

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

It often amazes me how a group of boys can get together and make decisions pretty much on their own (sometimes they need some encouragement) about the direction that they want to take the larger organization. If you think about it, this is the way government should run. The boys elect their top leader, they then organize themselves into smaller groups and then elect their group leaders. They then decide where they want to go and what they want to do over the next year, and they complete most of this work without interference from adults. This is the essence of the Boy Scout program. This is what Baden Powell envisioned when he created the Boy Scouts over 100 years ago.

We as a troop complete this process every single year. Our scouts have gotten very good at planning and we will see the culmination of this process during the month of June. As the scoutmaster, I could not be prouder of this group of scouts for all that they have accomplished. I encourage our parents to come to the June staff and committee meeting to see what your sons have done.

I also congratulate Manas Date and Nathan Kephart who were elected Senior Patrol Leaders in May. Manas will serve from June 1 to November 31 and Nate will serve from December 1 to May 31. I also congratulate all our new Patrol Leaders and other members of the Troop Staff appointed by our SPL's.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Horsham Day:** Horsham Day is scheduled for Saturday June 1, 2019. The Horsham Day events will take place at Kohler Park, Carpenter Park and Deep Meadow Park all on Horsham Rd at the Municipal Complex. Troop 3 will have a table this year at Horsham Day. Mr. Chris Marks and Mr. Jared Snyder will

have several activities to peak interest in scouting, especially Troop 3 style. If you would like to spend an hour or two (or maybe more) helping out, please contact Mr. Marks at [christophermarks2@gmail.com](mailto:christophermarks2@gmail.com) or Mr. Snyder at [snyder.jared@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.jared@gmail.com). Any help would be appreciated.

**David Cooper Retirement Celebration:** On Sunday June 2, 2019, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our Troop Committee Chair, Mr. David Cooper with his retirement celebration after 33 years of service to the troop. Dave and Cindy will be our guests and the fun will begin at 3:30 PM at Spring Mill Manor on Jacksonville Rd in Ivyland. Dinner will begin around 4:45 PM and the whole night should be over by 7:30 PM.

**June Staff and Committee Meeting:** Our June Troop Staff and Committee meeting will be held on Thursday June 13 at 7:30 PM at HBC. It is at this meeting that the Senior Patrol Leader will present the Annual Plan for the first time. They have worked hard to get to this point, so come out and see what they have accomplished.

**June Trip to Haycock Mountain:** On June 22 and 23 the troop will travel to our property at Haycock Mountain. We will paddle into the property from Lake Nockamixon and then backpack up to the campsite. After lunch there will be a trip to Hellericks Farm in Plumsteadville for the ropes course and ziplining. The only cost is the trip to the farm for the ropes course and patrol food. Please note that this is a Saturday morning departure because we can not be on the latke at night. If you are interested in attending, please see Mr. Jones. The flyer is currently on the website.

### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Spring Pancake Breakfast:** On May 11, 2019, we held our semi-annual pancake breakfast. As always, the food was fantastic. While the crowd was a little lighter, we did serve quite a few pancakes. Many thanks to Mr. Jim Lavelle who puts this event all together. I also want to thank the many adult volunteers both parents and staff who helped. We could not do these things without the support. Any money that the individual scouts made will be credited to their accounts.

**Trap Pond Trip:** We traveled to Trap Pond State Park in Laurel DE on the weekend of May 17-19. Trap Pond is a beautiful State Park in southern Delaware. We had a great day of canoeing and kayaking and then some fun playing volleyball and can jam. Speaking of that, the adult staff was challenged by the scouts to both games. If you want to know who won, ask one of our scouts. If you want the truth, ask one of our adults. A huge thanks to Mr. Kephart for organizing this great trip. There were some organizing challenges to be sure, but Mr. Kephart did a great job.

## **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Remembering Rudy Tellmann:** As everyone knows by now, Rudy Tellmann passed away on Monday May 20, 2019. Rudy was a dedicated scouter, and Eagle Scout, father and grandfather to two Eagle Scouts. Rudy served Troop 3 faithfully as a member of the Troop Committee and served the district as the District Commissioner and the Council as an Assistant Council Commissioner. It is hard to imagine scouting in Troop 3 or the District and Council without Rudy Tellmann. There will be a funeral service for Rudy on Monday June 3, 2019 at 9:45 AM at St. Catherine's Church, Witmer Rd in Horsham. This will be followed by a mass and then burial at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. Please keep the Dieterly and Tellmann families in your prayers.

**Summer Camp:** We depart for summer camp at Goode Pond SR in just over a month. We will leave on Sunday July 14 and return on Saturday July 21, 2019. 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 this month. Of course, if you need more time, please let us know. All fees also need to be paid. 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 Dutil. On June 17 we will take swim tests at Upper Moreland Swim Club. That night we will also have a summer camp parents meeting. All merit badge requests should have been returned to Mr. Dutil. If you have not done that please do so now. Watch for a letter coming out soon with all the important details about what to expect and with the details of departure.

**Changes in our Technology:** Recently, I asked the Troop Committee chair to assemble a group of staff members to examine all aspects of our technology. This group met for the first time in May. We are looking at email, social media, the website, Scoutbook vs. Troopmaster for advancement reporting, You Tube and Instagram. We will make recommendations to the troop committee soon. If anyone has thoughts on our technology use, please let me know.

**Committee Positions to be filled:** This month the Troop Committee will re-organize itself and we need several volunteers to step up and fill some important positions. The two that are most important are a troop chaplain and a committee secretary. The Chaplain would essentially run the religious program and organize Scout Sunday. The committee secretary would keep the minutes of the committee and be sure they are disseminated to the committee and staff each month. We could also use a kitchen/refreshment coordinator for special events such as Eagle Ceremonies and Parent's nights. If you are interested in taking any of these positions, please contact our Troop Committee Chair, Dan Marks.

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

**Jimmy Iaia, Eagle Scout:** Jimmy Iaia, Troop 3 Eagle Scout, class of 2016 graduated from PSU on May 4<sup>th</sup> and was commissioned as an Infantry 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the United States Army. Jimmy must report to Ft. Knox KY on June 28 and will remain there until August where he will be on active duty as a Cadre teaching/advising ROTC Cadets. Jimmy will then head off to Ft. Benning GA for his basic infantry officer school and will be there for 19-20 weeks. He will then head to an active duty command or ranger school. Congratulations to Jimmy and to Jim and Jenn Iaia. I know they are proud of their son.

**Olympia Scope:** Over Memorial Day weekend, Nate Snyder along with a large contingent from the Cradle of Liberty Council went to Canada for this year's Olympia Scope. This is a great opportunity for scouts to spend time with Scouts Canada. Nate was the only attendee from Troop 3. Congratulations Nate and we can't wait to hear all about your trip.

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

In 1949 the troop program got off to a fast start. During its inaugural Troop 3 finished in first place at the Delmont Olympics. This was a competition held at the troop's first summer camp that combined scouting and athletic skills. Another highlight of that first year was a backpacking trip to Sunfish Pond on the New Jersey side of the Delaware Water Gap.

## **JUNE CALENDAR**

### **THEME – WILDERNESS SURVIVAL**

#### **Assignments:**

**Pre-Opening:** Louie's Guards **Opening:** Boxing Marshmallows

**Closing:** Iron Potatoes **Service:** PN-SP

### **JUNE BIG EVENT – Haycock Mountain**

**SCOUT SKILL OF THE MONTH: NONE**

# June

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## Troop 3 Activity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Horsham Day 11-5 PM
2 David Cooper Dinner 3:30 PM at Spring Mill	3 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM at Mason Mill Park	4 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Waeltz's house	5	6	7	8
9	10 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM HBC	11	12 Washington District Roundtable 7:15 PM at	13 Troop Staff and Committee 7:30 PM at HBC	14	15
16 FATHERS DAY	17 Troop Meeting 7:15 at Upper Moreland Swim Club. Swim Test and Summer Camp	18	19	20	21	22 HAYCOCK MOUNTAIN AND LAKE NOCKAMIXON
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