

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

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Dear Scout Families,

Well, school is now over and for many families, it is time to think about getting ready for summer vacation. For Troop 3, it is also time to get ready for summer vacation, yes, we are just a week away from departure for Reade Scout Reservations, Camp Buckskin in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York.

I look forward every year to the week that we spend in camp. I find it to be a nice relief from the hectic school year, but more importantly, I love to see our scouts maturing as young men while spending a great week in the outdoors. We think of summer camp as a time to do advancement and while it is a great opportunity to do just that, there is so much more to the week in camp. We will be taking advantage of every opportunity that Camp Buckskin has to offer and at the same time, giving scouts the chance to work on advancement.

With just one week left before we depart, everything that you need to do should have been accomplished. Now would be the time to go over that checklist and make sure you have all the gear you need. Don't forget things like merit badge books, pens, paper, notebooks and whatever else you need to make it a great week. Read on for more about summer camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Summer Camp: Summer camp is our biggest event of the year and it takes considerable time to plan and carry out. As noted above, we will depart for Summer Camp on Sunday July 8, 2018. We will meet at Hatboro Baptist Church at 7 AM. Please be on time as we need to depart as quickly as possible. All scouts and scouters attending camp must bring with them a bag

lunch to eat as we travel. All medications must be in an original container with the instructions clearly written. They will be turned over to our medical officer prior to departure. Please remember that the policy regarding electronics will be in effect. Scouts may use them while we travel but may not have them while in camp. Also, we will travel in full class A uniform, this includes troop neckerchief and hat. Scouts will need to be in uniform each night for dinner. Please make sure they have their neckerchief with them. We will return on Saturday July 14 at around 3 pm. As we talked about before, scouts should bring all materials to camp that they need to complete merit badges including books, notebooks and pen or pencil. A complete packing list has been previously distributed. I would recommend not sending any more than \$35 with your sons to camp. They should have a wallet to keep their money safe. Please make sure that they have a watch as we will meet as a troop 3 times each day. We will have a final troop meeting on July 2 at HBC to go over all details, collect any outstanding money or medicals and prepare patrol flags. If any one has any final questions before we leave, that would be the time to ask. Please don't let issues linger, if there is a problem please let me know now.

Venture Crew Trip to Maine: Crew 3 will be departing on Saturday July 28, 2018 for a week in the wilderness of northern Maine. They will be backpacking the last leg of the Appalachian Trail that ends at Mt. Kathadin. Mr. Murphy has been busy putting this trip together. We will learn all about it when they return on August 4.

Wood badge Beading Ceremony: On July 23, 2018, we will recognize the accomplishments of Brian Dutil at his wood badge beading ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 8:30 PM as a part of the troop meeting in fellowship hall. We will wear our class A uniforms for this meeting.

PAST EVENTS:

Cape Henlopen Trip: Our June trip took us to Cape Henlopen Delaware over the weekend of June 22-24. While I was not on the trip, the reports that I have received were that it was a great trip. During the weekend the troop spent some time at the beach and then went deep sea fishing. A huge thank you to Mr. Jones who put this trip together and to Mr. Grimes who was the scoutmaster for the weekend.

Horsham Day: While Horsham Day was cancelled this year, I did want to thank Mr. Chris Marks and Mr. Jared Snyder for working hard to put together a great program. Hopefully we can use this next year.

NEWS AND NOTES:

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. Mr. Tillman is now a YPT trainer, so we are looking to have him hold a classroom session soon.

Annual Plan: Our Senior Patrol Leader presented the draft of our Annual Plan to the Troop Committee and Staff at our June staff meeting. Our TLC spent considerable time working on the plan and the committee had very few comments and changes. The TLC will re-evaluate the plan at our next TLC meeting and then I will present it for final approval at the July staff meeting. My hope is to have it published by the end of July.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

National Youth Leadership Training: Three of our scouts completed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) during the week of June 24 to 29. This is the premiere training course for youth sponsored by the BSA. The three scouts participating in the NYLT were Jimmy McGlumphy, Nate Kephart and Ivan Kakiko. We will recognize all three of them when we meet on Monday night. Congratulations to each for completing this training.

JULY CALENDAR

THEME – Life to Eagle

Assignments:

Pre-Opening: Potato Dragons **Opening:** Iron Eagles
Closing: Estonian Brotherhood **Service:** Hot Pocketz

JULY BIG EVENT – Summer Camp at Buckskin

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC – Summer Camp Prep	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8 7:00 AM – Meet at HBC Depart at 7:30 AM	9 Summer Camp	10 Summer Camp	11 Summer Camp	12 Summer Camp	13 Summer Camp	14 Depart from Camp Buckskin. Arrive at HBC at 3:00 PPM
15	16 Troop Meeting at Pennypack Elem. 7:15 PM	17	18	19 Troop Committee and Staff Meeting 7:30 PM	20	21
22	23 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM at HBC. Brian Dutill Beading Ceremony	24	25	26	27	28 Venture Crew leaves for Maine
29	30 Troop Meeting at Carpenter Park – 7:15 PM	31				