

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

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Dear Scout Families,

I always look forward to the month of May. The school year is quickly coming to a close, many of the scouts that have been with us for seven years are preparing to move on to a new chapter in their lives and we as a troop will begin the process of re-organization and planning a new calendar year. Troop re-organization is one of the most important dates on the troop calendar. We will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader, form new patrols and then the new patrols will elect their individual patrol leaders.

I have been talking about this for several weeks now. I have told our scouts that they should be thinking about re-organization and giving serious consideration to what they want out of a new scouting year. Do they need a leadership position to advance? If so, what position are they planning? Do they want to run for SPL? If so, can they commit the time needed and will they be willing to attend National Youth Leadership Training? Where would our scouts want to travel to as part of our camping program in the next year? All of these things require careful consideration. My hope is that as a family, you will talk to your sons about these questions.

As the boys re-organize themselves, so too will the troop staff. One of the areas that we need help is Patrol Advisors. We have not been successful with our patrol advisors in the past few years. We will try again this year. My hope is that our adults will step up and commit to helping a patrol be successful in the coming year. This means working with the patrol leader and the patrol to help them be successful in every aspect of scouting. If you are interested, please speak to Mr. Grimes.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Hatboro Library Bazaar:** On Saturday May 5, we will once again assist the Hatboro Library with setting up their semi-annual Library Bazaar. This will consist of setting up tents and tables and then bringing all of the books out of the shed and putting them on tables. Set up begins at 8:00 AM. Take down will begin at 2:30 PM. Please come out and help.

**Canoe Training:** Saturday May 5 will also be our canoe training day. If you have not been in a canoe or you are a new scout you should plan on coming to canoe training. This will take place immediately following the morning Library Bazaar session at College Settlement Camp in Horsham.

**Hallowell Elementary Spring Fair:** May 5. Pack 300 will be doing some recruiting at the Spring Fair from 3 PM to 7 PM. We could use a few of our scouts to come out and help. If interested, please see Mr. Iaia or Mr. Dutill.

**Washington District Dinner:** The District Dinner will be held on Sunday May 6, 2018 from 3 to 6 PM at the Abington Art Center in Alvethorpe Park in Abington. The cost is \$25.00. The district will recognize our Unit Honored Scouters and other recognitions. Please see Mr. Cooper if you would like to attend.

**Troop Re-Organization:** As noted above, troop re-organization will take place on Monday May 7, 2018 at our troop meeting. We will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader, form new patrols and then select our new Patrol Leaders. Scouts should plan to be present that night. This is a very important event for everyone.

**Spring Pancake Breakfast:** Our Spring Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday May 12, 2018 from 8 am to 11 am. Tickets have been on sale for a few weeks now. If you still need tickets, please contact Mr. Lavelle. The proceeds for this event go directly to our scouts for their individual accounts to help pay for the cost of trips. We put out a great product, so we encourage you to come out and help. Please arrive at the church by 7 am if you are planning to help serve.

**Canoe Trip to Susquehanna River:** We will be canoeing a portion of the Susquehanna River on May 18 to 20. The cost for this trip is \$40.00 and this does not include patrol food. We will be setting up camp on Friday night, then driving to the put in point on Saturday morning and canoeing back to camp. We will also canoe out on Sunday morning. Signups for this event are underway, please see Mr. Murphy or Mr. Kephart if you want to go on this great trip.

## **PAST EVENTS:**

**Semi Annual Parents Night:** We had a great celebration of the troops last six months at our Semi-Annual Parents night on Monday April 9. There were several great recognitions and a fantastic multi-media show at the end. I want to thank Bob John for the countless hours putting that together and to all the scouters that submitted photos. I also want to thank Bruce and Val McCaffrey for the refreshments at the end of the night.

**Spruce Run Outpost:** We spent what amounted to two weekends at Spruce Run getting this camp ready for College Settlement summer camp. On Saturday April 7, 15 scouters traveled to Spruce Run and began working on a number of projects. We re-claimed the star gazing field, cleaned up winter debris and began construction of some long overdue projects. Then on April 20, the entire troop traveled to Spruce Run and completed much of the work that we began two weeks prior. We cleaned up the meeting area, rebuilt the campfire ring, cleaned out the bathrooms and other buildings and lined trails. Mr. Murphy completed construction of 6 brand new benches for the campfire ring, a new woodshed and a brand new GaGa court. We also completed several advancement requirements. I want to thank everyone that spent time on either weekend. I especially want to thank Mr. Murphy for the construction projects he completed and Mr. Ehly for putting it all together. I know College Settlement is very happy with what we accomplished. Go to the College Settlement website and over to the thank you on the home page and you will see a thank you to Troop 3 from the camp.

**HBC Mulching:** Another huge service project that was completed last month was our annual cleaning and mulching the beds at HBC. On Saturday April 28, 2018, we had over 20 scouts and ten scouters turn out to clean the bed at the church and then spread all the much that was purchased. Because we had so many turn out, we were able to complete the project in just about 2 hours. A sincere thank you to everyone who came out to help.

## **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.

**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:** 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 at [kbmckay90@gmail.com](mailto:kbmckay90@gmail.com) for more information. Congratulations to Tyler Larsson who won an Amazon Gift Card in the weekly drawing for prizes. Camp cards will only be available until the end of the month.

**National Youth Leadership Training:** If you are planning on taking a leadership role in the troop, you must consider attending National Youth Leadership training. If you are elected SPL or appointed ASPL you must attend, if you are a patrol leader, you should consider attending. NYLT is an exciting, action packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and other situations demanding leadership of self and others. There are five opportunities to attend NYLT this summer. The cost is \$420.00, and Troop 3 will pay ½ the cost upon completion of the week. Please see Mr. Waeltz as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

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

**Order of the Arrow Spring Service Weekend:** Congratulations to Jimmy McGlumphy. Jimmy attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Service Weekend at Musser S.R. where he completed his Ordeal and became a full member of Unami Lodge One. Dan Murphy and Lee Faden also attended. Thanks to both Dan and Lee for their service to the Lodge and out Council Camps.

**Cradle of Liberty Council Dinner:** On Monday April 23, 2018, Mr. John led a contingent of our scouts to the annual Council Dinner. They helped Mr. John in taping the dinner and the Silver Beaver awards. Prior to the dinner, they assisted in recording the recipient's speeches prior to the dinner. A huge thanks to Apollo Marks, Nick Wagner and Chris Marks who assisted Mr. John with this important event.

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** Both Ryan Smith and Carter Miller will be appearing before the Washington District Eagle Board this month. We wish them both the best as they complete the long process of becoming Eagle Scouts.

## **MAY CALENDAR**

### **THEME – Safety Afloat**

#### **Assignments:**

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

### **MAY BIG EVENT – Susquehanna River Canoe Trip**

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## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	2	3	4	5 Library Bazaar 8-9 AM and 2:30 to 3:30 PM Canoe Training 9:00 AM College Settlement
Washington District Dinner 5 PM – Abington Art Center	7 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC – Re-organization	8	9	10 Troop Staff and Committee – 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers House	11	12 Spring Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 AM at HBC
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	15 Special Joint TLC Meeting 7:00 PM HBC	16	17	18 Depart for Canoe Trip 6:30 PM	19 Canoe Trip to Susquehanna River
20 Canoe Trip to Susquehanna River	21 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day – No meeting	29 Special TLC Meeting 7:30 PM – Mr. Waeltz's house	30	31		

