service:** We K-Not

### **AUGUST BIG EVENT – LAUREL CAVERNS TRIP**

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Title		Subtitle				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Allagash Trip	TLC 7:30 at Mr. Grimes house Allagash Trip	Allagash Trip	Allagash Trip	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Pennypack School Can Jam					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC – Joe Dutill Eagle Ceremony			Washington District Eagle Board of Review 7:15 PM	9:00 AM – Depart for Laurel Caverns	Laurel Caverns
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Arrive at HBC at 5:00 PM	Troop Meeting 7:30 PM at Carpenter Park			Troop Staff and Committee Meeting 7:30 PM		
27	28	29	30	31		
	Camp Cooper 7:15 PM 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro					