

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

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Dear Scout Families,

Recently, I was asked to identify the most positive aspect of the Boy Scout Program. As I began to think about that question, I realized that it was a very difficult question to answer. And the more I thought about an answer the harder it became. It is difficult to answer because it is hard to pick out just one, there are so many positive aspects of the program. So, I really began to think about this and how to answer that question.

What I realized was that different parts of the program appeal to different types of youth, but there is something appealing to everyone, including adults. The reality is, that if you like sports, there is something here for you. If you are into the history of this country, then there is something here for you. Perhaps you just like spending time outside and learning about the world we live in. Well, if that's true, then the Boy Scout program has something to offer you.

I then began to consider why this was important. As I thought about that, I realized that as we begin the month of September, we have an opportunity to show off what the Boy Scout program is all about. This is a time when every organization wants to recruit new members. School is about to start. The football team wants new members, but so does the soccer team and the marching band. Every one of those organizations has great things to offer. The scouting program can share our boys with each of these great organizations, because, our members don't need to be at every event.

September is a recruiting month and it is my hope that we find new members. It doesn't matter to me that boys are involved in other activities, in fact being involved makes a more well-rounded youth. I only ask that boys not give up and do their very best to make it all work.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Service Projects:** We have several service projects coming up on Saturday September 8, 2018. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING BEFORE THESE PROJECTS OCCUR.**

The first service project takes place at the Hatboro Library. We will meet on September 8, 2018 at 8 am and will assist the Library staff in setting up for the fall Library Bazaar. We will then meet again at 2:30 pm where we will assist in taking down the Library Bazaar. We need lots of help for this event so please do your best to come out and assist.

After the 2:30 pm Library Bazaar project, we will then move to College Settlement Farm on Witmer Rd in Horsham where we will assist the Hatboro Rotary Club in parking cars. This is a huge event for us as the Rotary Club depends on us for this service. As the result, we receive a donation from the Rotary Club.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mr. John will need some assistance on Thursday September 6, 2018 at College Settlement to line the field for parking. If you can assist him, please meet at 6 PM.

**Troop Family Picnic:** The troop family picnic was originally scheduled for Saturday August 25, 2018. We realized that vacations would not allow most people to attend and then we cancelled the May canoe trip. We looked at the calendar and decided that we would combine the two. We will go to Lake Nockamixon on Saturday September 15, 2018. An e-mail regarding what you can bring has already been sent. Please consider coming to the picnic and bringing a side or desert. You can e-mail Mr. Kephart directly at [ryan\\_t\\_kephart@yahoo.com](mailto:ryan_t_kephart@yahoo.com).

**Troop Meeting on September 17 – Bike Inspection Night:** At our troop meeting on Monday September 17 we have arranged through the courtesy of Mrs. Batman and the Montgomery County Health Dept to have folks come out and inspect bikes ahead of the bike trip. Please bring your bikes that night and have them inspected so that we know they are operating correctly.

**Recruitment Night:** September is traditionally recruitment month in the Boy Scouts of America. As I mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter, this is important to us, however, we don't want youth to skip other activities. It is our belief that they can do more than one activity. Our troop recruitment night is Monday September 24, 2018 at 7:15 PM at the church. We will have activities setup and will have a great presentation on the value of Troop 3 scouting. We will in addition have representatives from Explorer Post 39 in Horsham present to recruit for the Law Enforcement Explorer Post. Inviting a friend to a scout event is a First-Class requirement. This is a great time to get that done.

**Gettysburg Trip:** This trip was originally on the schedule for the week of September 20-22. Due to logistical problems with a Gettysburg Tour Guide that we had access to, we moved it to the weekend of September 28-30. This is going to be a great trip. We will tour the battlefield by bike on Saturday September 29. We have never done this. There is an opportunity to rent a bike if needed at an additional cost. The trip without bike rental is \$35.00 and that covers everything except food. There is already a flyer out on the website. If you would like to be a part of this trip, please contact Mr. Summer and reserve your spot.

**VT3 Hatboro-Horsham Football:** VT3 will return to action this fall as we film several Hatboro-Horsham High School Football Games. The first game is scheduled for Friday September 7, 2018. If you are interested in helping to film these games, please contact Mr. John. You can reach him at 215-704-5803. We will have a full calendar of VT3 events soon. Setup for the games begins at 5:30 PM at Hatters Stadium on the campus of the Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School.

**Cooking Merit Badge:** As previously announced, I will be starting a Cooking Merit Badge class on Monday September 10, 2018 at 6:15 PM at the church. Cooking is an Eagle required badge, but it is difficult with a lot of required work. Scouts must go camping in order to complete this badge. Please bear this in mind as they commit to this. Anyone interested in this class should contact me and let me know that they will attend.

### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Camp Cooper:** I want to thank Dave and Cindy Cooper for hosting the troop at the annual "Camp Cooper" on Monday August 6. This is one event that everyone looks forward to each year. There was some fun in the pool and some very competitive volleyball. The night ended with a campfire. Thanks Dave and Cindy for hosting us once again.

**Whitewater Rafting Trip:** On August 17-20, we traveled to Western Pennsylvania for our Whitewater Trip on the lower Youghiogheny River. On our way out, we stopped at the Flight 93 memorial. We stayed at the Heritage Scout Camp, part of the Laurel Highlands Council. We then did the whitewater trip on Saturday and ending with a visit to Ft. Necessity and the Summit Diner on Sunday before returning home. This was a fantastic trip for the 21 who went. Thanks to Mr. Lavelle for putting this all together and the other adult staff that made this possible.

**Dan McKay Eagle Ceremony:** On Monday August 20, 2018 we celebrated the accomplishments of Dan McKay with his Eagle Ceremony. Thanks to everyone that came out to help Dan celebrate the night. Special thanks to those that

came to help set up and to Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey for serving refreshments and to Mr. John who put together a great multi-media presentation of Dan's life. I also want to thank Mr. Iaia and Mr. Jevit for speaking.

### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Youth Protection Training:** On August 24, 2018, I received an up to date report from Washington District regarding Youth Protection training. As of that date, about 1/2 of the Leadership in Troop 3 have not completed their new Youth Protection Training. If you would like to see if you are on that list, please check with me. Please be advised that if you do not complete the new YPT Training by October 1, 2018, you will not be permitted to attend trips or other events. In addition, when it comes time to re-charter, you **WILL NOT** be re-chartered. There will be a classroom YPT training on Monday September 17, 2018 at the Hatboro Baptist Church Annex beginning at 7:30 PM. This would be a great opportunity to get this important training completed.

**Changes to Parent Guide:** At the August Troop Committee meeting, the committee approved two major changes to the Troop 3 Parent Guide. The first change dealt with the process of electing our Senior Patrol Leader. The TLC requested these changes and the committee approved. Now, in order to be elected to the position of SPL, a scout must have previously served as either a patrol leader or troop guide and he must have either already attended or is currently registered to attend NYLT. In addition, he must be at least a first-class scout.

The second change deals with adult participation with the troop. Language was added to the section on Adult Participation. Adults who wish to go on outings with the troop and are not registered must complete all background checks, Youth Protection Training and a medical history form parts A and B. Adults going on trips more than 72 hours must also complete part C. In addition, there is language regarding the patrol method and parent involvement with the patrol. Simply put, the patrol learns by failure and parent involvement with the operation of the patrol will not be allowed to occur. Please check out the parent guide for more information. You can access the parent guide from the home page of our website. If you have concerns about this, please speak with me.

**Troop 3 - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T Shirts:** By now everyone should have received an email regarding our Troop 3 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts. Thanks to Mr. Grimes for this design. We will be placing the order soon. The cost of the shirt will be between \$10 and \$12. If you want a shirt, please make sure you fill out the order form and send it back to us.

**Den Chiefs:** Den Chiefs are a very important part of the Boy Scout Program. It gives a scout the ability to learn leadership and at the same time, it shows cub scouts what the boy scout program has to offer. It also helps build lasting relationships between the pack and the troop. Two area cub packs are in need of Den Chiefs. We have been asked by both Pack 554 in Willow Grove and Pack 39 in Horsham. If you are interested and are First Class or higher, please speak to me about this opportunity.

**Care of Troop Equipment:** About a year ago, the troop purchased brand new tents. Our equipment coordinators have reported two incidents of tents being returned that have caused concern. The first incident involves a tent that was returned soaking wet. This tells me that the tent went home but was never taken out of the bag. The second incident involves a tent that came back with a series of broken poles. We have spent a considerable amount of money on these tents and they should last us a long time. We will undertake some changes to track equipment, but I ask that you as parents help us out. Every scout is expected to take equipment home at the end of a trip. If your son brings something home, please make sure that it is either dried out or cleaned and returned to us as soon as possible. The troop committee and our equipment coordinators thank you for your help.

**We need your help:** Each month when we return from a trip, I wait for parents to pick up their kids from the church. We instruct the scouts to contact you when we are close so that by the time we get back and cleaned up everyone is ready to go home. Please bear in mind that our adult staff also want to go home but we can't leave until everyone is picked up. Please help us out and pick up your children in a timely manner. We publish the pick-up time in advance and do our very best to stick to that. Sometimes things happen that are beyond our control. We thank you in advance for helping us with this issue.

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

**Congratulations:** Kevin Pylyp completed his Eagle Project at Keith Valley Middle School in August. Congratulations Kevin on a job well done.

**NYLT:** Apollo Marks completed his NYLT training in August. This was a week of intensive training on being a good leader. Congratulations Apollo.

**Venture Crew Trip:** Several members of our Venture Crew completed a very difficult backpacking trip on the final 60 miles of the Appalachia Trail. Ivan Kakiko, Nathan Kephart, Jimmy McGlumphy and AJ Larsson along with Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kephart, Mr. McGlumphy, Mr. Grimes and Kyler Grimes all completed a very difficult trip. Congratulations to each of them.

## **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

**THEME – Cycling**

**Assignments:**

**Pre-Opening:** Shhush **Opening:** Hot Pockets  
**Closing:** Potato Dragons **Service:** Iron Eagles

**SEPTEMBER BIG EVENT – Gettysburg Cycling Trip**

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## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 LABOR DAY NO MEETING	4 TLC – 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz's house	5	6 College Settlement at 6 PM to prepare parking lot for Lobster Pot	7 VT3 HH football game at Stadium 5:30 PM	8 Library Bazaar at Hatboro Library 8-9 and 2:30 to 3:30 Lobster Pot 3:30 at College Settlement
9	10 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	11	12 Washington District Roundtable – 7:15 PM at Roychester Community Center	13 Troop Staff and Committee – 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers house	14	15 Troop 3 Family Picnic at Nockamixon SP 1-6 PM
16	17 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Troop Meeting – Recruitment night at HBC – 7:30 PM	25	26	27	28 Depart for Gettysburg at 6:30 PM	29 Gettysburg Bike Trip
30 Return from Gettysburg by 3 PM.						