

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Scout Families,

It is hard for me to believe that we have come to the end of yet another calendar year of great scouting events. We have done some wonderful things in the past year. Thinking back on the past year, I can't help but think that much of what we do is because of the dedication to scouting from our staff and our great parents. While we have had a great year, we have a lot to look forward to in 2018. Read on for some of the great things that are coming in the calendar year.

As I said, I could not provide the great scouting program by myself. There are so many individuals that are a part of this organization. No matter what role you have taken as a part of this troop, I thank you all for your dedication to scouting.

As we reach then end of another year, let me take this opportunity to wish all of our families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Philadelphia Sports Club: Our December event this year will take us to the Philadelphia Sports Club at the intersection of Upper State Rd and County Line Rd in Chalfont. There are some great events being planned by the Club Staff including the indoor pool and some great athletic activities. The cost is only \$22.00 per person. We will depart around 11:00 AM and should be back to Hatboro by 4:30 PM.

Lehigh Valley Phantoms: As is a tradition with Hatboro Troop 3, we take in a professional sporting event each December. This year we will travel to Lehigh Valley on December 17 to see the Phantoms play hockey at PPL Center in Allentown. The Phantoms will take on the Syracuse Crunch at 7 PM. The cost is only \$17.00 per person. This is a family event so mom's, dad's, brothers, sisters, friends are all welcome. We will need 6 scouts to be part of the colorguard during the National Anthem. Please see Mr. Pfeil or the information on the website if interested.

Wreath's Across America: On the same day as the Phantoms Trip, we will make a trip to Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Upper Makefield Township Bucks County and take part in the Wreath's Across America ceremony. This is a new event for Troop 3, but something I have considered for some time. We will assist in placing Christmas Wreath's at the graves of our American Servicemen. The ceremony is at 12:00 noon so we will depart Hatboro by 10:30 AM. This is a uniformed event. We should be back in plenty of time to depart for Allentown.

Project Blue Light: Since 2002, Troop 3 has been a part of the Horsham Township "Project Blue Light" program. While I am no longer the coordinator of the event, I have been assured that Troop 3 will still be involved. We will again, provide lighting and will be videotaping the event. If you would like to help, please be at the Horsham Municipal Complex at 1025 Horsham Rd, Horsham Pa by 5 PM. The date of the event is December 12, 2017.

Dawson Stremme Eagle Ceremony: We will celebrate the accomplishments of our newest Eagle Scout, Dawson Stremme with his Eagle Ceremony on Monday December 4, 2017 at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary. This is an important night for the Stremme family and as a troop. Dawson has worked very hard to get to this point so I encourage everyone to attend tis ceremony.

Christmas Caroling: For many scouts and scouters and Troop 3 alumni, this is the highlight of the year. We have the opportunity to bring holiday cheer to a number of people in the community. We will depart from the church at 7:30 PM. I encourage everyone to take part in this very special night. The evening will end with our own cookies and hot chocolate at the church.

Hatboro Main Street Train Show Service Project: We have been asked to help Main Street Hatboro for the past few years. On Friday December 1, 2017, at 4:00 PM, I would ask any adult that is able to please come to Keith Valley Middle School and help set up tables for the show. They will need us again, the following day, December 2, 2017 at 4 PM, to help take the tables down. Main Street will be making a donation to the troop so please do your best to help out.

December Committee Meeting: Our committee meeting in December is scheduled for Thursday December 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Dave Cooper's house.

This is also our staff holiday party. Please bring a food or beverage for everyone to share. We will have a fellowship prior to the meeting and then a short committee meeting.

PAST EVENTS:

Scouting for Food: I was very impressed with the number of food items that we collected as a troop as a part of the Scouting for Food program. As a troop we collected 1,123 food items which were then turned over to the Lehman Church Pantry. The winning patrol was Chocolate Inc. and they will receive an ice cream social in the near future. Thanks to everyone for the hard work.

Veteran's Night: Many thanks to Mr. Dutil, Mr. Iaia, Mr. Jones and everyone who helped to put our Veteran's night together. I also want to thank Colonel Jim Palmer for coming out to speak to our scouts, scouters and guests. This continues to be one of the highlights of our scouting year.

Hawk Mountain Trip: During the weekend of November 10 to 12, 2017, we had a great weekend hiking along the Appalachian Trail near Hamburg. We stayed at Blue Rocks Campground and hiked both Saturday and Sunday. The nights were cold but everyone was prepared and did very well. Thanks to Mr. Grimes and Mr. Murphy who put it all together.

Hatboro Holiday Parade: The Hatboro Holiday Parade is our largest and most complicated video broadcast of the year. Mr. John put together a huge team to bring this event to You Tube. Those involved include Dan Murphy, Carpenter, Barbara John, Caterer, Dan Murphy and Doug Sams, Scaffolding, Logistics, Mike Balot, Dave Cooper, Bob Dieterly, Jeff Dieterly, Bruce McCaffrey, Scott Larsson, Jesse Senegato, Dawson Stremme, and David Stremme. Camera operators included, Charlie Batman, Tyler Larsson, Bob Lee, Andrew Marks, Apollo Marks, and Chris Meixsell. Parade spacing was by Ron Meixsell and the parade spotters were John Jevit and Matt Atras. Assistants to the announcer were Bob Waeltz and Gary Pfeil and the announcer was Paul Big Bear. Camera Supervisor was Kevin McKay and the system designer and Video mixer was Dan Howanetz. Greg Howanetz was the master technician and Bob John was the producer and editor. Special thanks to Miller and Cornell, the 2nd Alarmers, the Borough of Hatboro and Self Heating.

Hatboro-Horsham/Upper Moreland Thanksgiving Football: Another annual event that Troop 3 is involved with is the Hatboro-sham Upper Moreland Thanksgiving Football game. The crew for this game included, Logistics, Mike Balot and Dave Stremme, Camera Operators, George Balot, Bob Lee, Apollo Marks, Dawson Stremme, Jesse Senegato, and Nick Wagner. Sound Mixer was Dan Lee, Cable Installer was Bruce McCaffrey, the announcer was Mike Moore and the Video mixer, producer and editor was Bob John. Thanks to all who came out to help.

NEWS AND NOTES:

College Settlement Partnership: One of the great things to come out of the District Camporee this past October was a new partnership that Hatboro Troop 3 has formed with the College Settlement Camp. This partnership is a benefit to both College Settlement and Troop 3. We will be able to store our fleet of canoes and boats at College Settlement and in return we will provide them with much needed service to the camp. In addition, College Settlement owns and outpost just north of Bloomsburg in North Central PA. Several of us visited the outpost in mid-November and the possibilities for use by Troop 3 and again we would only need to provide much needed service. At this point we are going to form a Spruce Run Outpost Advisory committee to determine what service needs to be done immediately. More on the Spruce Run Outpost and the advisory committee will come after the New Year.

Cub Pack 300: Another big project that we continue to work on is the development of Cub Pack 300. This pack is being chartered at the Riverside Community Church in Horsham and the leadership is being provided by Hatboro Troop 3 until the pack is established. Bob John will be the Pack Committee Chair, Bob Lee will be the Cubmaster and Jim Iaia will be the den leader. If you know anyone who is of Cub Scout age looking for a cub pack, please ask me or any of the leaders of the cub pack about joining. I want to thank all those that turned out on November 29 for the open house. We are well on our way now to chartering this cub pack. More to come on this.

December/January Meeting Schedule: Due to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, Troop3 will not meet on Monday December 25 or Monday January 1. Our last meeting of 2017 will be December 18 and our first meeting of 2018 will be January 8. We will send out a number of e-mails during those two weeks so be sure to stay informed.

January Trips: Because of our meeting schedule, I remind everyone that the January trip to Philadelphia will be the weekend of January 12 to 14. We will be visiting the Revolutionary War Museum and Eastern State Penitentiary and will be camping at the Troop 22 cabin in Cheltenham. Information will be coming very soon. We will also have our family ski night on January 19, 2017 and all reservations for this will be due on January 8. More information on this trip is also coming soon.

Washington Chapter, Order of the Arrow: Congratulations to Dawson Stremme and Ryan Walsh who have been elected as Chief and Vice Chief of the Washington Chapter of the OA. Their terms begin in January. We look forward to their involvement with the lodge.

Bear Creek Ski Night in January: Just a little advance notice for our Annual Family Ski Night at the Bear Creek Ski Area which will be on Friday January 19,

2018, from 4:00 PM till 10:00 PM. Mr. Garry Pfeil ASM, will have more information and sign up flyers at meetings in the near future. This is an especially good trip for Scouts that have never skied/snowboarded before to see if they enjoy the sport and to prepare for more challenging ski trips in the future. This is a beginner friendly resort terrain wise and pricewise so take advantage of this opportunity. It can also be a fun night for Scouts who already ski or snowboard, to be out having fun with their friends on some challenging trails. This is a Friends and Family activity. There is also snow tubing available for those that would rather not ski or snowboard, or you can do both!

Enjoy skiing or snowboarding on over 86 acres of slopes, trails, and terrain parks at Bear Creek Mountain Resort. The mountain offers something for every level of skier or rider, from the beginner area served by a carpet lift and triple chair, to three progressive terrain parks with a wide variety of freestyle features, to the 50% slope of Sasquatch, the most challenging black diamond trail. With 100% snowmaking capabilities, lighted trails, an inviting mountainside lodge, it's the perfect location for our next Scout Trip!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Theme – Cookie Wars

Assignments:

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

DECEMBER BIG EVENT – PHILADELPHIA SPORTS CLUB

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Main Street Hatboro Train Show – 4 PM at Keith Valley MS	2 Main Street Hatboro Train Show – 4 PM at Keith Valley MS
3	4 Dawson Stremme Eagle Ceremony – 7:30 PM HBC	5 Town Taws Dinner – 5 PM at Huntingdon Valley CC	6 TLC – 7:30 PM. Mr. Waeltz's house	7	8	9 Philadelphia Sports Club 12-4 PM
10	11 Troop Meeting – HBC 7:30 PM – Cookie Wars	12 Project Blue Light 5 PM at Horsham Municipal Complex	13 Washington District Roundtable and OA Meeting. 7:15 PM	14 Troop Committee and Staff Meeting 7:30 PM. Mr. Coopers house	15	16 Wreath's Across America – 10:30 AM HBC Lehigh Valley Phantoms 7 PM Allentown
17	18 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Christmas Caroling	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 No Meeting Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
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