

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

In 1949, Harry S. Truman was the President of the United States. World War II was now long over, and the Boy Scouts of America was a huge part of American life. In that same year, Hatboro Baptist Church had agreed to charter a Boy Scout Troop and with that, Troop 3 was born. Fast forward to January 1, 2019, and Hatboro Troop 3 turns 70 years old. Scouting is alive and well in Hatboro especially at a time when the scouting program all around us is changing. 2019 promises to be an exciting year filled with great scouting experiences. I invite everyone to be a part of the fun. But while having fun is a part of the program, we can not forget that there are other aspects of scouting.

As we turn the calendar to now our 70<sup>th</sup> year, it is time to make decisions about what you want out of scouting. As with each New Year, make a resolution and stick to it. Perhaps this is the year for you to get serious about advancement. Maybe you want to become more involved in the outdoor program or maybe you want to take a troop leadership post. Whatever it is you want out of scouting, now is the time to decide. Resolutions are difficult to keep, so I want to do my best to help our scouts keep their resolutions. I am going to make a resolution to meet with each scout over the course of the next 4 months. I want each of our scouts to come up with something they want to change about their scouting experience. It could be advancement, it could be getting more involved, it could be about leadership, it could be about anything involving scouting. I will talk with every scout about their resolution and we will do our best to come up with a plan to help them achieve their goals. This is my resolution to each of you. I am excited for the challenge.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sterling Mine Trip:** Over the weekend of January 18-20 we will travel to northern New Jersey where we will visit the Sterling Hill Mine. This mine is known as “the fluorescent capital of the world”. This is exciting, as the rocks in this mine all glow different colors. There is an opportunity to mine your own rocks, and we will also visit a planetarium. The cost of the trip is \$40 and includes cabin camping, food, travel and the mine. There are optional activities at a nominal cost. The flyer for this trip is on the website. Mr. Chris Marks and Mr. Jared Snyder will need a count for this trip by January 7.

**Bear Creek Ski Night:** Our annual Bear Creek Family ski night is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019. Even though this is a February event, we need to think about reservations now. The family ski night will run from 4 PM to 10 PM; however, if you want to go tubing that will end at 9 PM. Information on Family ski night is coming out soon, so look forward to this information some time around January 7. This will include a complete price list.

**Double Eagle Ceremony:** On Monday, January 20, 2019, we will celebrate not one but two scouts with their Eagle Ceremony. This will be a double ceremony where we honor Michael Jaeschke and Carter Miller. Please join us in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM for this event.

### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Mutter Museum:** Troop 3 went to the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia on December 1, 2018. The Mutter Museum is filled with medical oddities. According to everything I heard, the troop as a whole enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Mr. Lee who put this together and to the adults who went along with him.

**David McCann Eagle Ceremony:** We don't often do Eagle ceremonies outside of the Monday nights, but on December 2, 2018, we went to St. Catherine's Church in Horsham to hold an Eagle ceremony for David McCann. Not only was this held on a Sunday afternoon, but it was also between Thanksgiving and Christmas, making it more of a challenge. A large number of scouts and scouters turned out to see David achieve the rank of Eagle. Thanks to everyone who was involved, including Mr. Cooper, Mr. John, and Mr. Murphy, and our SPL Nathan Kephart, as well as several other scouts who participated. Also, thanks to the McCann family for providing some great refreshments.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Project Blue Light” ceremony:** Thanks to all of the scouts and scouters who came out to the Horsham Township municipal building on Tuesday December 11, 2018 to help Mr. John film the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Horsham Township “Project Blue Light” ceremony. We have been a part of this event, filming and helping to stage the event, since 2002. Scouts involved included

Nick Wagner, Alex Zadroga and Colin McPoyle and the scouters involved included Bob John, Bruce McCaffrey, John Jevit, Matt Atras, Chris Atras, Greg Howanetz and Bob Lee.

**Christmas Caroling:** For the first time since I have been a part of this troop, we had to decline visiting some families this year. As it was, we visited 10 homes in order to bring some much-needed Christmas joy. Thanks to everyone who brought cookies and to Mrs. Stremme who made loaves of bread. We split the troop into two groups and we received many heartfelt thanks from the homes we stopped at while caroling. This was a great way to kick-off the holiday season. Thanks to everyone who participated, but especially to Mr. John for putting it all together.

**Lehigh Valley Phantoms:** A large group of scouts, scouters and their families traveled to the Lehigh Valley on Friday, December 28 to see the Lehigh Valley Phantoms play. Along with watching a great hockey game, we were a part of bringing the large American flag out onto the ice before the game started. Thanks to Mr. Garry Pfeil who put this event together.

### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**District and Council Events for 2019:** There are a number of District and Council events including training events and events for youth. I have compiled a list of currently known dates with the help of Mr. Balot. We will update these events throughout the year. Please note the following dates:

**Cradle of Liberty Council Merit Badge College** is an opportunity to earn up to four merit badges. It will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, May 4, and May 11, 2019 at Perkiomen Valley Middle School East in Collegetown. Merit badge sessions will be between 8 am – 4 pm. You will need to attend both days to complete the badges. The cost is \$21 per scout and includes registration for both days and a patch. The cost does not include lunch.  
**Registration opens on Friday, March 1st, at 12:00 pm.**

**National Youth Leadership Training** is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide scouts with leadership skills and experience they can use in their troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The course teaches the best in modern leadership theories during traditional scouting activities. Any Scout 13 years of age or older, and of First-Class rank or higher, are eligible to take the course. The following courses will be held in 2019.

**June 23-29, 2019**

Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.

**July 7-13, 2019**

Resica Falls Scout Reservation

**July 21-27, 2019**

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**August 4-10, 2019** Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.  
**October 4-6 & 11-13** Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.  
**December 26-31, 2019** Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.

**Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)** is intended for every adult leader in every Scout Troop/Crew. It is designed to provide a working knowledge of the basic outdoor skills necessary to succeed as a leader. Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program, and IOLS will provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start a program right. The following courses will be held in 2019.

**April 6-7, 2019** Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.  
**September 21-22, 2019** Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.  
**December 14-15, 2019** Nelson Training Center, Musser Scout Res.

**Scouting U** is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scouters. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing, as well as sessions for district and council volunteers. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, Scouting U provides interesting courses in all areas of Scouting. The training takes place on **February 2, 2019** at Valley Forge Military Academy.

### **Shooting Sports Training**

Cub Scout BB/Archery Rangemaster – ScoutingU – February 2, 2019  
NRA “RSO” Range Safety Officer – Council Service Center – February 9, 2019  
NRA Basic Rifle – Nelson Training Center - March 16, 2019  
NRA Rifle Instructor – Nelson Training Center – March 15- 17, 2019  
NRA Basic Shotgun – Nelson Training Center – April 13, 2019  
NRA Shotgun Instructor – Nelson Training Center – April 12-14, 2019  
USA Archery Instructor Level 1 – Camp Hart – May 4, 2019  
USA Archery Instructor Level 2 – Camp Hart – May 5, 2019  
NRA Basic Pistol Instructor – Nelson Training Center – June 1, 2019  
NRA Pistol Instructor – Nelson Training Center – May 31-June 2, 2019

Additional information and registration for all these courses can be found on the council website at [www.colbsa.org](http://www.colbsa.org). If you have any questions, you can contact Michael Balot at 215-913-9631 or at [skateremt@gmail.com](mailto:skateremt@gmail.com).

I will publish information on Woodbadge Training in the February Newsletter.

**Washington District Blood Drive:** Washington District’s Annual Blood Drive

will be held on Sunday January 6, 2019 from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Willow Grove Giant Community Center. If you would like to donate you can sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code Washington district. The goal is 40 points of blood.

**Washington District Camporee:** Washington District will be hosting the Fall Camporee again in October. The camporee will once again be held at College Settlement. Troop 3 has been asked by the Camporee committee to set up the morning challenge. The troop committee has approved the request and ASM Ryan Walsh is the troop camporee committee chair. He will be looking for adult help as he plans the Saturday morning challenge. If you are interested in helping Ryan, please speak to him about your interest.

**Parent Involvement:** At the beginning of this newsletter, I issued a challenge to our scouts. Now I would like to issue a challenge to you, our parents. 2019 will see changes in the top leadership of the troop. As you know by now, our long-time committee chair, Dave Cooper, will leave his post in April. At that time, Dan Marks will take over the role of committee chair. As a leadership group we are excited to move the troop forward in a positive direction, but in order to move the troop forward, we must continue to have strong parental support. So here is my challenge to our parents: Be more involved with the troop. Attend a committee meeting and see what is going on and how you can help. Do you have an idea or maybe a way we can improve the program? What would you like to see out of scouting in Troop 3? There is always something you can do. The commitment to be involved is what is important, how much time you give is up to you. It is my belief that together we can continue the tradition of great scouting in Troop 3. With your help we will strengthen Troop 3 and make 2019 and beyond great for the youth of this community. Committee meetings are currently scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at 133 Loller Rd in Hatboro. As we transition to a new committee chair, the day and place may change. We will keep everyone informed as we move forward.

**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.

**VT3:** As I noted in the December newsletter, Mr. John is looking to make some changes to the VT3 program. He would like to have some input from both scouts and scouters, and with that being said, he would like to meet with anyone interested in VT3 on Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 7:30 PM. This meeting will be held at Hatboro Baptist Church. Please let Mr. John know if you will be attending.

**Thank You:** I failed to recognize several of our scouts for participating in the Cradle of Liberty Council Town Taws Dinner at Huntingdon Valley Country Club on November 29, 2018. Scouts in attendance to serve as honor Guard were Jesse Senegetto, Ethan Stanzilis, Bobby Jones and Nate Snyder along with Bob Jones. Also on hand to speak to the assembled gathering was Venture Crew 3's Jeremy Hafer. Bob John was also there to help coordinate the event. Thanks to everyone for their involvement.

**70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FACT:**

Each month throughout our 70<sup>th</sup> year I will include a fact about the past 70 years. Here is this month's fact.

There have been 14 Scoutmasters in the troop's 70-year history. The list includes the following:

1. Len Henryson, 1949
2. Warren Clemens, 1950-1951
3. Ellsworth Snyder, 1951-1953
4. Bill Clausen, 1954-1955
5. Bob Casey, 1955-1956
6. John Weand, 1956-1961 and 1970-1971
7. C. Stoy Weaver, 1961-1963
8. Jesse Burnett, 1963-1966
9. Hank Hudson, 1966-1968
10. Harry Hilger, 1969-1970
11. Ralph Nagle, 1971-1972
12. Bob John, 1972 -2012
13. Stuart Gentry, 2012-2015
14. Bob Waeltz, 2015 – Present

**JANUARY CALENDAR**

**THEME – Geology**

**Assignments:**

**Pre-Opening:** Hot Pocketz **Opening:** Potato Dragons

**Closing:** Iron Eagles **Service:** Estonian Brotherhood

**JANUARY BIG EVENT – Sterling Mine**

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## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 TLC Meeting at 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz's house	3	4	5
6 Washington District Blood Drive 9a to 2p Willow Grove Giant.	7 Troop Meeting HBC – 7:30 PM	8	9 Washington District Roundtable 7:15 PM at Roychester	10 Troop Staff and Committee 7:30 PM at 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro	11	12
13	14 Troop Meeting HBC – 7:30 PM	15	16	17	18 Depart for Sterling Mine Trip 6:30 PM from HBC	19 Sterling Mine Trip
20 Sterling Mine Trip Arrive at HBC by 2:30 PM	21 Double Eagle Ceremony HBC at 8:00 PM. Short troop meeting at 7:30	22 VT3 Meeting 7:30 PM at HBC	23	24	25	26
27	28 Troop Meeting HBC at 7:30 PM	29	30	31		