

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

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Dear Scout Families,

When I started to write this newsletter, I began to wonder if anyone remembered those days when you and your sons were just transitioning from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. For some of us it seems so long ago, for others it was just last year. I tried to remember that day back in 2005 and all I could remember was that it took place in the cafeteria at Hallowell Elementary School and Mr. John was there. I remember the cool Star Wars music and the sword. After that, I just don't remember. But then came our first scout meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church and I recalled how incredibly new we were. Little did I know that 13 years later – long after my son aged out of scouting – that I would still be involved.

Take a minute and try to remember what it was like when you came to HBC for that first scout meeting. Now, consider what our new scouts will experience later this month. Yes, we will be receiving a whole bunch of brand new scouts on March 3 and they will need to feel welcome in the Troop 3 family. When you see them for the first time on Monday March 4, please take a minute to say hello and welcome to Troop 3. Remember that a scout is Friendly, and a scout is Kind and a little of each can go a long way.

Our Ham and Turkey supper is this month. Please remember that we have had this on the calendar since June and we will need everyone's help to make this event successful. Please read on for more about the Ham and Turkey Supper.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mt. Washington Trip: Our Venture Crew departs on Saturday March 3, 2018 for their annual trip to Mt. Washington. If you did not already know, they will climb Mt. Washington on Sunday and Monday to make it to the summit. We wish the crew the best and can't wait to hear the stories when they return.

Pack 17 Crossover: Also, on Saturday March 3, 2018 is the Pack 17 crossover ceremony. As it stands right now we will be getting 7 new scouts from Pack 17. Mr. Lee will be heading up the crossover ceremony as I will not be able to make it due to a school commitment. If anyone can help, please contact Mr. Lee. Please be sure to welcome these new scouts to Troop 3 next Monday night when you see them.

Ham and Turkey Supper: Our annual Ham and Turkey Supper will take place on Saturday March 10, 2018. We will begin serving dinner at 4 PM and the last meal will be served at 7 PM. There is plenty of work to do both before and after the dinner. All scouts must report to Hatboro Baptist Church at 9:00 AM on Saturday March 10 to set up Fellowship Hall. At 3:30 PM, scouts who are working the first shift must report to Fellowship Hall. There will be a change of shift around 5:30 PM. Scouts working the first shift should plan on eating after their shift with their families. Scouts working the second shift should plan on eating with their families before their shift. We spent considerable time arranging families shifts at the same time. Please help us out so that these schedules do not have to be changed. Second shift scouts should also plan to stay and help in the cleanup. Uniforms will be worn for dinner but no neckerchiefs.

Washington DC Trip: When we originally created the Annual Plan, we put a trip to Pine Flats on the March Schedule. We realized that this would not work as we would be going north during a still cold season. The TLC voted to make a trip south to Washington DC. We will depart for DC on Friday March 16 and return on Sunday March 18. We will be staying at Camp William B. Snyder near Dulles Airport. We will visit the Smithsonian at Dulles and then take the Metro into DC to visit the other points of interest. We will be cooking by patrol and sleeping in tents. The fee for the weekend will be \$45 per person and that includes all transportation, camping fees and Metro fee's. Reservations for this trip are due on Monday March 12.

PAST EVENTS:

Resica Falls Trip: We had a great time at Resica Falls Scout Reservation on the weekend of February 2, 3 and 4, 2018. There were over 50 scouts and scouters present for a great weekend of Shooting, Hiking and Skiing. Thanks to Mr. Walsh who put the trip together, I also want to thank Mr. Cooper, Mr. Dieterly and Jeff Dieterly who ran the range and to Mr. Dutil and Mr. McKay who put the skiing portion together.

Scout Sunday: We celebrated the founding of the scouting movement with the congregation at Hatboro Baptist Church on Sunday February 11, 2018. There were so many scouts and scouters involved in Scout Sunday this year. I was very proud of everyone who participated but I especially want to thank Mr. Brian Ehly who worked with the church making all the arrangements. This is a big job and Mr. Ehly worked very hard. Thanks to all who participated.

Sean Delaney Eagle Ceremony: We celebrated all the achievements of Sean Delaney with his Eagle Ceremony on Monday February 12, 2018. Thanks to Bob John who put together another incredible multi-media show. I also want to thank Mr. Jevit and Mr. Ehly who spoke on behalf of Sean and Mr. Cooper who took care of the programs and other logistics. Thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey and Mrs. Stremme who took care of the refreshments. It was a night that the Delaney family won't forget.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Summer Camp 2018: As everyone knows, Troop 3 will be going to Camp Buckskin in July of this year. Mr. Dutill has already been doing quite a bit of work behind the scenes. There will be four payments of \$125.00 due for camp fees, the second payment will be due in March. If you have not committed to camp you need to do so now. 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. 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. In addition to the Troop Campership, there is a campership for the Camp. These were emailed out last week by Mr. Dutill. All forms must be returned by March 12.

Website payment Option: Mr. Dutill our Treasurer and Mr. Walsh our webmaster have arranged for payments to be made directly on our website. Simply go to our website at 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 soon. Please see Mr., Dutill or Mr. Walsh if you have questions.

Help Needed: As most everyone knows, we have several events over the course of the year that take place in the church sanctuary. These events include Eagle Ceremonies and 2 semi-annual parent's nights. There is a considerable amount of setup and takedown that goes along with these events. It has become obvious that 1 or 2 people can not do this alone. Additionally, scouts should not have to be at the church until 9:30 or later taking down these events. We need help from everyone to get these jobs done quickly and efficiently. Please consider coming early to help setup or staying late to help

takedown after these events. If you can help, please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Pack 300 Update: As most everyone knows, we have been trying to, with the assistance of our District Executive, begin a new cub pack. We now have a chartering organization and a place to meet. We have 2 boys who have filled out applications, but we need more boys to register. If you know a boy of kindergarten age who would like to join cub scouts, please let either Jim Iaia, Bob Lee or Bob John know. There are some great things planned for pack 300 and we don't want anyone to miss out.

Changes to Youth Protection Training: Regardless of your two-year date, all scouters must renew their YPT training by October 1 of this year. There is a new YPT program that is now available at my.scouting.org. If you log on and see YPT-2, that is the program you must now use. The program is longer so please be prepared. Again, everyone must be trained with the new YPT by October 1, 2018.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

Ryan Smith Eagle Project: On February 10, 2018, Ryan Smith completed his Eagle Project at the Roslyn VFW. Ryan tore out some old planter boxes, cleaned up the horseshoe pit and then painted and hung 5 signs representing each of the 5 branches of the service.

Washington District Eagle Board of Review: Both Dan McKay and Ryan Smith have completed all the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. It is my hope that both boys will be appearing before the district board of review in March.

MARCH CALENDAR

THEME – March Madness

Assignments:

Pre Opening: We K Noot **Opening:** Ice Knights **Closing:** Retirement
Service: Phoenix

MARCH BIG EVENT – WASHINGTON DC TRIP

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	Pack 17 Crossover 5 PM At Simmons Elem.
4	5 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC. Dinner Prep	6 TLC Meeting 7:30 Mr. Waeltz' house	7	8 Troop Committee and Staff 7:30 PM. Mr. Coopers house	9	10 Ham & Turkey Supper 9:00 AM Setup 3:30 PM Service
11	12 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC. Trip Money due	13	14 Washington District Roundtable & OA Mtg. 7:15 PM	15	16 Depart for Washington DC - 6:30 PM	17 Washington DC
18 Arrive at HBC by 3:00 PM	19 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	27	28	29	30	31