

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

We are well into our new program year and we have already had some great events take place. We had a fantastic time at the District Camporee and now we are going to do some backpacking. Read on for information about both. We have some other great things going on that will help this troop continue to grow and prosper. I am excited about a new Cub Scout Pack in Horsham that we will support with some great leadership.

While this troop continues to do great things, we must remember that November is a month where we can take the time to honor our veteran's, reflect on all that we have and give thanks for the blessing of freedom and opportunity. This country has much to be proud of especially in our veterans. Of course there are many reasons to honor our veterans and I am proud to be associated with a Boy Scout Troop that does that each and every year. In addition we celebrate Thanksgiving, which is by far my favorite day of the year. Thanksgiving was a day set aside by President Lincoln in 1864 during the turbulent civil war years. We have much to be thankful for, and when we will sit down to that grand Thanksgiving Feast, we must remember there are still many families in this region that are hungry. There is no better time than now to help ease the hunger of many people. Our pantries are hurting and they need help. I encourage each of you to take the time this month, say "thank you" to a veteran and help make someone else's Thanksgiving better. We have an opportunity to do both this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Scouting for Food – Troop 3 will participate in the annual scouting for food program. We will distribute food bags on Monday November 6, 2017. Scouts are encouraged to provide a bag to neighbors, friends and family during that

week. You should tell them that you will pick up the bags the following weekend. Bags containing food will be brought to the troop meeting on November 20th. All food items need to be within the expiration dates or we cannot accept it. We also cannot accept glass containers. Scouts should prepare some sort of written instruction for each bag. All of our donations will go to the Lehman Church Food pantry. The pantry is in desperate need so we have an opportunity to make Thanksgiving special for a number of families this year.

Veteran's Night November 13 – Our annual recognition of veteran's will take place on November 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM in fellowship hall. The guest speaker will be Gunnery Sergeant of the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Dutil and Mr. Iaia have been working hard to make this a great event. We will honor veterans both living and deceased. If you have a family member you would like to honor, please let one of them know.

Hawk Mountain Backpacking Trip: On Friday November 10, 2017, we will depart for the Appalachian Trail and backpack the area around Hawk Mountain. The cost for this trip is \$25.00 per person and that does not include individual patrol food. We will be staying at Blue Rocks Family campground both nights. If you would like to go, please let Mr. Grimes know by November 6. We are in need of a handful of adults who would like to go but not necessarily backpack and can help shuffle cars around. Please speak to Mr. Grimes if interested.

Hatboro Holiday Parade – VT3's largest event of the year comes up again on Sunday November 19, 2017 and that is the Hatboro Holiday Parade. It takes a large number of people to bring this event to television. We will meet at the Old Firehouse (Now the 2nd Alarmers) at 10:00 AM to begin setting up for the broadcast. The parade begins at 2 PM and should be done by 4 PM. All work should be complete by 5 PM. If you can help, please join us.

Speaking of the Hatboro Holiday Parade, several of our scouts will be marching in the parade as the color guard of the Disabled Veterans of America. This is just another way that we honor our veteran's, especially those that were injured in conflicts around the world. Please come out to the parade and show your support.

PAST EVENTS:

Semi-Annual Parents Night: I want to thank everyone who was involved in any aspect of our semi-annual parent's night on October 2nd. We tried some new things this year and I thought it was a great night all around. I especially want to thank Matt Lee who talked about Philmont, Apollo Marks who talked about Resica Falls, Jimmy McGlumphy who talked about the National Scout Jamboree and Nathan Kephart who talked about the canoe trip along the Allagash. Of course no parent's night is complete without the multimedia presentation and a huge thank you to Bob John who put that all together.

OA Fall Fellowship: On the weekend of October 6, 7, and 8, Mr. Bob Lee and Mr. Rob Walsh went to Resica Falls where they completed their Ordeal and now are full members of Unami Lodge 1. Congratulations to both Bob and Rob. Also in attendance that weekend was Ryan Walsh and Dan Murphy who both provided service to Resica Falls.

Washington District Camporee: Washington District has not held a District Camporee in 20 years and this year it returned. We spent the weekend at College Settlement in Horsham participating in a number of activities and providing service to the camp along with units all over Washington District. Troop 3 did very well in the youth obstacle course and the alligator pit challenge. Alex Zadroga did a nice job instructing cub scouts in fire building and our adult staff won the adult obstacle course. We placed 2nd in the lunch cooking competition and so I congratulate the Nobody patrol on that achievement. I also congratulate the troop on the campfire skit competition. They won the first place trophy for the Big Kahuna Skit at the evening campfire. Thanks to the adults who went along also.

Horsham Tri-Centennial Parade: While the Washington District Camporee was taking place, Horsham Township was celebrating 300 years with their first parade in 50 years. I want to thank Charlie Batman, Apollo Marks, Greg Howanetz, Bob Lee and Bob John for coming out to help tape the event.

Delaware Valley Orienteering Association: 7 valiant boys and 3 adults came out to enjoy the **Delaware Valley Orienteering Association** Scouting Event on Saturday October 21st at Tyler State Park. Participating scouts were Tyler Larsson, Tommy Dutil, Ethan Stanzillis, Michael Brown and Aidan Garlanger. They formed two teams for the short yellow course, and Chris Careno and Jason Caetano ran the long yellow course. For the short yellow course, Troop 3 came in at 7th and 10th place out of 10 teams. For the long yellow course Troop 3 came in at 3rd place out of 7 teams. All boys did well for their first time and finished the course. First Class scouts can use this event to fulfill requirement 4a and second class scouts can fulfill requirement 3b. Special thanks to Brian Dutil, Steve Garlanger and Ed Careno for shadowing the younger scouts.

VT3 Filming Events: Our Venture Crew completed several filming projects during the last two weekends of October. On October 21, 2017, we went to the Philadelphia Encampment at Lighthouse field and assisted in filming the events and then producing the evening show. Thanks to Bruce McCaffrey, Dave Cooper, Bob Lee and Bob John for their help with this event and of course our own Peter Walts who runs the event every year.

On Friday October 27, 2017 the crew was at Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School to tape the HH vs. Cheltenham football game. Assisting with this was Andrew Marks and Nick Wagner, Kevin McKay, Greg Howanetz, Bob Lee and Bob John and of course Mike Moore who was the commentator.

The very next day, the crew filmed the Skeleton Skurry through the streets of Hatboro. Assisting with this event was Bob Jones, Bob Lee, Kevin McKay and Bob John. Thanks to everyone for coming out to help with these events.

Washington District Eagle Board: Congratulations to both Sean Delaney and David McCann who passed the Washington District Eagle Board who both passed the Washington District Eagle Board of Review on Wednesday October 25. We look forward to honoring both with their Eagle Ceremonies in the near future.

Fall Pancake Breakfast: Thanks to everyone who turned out this past Saturday for the fall pancake breakfast. There were quite a few pancakes served. Final numbers should be available soon. Special thanks to Mr. Lavelle who put it all together.

NEWS AND NOTES:

New Cub Scout Pack: I am pleased to report that we have been asked by Washington District and the Cradle of Liberty Council to help put together a new Cub Pack forming in Horsham. The pack will take the number 300 and will be chartered at the Riverside Community Church on Columbia Ave. We are providing pack leadership until the pack is established. I want to thank Bob John who will be acting Committee Chair, Bob Lee who will be acting Cub master and Jim Iaia who will be acting Den Leader. There will be a more formal open house at the church in a few weeks. If anyone knows children of Cub Scout age, I encourage you to come out and see what is happening.

OA Chapter Elections: I am pleased to announce that at the October meeting of Washington Chapter, both Dawson Stremme and Ryan Walsh were nominated for Chapter Officers. Dawson will run unopposed as the new Washington Chapter Chief and Ryan Walsh is running for Vice Chief. Congratulations to Dawson who will be the next Chapter Chief. I encourage all of our youth members of the OA to come out to the next Chapter meeting on November 8, 2017 at Roychester Community Center to vote for Ryan.

Re-chartering: November is the month that we must re-charter the troop for the coming year. In September, Mr. Dutill sent every family a letter regarding the re-charter process. Please make sure your dues are paid, this includes both scouts and scouters so that we can re-charter by the November 30 deadline. Adults must also have their Youth Protection training updated before April 1, 2018 in order for them to be re-chartered. If you have questions regarding this, please speak to Mr. Dutill.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Theme – LEAVE NO TRACE

Assignments:

Pre-opening: Nobody **Opening:** We K Noot **Closing:** Ice Knights. **Service:** Retirement

NOVEMBER BIG EVENT – HAWK MTN. BACKPACKING

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM – HBC Scouting for food	7 TLC – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz’s house	8 Roundtable and OA Chapter Meeting – 7:15 PM Rochester Comm Ctr	9 Troop Committee & Staff – 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers house	10 Hawk Mountain Backpacking Trip 6:30 PM departure from HBC	11 Hawk Mountain Backpacking Trip
12 Hawk Mountain Backpacking Trip Arrive at HBC at 2 PM	13 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM - HBC Veterans Night	14	15	16	17	18
19 Hatboro Holiday Parade 10:00 AM	20 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM – HBC Scouting for Food	21	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING VT 3 – HH v UM Football	24	25
26	27 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM - HBC	28	29	30		

