

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Scout Families,

Our scout program year is off to a great start and there are many great things to come. I continue to be amazed at what this troop accomplishes on a daily basis. In September we spent a considerable amount of time performing community service. We continued a tradition of helping the Hatboro Library set up and take down their semi-annual library bazaar. This service that we provide to the library is the oldest community service event of Troop 3 and I am proud to still be a part of it. The library could not continue to have this event without our assistance. In addition, on the same day as the library bazaar, we helped the Hatboro Rotary Club park cars for their annual Lobster Pot. The Rotary Club supports Troop 3 with a donation as the result of the Lobster Pot and so it is great to be a part of this tradition. In September we took on an additional project with helping Nockamixon State Park repair their Elephant Trail.

“Do a Good Turn Daily” is not just a set of words with no meaning. Integral to the Scouting Spirit is the drive to make the world we live in a better place. These projects do not go unrecognized. As Horsham Township celebrates its Tri-Centennial, Horsham Council took the time to recognize Hatboro Troop 3 for all it does and has done to make Horsham a better place to live. More on that later. Service opportunities do not always come at convenient times and sometimes they require significant effort, but there are a lot of our neighbors that are in need of help. I am proud that Hatboro Troop 3 makes the second effort to reach out to others. Thank you to all of you who participated in any of these projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Semi-Annual Parents Night: Our Semi-Annual Parents night is scheduled for Monday October 2, 2017. Please don't miss this event. We will have a full review

of our fantastic week at Summer Camp complete with a recognition of all that was achieved, a review of our Crews trip to Philmont, the National Scout Jamboree and our trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. We will show some of the video that was shot and some of the multitudes of pictures along with the other events we have participated in along the way. We will also recognize all of our advancement since April. Of course we will have other recognitions as well. We could use help setting up on October 2, 2017 at 6:45 PM.

Washington District Camporee: The Washington District Camporee will be held the weekend of October 13, 14 and 15, 2017. This is the first time in 20 years that the camporee has been held and will take place at College Settlement Camp at 600 Witmer Rd in Horsham. The cost is only \$20 person and this does not include patrol food. A flyer for the camporee will be sent with this newsletter. Don't miss this event, it will be packed full of great scouting. All scouts and scouters must commit to the camporee by October 9, 2017.

Aviation Merit Badge: The Aviation Merit Badge is once again available to scouts at the Doylestown Airport. This is a full day event and is free of charge. Scouts can obtain the merit badge all in one day. The date is October 14, 2017. I have copied the link here <http://dylpilot.org/home/aviation-merit-activity-badge.html>. If interested see Mr. Jones for further details.

Pancake Breakfast, October 28, 2017: Our semi-annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will take place on Saturday October 28 in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. This is all you can eat and most of the proceeds from ticket sales goes back to individual scouts accounts. This is a great event with a great meal. Tickets are now available. If you need more tickets please see Mr. Lavelle.

VT3: Our video crew, VT3 will be at the Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School on Friday October 27, 2017 to tape the Hatboro-Horsham football game. Setup will begin at 5:30 PM. See Mr. John if you are interested in assisting with this project.

In addition, they will be taping the official Horsham Tri-Centennial parade on October 14 along Horsham Rd. If interested in helping out, please see Mr. John. Further details on this will be coming soon.

Washington District Eagle Board of Review: On Wednesday October 25, 2017, we will have two scouts appear in front of the Washington District Eagle Board of Review. Sean Delaney and David McCann have both completed all the requirements necessary and will now finish with their District Eagle board. We wish both of these scouts well at the Eagle Board.

Halloween Party: Our troop Halloween Party will be Monday October 30, 2017. There are lots of great activities planned along with prizes. Don't forget to wear your costume.

PAST EVENTS:

Service Projects: As I noted above, we had several service projects on Saturday September 9. We began the day by helping at the Library Bazaar in setting up tables and tents and then moving all of the books to the tables. Then in the afternoon we were back at the library moving the books back and taking the tents down. Thanks to Mr. Careno for his work to bring it all together and to everyone that showed up to help out.

After the Library Bazaar we went to College Settlement camp and provided service to the Hatboro Rotary Club at their annual Lobster Pot. Our scouts assisted in parking cars which is a very important part of the day for the Rotary Club. Again thanks to Mr. Careno and Mr. John and all of our scouts and scouters who assisted.

In addition to those two projects, on September 29, 2017, a group of scouts and scouters went to Nockamixon State Park where they assisted in a conservation project. This included the rebuild and repair of the park's Elephant Trail. Most of those attending, needed this service project to complete the requirements for the 50 mile award. As of the writing of this newsletter, I don't have a final report from Mr. Careno, we will thank everyone at parent's night.

Trip to Rhinebeck Aerodrome: On Friday September 15, 2017, 8 scouts and 8 scouters left Hatboro and headed to New York state's Rhinebeck Aerodrome. In all my years with Troop 3, I had never done this trip so I was excited to be there. What a great weekend we had. It was, weather wise one of the best weekends of the year. The leaves in New York are just starting to turn and on Saturday we took a hike along a rails to trails conversion ending with a magnificent walk across the Hudson River. On Sunday we toured the Aerodrome and finally saw the World War I air show. It was fantastic. Thanks to Mr. Balot for putting this trip together and to the other adults who went along for support.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Horsham Tri-centennial Recognition: As I mentioned earlier, Hatboro Troop 3 was recognized by Horsham Township Council at their September meeting as a part of the Tri-Centennial celebration. Each month, Council recognized those groups who have made substantial contributions to the quality of life in Horsham. Troop 3 was the only non-township group to have been recognized. Our Senior Patrol Leader, Bob John and I were all on hand to receive the recognition. Congratulations to every member of Troop 3 both past and present.

Troop Outdoor Program: At our most recent staff meeting, the troop staff spent a considerable amount of time discussing our outdoor program. We have seen a sharp downturn in those scouts attending not only weekend trips, but meetings in general. I am trying to understand why we are having a lack of participation. I will be happy to discuss any issues that exist with any family, please let me know. In the mean-time, we would like to see our camping program remain the best around. Encourage your son's to continue to be a part of the fun.

November Veteran's Night: This event is coming quickly. If you have a family member to add to the Wall of Honor, please see Mr. Dutil or Mr. Iaia as soon as possible.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Theme – SCOUTING SKILLS

Assignments:

Pre-opening: We K Noot **Opening:** Ice Knights **Closing:** HBC Retirement. **Service:** Phoenix.

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Hatboro Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Parents Night 7:30 PM HBC Sanctuary	3 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM – Mr. Waeltz house	4	5	6 OA Fall Fellowship Resica Falls S.R.	7 OA Fall Fellowship Resica Falls S.R.
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22	23 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC-	24	25	26	27 VT3 Hatboro- Horsham Football	28 Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 AM VT3 Skeleton Skurry
29	30 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM. Halloween Party	31				

