

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

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Dear Scout Families,

What a great week we had at summer camp! We spent 7 beautiful days in the Lake Brandt region of New York's Adirondack Park. This was the first trip we made to Camp Buckskin at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. From everything I heard from both our scouts and scouters, it will not be the last time. Our scouts participated in several great events including a triathlon, a pie eating contest and a staff hunt. We ziplined over a lake and hiked the trails and mountains of the reservation. We were the largest troop in camp that week and the staff took notice to us. Our Hawaiian shirt Wednesday was a huge hit and you might see the staff adopt that as their own. While we had a lot of fun, our scouts also did some serious work. We completed 120 merit badges, there were only 10 partial merit badges and 10 rank advancements. We also had the winner of the silver bullet contest at the rifle range in Alex Zadroga. Congratulations to everyone on a great week.

Now that summer camp is behind us, it is time to look forward. We will end the 2017-2018 program year with a great trip to Ohiopyle for some White Water rafting. We will also spend a great night at "Camp Cooper" before ending the program year and getting ready for school to start again.

While we still have a full month of the summer season, this is a great time to consider where you are as far as your rank advancements. A few months ago, we asked every scout to advance one rank before the next parents night. For some, this is already complete, but for others there is much work to be done. Take a look at what you need to do to advance and get it done. Soon we will have school, sports and other things that take our time and it will become much harder.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Whitewater Trip: On the weekend of August 17 to 19, we will be heading west to Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands where we will spend the weekend at the Heritage Reservation scout camp. On Saturday if you choose, you can go Whitewater Rafting, or Hike around the beautiful Laurel Highlands, or just hang out and do some fishing. The cost for those wishing to go rafting is \$100 and for everyone else it will be \$40. We will stop at the Flight 93 memorial on Friday around noon and then on Sunday we will visit Ft. Necessity before returning home. I have included a flyer with this newsletter, however, the information has gone out recently. If you want to go on this great trip, contact Mr. Lavelle at lavejp@gmail.com.

Camp Cooper: One of the great traditions of Hatboro Troop 3 is the summer night where Dave and Cindy Cooper host the scouts and scouters of the troop for a night of swimming, volleyball and fellowship around a short campfire. This year's Camp Cooper will be held on August 6, 2018 at 7:15 PM. The address of the Cooper residence is 133 Loller Rd in Hatboro. Be sure not to miss this great event.

Dan McKay Eagle Ceremony: We will recognize all the accomplishments of Dan McKay on Monday August 20, 2018 in the sanctuary of Hatboro Baptist Church. The ceremony will begin at 8 pm. While we are currently wearing class B uniforms for the summer, we will be in full class A uniforms plus neckerchiefs for this event. I encourage everyone to turn out to recognize Dan for all that he has accomplished.

PAST EVENTS:

Summer Camp: As I mentioned earlier, our week as summer camp at Camp Buckskin was awesome. It is very difficult for one person to take on the planning of a week at camp, but Brian Dutil did a fantastic job in planning this week. Not only did he have to make reservations, but he had to plan who was doing what merit badge when, schedule the troop for other events and work with the staff on arrival to make sure we had everything we needed. Thanks to Brian for a job well done. Of course, Brian didn't do it alone, once in camp, we had great adult staff go along with us. I want to thank Jim Brown, Jim Iaia, Tom Batman, Franco Kakiko, Jared Snyder, Chris Marks, Mark Bonner, Dan Marks, Mike Balot, Bob Jones, Scott Larsson, Bob Lee and Kyler and Keith Grimes for taking the time to make the trip and giving these scouts a week, they will not forget.

Venture Crew Backpacking Trip: By the time this newsletter is out, our Venture Crew will have left for their backpacking trip to northern Maine. They will hike the last part of the Appalachian Trail ending at Mt. Kathadin. They will return on Saturday August 5.

NEWS AND NOTES:

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.

New Trailer: On July 24, Troop 3 took possession of a new trailer to be used to move equipment for trips. This was free as a troop in Philadelphia went out of existence and was looking to give the trailer a new home. Brian Ehly spent a considerable amount of time to acquire this trailer for us. Thanks Brian for the hard work. We hope to have the trailer ready for use by our August Trip.

Request from the Church: We have been asked by the church to please be careful when driving through the parking lot, especially when it comes to your speed. There is always a lot going on in the church. Remember, we are guests here so please do not speed in the lot and use caution.

Annual Plan: 2018-2019 Annual Plan has been approved and is now posted to our website. This is a living document and it is constantly being revised. We are still in need of several trip coordinators. Even if you have never done this, please consider being a coordinator. We have plenty of staff who can walk you through the process. We are planning a training session for trip coordinators in the near future.

Summer Camp Photos: Thanks to Mr. Snyder, there are over 1,000 photos from Summer Camp now posted to a shared Google Photo app. At this point, parents of scouts who went to camp should now have access. Please enjoy these photos and see all the great things we did.

Important Note for September: There is no troop meeting on Monday September 3, 2018 due to the Labor Day Holiday. Please note that on Saturday September 8, 2018, there are two important service projects that we as a troop are involved with. The first is the Library Bazaar setup and takedown and the other is assisting with parking at the Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot. This event takes place at College Settlement Camp beginning at 3:30 PM. Please put these events on your calendar as we will need help from everyone.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

NYLT: On August 4, 2018, Apollo Marks will be the 4th scout this summer to attend National Youth Leadership Training. We wish Apollo well as he embarks on training program. The training that Apollo will receive is among the best that a scout can receive.

Kevin Pylyp Eagle Project: Kevin Pylyp will be doing his Eagle Project at Keith Valley Middle School on Saturday August 11, 2018 beginning at 9 AM. Kevin will be redesigning parts of the school library in order to make it more user friendly in the coming school year. If you are interested, please let Kevin know. Please come out and support this worthwhile project.

Resica Falls: Congratulations to Ryan Finazzo who is spending a 2nd week at Summer Camp. Ryan went to Resica Falls as part of a provisional troop. In addition, Ryan's step dad, Alex Bennett went to Resica Falls to complete his Outdoor Leadership Skills training.

Wood Badge: Two of our scouters are planning to attend the next session of Wood badge to be held the weekend of August 17 to 19 and then again in September. Wood badge is the premier training program for scouters. Mr. Dan Marks and Mr. Jared Snyder will both be attending, and we wish them luck as they embark on this nearly 2-year journey.

AUGUST CALENDAR

THEME – Innovations in Engineering

Assignments:

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

AUGUST BIG EVENT – Whitewater Trip to Ohiopele

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 NYLT Begins at Musser SR	6 Troop Meeting: Camp Cooper, 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro, 7:15 PM	7 TLC Meeting – 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	8	9 Troop Committee and Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers house	10	11
12	13 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	14	15	16	17 Depart for Ohiopyle 9 AM	18 Whitewater Rafting Trip
19 Return to HBC by 5 PM	20 Troop Meeting HBC Dan McKay Eagle Ceremony 7:30 PM	21	22	23	24	25 Troop Family Picnic Location TBD. Time TBD
26	27 Troop Meeting 7:15 College Settlement Camp	28	29	30	31	