

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Scout Families,

As most everyone knows, the Scouting movement in the United States was officially founded on February 8, 1910. Now, more than 108 years old, Scouting remains the best program to turn young boys into young men who are prepared for all of the challenges of adult life. Take a look at the mission statement of the BSA; "The mission statement of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the scout oath and scout law." Reading further, the vision statement of the Boy Scouts of America states; "The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and a leader who is guided by the scout oath and scout law." Note that both the Mission and Vision include the scout oath and scout law. And so it is that we celebrate the anniversary of scouting each February.

A reverence for god is one of the most important aspects of the scouting movement. Note that the 12<sup>th</sup> point of the scout law is "A scout is reverent." It is for this reason that every time we camp, we include some type of a scouts own service. It is for this reason, that each February, Hatboro Baptist Church invites us to join the congregation in a Scout Sunday Service.

I have said many times that Hatboro Baptist Church, our chartering organization allows us to use the facility and store our equipment and the only thing they ask in return is to share one day a year in a morning worship service. That service will fall this year on Sunday February 11, 2018. Read on for more about Scout Sunday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Resica Falls Scout Reservation:** Our trip to Resica Falls will take place on the weekend of February 2-4, 2018. It is early this year as we could only get Firestone Lodge this weekend. We will spend the day Saturday hiking, shooting and skiing and then again Sunday morning we will do more shooting. Reservations for this trip were due on January 29. We will depart from HBC at 6:30 PM on Friday evening and we will return to HBC by 2:00 PM on Sunday February 4. **We will return in time to see the Philadelphia Eagles defeat the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LII.**

**Scout Sunday:** As noted above, we will join the congregation of Hatboro Baptist Church on Sunday February 11, 2018. We are in the planning stages for this event and we are in need of a number of scouts who are interested in speaking, singing, greeting and other parts of the ceremony. The service will begin at 10:55 AM and scouts will need to arrive by 10:30 AM in a full class A uniform. Mr. Brian Ehly is our liaison to the church for this event. If your son is interested in participating, please have him speak to Mr. Ehly. This is an important event, so I hope everyone will take part in this celebration of Scout Sunday

**Sean Delaney Eagle Ceremony:** We will celebrate as a troop, the accomplishments of Sean Delaney with his Eagle Ceremony on Monday February 12, 2018. Sean has worked incredibly hard to reach the pinnacle of scouting and now I encourage everyone to turn out as we celebrate his accomplishments.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Trip to Philadelphia:** On the weekend of January 12 to 14, 2018, a large group of scouts and scouters headed into the City of Philadelphia. We explored the brand new Revolutionary War Museum and then headed over to the Eastern State Penitentiary in what was a fantastic tour of a stable relic. After the penitentiary tour we walked back to the train station stopping at the art museum for a run up the steps. We again used the scout cabin in Cheltenham as our base of operations. Thanks to Mr. McKay who put it together and to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Kephart who planned our meals.

**Bear Creek Family Ski Night:** Several of our scout families went to Bear Creek and skied or tubed on Friday January 19. From the feedback I received, everyone had an enjoyable time. Many thanks to Mr. Pfeil who spent a considerable amount of time putting this event together.

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

**Owen Adams Campership Fund:** Please remember that applications for the Owen Adams Campership are due on Monday February 5, 2018. If you would like to be considered for this campership you must complete and submit the application. I have included the application as a part of this mailing. Please

return on February 5 if your son wants to be considered. I encourage everyone to apply for the 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.

**OA Election:** The original annual plan had our OA election scheduled for Monday February 12, 2018. We have since scheduled Sean Delaney's Eagle Ceremony for that night and then realized that we would not be able to do the OA tap out until March. We re-scheduled our election to Monday January 29, 2018. We will tap out our newly elected candidates at Resica Falls on Saturday February 3, 2018.

**Changes to Annual Plan:** As most everyone knows, the Annual Plan is a living document. As such, changes are made continuously as we adapt to changes in calendars. I have made several changes recently which are reflected in red. The updated plan has been posted to the website. Please take a look at the plan and take note of the changes.

**Ham and Turkey Supper:** Please note that the Ham and Turkey Supper will be held on Saturday March 10, 2018. Tickets for this event have already gone out and in the next few weeks, Mrs. Stremme will be filling all of the jobs that need to be done to make this event a success. You don't have to wait for Mrs. Stremme however, simply click on the signup genius using this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44AFAD2DA20-2018> to accept a job. If you have any problems, please let Mrs. Stremme know. This is a huge event and we need everyone's help to make it successful. I told the scouts this week that I cannot have them telling me the night before that they cannot attend. Last year I was changing the schedule late on Friday night. Again, we need everyone's help. If you need more tickets or would like to spend a Sunday morning selling tickets at Hatboro Baptist Church (members of the congregation love to come to this event) please see Mrs. Stremme.

**TLC and Staff Meeting:** This month I have conflicts on both February 6 and February 8 for work. That being said, we will have a TLC meeting this weekend

at camp and our staff meeting will move to Thursday February 15. I apologize for the inconvenience.

**Website payment Option:** Mr. Dutil our Treasurer and Mr. Walsh our webmaster have arranged for an payment directly on our website. Simply go to our website at [www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org). Click on the **STORE** link in the red bar at the top of the home page. This will take you to the several options in the store. Right now, summer camp payments are available. We will be adding weekend options and the trading post in the near future. Please see Mr, Dutil or Mr. Walsh if you have questions.

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

**Apollo Marks Patch Design:** On January 4, 2018, Apollo Marks was notified by Whitewater Challengers that he had won the 2018 Scout Patch Design Contest. Apollo submitted a design in a design contest for Whitewater Challengers. As the result, Apollo's design will be used on all patches and t-shirts for their scouting program in 2018. Apollo will receive the completed patch and a t-shirt once they are produced. Congratulations Apollo!

**Dan McKay Eagle Project:** On Saturday January 20, 2018, Dan McKay our Senior Patrol Leader completed his Eagle Project at Philmont Christian Academy. Dan built a brand new gaga pit for his school. This was the final requirement for Dan to reach Eagle Scout. Congratulations Dan on a job well done.

## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

### **Theme – Emergency Preparedness**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-opening:** Ice Knights **Opening:** Retirement **Closing:** Phoenix **Service:** Nobody

### **FEBRUARY BIG EVENT – RESICA FALLS SCOUT RESERVATION**

# February

## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:30 PM – Depart for Resica Falls S.R.	3 Resica Falls S.R. TLC meeting at camp
4 2:00 PM – Arrive at HBC	5 Troop Meeting – 7:30PM HBC. Emergency Management	6	7	8	9	10
11 Scout Sunday at HBC 10:30 AM	12 Sean Delaney's Eagle Ceremony 7:30 PM at HBC	13	14 Valentines Day Washington District Roundtable and OA Chapter Meeting 7:15	15 Troop Committee and Staff – 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers house	16	17
18	19 President's Day  Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	27	28			