

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

Scouting is changing right before our eyes. Family scouting is now a reality and we welcome girls across all of the various scouting programs. The Boy Scouts of America will now be known as Scouting BSA. While scouting is changing, the one thing that remains constant, the one thing that is not changing is the values associated with scouting. I have been involved in scouting for the better part of my life and have tried to live everyday according to the principles in the scout oath and scout law. I will be the first to tell you that it is difficult but remember the motto of the Boy Scouts of America is "Do Your Best."

Each and every Monday night we open our meetings with the scout oath. Each and every Monday night we close our meetings with the scout law. Each time a scout goes through a Scoutmasters Conference or a Board of Review, he is asked to recite these two things. The scout oath and scout law are not just empty words, they are the basis of the scouting program. We teach these values because they are important.

If you take a look at the words included in the oath and law you will see that they set your moral compass. "On My Honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and Country, to obey the scout law, to help other people at all times to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. The scout law tells us what a scout is and the character traits that he should possess.

I encourage all of our scouts to rededicate themselves to the principles of the Scout Oath, Duty to God and Country, Duty to others and Duty to self, and the principles in the Scout Law. Those principles include, Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Semi Annual Parents Night: Our semi-annual parents' night will take place on Monday October 1, 2018 (tonight) beginning at 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. We will have advancement recognition for the past six months as well as a multi-media presentation which includes all of the events of the past six months. We will also have several other recognitions. Please join us on October 1 beginning at 7:30 PM.

Fall Pancake Breakfast: Our fall pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday October 13, 2018 from 8 am to 11 am in Fellowship Hall. Tickets have been on sale for a few weeks now. If you are in need of tickets, please see Mr. Lavelle. All proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast go directly to boy's individual accounts. Our pancake breakfasts are quickly becoming one of the premier pancake breakfasts around. You will not find a better pancake anywhere. way on camping trips.

Aviation Merit Badge: The Aviation Merit Badge is once again available to scouts at the Doylestown Airport. This is a full day event and is free of charge. Scouts can obtain the merit badge all in one day. The date is October 13, 2018. I have copied the link here <http://dylpilot.org/home/aviation-merit-activitybadge.html>. If interested see Mr. Jones for further details.

Backpacking Trip to Worlds End State Park: On Friday October 19, 2018, we will head to north central Pennsylvania for our backpacking trip to Worlds End State Park. We will camp Friday night at the Spruce Run Outpost and then on Saturday October 20, we will head to Worlds End where we will backpack for 2 days. We will come home on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lavelle is putting this trip together. He must have a head count by Monday October 1, 2018 (tonight). The flyer for the trip has gone out in previous e-mails. The cost is \$ 35.00 person. Please see Mr. Lavelle if you want to attend.

Halloween Party: Our annual Halloween Party will be held on Monday October 29, 2018. As always, I encourage our scouts to come in costume. We will have games and prizes. This is always a fun night for us so please come out to this great event.

PAST EVENTS:

September Service Projects: Saturday September 8, 2018 was a very busy day for Troop 3. We completed 3 service projects that day. A number of us met at the Hatboro Library at 8 am to help set up the Library Bazaar. While the event was moved inside, the staff needed help setting it up. Then at 2:30 pm, we met there again and put it all away. I got a nice note from the Library Staff thanking us for the help.

After the Library Bazaar, we went to College Settlement Farm where we assisted the Hatboro Rotary Club in parking cars for the annual Lobster Pot. We have been doing both events for a very long time and I thank everyone who came out and helped at any of these events.

In addition to these two events, on September 7, 2018, VT3 was at the Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School where they taped the Hatboro-Horsham vs. Souderton High School football game. This was a very rainy night, but the job got done. The game is now up on Youtube.

Troop 3 Family Picnic: On Saturday September 15, 2018, about 100 people (scouts, scouters and their families) met at Nockamixon State Park where we held our family picnic. From everything I could see everyone had a great time. The weather turned out very nice, the boys and their families loved the kayaks putting this event together and Mr. Fesmire for making sure the canoes and Kayaks got to the park. I also want to thank all the families that brought food. It is my hope that this will become an annual event.

Recruitment Night: On September 24, 2018, we held our annual recruitment night. Our recruitment chair, Mr. Dan Marks invited a number of Webelo's dens from area cub scout packs. We also had Explorer Post 39 on hand as well as Philly Frost Water Ice and soft pretzels. Mr. Chris Marks and Mr. Jared Snyder planned some pioneering events, Mr. John showed some troop videos and we also had a cool game on had that boys could play to teach communication skills. I want to thank Mrs. Larsson for providing water ice, Mr. McCaffrey for providing pretzels and for getting the Horsham Fire Company to provide lighting. I especially want to thank Dan Marks, Chris Marks and Jared Snyder for putting the event together.

Gettysburg Bike Trip: As I sit here to finish this newsletter I just arrived home from a great weekend in Gettysburg. On Friday September 28 we departed for Gettysburg Pennsylvania. We spent the weekend camping at Tuckahoe Scout Camp part of the New Birth of Freedom Council. On Saturday September 29 we went to the Gettysburg National Military Park where we toured the park on bikes. We have hiked the park, but never on bikes. On Sunday we went back to Gettysburg and saw the cemetery and the Visitors Center. Mr. Summer worked very hard on this trip (this was his first one) and with Mr. Jones, put together a great plan. Thanks Mr. Summer and Mr. Jones. Also thanks to other adults who went for support, Mr. Dutill, Mr. Batman, Mr. Larsson, Mr. Kephart and Mr. Dan Marks.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Senior Patrol Leader: On Monday September 10, 2018, our Senior Patrol Leader advised me that he was resigning from the office of Senior Patrol Leader

and would also be leaving the troop. Dan Lee served as SPL from June 1 to September 8. I wish Dan the very best in whatever his future holds and thank him for his service. The troop committee discussed what to do next and after much discussion, it was decided that we would hold a new election. I told the troop that the election would be held on Monday October 8, 2018. The election would be held in compliance with what was published in the parent guide in August.

Vice Chairman of the Troop Committee: At our September staff and committee meeting, it was announced that there has been a search committee looking to find a suitable replacement for our current troop committee chair. The committee that has been meeting to find a new chair selected Mr. Dan Marks. Mr. Marks will serve as Vice Chair of the troop committee and will take over the role of committee chairman when our current chair, Dave Cooper leaves his post. Look for more information on this in the coming months as well as information on a celebration to honor David for his years of dedicated service.

Re-charter Information: Mr. Dutil has begun the re-charter process for Troop 3. We will have to complete the process no later than November 30 but would like to have it completed by mid-November. With that in mind, every family should have received a letter from Mr. Dutil regarding this process. I would ask everyone to please help us out and pay your fee's as soon as possible so that we are able to complete the charter in a timely manner. This includes scouters. Any scouter who owes the troop past dues or is not up to date on Youth Protection training will not be included on the charter.

Trip Coordinator still needed: We are still in need of a trip coordinator for the month of March. The troop will be traveling to Baltimore where they will tour the Inner Harbor. If you are interested in planning this trip, please contact either Mr. Grimes, Mr. Jones or myself. Your help with this is appreciated.

Veteran's Night: Our annual Veteran's Night recognition is in early November. Part of the recognition is our Wall of Honor. If you have a family member that you would like included on the Wall of Honor, please speak with Mr. Kevin McKay who is the Veteran's Night Coordinator.

Special Thank You: I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Dawn Batman and the Montgomery County Health Department. Mrs. Batman arranged to have our bikes inspected ahead of the bike trip to Gettysburg and also provided helmets to those that needed them. Thank you, Mrs. Batman, for all of your help.

Phantom's Hockey coming in December: The Lehigh Valley Phantoms will be taking on the AHL affiliate of the Boston Bruins, the Providence Bruins for their 3rd meeting of the season on December 28, 2018. The Phantoms are looking to improve off their most successful season in the valley where they made it all the

way to the Eastern Conference Finals. The Bruins are looking for redemption after the Phantoms ended their season in the first round of the AHL playoffs with a series loss of 1-3. The Phantoms will also be celebrating their 5th season in the Lehigh Valley with a 5th Year Celebration Weekend with special edition jerseys. Come cheer on the Phantoms as they battle their way to the Calder Cup! Mr. Pfeil will have more information coming this month but put the date on your calendars now.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

Den Chiefs: Serving as a Den Chief is a fantastic way to learn leadership and be an ambassador for a scout troop. We have not had Den Chiefs for a few years but now through the assistance of Bob Jones we have 4 Den Chiefs. Congratulations to Michael Brown who will serve as a Den Chief for Pack 554, to Alex Zadroga and Nick Wagner who will serve as Den Chiefs for Pack 17 and to Ethan Stanzlis who will serve as a Den Chief for Pack 39. If there is anyone else who has an interest in being a Den Chief I encourage them to speak to Mr. Jones or myself.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

THEME – Fire Safety

Assignments:

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

OCTOBER BIG EVENT – Worlds End SP Back packing

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Parents Night – 7:30 PM HBC Sanctuary	2 TLC – 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz's house	3	4	5	6
7	8 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	9	10 Washington District Roundtable – 7:15 PM at Roychester Community Center	11 Troop Staff and Committee – 7:30 PM Mr. Coopers house	12	13 Pancake Breakfast 8 am Fellowship Hall Aviation MB Doylestown Airport 8 am
14	15 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	16	17	18	19 6:30 pm – Depart for Spruce Run Outpost	20 Backpacking – Worlds End SP
21 Return from Worlds End SP	22 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	23	24	25	26 VT3 at HH Stadium Football Game	27 VT3 Skeleton Skurry
28	29 Troop Meeting – Halloween Party at HBC	30	31			