

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

One of the great things about living in this country is the freedom that we as citizens enjoy. There is, however, a price to be paid for that freedom, and that price is the sacrifice that the greatest military power on earth endures. The men and women who serve in our military keep each of us safe, especially in these turbulent times. Throughout our history, they have served at home and all over the globe. Each November, we set aside a day to say "Thank you" to our Veterans for all that they have provided to the citizens of this country. As a troop, we set aside one Monday night in November to thank our own Veterans. As each year passes, we lose more of our Vets to age. As a young scout, I grew up in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It didn't matter where they served, the fact was that whether it was World War II, Korea or Vietnam, our Veterans were important, and we had to thank them for their service. Take the time to say "thank you" to a Vet during this month. Please come out to honor our Vet's and be a part of our Veterans' night this month.

We also look forward to Thanksgiving this month. President Lincoln set aside the 4th Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Scouting For Food is a way for each of us to do a good turn and help provide local food banks a much-needed boost to their sometimes-empty shelves. As hard as it is to believe, there are a great number of families in this area that struggle to keep food on the table. We have a lot to be thankful for, so I ask you to please do your best to help make a better Thanksgiving for area families. Continue reading to learn more about our Scouting For Food program and a chance to be a part of the 6ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ryan Smith Eagle Ceremony: On Monday, November 5, 2018, we will celebrate the accomplishments of Eagle Scout Ryan Smith with his Eagle Ceremony. I encourage all of our scouts to come out and be a part of this evening. Ryan has worked hard to get here and we as a Troop family should be a part of this night. The ceremony will begin at 8 pm in the sanctuary. We will have a short troop meeting at 7:30 pm.

Scouting For Food: As I indicated, November is Scouting For Food month. There are a great number of people who are unable to provide food for themselves and they look to food banks for help. Scouting For Food door hangers (that's right, there are no more bags) will be distributed on Monday, November 5. They should be put on doors on either of the two following weekends, and all food should be collected and returned to our meeting on Monday, November 19. Mr. Ehly is our Scouting For Food coordinator, so questions regarding this program should be directed to him.

West Point Football Game: We will travel to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY on the weekend of November 9 – 11, 2018. We will stay outside of the Academy but will spend all day Saturday at a number of events planned for Scout Day, including a football game at Michie Stadium. Then on Sunday, we will visit the Academy Museum before coming home. The cost of this trip is \$60.00 and there are still tickets available. Please check with Mr. McKay if you want to attend.

Veterans' Night: This has become a yearly event, and this year, we will celebrate our Veterans on Monday, November 12, 2018. If you have a family member who has served in the military, or if you have served in the military and would like to be included in our program, please see Mr. McKay. I invite all of our family members who served to come out and accept our thanks.

Hatboro Holiday Parade: The Hatboro Holiday Parade will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018 along York Rd. This is the largest VT3 event of the year and it takes a large number of people to put this together. If you are interested in helping, please join us at the Old Fire House (now the 2nd Alarmers Station) across from Gamburgs at 10:00 AM as we begin the setup. We should be finished by 5 PM.

PAST EVENTS:

Semi-Annual Parents' Night: I want to thank everyone who came out to our Fall Semi-Annual Parents' night on October 1st. We had a great night celebrating the achievements of our scouts with over 150 merit badges, countless rank advancements, and a number of other recognitions. I want to thank Mr. John for the great multi-media presentations and Mr. Cooper for putting it all together.

Fall Pancake Breakfast: I want to thank Mr. Lavelle for putting together the fall Pancake Breakfast. This event continues to grow in popularity. There were so many positive comments and we served over 200 breakfasts. Thanks to all who came out to help, sold tickets, or attended. Money will be placed in individual scout accounts.

World's End State Park Backpacking Trip: Over the weekend of October 19th-21st, the troop traveled to World's End State Park and did some backpacking. We used Spruce Run as a jumping off point, and because of the weather, ended up back there on Saturday night. Thanks to Mr. Lavelle for putting this trip together and to all of the adults who went along.

VT3: On Friday October 26, our VT3 crew was at Hatboro-Horsham High School to videotape the Hatboro-Horsham v. Plymouth Whitemarsh Football game. This was a long night as they were on site from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM. I want to thank Mr. John, Mr. McKay, Mr. Lee, Mr. Chris Marks as well as Apollo Marks, Michael Brown, Jesse Senegetto and Mike Moore.

The next day, Mr. John Videotaped the Hatboro Y, Skeleton Skurry. Thanks to everyone involved with these events.

NEWS AND NOTES:

6ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade: One of the great traditions of Thanksgiving in Philadelphia is the oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade in the nation. Each year, The Cradle of Liberty Council has a group of scouts walking the parade route collecting food as a part of the Scouting For Food program. Mr. Bob Jones and his son, Bobby, have done this for several years. If you would like to get your son involved, please speak to Mr. Jones, who can provide you with all the details.

New Senior Patrol Leader: As I announced in the October Newsletter, we had a new election to fill the un-expired term for our former SPL. As the result of that election, Nathan Kephart was elected Senior Patrol Leader. Jimmy McGlumphy and Jason Caetano will remain as ASPL's. Manas Date was elected as the new patrol leader of the Shuush patrol. I also want to thank Jimmy McGlumphy for serving as acting SPL for a few weeks.

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 30th 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 fees 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: *This is my second request.* 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 Mr. Grimes, Mr. Jones, or myself. Your help with this is appreciated.

Phantoms 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.

70th Anniversary T-Shirts: Our shirts have come in and many have been distributed. If you ordered a shirt and have not yet received one, please check with Mr. Grimes. We have a number of shirts still available, so if you would like to have one, Mr. Grimes can help with that also.

2019 Washington District Camporee: At our Troop Staff and Committee meeting held in October, John Fitzpatrick, the chair of the District Camporee, joined us and asked if Troop 3 would develop and run an obstacle course or other physical activity for the Camporee. The troop committee agreed to take on the challenge. ASM Ryan Walsh is chairing the committee that will plan this event. It will take a large number of people to pull off. If you would like to help out, please speak to Ryan.

Troop Family Talent Survey: We recently sent out a Troop Family Talent Survey and asked all of our parents and registered adults to fill it out and return it to us. This is the first time we have ever done this, and our reasoning was that we wanted to see what resources were available to us that we did not know about. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have only received 20 responses. Please take the time to fill out this survey so that we may properly serve our scouts.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

Aviation Merit Badge: On October 12, 2018, 10 of our scouts went to Doylestown Airport and participated in the Aviation Merit Badge program. One

of our scouts, Ivan Kakiko, kept the neatest notebook and was awarded with a free flying lesson. Congratulations, Ivan.

National Youth Leadership Training: For two weekends in October, our ASPL, Jason Caetano, attended and completed the National Youth Leadership Training at Delmont Scout Camp. Congratulations, Jason, on a job well done.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

THEME – The Military

Assignments:

Pre-Opening: Iron Eagles **Opening:** Estonian Brotherhood

Closing: Shhush **Service:** Hot Pocketz

NOVEMBER BIG EVENT – US Military Academy Football Game

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Troop Meeting – HBC. Scouting for Food Ryan Smith Eagle Ceremony	6 TLC – 7:30 PM. Mr. Waeltz's house	7	8 Troop Staff and Committee Meeting – 7:30 PM. Mr. Cooper's house	9 6:30 PM – Depart for West Point	10 West Point
11 3 PM – Arrive at HBC from West Point	12 Troop Meeting – HBC 7:30 PM – Veterans' Night	13	14 7:15 PM – Washington District Roundtable at Roychester Comm. Ctr	15	16	17
18 Hatboro Holiday Parade 10:00 AM	19 Troop Meeting – HBC 7:30 PM. All food for Scouting For Food returned	20	21	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23	24
25	26 Troop Meeting – HBC 7:30 PM. Giant Battleship	27	28	29	30	