

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

One of the main functions of any unit leader in the BSA is to ensure the growth of a unit and to be sure that the unit is sound and retains scouts. There is no doubt that this has been a focus of everything I have tried to accomplish as scoutmaster. Of course, the unit leader cannot do this alone. I have relied on the troop committee, the troop staff, our scouts and our families. The month of March is one of the most important months of the year when it comes to unit growth.

We gladly accept scouts all year long. We continually entertain boys looking for an active and exciting scout unit. Troop 3 is just that. We are one of the most active units, not only in Washington District but in the Cradle of Liberty Council. We have a program that is second to none and we have a troop staff that is engaged with our scouts and believes in the scouting program.

Our troop will grow again in the month of March as 7 scouts will crossover from Cub Pack 17 into Troop 3. I encourage everyone to make these 7 brand new scouts feel welcome. Engage them in a conversation. Talk to their parents and make them feel welcome. Remember the time when you and your own son crossed over to Troop 3 and remember how you felt.

We live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, remember when we say that, "a scout is helpful, friendly, courteous and kind," we mean that and don't just say the words. This is a time when each of us can show that scouting in Troop 3 is the best around. We welcome these new scouts and are glad that both the boys and their families are now a part of the Troop 3 family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Venture Crew Trip to Mt. Washington: Our Venture Crew will depart for Mt. Washington in New Hampshire for this annual trek on Saturday, March 2, 2019 and will return on Tuesday March 5, 2019. They have been preparing for this trip for several months and we wish them well in their attempt to summit Mt. Washington. We can't wait to hear all about this trip upon their return.

Cub Pack 17 Crossover: On Saturday March 9, 2019, we will attend the Cub Pack 17 crossover event at Lehman Church in Hatboro. We will cross over 7 new scouts from Pack 17 beginning at 4:30 PM. If you would like to help out, please let me know. I would especially like to have alumni from Pack 17 join us on the 9th.

Ham and Turkey Supper: The Ham and Turkey Supper will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 4 PM to 7 PM. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. It is the only fundraiser that benefits every scout in the troop. The proceeds from this event will run the troop for the year. Every scout needs to be able to assist in this fundraiser.

The schedule for the day includes the following: 1.) Every scout should report to the fellowship hall at 9 AM without uniforms to assist in setting up the dining room. 2.) At 3:30 PM, scouts on the first shift will arrived and begin getting ready for dinner service. The shifts will change, and scouts will be notified as to what shifts they will work. It is important that families plan to eat outside of their sons' work times to ensure that the floor is covered at all times. Scouts will be notified of their scheduled work time. Adult staff will also be required to work and should speak with Mrs. Stremme to schedule this. Parents of scouts are also requested to give time, and again, this can be scheduled with Mrs. Stremme, or you can use the signup genius. I have included the link here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOE44AFAD2DA20-2019>

On behalf of the Ham and Turkey Supper committee, I thank everyone for giving their time on this very important day.

Baltimore Trip: On March 22, 23 and 24, we will be in Baltimore, Maryland touring the ships at the historic Inner Harbor and then taking in all that Ft. McHenry has to offer. We will be camping in tents at Gunpowder Falls State Park (just north of Baltimore) and cooking will be by patrol. The cost for this trip is \$45.00 and includes everything except individual patrol food. The flyer for this trip is currently on the website and is also available by contacting Mr. Dan Marks, trip coordinator, at dmmarks1@gmail.com.

PAST EVENTS:

Family Ski Night: Due to the extreme cold that was predicted for February 1, 2019, we changed our family ski night to the following Friday on February 8, 2019. A number of our scouts and their families had a great time on the slopes at Blue Mountain. I want to thank Garry Pfeil for putting this all together. Garry was not in town on February 8, 2019 so Jared Snyder was the adult at the mountain. Thanks to Jared for jumping in and making sure everything ran smoothly.

Scout Sunday: We celebrated Scout Sunday along with the congregation of Hatboro Baptist Church on Sunday, February 10, 2019. I was so proud of Troop 3 for the number of scouts and scouters that came out and for those that participated in the service. I want to thank Robert Jones and Brian Ehly who put the event together with the church staff, and both even took part in the service. I also want to thank Dustin Erickson, Jesse Senegetto, Tom Dutill, Jason Caetano, our SPL Nathan Kephart and Mike Balot, who all spoke at the service. Of course, there were also greeters, ushers, and members of the color guard. Thanks to everyone for a great event.

Resica Falls Trip: We spent a great weekend at Resica Falls S. R. during the weekend of February 15-17. We spent the weekend at Firestone Lodge where we gathered and ate meals. During the day, some hiked around the reservation and some went to the rifle range and did some shooting. A number of our scouts who were working on Cooking MB completed the trail cooking portion and we also completed some other important advancement. On Saturday evening we had a great campfire and an OA Tap Out ceremony. I want to thank Mr. Rob Walsh, the trip coordinator, for putting it all together. I also need to thank Mr. Jim Lavelle, who did all of the cooking, Mr. Dave Cooper, Mr. Bob Dieterly, Mr. Jeff Dieterly, Mr. Mike Balot and Mr. Jim Brown for opening up and staffing the range. There were a number of other adults along on the trip and I thank each of them for their efforts during the weekend.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Changes in Staff Assignments: There are two very important changes in staff assignments that I would like to share. Since Mr. Dan Marks is in the process of transitioning to our Troop Committee Chair, I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Dawn Batman will be taking over the role of New Parent Coordinator. Mrs. Batman will be responsible for all of the issues associated with new parents to the troop. She will coordinate answers to questions, visitations, and overall troop/pack relations. Mrs. Batman is a member of the troop committee and will answer to the Troop Committee Chair. Dawn will build her own team and I encourage anyone to reach out to Dawn if you would like to assist her.

The second change involves our 1st year program. Beginning in March, Bob Lee will no longer be the coordinator of our first-year program. Ryan Kephart

will also be moving on from that program. In their place, we have asked Jared Snyder to take over the first-year program. Mr. Snyder has agreed to take on this task. He will also be building his own team in order to advance this program. I want to thank Bob and Ryan for their years of service to our youth. They are not leaving the troop and we will find other roles for them.

I am excited about both of these changes as I think they will help move this troop forward. If you would like to help with the 1st year program, please contact Jared Snyder at snyder.jared@yahoo.com.

Order of the Arrow: At our February trip to Resica Falls, I tapped out a number of scouts who were recently elected to the Order of the Arrow. They now have one year to complete their ordeal and become full members of Unami Lodge 1. The scouts that were elected this year were Andrew Marks, Jason Caetano, Ryan Finazzo, Colin McPoyle and Tom Dutill. In addition, we nominated two adults for membership. These two adults are Scott Larsson and Ryan Kephart. Congratulations to all our elected scouts and scouters.

Summer Camp: Summer Camp at Goose Pond is just 4 1/2 months away. We will go to summer camp in July, at Goose Pond Scout Camp in northeastern Pennsylvania. 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. Dutill. Talk to Mr. Dutill 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.

Celebration of Dave Cooper's tenure as Troop Committee Chair: As everyone knows by now, Dave Cooper will be leaving his post as the Troop Committee Chair in April. A committee to plan a celebration for Dave's service to the troop has been formed and has now decided on a location and date for the event. We will hold an afternoon celebration on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland, PA. The event will begin at 3:30 PM and the cost will be \$30.00/person. Save the date! Formal invitations will be sent to every family very soon. We will attempt to reach as many people as possible through social media, mailings and email. We hope to make this a great day for Dave as we thank him for all that he has done for Troop 3.

Changes in Youth Protection Training: The National Office of the Scouts BSA has changed the Youth Protection Training program again. What does this mean for currently registered leaders? As I read the information, it does not have a huge effect, but everyone should be aware. You do not need to take the new training until your current YPT expires, which for most would be next year. If you are new to scouting or will expire this year, then you must take the new training.

April Parent's Night: Our Semi-Annual Parent's Night is coming up quickly, on Monday, April 8. One of the great traditions of our parent's night programs is a video of all of the great things this troop does over the past 6 months. Mr. John is in desperate need of photos or videos of trips or events from September to March. If you have any videos or photos of any events during that time, please provide them to Mr. John on a thumb drive as soon as possible. This video is not possible without help from those that were there. These events include but are not limited to Gettysburg, Backpacking at World's End, Halloween Party, Eagle Ceremonies, Veteran's Night, US Military Academy, Scouting for Food, Hatboro Holiday Parade, Mutter Museum, Project Blue Light, Christmas Caroling, Wreaths Across America, Phantoms Game, Sterling Mine, Volcano building, Scout Sunday, Resica Falls, and could also include Mt. Washington, Ham and Turkey Supper and Baltimore.

Washington District Committee: For the past month, I have been serving as a member of the Washington District Nominating Committee. The purpose of the committee is to nominate people for the District Committee ahead of the annual District meeting in April. There are many spots available on the District Committee, things like FOS (Friends of Scouting) Chair, Camp Card Chair, District Commissioner, Unit Commissioners and more. If anyone has an interest in serving on the District Committee, please speak to me. The district has very little representation in the Hatboro-Horsham area and would like to increase that.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

Congratulations to Tom Dutill. Tom sat for 5 scholarship tests this past fall and was awarded a scholarship by all 5 schools including Archbishop Wood, Holy Ghost Prep, St. Joe's Prep, LaSalle College High School and Lansdale Catholic High School. Congratulations to Tom and his parents on this great achievement

70th ANNIVERSARY FACT:

Over its 70-year history, Troop 3 has had 158 Eagle Scouts. F. Thomas Casey and Frank W. Kay, Jr. were the first two Troop 3 Eagles and were awarded that rank in 1957. In addition to our Eagle Scouts, two of our scouts have served Unami Lodge as the Lodge Chief. These two scouts were David Fortunato and Kyle Hallowell. Troop 3 has also had two scouts who received the National Medal of Merit Award. These two scouts were Ed Cordenner and Doug Pfeil.

MARCH CALENDAR

THEME – BOATS AND SUBS

Assignments:

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

MARCH BIG EVENT – Baltimore Inner Harbor

SCOUT SKILL OF THE MONTH: First Aid

March

2019

Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Our Trip this month is to the Inner Harbor in Baltimore Maryland.

The flyer pictured here is now available on our website at www.hatborotroop3.org



Baltimore Inner Harbor
March 15th - 17th
 2019

The great Baltimore waterfront is the heart of the city and a major attraction. The Inner Harbor is a beautiful area with many historic buildings and a great view of the city. The Inner Harbor is a great place to visit and see the city from a different perspective. The Inner Harbor is a great place to visit and see the city from a different perspective.

For more information on the Baltimore Inner Harbor trip, please contact the Troop 3 staff at troop3@hatborotroop3.org or call 410-552-1234.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Mt. Washington Trip Departs
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Troop Meeting. Location to be announced	Mt. Washington Trip Returns		David Cooper celebration meeting 7:30 PM		Pack 17 Crossover at 4:30 PM Lehman Church
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Troop Meeting – 7:30 PM at HBC	TLC Meeting 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz's house	Washington Dist. Roundtable 7:15 PM	Troop Staff and Committee 7:30 at HBC		Ham and Turkey Supper 4-7 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Troop Meeting at HBC – 7:30 PM				Depart for Baltimore at 6:30	Baltimore
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Return from Baltimore by 3 PM	Troop Meeting at HBC – 7:30 PM					
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