

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

Each year I look forward to the coming of spring. The cold winter is now behind us and everything seems to be in bloom. It's nice to be able to open windows and to get back to enjoying the outdoors. Spring is truly a re-birth. Spring also means that it is time for Hatboro Troop 3 to experience its own re-birth. That's right, the month of May is time for us to re-organize.

I have been talking about this process for several weeks now, and the time is coming quickly. I have tried to encourage our scouts to make up their minds now about who they might want to lead the troop into the coming program year. We talk about the fact that scouting is a youth program. As adults, it is not up to us to determine who the youth leaders will be or what the program will look like. My function, as Scoutmaster, is to make sure that they have everything they need to be successful and to act as an advisor and trainer, but it is not to select the leadership.

I would remind our scouts that in order to be the Senior Patrol Leader, they must be at least a 1<sup>st</sup> class scout, they must have previously been a member of the Troop Leaders Council (Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, assistant Senior Patrol Leader), and must have attended or are currently registered to attend NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) this summer or fall.

May also means that we will begin the process of forming a new Annual Plan. This is a process that will take several months. I encourage our scouts to consider where they would like to go and to be sure that this information is passed on to their patrol leaders so that they can bring it to the planning meetings. There is a lot of work to do in the month of May, so please be sure to consult the calendar for all of the important dates.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Washington District Dinner:** The Washington District Annual Recognition Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2019. The dinner will be held at the Abington Art Center and will begin at 4pm and will end by 7 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person. If you would like to go, please register at COLBSA and go to the Washington District Page. We will recognize Dan Marks and Kevin McKay as our Unit Honored Scouters.

**Troop Re-Organization:** As I noted above, Troop 3 will re-organize itself on Monday, May 6, 2019. The night will begin with our nominations and then the election of a new Senior Patrol Leader. Once we have completed the election of the SPL, our scouts will re-organize into new patrols and elect their patrol leader. They will then have the opportunity to meet as new patrols to discuss where they might want to go and have the patrol leader bring that information to the annual planning sessions. New patrols will take effect on June 3.

**TLC Meetings:** There are a total of three (3) TLC meetings scheduled in May. Please take note of the following. The first meeting, scheduled for May 7, will be held at my house and is for the current TLC only. This will be to plan the month of June. The second meeting is scheduled for May 15 and will be held at HBC at 7:30 PM. This meeting is a joint meeting between the old and the new TLC and it is here that the annual planning begins. The third meeting is scheduled for May 28 and will be held at my house and will be the new TLC only. This meeting will be a continuation of the annual plan.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Our semi-annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. We will begin serving breakfast at 8 am and will serve until 11 am. This fundraiser is strictly for the scouts. A portion of all ticket sales will go to their accounts. Mr. Lavelle has tickets available now. Please see him if you need tickets. We will need some help setting up and serving breakfast beginning at 7 am on May 11.

**Trap Pond Trip:** We will be traveling to Trap Pond State Park in southern Delaware on the weekend of May 17-19. We will be taking our canoes and kayaks and will do some great canoeing and some other great activities. If you are planning on going to the Allagash this summer, you should attend this trip. We will also include canoe training for our new scouts. The cost of the trip will be \$25.00 per person. This is a patrol feed so the cost does not include food. The flyer is currently available; please speak to Mr. Kephart or contact him at [ryan\\_t\\_kephart@yahoo.com](mailto:ryan_t_kephart@yahoo.com).

## **PAST EVENTS:**

**Mulching and Troop Room Cleanout:** I want to thank every scout and scouter who came out on Saturday, April 6 and helped mulch the beds at

Hatboro Baptist Church. There was quite a bit of work to do and we completed the task in just about an hour and a half. I especially want to thank Mr. Carenzo for making the arrangements with the church. I also want to express my thanks to those that stayed around and helped cleanout the troop room and the closet upstairs. Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Brown and Mr. Murphy headed the downstairs effort, and Mrs. Caetano and Mr. Cooper headed the upstairs effort. Thanks also to Mr. Dan Marks, Mr. Kephart, Mr. Batman, Mr. Carenzo, Mr. Grimes and Mr. Larsson who spent most of the day with us.

**Semi-Annual Parent's Night:** We held our semi-annual Parent's Night on Monday, April 8. Mr. Cooper put the program together and also did the FOS presentation. Mr. John worked incredibly hard to put together the multi-media show which included all of our activities since our last Parent's Night. I thank all of our scouts and parents who came out. I also want to thank Mr. & Mrs. McCaffrey for serving refreshments after the event.

**OA Spring Service Weekend:** On the weekend of April 12-14 three of our scouts and one scouter went to Musser Scout Reservation and attended the first OA service weekend. I want to congratulate Andrew Marks, Tom Dutill, and Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Larsson who completed their Ordeal and were inducted into Lodge #1 Unami Lodge. Also, on this weekend, Andrew Larsson went to Musser where he was inducted as a Brotherhood member of the lodge.

**Spruce Run Trip:** This past weekend, the troop traveled once again to College Settlement's Spruce Run Outpost near Bloomsburg in North Central Pennsylvania. We spent the first part of the weekend at Ricketts Glen State Park where we walked the 3+ mile Falls Trail. After we returned from Ricketts Glen, we worked at Spruce Run on several projects to clean it up and get it ready for College Settlement's coming summer season, including general maintenance, splitting wood, and some other projects. Thanks to Mr. Dan Marks and Mr. Balot for putting this trip together.

### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Summer Camp:** Can you believe that summer camp is just over 2 months away? We depart for Goose Pond on Sunday, July 14. There are important dates coming up and you should be preparing now. Now is the time to schedule your physical. They need to be in by June. Of course, if you need more time, please let us know. All fees also need to be paid. If you want to go and have not yet made a deposit, the last night for this is May 6. Please let Dan Marks or I know if you are interested in a campership. No scout should miss camp for an inability to pay. If you need additional time making payments, please speak to Brian Dutill. On June 17 we will take swim tests at Upper Moreland Swim Club. That night we will also have a summer camp parents meeting. Merit badge requests were handed out a few weeks ago.

Please be sure that they get returned to Brian Dutill. We must register everyone for merit badges. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to either Brian Dutill or me.

**David Cooper Retirement Gala:** 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 have now gone out by both regular mail and by e-mail. We must have a response by Wednesday, May 15. 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.

**Haycock Cleanup:** On Saturday May 4, 2019 (This Saturday) members of Troop 81 are going to our property at Haycock to remove a tree that fell in the middle of the main camping area, do some work on the port-a-potty and general cleanup. They have included Troop 3 in the invitation since we share the property with them. They are departing from Lehman Church at 9 AM. If you are interested, please contact Mike Balot at [skateremt@gmail.com](mailto:skateremt@gmail.com).

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

**Washington District Eagle Board of Review:** Both Chris Careno and Ben Iaia have or will have appeared before the District Eagle Board of Review. Chris Careno had his Board of Review on Thursday, April 25 and Ben Iaia will have his Board of Review on May 2, 2019. Congratulations to both scouts and we anticipate Eagle ceremonies in the coming months.

**Resica Falls Camp Staff:** Congratulations to Ryan Finazzo who has been selected as a CIT (Counselor in Training) at Resica Falls this summer. Ryan will leave right after school ends and will spend four weeks at Resica learning all about being a staff member. Ryan will join us for summer camp at Goose Pond.

**Adventure Cards:** Our scouts have sold over 600 Adventure Cards since the campaign started in late March. In addition, Congratulations to Kenny Kirsch who sold over 75 Adventure Cards and received a gift card to Amazon.

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

Over the course of the last 70 years, the troop has conducted scores of good turns. These include setting up and taking down the Library Book Fairs and Bazaars; directing the parking at the Rotary Lobster Pots; putting up markers on all the Horsham Township fire hydrants; painting the Hatboro Union

Library's summer house; collecting food for the needy; weeding and mulching the tree beds in town; and more recently installing underground cable at the Hatboro-Horsham High School stadium for television broadcasting (a \$10,000.00 job). These are just some of the projects completed by Troop 3 scouts and scouters.

The Troop has also won awards for its projects including the construction of suspension bridges, covered bridges, a trestle bridge across the fountain in the Willow Grove Park Mall, a draw bridge, monkey bridges and a 25 foot high signal tower, also built at the Mall.

## **MAY CALENDAR**

### **THEME – ASTRONOMY**

#### **Assignments:**

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

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

### **MAY BIG EVENT – Trap Pond**

### **SCOUT SKILL OF THE MONTH:**

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## Troop 3 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 David Cooper Dinner Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. John's House	2 Washington District Eagle Board 7:15 PM at Willow Grove Giant	3	4
5 District Dinner 4 PM Abington Art Center	6 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC - Reorganization	7 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	8 David Cooper Dinner Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. John's House	9 Troop Committee and Staff Meeting 7:30 PM at HBC	10	11 Pancake Breakfast 8-11 AM. Setup at 7 AM
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13 Troop Meeting at HBC 7:30 PM – Star Lab	14	15 TLC Annual Planning Meeting at HBC 7:30 PM	16	17 Depart for Trap Pond 6:30 PM	18 Trap Pond
19 Return from Trap Pond Trip	20 Troop Meeting at HBC 7:30 PM	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY – NO MEETING	28 TLC Annual Planning Meeting at 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	29	30	31	