

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## **TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Scout Families,

Summer is quickly coming to an end. For some, school has already started and for others, it will begin next week. For all of us, September is a time to put the enjoyment of summer behind and now begin both a new school year and a new scouting year. Our 2016-2017 program year has come to a close and we now begin a new year. There are many exciting things happening and I would love nothing more than for every scout to be a part of the fun. Please take some time to look at the annual plan. My hope is that each family will take the plan and add it to their family calendar. The TLC spent a considerable amount of time to complete this plan and I think it takes us back to traditional scouting. The TLC really did think outside the box and there are things that have been included that we have never done.

This is also a time for our scouts to set goals for what they want to accomplish. Over the last few months I have met with many of our scouts and we have talked about what they want out of the program. Summer camp was very successful, however, there is still a lot of work to be done. It is now time to consider advancing in rank. It is time to complete the merit badges that were left undone. Think about service and leadership.

And speaking of service, we take service to the community very serious in troop 3 and as we begin the program year, we have two opportunities to provide service before our first troop meeting. I encourage all of our scouts and their families to stay involved with the troop. Without parent support, this troop cannot continue to exist. My wish for all of our scouts is a great scouting year. If they know someone who would like to join scouting, ask them to invite that friend to a meeting and see what we are all about.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Community Good Turns**

**\*\* PLEASE TAKE NOTE SINCE WE WILL NOT HAVE A TROOP MEETING BEFORE THESE EVENTS**

**September 9 – Hatboro Library Bazaar.** As has been our tradition, we will be helping the Hatboro Library with their semi-annual bazaar. We will be helping to set up their book sale from 8-9am, and then will help put things back from 2:00-3:00pm. No uniforms are needed.

**September 9 – Hatboro Rotary Club Lobster Pot.** That same day we will also be helping the Rotary Club by parking cars for their Lobster Pot. Once again this year, the dinner is being held at College Settlement Camp (600 Witmer Rd, Horsham). We will meet at the Hatboro Library parking lot at 3:30, and will park cars from 4-6:30pm. We will be in Class A uniforms but without neckerchiefs.

In addition to these two dates, Mr. John would love to have some help as he prepares the field at College Settlement for parking at the Lobster Pot. This will take place on Thursday night September 8 at 6 pm. College Settlement is located at 600 Witmer Rd, in Horsham.

**Rhinebeck Aerodrome Trip -** We will head to Rhinebeck Aerodrome in New York State on the weekend of September 15 to September 17. The weekend will include admission to the World War I flying show on Sunday, all camping and tolls and a Saturday event which is still being worked out. The cost of this trip will be \$40.00 person and it does not include patrol food. Our troop loves visiting this venue so I encourage you to consider attending. Don't miss this great event.

**VT3:** As the new school year gets underway, VT3 will be taping several events at the Hatboro-Horsham High School and in the community. The first event will be on Saturday September 23 at the Hatboro-Horsham High School Stadium. VT3 will record the Hatboro-Horsham v. Upper Moreland Football game beginning at 5:30 PM and going to about 9:30 PM. There are other events scheduled throughout the fall. If you are interested in helping please see Mr. John.

## **PAST EVENTS:**

**Laurel Caverns Trip:** On the weekend of August 19-20, a small group of scouts and scouters departed for western Pennsylvania to explore the fantastic Laurel Caverns. From all reports, everyone had a great time. There was a stop at the flight 93 memorial and then on the way home, a visit to Ft. Necessity and Mt.

Davis. Thanks to Mr. Murphy who spent quite a bit of time putting this together and all of the other adults that went along.

**Allagash Wilderness Waterway:** Our crew who went to northern Maine to canoe the Allagash Wilderness Waterway arrived home on August 5. According to what I was told, everyone had a great time and there was a lot of interest in doing it again. Thanks to Mr. Murphy, Mr. Fesmire and Mr. Lavelle for putting this trip together and all the others adults who attended.

**Joe Dutil Eagle Ceremony:** My thanks to everyone who turned out on August 14 to celebrate Joe Dutil with his Eagle Ceremony. Special thanks to Bob John for the multi-media show, the McCaffrey's for taking care of serving the refreshment's, to John Jevit for serving as acting committee chair and the Dutil family for providing the refreshments.

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** On August 17, 2017, two of our scouts appeared at the Washington District Eagle Board of Review. We congratulate both Dawson Stremme and Michael Jaeschke for passing their Board of Review. We will celebrate their achievements in late fall or early winter.

#### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Schedule Changes for September:** Please note that both the TLC meeting and the Troop Committee and Staff meeting will be on different nights in the month of September. The TLC will take place on Wednesday September 6 at 7:30 PM and the Staff Meeting will take place on Wednesday September 20, at 7:30 PM. We should be back to a normal schedule in October.

**Annual Plan:** The 2017-2018 Annual Plan is constantly being updated. I have just completed the third revision. As dates change and we add events, I revise the plan. I have attached the revised plan as a part of this newsletter. We will officially present it at the Fall Parents night.

**Equipment Exchange:** As we cleaned out the troop room we found that we had a lot of excess equipment such as back packs, sleeping bags, cook kits etc. Our equipment advisors will have much of it out and displayed at our October parents night. If you need equipment, or have something to donate, please speak with Mr. Ehly or Mr. Lavelle.

**Change of Leadership in Washington District:** In May, Washington District said goodbye to its long time District Chair Sherry Sutton. We welcome Ed Trauffer as the new District Chair. I am also sad to report that as of September 1, 2017, we will lose our District Executive Ryan Martin. Ryan will remain with the Council but will take over as Senior District Executive for Minquas District in Delaware County. I have come to rely heavily on Ryan for help with issues

and will certainly miss his guidance. We welcome as our new DE Mr. Ben Hood from Troop 22 in Cheltenham.

**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.

**Horsham Police Career Explorer Post:** The Horsham Township Police Department is forming a law enforcement explorer post this fall. Exploring is a functional division of the Boy Scouts of America and a lot of hard work has gone into the formation of this post. I will be serving as a post advisor along with other officer. If you are interested in law enforcement and would like to be involved, contact Captain Jon Clark at the Horsham Police Dept. at 215-643-8284. A flyer with all of the information is attached to this e-mail.

**Reminder:** We are now back to our traditional program calendar and as such, we will be back in our full scout uniforms for meetings unless you are told differently.

### **GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:**

**Eagle Projects:** This month our scouts completed two more Eagle Projects. David McCann designed and built an outdoor meeting area behind the convent at St. Catherine's Church. I was able to see the site and what a great job he did. In addition, Sean Delaney completed a re-landscape of the front of Hatboro Baptist Church by removing bushes, tilling the area and then adding grass seed. Congratulations to both on jobs well done.

## **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

### **Theme – WORLD WAR I**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-opening:** HBC Retirement Center   **Opening:** Phoenix   **Closing:** Nobody.   **Service:** Chocolate Inc.

## **SEPTEMBER BIG EVENT – RHINEBECK AERODROME**

# September 2017

## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day – No Meeting	5	6 TLC – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	7 Parking Area Prep at College Settlement 6 PM	8	9 Library Bazaar 8 to 9 AM Library Bazaar 2:30 to 3:30 PM Lobster Pot – 3:30 PM
10	11 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC 911 Remembrance	12	13 Washington District Roundtable 7:15 PM	14	15 Depart for Rhinebeck at 6:30 PM	16 Rhinebeck Trip
17 Rhinebeck Trip Arrive at HBC at 4:00 PM	18 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC 1911 Troop Meeting	19	20 Troop Committee and Staff 7:30 PM	21	22	23 VT3 at HH 5:30 PM HH v. UM football
24	25 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC World War 1 Trivia	26	27	28	29	30