

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

The Boy Scouts of America was founded and incorporated by Congress on February 8, 1910. Now, 109 years later, the Boy Scouts of America is going through the final phase of a historic change. This month marks the time when all girl scout troops can be officially chartered by what is now officially known as Scouts, BSA. Girls now have the opportunity to become Eagle Scouts, they can now as members of a scout troop go camping, hiking, backpacking and do all the things that boys can do in scouting. They no longer need to be in Ventures to be a part of this great program.

While Troop 3 does not currently have a girl troop associated with it, there are several girl troops popping up in the Washington District. Troop 81 at Lehman Methodist Church now has a girl troop. There is also a brand-new girl troop being led by Barb Dieterly at St. Catherine's Church in Horsham. This will be known as Troop 818. Troop 116 in Wyncote also has a girl troop associated with their boy troop. If anyone would like more information on any of these troops, please speak to me and I can put you in touch with their leadership.

I am a firm believer in the Scouting program. I know that this program takes young boys and turns them into young adults through physical fitness, citizenship, community service, discipline, living outdoors, and teamwork through the patrol method and association with adults. How do I know? I was one of those boys who benefited immensely from the Boy Scout program. To this day, I use things I learned so long ago. I also believe that this program can be a great help to young girls if only given the opportunity. Like many of you, I am excited to see what this change in the Scouting program can do. There is no better time to make the change than February, the month in which we celebrate scouting's founding each year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Scout Sunday: This is one of the most important events of our scouting year. As I have said many times, our chartering organization, Hatboro Baptist Church, asks only two things of us during the year. One event is to clean up the church grounds in the spring and the other is to meet the congregation at a service in February. This year, Scout Sunday is February 10, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Mr. Ehly has been working very hard to put all of this together with the church's pastor and our Chaplain's Aide, Robert Jones. I ask each of our scouts and scouters to do their part and either take part in the service or just come out on Sunday morning. We will meet at the church at 10:30 AM. **If you would like to take part, please speak to Mr. Ehly or Robert Jones right away!**

Ham and Turkey Supper Tickets: The date of our most important fundraiser of the year has changed and will now be held on Saturday March 16, 2019. Tickets are being distributed to every scout on February 4. Each scout is expected to sell these tickets and each scout is expected to be available to help serve or clean up the dinner. We also ask parents to please help with the dinner. There is far too much work for only a small group of people to get done. Mrs. Stremme is heading up both ticket sales and volunteering. Signups for the dinner are now available at Signup Genius. I have included the link here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44AFAD2DA20-2019> Please see her or contact her for a time to help. If she does not hear from you, she will be in touch with you. This includes uniformed scouters. In addition, if you would like to sell tickets at Hatboro Baptist Church on Sunday mornings, please speak with Mrs. Stremme.

Resica Falls Trip: Our annual trip to Resica Falls is typically our most well attended trip of the year and is coming up quickly. We will depart for Resica Falls on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM. We will return to Hatboro on Sunday, February 17, 2019 by 2:30 PM. For those scouts attending Mt. Washington, you will be expected to sleep outside. The cost for this trip is \$30.00 per person and this includes all transportation, lodging and food. There may be an extra charge for shooting sports, and anyone planning to ski is charged separately. All money and reservations for this trip are due to Mr. Walsh by Monday, February 4, 2019.

PAST EVENTS:

Sterling Mine Trip: A small group of scouts and scouters traveled to northern New Jersey on Friday, January 18, 2019. We stayed the night at the Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation and then visited the Sterling Mine on Saturday. Our trip, though cut short due to impending weather, was still quite enjoyable. Those that went, both scouts and scouters, learned quite a bit about mining

and were able to see the rainbow of colors deep beneath the earth. A huge thank you to Mr. Chris Marks and Mr. Jared Snyder for putting this trip together.

Double Eagle Ceremony: I want to thank all the scouts and scouters who came out on Monday, January 21, 2019 for the double Eagle ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of Michael Jaeschke and Carter Miller. While there were several technical issues, the ceremony itself was wonderful. A huge thank you to the Jaeschke and Miller families for refreshments and to Val McCaffrey and John Jevit for serving them.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Trip Planning: I occasionally receive feedback from those staff members that plan trips for the troop, and the feedback I received this month was especially important. Scouts should be prepared to give an answer as to whether they are going on a monthly trip by the cutoff date. Many times, scouts give us a “yes” that they are going and then don’t show up. This causes us a tremendous amount of problems. I would ask that if your son tells us he is going and then something comes up and he does not go to please let us know. It is the policy of Troop 3 that if a scout tells us he is going on a trip and we count him and pay for reservations and food, and then he decides not to go, he is still responsible for payment.

Wood Badge: Wood Badge is a fun, exciting and action-packed program designed to provide members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Wood Badge incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's scouters. The Wood Badge course teaches the best in modern leadership theories in the context of traditional scouting activities. Any scouter currently registered with the BSA and has completed the basic leadership training for their registered position is eligible, but the scouter should have some basic camping experience before attending.

The next Wood Badge course is August 16-19, 2019 at Musser S.R. – Camp Hart and September 7-9, 2019 at the Nelson Training Center at Camp Delmont also at Musser. Scouters must attend all 6 days. The troop will pay ½ the cost of training upon being beaded.

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.

Summer Camp: Yes, it is only February but in just 5 1/2 months we will go to summer camp. That's right, 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. The payments for summer camp are now due, and can be paid in full or in monthly payments of \$100.00. The form is on the website and you can pay by check, cash, Pay Pal through the website or Venmo to Mr. Dutil. Talk to Mr. Dutil for details. Any scout who needs financial assistance is asked to speak with either me or Mr. Dan Marks. The dates of camp are July 14 to 20, 2019.

Owen P. Adams, Jr. Campership: Applications for the Adams Campership are now available. If your scout is interested in applying, please speak with me. This is a simple application and we will announce the recipient at the April Parents Night. Remember, we will pay ½ of the cost to attend either summer camp or the summer Venture Trip. The amount cannot exceed ½ the cost of the troop's summer camp fee. All applications are due the last Monday in February.

Committee Meeting Location Change: As I indicated last month, the troop committee is undergoing change. We have now decided, at least for the next few months, that committee meetings will continue to take place on Thursday nights; however, the committee will now meet in the Fellowship Hall at Hatboro Baptist Church. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 7, 2019. I encourage parents of all our scouts to attend.

Cub Pack 554: Last week, the troop leadership met with the pack leadership of Cub Pack 554 in Willow Grove. As the result of this meeting, we have agreed to a joint interest in the scouting program. We will share our calendars with each other, and Troop 3 has agreed to host them at some of our events while we will also be hosted at some of their events. We are looking for additional Den Chiefs for Pack 554 and it is my hope that we can build a strong lasting relationship with this pack. If any scout has interest in being a Den Chief, I would ask them to please speak with me.

70th ANNIVERSARY FACT:

In 1973, Troop 3 attended an out-of-council camp for the very first time. This trip was to Camp Comer in Alabama. Since that time, Troop 3 has attended a number of out-of-council camps. These camps include Haliburton Scout Reserve in Canada, Camp Daniel Boone in western North Carolina, Scoutland in Georgia, Mt. Norris Scout Camp in Vermont, Camp Crooked Creek in Kentucky, Cedarlands in New York and Yawgoog Scout Camp in Rhode Island.

In addition, Troop 3 has run its own program on Assateague Island in Maryland and in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Troop 3 also supports our own council camp, Resica Falls, by attending summer camp there every 3rd year.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

THEME – COLD WEATHER CAMPING

Assignments:

Pre-Opening: Shuush **Opening:** Hot Pocketz
Closing: Potato Dragons **Service:** Iron Eagles

FEBRUARY BIG EVENT – Resica Falls S.R.

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Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Troop Meeting at HBC – 7:30 PM	5	6 TLC – 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz’s house	7 Troop Committee and Staff – 7:30 PM at HBC	8	9 Borough Ball setup and filming
10 Scout Sunday at HBC 10:30 AM	11 Troop Meeting at HBC – 7:30 PM	12	13 Washington District Roundtable and OA Meeting 7:15 PM at Roychester	14 VALENTINES DAY	15 Depart for Resica Falls at 6:30 PM	16 Resica Falls S.R.
17 Arrive at HBC from Resica by 3:00 PM	18 Troop Meeting at HBC – 7:30 PM PRESIDENTS DAY	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Troop Meeting at HBC – 7:30 PM	26	27	28		