

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

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Dear Scout Families,

Well hopefully Spring is finally here. March has been a difficult month and I for one am ready for some warmer weather. When Spring finally arrives, we as a troop look to return to traditional camping experiences – sleeping in tents, cooking as patrols and enjoying the outdoor experience. I remember my own experiences as a youth in scouting, I always preferred the tenting experience U

Looking at the troop calendar, there are so many great events coming up and it is my hope that most of our scouts will take advantage of all that we have to offer in the next 5 months.

Of course, with so much camping coming up, there will be several opportunities for advancement. Certainly, when we go to Spruce Run, advancement – especially for our first-year scouts – will be a large part of the weekend. There is much more about our trip to Spruce Run below so read further. Don't forget that Summer camp is only a few months away and this promises to be a great week. There is also important information about Summer Camp further in this newsletter.

So, let's go camping and while we are at it, lets make part of our outdoor experience, a commitment to advance.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Spruce Run Outpost: (April 20-22)** As everyone knows by now, we entered into a partnership with College Settlement Camp last October as the result of our trip to the District Camporee. One aspect of that partnership was our willingness to help them out with preparing Spruce Run for their own summer

camp. There is a lot of work to be done at Spruce Run, as a matter of fact, the Spruce Run steering committee met last week and developed a plan for service. We will depart Hatboro on Friday April 20 for Spruce Run. It is a 2 ½ hour drive. On Saturday and a part of Sunday, we will provide much needed service, cleaning up the property, stacking firewood clearing some overgrown areas and some other projects. There will also be many opportunities to work on advancement. The only cost for this trip, which is \$25.00 will be gas and tolls. Food will be by patrol except we will do a troop feed for lunch on Saturday. Mr. Ehly will begin a list of those going on Monday April 2, 2018. We only have 2 Mondays prepare as Parent's night falls in between.

**Parents Night April 9:** Our semi-annual parent's night will take place on Monday April 9 at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. We will recognize all the advancement of our scouts since our last parent's night in October. In addition, there will be other special recognitions. We could use help setting up the sanctuary beginning at 6:30 PM on April 9 and again, when the ceremony ends. I hope to see everyone at parent's night.

**Service Project at Hatboro Baptist Church:** On Saturday April 28, 2018 we will once again provide service to our chartering organization Hatboro Baptist Church by cleaning up the property, and then weeding and mulching the beds. This project will begin at 8:00 AM. More information will be coming soon.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Pack 17 Crossover:** On Saturday March 3, 2018, we attended the Pack 17 Blue and Gold banquet at Lehman Church and crossed 6 Webelos to Hatboro Troop 3. I want to thank Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Carenzo and Mr. Chris Marks, along with Chris Carenzo, Dan Lee, Bobby Jones, Jason Caetano, and Apollo Marks for coming out and assisting.

**Ham and Turkey Supper:** On Saturday March 10, 2018 we held our annual Ham and Turkey Supper in Fellowship Hall. We served over 600 dinners either in the dining room or by take out. I was very proud of the both our scouts and scouters pitched in the make this a very successful day. The comments I received from our guests were fantastic, so thanks to everyone for their help. I especially want to thank Mr. Dieterly, Mrs. Stremme and Jeff Dieterly for all the work leading up to the dinner. Bob and Jeff Dieterly spent most of the day in the kitchen cooking. Thanks Bob and Jeff for great work.

**Washington DC Trip:** On March 16-18, the troop traveled to Washington DC for what turned out to be a fantastic weekend. The troop stayed at Camp William B. Snyder, which is a camp of the National Capitol Area Council in Haymarket VA. This was our first time staying at this camp. On Saturday, the troop visited Washington, touring all the monuments on the National Mall and then visiting several of the Smithsonian Museums. On Sunday it was a trip to

the Air and Space Museum at Dulles. I want to thank Brian Ehly for his leadership as I was not able to go on this trip. I also want to thank the 5 other scouters who went including, Bob Lee, Mike Bernard, Jim Brown, John Shelton and Mark Bonner.

**Mt. Washington:** On Saturday March several members of our Venture Crew left for their annual trip to Mt. Washington N.H. Their goal was to summit Mt. Washington which they did on Monday March 5. Congratulations to crew 3. Thanks to Dan Murphy, Keith Grimes, Dave Stremme and Gary Pfeil for making this annual event happen.

## **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 third payment will be due in April. 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. Merit badge request forms were handed out on March 19, 2018. Please consider your merit badge requests carefully and return the forms to Mr. Dutill.

**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](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 soon. Please see Mr., Dutill or Mr. Walsh if you have questions.

**Welcome to our new scouts:** I want to extend to our newest scouts a huge welcome to Hatboro Troop 3. We welcome Dean Barbor, Cameron Arbuckle, John Shelton, Josh Summer, Brady Brzowski, Tristan Livezy and Logan Fetterman. We will officially investiture these 7 scouts into the Troop 3 family on Monday April 2 at 8:30 PM.

**Washington District Eagle Board:** Our now former Senior Patrol Leader Dan McKay will be appearing before the Washington District Eagle Board of Review on Thursday April 5, 2018. This is the final step in the Eagle process. We wish Dan much luck as he finishes the work to become an Eagle Scout.

**New Youth Protection Training:** As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the National Council has changed Youth Protection Training. Not only has the

format changed, but the content has changed also. There is no longer a separate YPT for Scouts, Ventures etc. The YPT is now for all disciplines. Every scouter ***MUST*** complete the new Youth Protection Training prior to October 1 of this year. If you don't complete the training, you will not be re-chartered. Please do not wait on this, you can begin the training as early as April 2, 2018.

**Camp Cards:** As Mr. McKay announced last week, Camp Cards are now available. If you are looking for a way for your son to earn his way to summer camp, this is the way. Camp cards cost just \$5.00 each and the scout earns \$2.50 for each card sold. Please see Mr. McKay or contact him a [kbmckay90@gmail.com](mailto:kbmckay90@gmail.com) for more information.

**Washington District Pinewood Derby:** The Washington District Pinewood Derby will take place on Sunday April 15, 2018. The race will take place at the Willow Grove Park Mall next to the elevator and escalator. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lester Blum, the District Pinewood Derby coordinator at [lesterblum@aol.com](mailto:lesterblum@aol.com). Help is desperately needed especially for setup that begins at 9:30 AM.

**Unami Lodge Spring Service Weekend:** Unami Lodge will hold it's first Spring Service Weekend on April 13-15 at Musser S.R. in Greenlane. This is the first opportunity for our newly elected candidates to take their ordeal. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the lodge website at [www.unamilodge.org](http://www.unamilodge.org).

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

**Carter Miller Eagle Project:** On Saturday March 10, 2018, Carter Miller completed his Eagle Scout Project. His project included painting and redesigning a room in his church that is used for the church's youth group. Congratulations Carter and we look forward to you completing the requirements for Eagle Scout.

## **APRIL CALENDAR**

### **THEME – Conservation**

#### **Assignments:**

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

## **APRIL BIG EVENT – SPRUCE RUN OUTPOST**

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## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER	2 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	3 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	4	5 Washington District Eagle Board of Review	6	7 Adult work weekend at Spruce Run
8 Adult work weekend at Spruce Run	9 Parents Night 7:30 PM HBC Sanctuary	10	11 Washington District Roundtable at OA Meeting 7:15 PM	12 Troop Committee and Staff – 7:30 PM at Mr. Cooper's	13 OA Spring Service 1 at Musser	14 OA Spring Service 1 at Musser
15 OA Spring Service 1 at Musser District Pinewood Derby 12:30 pm	16 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM at HBC	17	18	19	20 Spruce Run Outpost Depart at 6:30 PM	21 Spruce Run Outpost
22 Spruce Run Outpost	23 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM At HBC	24	25	26	27	28 Spring Cleanup and Mulching at HBC 8:00 AM
29	30 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM at HBC					