

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

One of the great things about Troop 3 has been our ability to retain the top level of adult leadership for many years. Even when our top adult leaders depart, there always seems to be someone to step in and take over. This was most certainly the case in 2012 when Mr. John stepped down as Scoutmaster and again in 2015 when I took over from Mr. Gentry. This troop is fortunate to have so many adults who are dedicated to the scouting program. As we move into the month of April, we are facing yet another top leadership change.

David Cooper has been the Troop Committee Chair since 1986. If you do the math, that is 33 years. The only person to serve more time than Dave in his position was former Scoutmaster Bob John. The troop Committee Chair is one of the Key 3 of troop leadership. He oversees the entire troop operation and it is his responsibility to make sure that the Scoutmaster has everything he needs to run the troop program. During his tenure as the Troop Committee Chair, Dave has overseen a troop that is among the best around. Troop 3 is constantly asked to participate in District and Council events. Our Friends of Scouting contributions are always among the highest, not only in the District but also at the Council level. David has kept Troop 3 consistently headed in the right direction. Because of David's leadership, we are able to deliver a true scouting program.

David announced his retirement as the Committee Chair last summer and we targeted April as the month to make the transition. Well, April has arrived and on April 8 at Parents Night, we will officially transition to Mr. Dan Marks as our new Troop Committee Chair. Mr. Marks will have big shoes to fill but he certainly has the ability. I encourage everyone to extend their thanks to Dave as he

completes his time as our Committee Chair and offer words of support as Mr. Dan Marks takes on the challenges of being the Committee Chair.

On a personal note, I can't thank David enough for his friendship and all that he has taught me about the scouting program. I was nervous moving into the Scoutmaster role in 2015, but David's counsel made it so much easier. I encourage everyone to join us on April 8 at Parents Night as we complete the transition, and then again on June 2, 2019, as we recognize David's 33 years of service to Troop 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Parents Night: Our semi-annual Parents Night is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019. We will begin at 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. I encourage all of our parents to come out and see what we as a troop have been up to during the last six months. We will recognize all our advancement. We will have some additional recognitions and, of course, our multi-media show with photos and videos of all that we have done. Finally, we will recognize David Cooper and officially install Dan Marks as our Committee Chair.

Spruce Run Outpost: We will be working on two different weekends at Spruce Run in North Central PA (this is College Settlement's summer camp for older youth) getting the camp ready for the summer season. The first weekend will be the weekend of April 12-14. This is an adult only trip where members of the adult staff will travel to Spruce Run to begin the cleanup process. More information on this will be forthcoming. The second trip, which will be the weekend of April 26-28, will be the monthly trip for the entire troop. We will again travel to Spruce Run, finish any cleanup work that must be done, and spend a part of Saturday at nearby Ricketts Glen State Park hiking the 3-mile waterfall trail. This promises to be a great weekend. The cost is \$25.00 per person and most of this cost covers transportation. This is a patrol feed weekend. See Mr. Dan Marks if you are interested in attending.

Hatboro Baptist Church Mulching: On Saturday, April 6, 2019 we will meet as a troop at Hatboro Baptist Church where we will clean all their flower beds and then spread mulch. Once we have completed this project, we will open the troop room and the upstairs closet. We will remove everything, set up every tent, clean both rooms, and discard any outdated equipment or mark it for donation. We will then return everything. This is a troop project and every scout and scouter should be present as we all use these rooms and equipment.

New Scout Investiture: On Monday, April 1, 2019, we will officially welcome our 7 new scouts into the troop with their investiture. This ceremony is important to these new scouts. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 PM.

Unami Lodge Spring Service 1: Unami Lodge, Order of the Arrow will have its first Spring Service Weekend on April 12-14 at Musser. If you are newly elected or would just like to participate and help our camping department, go to www.unamilodgeone.org to register.

PAST EVENTS:

Ham and Turkey Supper: On Saturday, March 16, 2019, we held our annual Ham and Turkey Supper. As of the writing of this newsletter, I don't yet have the final numbers. I will report them upon receipt. I do want to thank all our scouts, scouters, parents, and alumni who came out to help cook and serve the dinner. None of this would be possible without the help of everyone. I especially want to thank Mr. Bob Dieterly and the entire Dieterly family, Barbara, Krissy, and Jeff, who each spent either some or all of the day cooking and serving. Bob puts in a huge amount of time and I sincerely thank him for his hard work. Lea Stremme also plays a huge role in this event. She takes care of our ticket sales, ordering food, arranging schedules and making sure everything is properly staffed during dinner service. Thanks to both Bob and Lea for a job well done.

Baltimore Trip: From March 22-24 we used Gunpowder Falls State Park in Maryland as our base of operations while visiting Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The scouts toured four historic ships that are on display there and participated in a hands-on demonstration aboard the USS Constellation. They learned how a sailing ship used simple machines to move sails, position the guns, and move supplies. Their favorite part of the Constellation tour had to be the hammocks. The adults struggled to get them out of "bed" to continue the tour.

From the Inner Harbor we then travelled out to Fort McHenry, the site of the battle that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the words to the US National Anthem. While there, the scouts toured the Fort and participated in a flag ceremony where we learned what made the Star Spangled unique among American Flags. Ask your scouts that attended why the flag had 15 stars and 15 stripes. A huge thank you to Mr. Dan Marks and Mr. Bob Jones who put this trip together and to Mr. Grimes who was the weekend scoutmaster.

Venture Crew Trip to Mt. Washington: Our Venture Crew went to Mt. Washington in New Hampshire during the 4 days of March 2 to March 5. This is an incredibly challenging trip for anyone, and while they were not able to summit this year, they did have a great time. Many thanks to Dan Murphy, Keith Grimes, Ryan Kephart, Jared Snyder and Garry Pfeil who made the trip along with several of the members of our Venture Crew.

Pack 17 Crossover: I want to thank everyone who came out to the Cub Pack 17 Blue and Gold Banquet on Saturday, March 9, 2019. We crossed over 7 Arrow of Lights from Pack 17 to Troop 3. I also want to welcome the 7 scouts:

Jack Coughlin, Kenny Kirsch, Aiden Lloyd, Liam Murray, Riley Russell, Brodie Sweigard, and Jacob Weiss along with their families to the Troop 3 family.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Summer Camp: Summer Camp at Goose Pond is just 3 1/2 months away. We will go to summer camp in July to 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. Merit badge request forms have also been distributed to each scout. These need to be completed and returned to Mr. Dutill.

Celebration of Dave Cooper's Tenure as Troop Committee Chair: We will hold an afternoon celebration of Dave's retirement as Committee Chair 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! The formal invitations are attached to this e-mail. If you know someone who would like to attend, please let us know so that we can add them to the mailing list. 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. The invitation for the event is a part of this email.

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.

E-Mail Distribution: For the past few weeks I have been reviewing alternatives to our E-mail distribution. We were having some problems delivering e-mail and we realized that we had to make some changes. I looked at Constant Contact and liked some of what it offers. I was able to see who was opening and reading e-mail. One of the issues with Constant Contact is that I could not attach documents, although we could post a link. I realized that people would rather just open the document and would not go looking into the link. We were also getting feedback that some people were still not receiving email through Constant Contact. We knew that we had a Gmail account already, so we looked at that and I have now decided that we will use a combination of Constant Contact and Gmail. We will send documents via Gmail and everything else through Constant

Contact. If you don't receive email through either method, please let me know so we can address the issue.

William "Bill" Walls: As I reported last week, long-time Assistant Scoutmaster and member of our communications team, Bill Walls, passed away unexpectedly. Bill was responsible for our email system and I communicated with him the day before his passing to help with our e-mail problems. The Walls family is deeply appreciative of all that Troop 3 has done for them. They have asked for memorial donations go to Troop 3 or the Girl Scouts. If you are so inclined, please give them directly to me. I want to thank everyone who came to support the Walls family on Saturday, March 30 for his memorial service.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING:

Washington District Eagle Board of Review: I am proud to announce that Chris Careno and Ben Iaia have completed all the requirements for Eagle Scout including their troop Board of Review. Both scouts will head to the District Board of Review in April. Congratulations to both Chris and Ben and best of luck as they complete the Trail to Eagle.

Washington District Pinewood Derby: Congratulations to Charlie Batman who came out to the District Pinewood Derby and competed in the open class division. Charlie's car took 1st place in the open class.

70th ANNIVERSARY FACT:

Dave Cooper is the only member of Troop 3 to receive the Silver Antelope Award for outstanding service to the Region and Nation. He has served on various National Committees including the Episcopal Church Committee to Scouting. For years he has been the key volunteer in charge of the VIP tent at the National Jamborees. He was a professional scout, has served on Woodbadge staffs and is the father of an Eagle Scout.

APRIL CALENDAR

THEME – NATURE

Assignments:

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

Closing: Shuush **Service:** Hot Pocketz

APRIL BIG EVENT – Spruce Run/Ricketts Glen SP

SCOUT SKILL OF THE MONTH: Physical Fitness

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Troop 3 Activity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM At HBC	2 TLC – 7:30 PM at Mr. Waeltz' house	3	4	5	6 Mulching and Troop Room cleanout at HBC 8:00 AM
7	8 Parents night at HBC Sanctuary 7:30 PM	9	10 Washington District Roundtable 7:15 at Roychester	11 Troop Committee and Staff 7:30 at HBC	12 OA Spring Service 1-----	13 -----) Musser Adult Work Day at Spruce Run Outpost
14 PALM SUNDAY OA Spring Service 1	15 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM At HBC	16	17	18	19	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM at HBC	23	24	25	26 Spruce Run/Rickets Glen Meet at 6:00 PM at HBC	27 Spruce Run/Rickets Glen
28 Spruce Run/Rickets Glen Return to HBC by 3:00 PM	29 Troop Meeting 7:15 at Mason Mill Park in Upper Moreland	30				