

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

Happy New Year! New Year's Day has traditionally been a day of new beginnings. It is a fresh canvas so to say, so I encourage you to make the best of the New Year. I have never been good at keeping New Year's resolutions which is one of the reasons I don't tend to make them. I did however, make a New Year's Resolution last year when I wrote the January Newsletter. Here is a portion of what I wrote. ***I want to make a resolution to continue to make Hatboro Troop 3 the best troop in the Cradle of Liberty Council. There is much we can do as a troop to achieve that goal. I would like to see us be more involved in the life of Unami Lodge One (our OA Lodge), I would like to see us continue our commitment to serve the community by adding new projects and I would like to see us continue along the advancement trail.*** So in looking back we as a troop were able to achieve many of those goals. We are more involved in the life of Unami Lodge as we now have the Chapter Chief and Vice Chief chartered with Troop 3 and my hope is that now the rest of the troop will get involved. We added a great new project this year in "Wreath's Across America", and our advancement program continues to be the best. I thank everyone who helped out along the way. Let's continue to make Hatboro Troop 3 the best Troop around in 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bear Creek Family Ski Night: Our family ski night is scheduled for January 19, 2018 at Bear Creek Mountain Ski resort. The time will be from 4 PM to 10 PM. The cost depends on what you choose to do but remember if you want to go you must commit to Mr. Pfeil by January 8, 2018. A flyer has already gone out and I have included it again with this newsletter. Questions or concerns for this event should be directed to Mr. Pfeil at gmpfeil@hotmail.com.

Philadelphia Camping Trip: Our camping trip this month will take us to Philadelphia for a tour of the brand new National Revolutionary War museum in center city. We will then take a bus across town to the Eastern State Penitentiary and tour there. We will be camping at a property owned by Troop 72 in Cheltenham. They have a cabin where we will eat our meals, but we will be sleeping on the floor. On Saturday we will be boarding a train and going to Philadelphia and then back to Cheltenham. On Sunday we will tour the Glen Cairn Estate in Bryn Athyn. The cost is \$45.00 per person and that includes all our camping fees, food and admission to the museum and Eastern State. Commitments were due by December 30th and payment is due on January 8th.

PAST EVENTS:

Philadelphia Sports Club: A huge thanks to Mr. McKay who took care of planning our outing at the Philadelphia Sports Club. A group of our scouts went to PSC on Saturday December 9, 2017 and went swimming and then played a number of games at the club. My understanding was that everyone that went had a great time.

Dawson Stremme Eagle Ceremony: We celebrated the achievements of Dawson Stremme with his Eagle Ceremony on December 4. I want to thank Mr. Iaia, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Ehly who spoke on behalf of Dawson, Mr. Cooper who took care of the program and Mr. John who put together a fantastic multi-media program. Also thanks to the Stremme family for refreshments and to John Jevit and Matt Atras who took care of serving them.

Project Blue Light: On Tuesday December 8, 2017, Troop 3 provided invaluable assistance to the Horsham Township Police Department at their 19th annual "Project Blue Light" ceremony. While I am no longer directly involved with the coordination of this event, I was happy to see that Troop 3 was still involved. This is the 17th year that the troop has helped with this event. Many of our scouts and scouters came out to help and I thank them all for their great work. The show is already up on Bob John's You Tube Channel so when you get a chance check it out.

Wreath's Across America: This was the first time that we had this on our troop calendar and what a great experience it was. Thanks to all of the scouts and scouters and friends of the troop who came out to honor these veterans who gave so much to our country. We will look to add this to the program again next year and hope to get more people out to help.

Phantoms Hockey Game: On Saturday December 16, 2017, a nice group of scouts and adults traveled to Allentown to watch the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Syracuse Crunch. We also provided the color guard before the game and I want to thank Bobby Jones, Nate Snyder, AJ Larsson, Tyler Larsson, Apollo Marks, Tom Dutill and Jimmy McGlumphy for their service and of course Mr.

Jones who took the responsibility to make sure the color guard and our flags was there and ready to go. Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Pfeil for organizing this event.

Christmas Caroling: On December 18, 2017 the troop went Christmas Caroling, our annual event to bring some joy to those that needed it during the Christmas Season. We broke the troop into small groups and visited 8 homes. This is a very special night and I thank everyone who participated.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Unami Lodge Annual Banquet: The Unami Lodge Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday January 7, 2018 at 5 PM at Presidential Caterers in East Norriton. I encourage all of our members to attend along with our new Chapter Chief Dawson Stremme and Vice Chief Ryan Walsh. You can sign up by going to the lodge website.

Owen Adams Campership Fund: Please remember that applications for the Owen Adams Campership are due on the first Monday in February. If you would like to be considered for this campership you must complete and submit the application. Applications are available from Mr. Waeltz. Please ask if your son wants to be considered. I encourage everyone to consider this campership.

Summer Camp 2018: As everyone knows, Troop 3 will be going to Camp Buckskin in July of this year. Mr. Dutil has already been doing quite a bit of work behind the scenes. There will be four payments of \$125.00 due for camp fees and the first payment will be due in February. We estimate the total fee will be \$500.00 for scouts and \$170.00 for scouters. We are trying out an option to pay for camp via our website or you can still pay by the traditional method. We must give the camp a count by February 6 and anything we add after that will be a \$30.00 penalty. Everyone should go to camp so if you need help paying for camp, camperships are available. Please see me or Mr. Cooper if you need a campership. I have attached to the e-mail with this newsletter, the flyer for summer camp, please read it carefully. More information on summer camp is coming soon.

Troop 3 Social Media: I again remind everyone that Troop 3 has two social media sites. You can find troop 3 on both Facebook and Twitter. Our Facebook page link is www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3 and our twitter link is [@hatborotroop3](https://twitter.com/hatborotroop3). In addition, You Tube Videos that are shot by VT3 are now posted to Bob Johns You Tube Channel. Simply search Bob John on You Tube. That Hatboro Holiday Parade, the HH v. UM Football game and Project Blue Light are all currently up on the You Tube Channel.

January TLC Meeting: Please note that our January TLC meeting will be held this Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 7:30 PM at my house. There will not be a TLC meeting on January 2, 2018.

Looking Ahead to February: Our trip to Resica Falls will take place the first weekend in February, February 2-4, 2018. This is coming very quickly so information will be out very soon regarding events and cost. This is a very popular trip so please keep in mind that signups will be starting before we finish our January Trip. In addition, Ham and Turkey Supper tickets will be distributed in February and Scout Sunday is scheduled for February 11. More information on all of this is coming soon.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Theme – American History

Assignments:

Pre-opening: Ice Knights **Opening:** Phoenix **Closing:** Nobody **Service:** We K Not

JANUARY BIG EVENT – CHELTENHAM/PHILADELPHIA

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 TLC Meeting – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	4	5	6
7 Unami Lodge Annual Dinner – Presidential Catering. 5 PM	8 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC – Colonial Trail	9	10 District Roundtable and OA Meeting 7:15 PM Roychester Comm. Ctr	11 Troop Staff and Committee 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers House	12 6:30 PM – Depart HBC for Cheltenham	13 Philadelphia Trip
14 Arrive HBC at 2 PM	15 Martin Luther King Day Troop meeting – 7:30 PM – Civil Rights	16	17	18	19 Troop 3 Family Ski Night Bear Creek Mtn. 4-10 PM	20
21	22 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC – The Constitution	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC – Elect a Government	30	31			