

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

As we reach the end of the calendar year, I want to encourage each of our scouts to take a long look at where he is regarding advancement, camping, community service and his attitude toward scouting. This would be a great time to make some decisions as to where they want to be and where they want to go in scouting. Is advancement the most important part of scouting? How important is the outdoor program to them, and how involved are they with community service? What about leadership? Each of these is an important part of the scouting program. For some of our scouts, they attend meetings but don't do much else. I am a firm believer that in order to get the most out of the scouting program, scouts need to be fully involved in the scouting program. We have a lot to offer our scouts. Our program can be made even better if everyone gets involved and contributes something. The new year will soon be upon us and there is no better time for them to consider what they want out of scouting.

I love being a part of this troop and trying to make a difference in each of these young men's lives. That being said, I also know that trying to make that difference involves many people. I want to thank everyone who is involved with this troop. Whether you are a registered scouter, a member of the troop committee, a non-registered supporter or the one who makes sure your son gets to meetings and events, "Thank you," from the bottom of my heart.

As we approach the holiday season, I offer to each family my very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Mutter Museum Trip:** On Saturday, December 1, 2018, Troop 3 will take a day trip to the Mutter Museum in Center City Philadelphia. The Mutter Museum is America's finest museum of medical history. The Mutter Museum displays its beautifully preserved collections of anatomical specimens, models, and medical instruments in a 19th-century "cabinet museum" setting. The museum helps the public to understand the mysteries and beauty of the human body and to appreciate the history of diagnosis and treatment of disease. The cost is \$13.00 for scouts and \$18.00 for scouters. If you want to go, please see Bob Lee.

**David McCann Eagle Ceremony:** On Sunday, December 2, 2018, we will celebrate the accomplishments of Eagle Scout David McCann. The ceremony will take place at 2:30 PM at St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, located at 321 Witmer Rd in Horsham. I understand this is out of the ordinary, but David and his family have requested the date and place. Please join us if you are able.

**Wreaths Across America:** Last year, Troop 3 participated in Wreaths Across America for the first time at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. This event was so moving we decided to make it an annual event. This year's Wreaths Across America is Saturday, December 15, 2018. We will meet at HBC at 8:30 AM and travel to Washington Crossing. We will see the ceremony and then assist in placing wreaths. Please let me know by Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.

**Project Blue Light:** Horsham Township will host the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual "Project Blue Light" ceremony on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This annual event recognizes those officers from Montgomery County who have died in the line of duty and lets police officers who are currently serving know that they are not forgotten during the holidays. Troop 3 will again record and provide lighting for this event. Mr. John will need participating scouts to be at the Horsham Municipal Complex at 1025 Horsham Rd at 5:00 PM. There is no dinner this year due to the construction of the new Municipal Building.

**Christmas Caroling:** Our final troop meeting of the year is our annual Christmas Caroling night. This tradition goes back over 40 years. We will visit homes of members of the community who need holiday cheer. We will depart from HBC at 7:30 PM. Please bring a tin of cookies to share with these families. We will then have cookies and cocoa upon return to HBC.

**Lehigh Valley Phantoms:** The Lehigh Valley Phantoms will be taking on the AHL affiliate of the Boston Bruins, the Providence Bruins, on Friday, December 28, 2018. The Phantoms will also be celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> season in the Lehigh Valley with a 5<sup>th</sup> year celebration weekend. Come out on December 28<sup>th</sup> and

cheer on the Phantoms as they battle their way to the Calder Cup. Mr. Pfeil sent an e-mail last week to the troop. He will be at meetings for the next few weeks. If you want to go please send him an e-mail at [gmpfeil@hotmail.com](mailto:gmpfeil@hotmail.com).

### **PAST EVENTS:**

**West Point Trip:** On the weekend of November 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> we traveled to West Point, New York and spent a very cold weekend there. We stayed at the Lake Frederick Recreation area and then on Saturday went to West Point and saw the Cadets assemble on the "Plain" for the dress review followed by a fantastic football game as Army defeated Lafayette. We even had a little snow at the end of the game. Thanks to all the adults who went along and to Mr. McKay for putting it together.

**Veterans' Night:** On Monday, November 12, 2018 we held our annual "Veterans' Night" ceremony at Hatboro Baptist Church. We recognized all of our Veterans and had a great talk from Vietnam Veteran Mr. . A huge "thank you" to Mr. McKay who put this together for us.

**Hatboro Holiday Parade:** On Sunday, November 19, 2018, VT3 was in action as they filmed the Hatboro Holiday Parade along York Rd in Hatboro. This is a huge undertaking, and it took quite a few people to make it work. I want to thank Mr. John for coordinating this event along with the following: Carpenters – Tom Batman and Dan Murphy; Caterer – Barbara John; Logistics – Mike Balot, Dave Cooper, Bob Dieterly, Matt Jevit, Chris Marks and Bruce McCaffrey; Camera Operators – Charlie Batman, Apollo Mark, Ethan Stanzilis, Jesse Senegetto and Bob Lee; Parade Spotters – Matt Atras and John Jevit; and Assistant to the Announcer - Gary Pfeil. I also want to thank system engineer, Dan Howanetz, and Master Technician, Greg Howanetz. The parade is now up on You Tube under the title "Hatboro Holiday Parade – 2018."

While many members of the troop were filming the event, Dustin Erickson represented the troop carrying the flag for the Washington District contingent. Thanks Dustin.

**Scouting For Food:** Our Scouting for Food program looked a little bit different this year as the Council moved from bags to door hangers. Troop 3 collected 900 items as part of the Scouting for Food program this year. All of this food was donated to the Lehman Church Pantry. Thanks to everyone who participated and to Mr. Ehly for coordinating the program.

### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Thank you:** As I mentioned above, we traveled to West Point in November, but due to the heavy rains on Friday night, we decided to leave very early Saturday

morning. Because we were leaving so early, we were looking on very short notice for a place to stay the night. A call to Mrs. Bonner at College Settlement went out and of course she came through for us. We used three of their cabins Friday night and left at 4 AM. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Mrs. Bonner and College Settlement for coming through.

**Re-Charter:** Mr. Dutil spent a huge amount of time re-chartering the troop for 2019. This job includes collecting fees from both scouts and scouters, making sure all scouters are properly trained and then trying to determine who to re-charter. With re-chartering complete, it is important to note that the troop paid the re-charter fee and some of our adult staff have not yet paid the fee. If you have not yet paid your 2019 fee, please do so immediately. The cost is \$35.00 for every adult on the roster. A huge thank you to Mr. Dutil for completing the charter on time.

**Summer Camp:** In July of 2019, Troop 3 will travel to Goose Pond Scout Camp in Northeastern Pennsylvania for summer camp. The cost of this year's camp will be \$400.00 per scout and \$125.00 for scouters. A payment schedule will be coming soon, but I encourage you to put this on your calendar so every scout can experience summer camp. The dates of camp are July 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Trip Coordinator still needed: *This is my third 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. **If we don't get a trip coordinator soon, we may have to cancel the event. Please consider helping out.**

**VT3:** I had a recent conversation with Mr. John regarding the future of VT3. Mr. John is considering changes in the name, logo and all aspects of VT3. We will be looking for a scout to take on a leadership role, someone who will work closely with Mr. John to help coordinate scouts for events. In January, we will hold a meeting, **separate from a troop meeting night**, to meet with any scout or scouter interested in the new direction of VT3. Look for more information on this coming soon.

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

**Keith Valley Middle School Veterans Program:** Keith Valley Middle School recently held its Veterans' Breakfast and, as has been the tradition, Mr. Iaia has asked scouts from Troop 3 to assist as a part of the color guard. I want to thank Charlie Batman, Erik Everitt and Jack Thompson for participating in this event.

**Hatboro Main Street Train Show:** A huge thank you to Nate Snyder and Ethan Stanzilis and Dan Marks and Jared Snyder for coming out to Keith Valley Middle School yesterday to help set up tables for the train show. Please remember that there is a take down at 3:30 today.

**Cub Pack 438 Disability Night:** Cub Pack 438 in Roslyn made a request that our Troop send representatives to their Pack Meeting last night to talk to the cub scouts about Disabilities Awareness. I want to say a huge Thank You to Mr. Jones and Mr. Dan Marks who attended and represented Troop 3. The feedback that I received is that they did a great job talking to the Cub Scouts about Disabilities Awareness. Thank you, Mr. Jones and Mr. Marks.

## **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

### **THEME – Medical Oddities**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-Opening:** Potato Dragons **Opening:** Iron Eagles

**Closing:** Estonian Brotherhood **Service:** Shuush

### **DECEMBER BIG EVENT – Mutter Museum**

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## Hatboro Troop 3 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mutter Museum – Depart HBC at 8:30 AM  Hatboro Train Show take down at KV at 3:00 PM
2 David McCann Eagle Ceremony – St. Catherines at 2:30 PM	3 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	4 TLC – 7:30 PM at HBC	5	6	7	8
9	10 Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	11 19 <sup>th</sup> Project Blue Light at 5:00 PM – Horsham Municipal Complex	12 Washington District Roundtable – 7:15 PM at Roychester	13 Troop Committee and Staff meeting – 7:30 PM at Mr. Coopers house	14	15 Wreath's Across America – Depart HBC at 8:30 PM
16	17 Christmas Caroling – 7:30 PM at HBC	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 No Meeting	25	26	27	28 Lehigh Valley Phantoms Game. Allentown PA	29
30	31 No meeting					