

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

Sometimes we need a reminder that the scout slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily." I knew that I wanted to write about service this month since September is typically a month that we perform a number of service projects. Then, Mr. Marks sent me a reminder of how incredibly important service is to the scouting movement. If you have never heard the story of the unknown scout, please read on.



The Boy Scouts might never have existed in America, but for the fact that a Chicago publisher got lost in a London fog in 1909. William D. Boyce was looking for a particular address in London when he got caught in a dense fog. He stopped a young man, asking for directions. That boy did more than just give directions. He personally led Boyce to his destination. When Boyce tried to offer him a tip, the boy refused. He was a scout, he noted, and believed in doing good turns for others.

Boyce had to learn more. He obtained an introduction to the founder of scouting in Britain. Robert Baden-Powell was a former military man and the author of a manual intended for military use. One day, he discovered that boys in England were interested in his manual. Baden-Powell decided to capitalize on the boys interest, but to re-direct their efforts toward more useful ventures. He wrote a second manual "Scouting for Boys", and he tested his ideas with a group of 22 boys at a two week camp.

The Boy Scouts were born, well at least they were in England. The idea would come to America about a year later when the so-called "Unknown Scout" offered his assistance to Boyce on that foggy London Day. Boyce returned home with the tenets of scouting ringing in his ears. He joined with other like-minded Americans to form a new scouting organization in America too. The Boy Scouts of America received its congressional charter on February 8, 1910.

No one ever discovered the identity of the Unknown Scout, but a monument was later erected in his honor in London. The inscription reads: "To the Unknown Scout whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the Daily Good Turn brought the scout movement to the United States of America."

Each of us should strive to do a "Good turn Daily." We say it each week when we recite the Scout Oath, let's put our words into practice,

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Trip to Rhinebeck Areodrome



Our trip in September will take us to central New York and the beautiful Hudson River Valley as we once again visit the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. If you have never done this trip, I strongly encourage you to attend. The Hudson River Valley in September is gorgeous and we will see some really cool airplanes flying around. We will camp on the property at Rhinebeck, will visit the museum and see the planes fly on Saturday and then on Sunday we will take a great walk over the Hudson River via the Hudson River Bridge. The cost of the trip will be \$40.00/person and that will include everything except patrol food. Mr. Balot has all the information, so if you want to go with us, please contact Mr. Balot. His email address is skateremt@gmail.com.



70th Anniversary Family Picnic:



We have been talking about our 70th Anniversary picnic for almost 6 months. I am excited that the event has finally arrived. 70 years is an incredible milestone and I have been clear that it should be celebrated. We will gather as an organization on Saturday September 14, 2019 at College Settlement Camp at 600 Witmer Rd, in Horsham. We will be serving food from Mission BBQ and are asking that everyone bring

a side or desert to share. If you have not done so, please contact Mr. Ryan Kephart at ryan_t_kephart@yahoo.com We have published a link to our signup genius for this event. I have included it here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448AFAA2AA64-troop>. There are still alot of spots on the signup Genius as of today. Please do your part and bring something for everyone to share. We are excited about this event. There will be volleyball, horseshoes, cornhole, Can Jam, canoeing, kayaking and hayrides among other things. We will have displays from our past and an evening program that will highlight the past 70 years. Please join us.

September Service Projects:

There are a number of service projects that we are involved with in the month of September, many of which we have been doing for many years.

On Saturday September 7, 2019, we will assist the Hatboro Rotary Club with their largest fundraiser of the year. This is the Lobster Pot which will be held at College Settlement. We are responsible for parking the cars for the event and scouts should be in uniform and arrive at College Settlement at 3:30 and should plan on staying until 6:30 PM. Mr. John will also need some help setting up the parking lot on Friday September 6, 2019 beginning at 5:00 PM. This should be done by 7 PM. If you can assist with this, please speak to Mr. John.

On Saturday, September 14, 2019 we will again assist the Hatboro Library with the setup and takedown of the Library Bazaar. We will meet at the library at 8 AM for set up. This should take about an hour. Then at 2:30 PM, we will assist in taking down the Bazaar. (Note that this is in the middle of the Picnic so we may take a small group to get this done quickly. More to come on this).

Introduction to Leadership Skills Training

Any scout who is in a youth leadership position (SPL, ASPL, PL or any staff position) will need to complete this training. This is a troop run event and will be held on Saturday September 7 and Sunday September 8. Both days of training will take place at the

Hatboro Baptist Church Annex. The Saturday session will be from 8 AM to 12 noon and the Sunday session will be from 12 noon to 4 PM. Mr. Grimes, Mr. Marks and I will be instructing these sessions.

PAST EVENTS:

Laurel Caverns Trip

Over the weekend of August 16-18 a small group headed west and spent the weekend exploring the caves at Laurel Caverns in Western Pennsylvania. Along the way, they stopped at Horseshoe Curve and the train museum and then had dinner Friday night at the Summit Diner. While only 4 scouts and 4 scouters attended the trip they had a great time exploring the caverns on Saturday. A big thanks to Jim Lavelle, Dan Murphy, Ron Meixsell and Jim Brown who all attended this trip,

Camp Cooper

I wanted to thank Dave and Cindy Cooper for hosting the Troop at what has now become the final Camp Cooper. I was surprised when Cindy told me that this was the 36th year that they have done this. It has become one of the most popular events of the year and we will certainly miss this terrific night. Dave and Cindy, thank you for all that you have done for the youth of Troop 3.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Recruitment Night

September is typically recruitment month in the Scouting program. Cub Packs are beginning to get geared up and it is a great time for Troops to show off. We will host our annual recruitment night on Monday, September 23. The TLC has planned a number of great events which will be held in the parking lot of the church. We will have water ice and some games and some pioneering projects. I encourage our scouts to invite a friend to come and check us out. We will also be reaching out the cub packs in the area and inviting them to join us.

Annual Plan:

As I mentioned in last months staff meeting, the Annual Plan for 2019-2020 is now available. This document will continue to go through changes as the year evolves. If there is an update to the plan, we will send that information out via email. There are still a few months that we need some assistance in trip planning. If you are so inclined to help out, please let us know. We will give whatever support you might need to trip planning.

Scoutbook

I also mentioned last month that we are transitioning from Troop Master to Scoutbook for our advancement recording needs. Most every parent should have received an invitation to Scoutbook. I strongly encourage you to log on and set up an account so that you can view your son's progress. If you have not yet received an invitation to scout book, please let us know so that we can take care of it and have it corrected. We will completely phase out Troop Master by the end of the year.

Washington District 2019 Camporee:

This year's Washington District Camporee will be held in October and Troop 3 has an essential role in developing the Saturday morning program. We are now at the point in the process where we are putting the entire plan together. We are going to build the obstacle course and do some dry runs to make sure everything works on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 AM. We are not yet sure where this will take place, but once we have made that decision we will let everyone know. We will be in need of some scouts to test it out. Bear in

mind, that any scout who tests the course can not participate in the course at the camporee.

The camporee will be held on October 18-20 at College Settlement on Witmer Rd in Horsham. I anticipate the cost being around \$20.00 as that is the fee that Washington District is charging troops and packs. More information on this will come in mid-September.

VT3

On Friday August 23 our VT3 crew was in action for the first event of the new school year. They were at Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School and recorded the Hatboro-Horsham CB West Football Game. I want to thank the following individuals who were involved. They included scouts Jesse Senegetto, Colin McPoyle, Jack Thompson and scouters Bob John and Kevin McKay. Also former ASM Mike Moore was the announcer. The next event for VT3 will be another football game at HHS and will be held at the stadium on Friday, September 13. Mr. John will be looking for scouts and scouters to help. If you would like to help, please contact Mr. John.

Adult Hatchet Throwing

One of the really cool things that we did while we were at Goose Pond this summer was hatchet throwing. It was offered last summer at Buckskin but it really was not a fad yet. We have decided that we were going to put together a hatchet throwing night for our adults and their spouse. Camp Adventure land is located at 141 Gibraltar Rd in Horsham. (Right behind the new WAWA and CVS at 611 and Blair Mill Rd. We have made a reservation for Saturday September 28, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM. The cost is \$30 per person and we need a count by September 12. If you want to go please contact Dan Marks at dmmarks1@gmail.com. Guests can bring their own food/beverages. Please let us know if you are interested as soon as possible.



PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT ITEM

Beginning on Monday September 9, 2019 we will be returning to our regular meeting schedule at Hatboro Baptist Church. This also means that we will be returning to our regular uniforms unless otherwise noted. This means Class A uniforms shorts or pants and khaki shirts. Thanks for your attention with this important detail.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

Order of the Arrow

Congratulations to both Jason Caetano and Ryan Kephart. Both Jason and Ryan traveled to Resica Falls this summer and completed their ordeal for membership into the Order of the Arrow. Both Jason and Ryan are now full members of the Lodge and look forward to 10 months from now as they can seal the bond in Brotherhood.

Jason Caetano Eagle Project



For the past couple of weeks, Jason Caetano has been conducting his Eagle Scout Service Project. Jason is collecting donations for the Montgomery County SPCA. He has this project organized into 3 phases. The first phase was the decoration of donation boxes. That was completed on the weekend of August 10. The second phase was the first collection weekend which was held at ACME Market on Blair Mill Rd. This turned out to be very good for Jason. The last phase took

place this past weekend and it included collecting supplies at two locations. Congratulations to Jason on a job well done. Jason thanks everyone that came out to help.

Washington District Eagle Board of Review

On Thursday, September 26, 2019, Kevin Pylp will appear before the Washington District Eagle Board of Review. Kevin has now completed all of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout with the exception of the Eagle Board. We wish Kevin the very best as he completes this step and his final step on the advancement trail.

70TH ANNIVERSARY FACT:

With the merger of the Valley Forge Council and the Philadelphia Council into the Cradle of Liberty Council in 1996, the troop officially became "Hatboro Troop 3" on its National Charter. The troop's former national number was Troop 446. Prior to 1957, Troop 3 had attained the number 3 but then the National Council made all units switch to a 3 digit number, thus the number 446. At the time of the merger, Venture Crew 3 also came into existence for any Troop 3 scouts who were 14 years of age and a Star Scout. Today Crew 3 is a filming crew as well as a high adventure crew.

THEME:
HISTORY

- ASSIGNMENTS:**
- **Pre-Opening:** Iron Potatoes
 - **Opening:** Professional NSP
 - **Closing:** PAW
 - **Service:** Louie's Guards

SCOUT SKILL:
CAMPING SKILLS

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Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
9/2 No Meeting 9/5: TLC 9/9 Troop Meeting 9/12: Staff Meeting 9/16: Troop Meeting 9/23: Troop Meeting 9/30: Troop Meeting	9/7: Lobster Pot 9/14: Library Bazaar	9/20-9/22 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome	9/11: Roundtable	9/7 & 9/8: ILST Training at HBC 9/14: 70th Anniversary Picnic 9/28 Camporee Prep

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

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