

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

I tend to read a lot about a great many things. I recently read an article about some of the great things that scouting offers. I thought it was so interesting that I wanted to share some of it with you. I think sometimes we hear the negative about scouting and very rarely do we hear about all of the good things. I was so taken by this article because honestly, these are values I have been talking about for sometime and have seen it in my own son. So here we go.

Respect for Himself and Others: There is no denying that scouting teaches respect. Character development, ethical decision making and community service are basic aspects of scouting.

Good Role Models: When I talk about good role models, I don't necessarily mean adults. While the adults in this troop are good role models, I'm more thinking about the scouts in this troop. Take a look at the older scouts and you will see that they are all good citizens and I would depend on them to do any task. That is what I hope every scout turns out to be. **A sense of Independence:** A simple look at the patrol method will show any one watching that scouts are independent. They have to pack for themselves, plan meals for themselves, cook for themselves and build a team (their patrol) on their own. Each of these things they learn to do without adult intervention. Most boys of this age don't learn independence until later in life. **There is a Troop for Everyone:** I have often said that not every boy will want to join Troop 3. The most important thing is that they find a troop that they fit and that fits them. Different troops have different programs. This is the great thing about scouting, there truly is a troop for everyone. **Scouts have to be self starters:** No one is going to tell a scout that they have to have something done. If a scout wants to advance, then adults will do everything in their power to assist, but the reality is that scouts have to want to participate and therefore naturally have to be self starters. **Boys Create Friendships with others like them:** This more than anything is one of the great things about scouting. My son created life long friends through scouting. I have seen patrols stick together for 7 years and even outside of scouting these boys were friends. I see it even now with the boys in this troop.

These are just some of the reasons that boys should be a part of this incredible program. I would not still be here if I didn't believe in the great things that scouting does for youth.. I encourage all of our families to spread the word about the positive aspects of Scouting BSA.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Washington District Camporee



Our outing for the month of October will keep us very close to home. The Washington District Camporee will be held the weekend of October 18-20 at College Settlement on Witmer Rd in Horsham. Troop 3 will play a big role in this years Camporee. We have spent a considerable amount of time planning the Saturday morning Obstacle Course Challenge. The cost of the camporee is \$18.00. This cost is fixed by Washington District and no matter how long you will be at the Camporee, every participant must pay the cost. The reservation will be made in the first week of October. Once I have made the reservation and paid the cost, everyone who committed must pay the fee. This will be a patrol feed weekend and there will be an additional cost for that. Because we will be so close to home, and I am aware that there are a number of other events this particular weekend, scouts and scouters may choose to stay for only portions of the weekend. Please speak to me about this if your son is in this situation.

Pancake Breakfast

Our fall Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday October 5, 2019 in Fellowship Hall. We will begin serving pancakes at 8:00 AM and will serve until 11:00 AM. Mr. Lavelle has already distributed tickets for the breakfast but you can always get more or you can get them at the door. All proceeds from this event will go to the individual scout accounts. On top of that, the product that we put out is among the best around. Tell your families, friends and neighbors to join us if they want a truly outstanding breakfast. The cost of tickets is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. We will need some help with setup, serving and cleanup. If you are able to help, please see Mr. Lavelle.

Semi Annual Parents Night

On Monday October 7, 2019, we will hold our semi-annual parent's night in the sanctuary. We will spend the night reviewing our advancement over the last 6 months, and a number of other recognition's. In addition, we will view a multi-media presentation of all of the great things we have done since we last gathered in April. Parent's night will begin at 7:30 PM. I encourage all of our parents to join us for this great event followed by refreshments in fellowship hall. We could use some help at 6:30 PM to set up fellowship hall. If you have the ability please meet us there and help out.

Halloween Party

We will hold our annual Halloween Party on Monday October 28 beginning at 7:15 PM. There are a number of great activities planned for that night. I encourage our scouts to come in costume for the costume parade. We will have games, and refreshments with some prizes. This is one of the great holiday traditions in Hatboro Troop 3. Please plan on joining us.



PAST EVENTS:

September Service

I want to thank everyone who took part in our September Service Projects. The first service project was on Saturday September 7, 2019. We again parked cars for the Hatboro Rotary Clubs Lobster Pot. Those that came out to help included: Brady Brzowski, Apollo Marks, Jesse Senegetto, Erich Reichner, Tom Dutill, Ethan Stanzilis, Josh Summer, Dean Barbor, Ivan and Isacc Kakiko, John Jevit, Evelyn Caetano, Bob Lee, Brian Dutill, Chris Marks and Bob John. Then on Saturday September 14, 2019 we again helped the Hatboro Library with their fall Library Bazaar doing setup and takedown. This was especially challenging since take down was in the middle of the 70th Anniversary. Those helping with the library bazaar included: Cameron Arbuckle, Josh Summer, Michael Brown, Jesse Senegetto, Andrew Marks, Ethan Stanzilis, AJ Larsson, Tyler Larsson, Keith Grimes, Evelyn Caetano, Dan Marks, John Jevit, Jim Brown, Gary Summer and Scott Larsson for the morning. Those helping in the afternoon included: Nate Snyder, Manis Date, Apollo Marks, Jason Caetano, Kavish Singh, Jack Thompson, Brody Sweigard, Ethan Stanzilis, Jesse Senegetto, Michael Brown, Dan McKay, Kevin McKay, Bob Jones, Jim Brown, Keith Grimes, Vinnie Singh, Jared Snyder, Evelyn Caetano, John Jevit and Gary Summer. Thanks to everyone who helped with either of these projects.

70th Anniversary Picnic



On Saturday September 14, 2019 we gathered as a Troop at College Settlement where we celebrated our 70th Anniversary. We had beautiful weather and College Settlement was a fantastic venue for the picnic. This event took a lot of work to put together and I especially want to thank Ryan Kephart for his work. His attention to detail for even the smallest issues were great and because of his work, the day turned out to be just outstanding. In addition, Ryan's wife Wendy built the centerpieces and helped out for most of the day in the kitchen. Nate Kephart was also a big help in the kitchen as was AJ and Maureen Larsson and Dawn Batman. Thanks to all of them.

Charles Zimmerman and Dave Lutz both attended. Charlie and Dave were scouts in Troop 3 way back in the late 1950's. It was great to see Charlies collection. Thanks to Dave and Charlie for being a part of the day. Bob John also was a big part of the event with his collection and supplying audio for the formal ceremony.

As you know, we recognized four scouters for their work with Troop 3 over the years. There are so many people that work hard in this troop and selecting these 4 was a difficult task, but in the end, Dan Murphy, Mike Bernard, Mike Balot and John Jevit have given so much over the years to Troop 3. Congratulations to Dan, Mike, Mike and John and thanks for your incredible service.

Finally, we thank Karen and Mark Bonner for hosting this troop and to everyone who came out and spent any part of the day, thank you for your support and being a part of the Troop 3 family.

Introduction to Leadership Skills Training

On September 7 and 8 Mr. Grimes, Mr Marks and I met with all of our Junior Leaders and presented them with

the new Introduction to Leadership Skills Training. This training was mandated as a per-requisite to NYLT. We spent 6 hours with our junior leaders teaching them about leadership, team building and the mission of not only Scouts BSA but also the mission of Troop 3. After the weekend was over we felt that our leaders had learned quite a bit about leadership and about themselves. We will be looking to further evaluate this program. Thanks to all of our junior leaders who came out and took part in this important training.



Rhinebeck Trip



Over the weekend of September 20-22 Troop 3 traveled to the beautiful Hudson River Valley of upstate New York. We spent the weekend at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. On Saturday morning we had a tour of the Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum which was followed by the Air Show. We enjoyed watching many of the old air craft fly including a flight by the replica of the Spirit of St. Louis. This aircraft can only fly when the weather is perfect and it was the perfect day on Saturday. This was a treat to watch this plane fly. In addition, Gary and Josh Summer, Apollo Marks and Andrew Marks all went up for a ride in an open cockpit bi-plane. On Sunday we traveled to Highland NY for a walk over the Hudson River before returning home. This is always a great trip and we had an absolutely beautiful weekend. Thanks to Mr. Balot for arranging the trip and to Mr. Kirsch, Mr. Summer, Mr Dan Marks and Mr. Batman for making the trip with us.

Recruitment Night

I want to thank everyone who came out to our Fall Recruitment night last Monday and assisted in hosting a number of cub packs. We had AOL's from Pack 17, 97 and 139 in Warminster. This turned out to be a great night with lots of fun and a great showcase for Troop 3. Special thanks to Dawn Batman who took care of the invites, and to Bob John and Chris Marks who helped set up the parking lot.

VT3 Events

Our VT3 crew has several events coming up this month. Please speak with Apollo Marks or Mr. John if you would like to participate. On October 11, 2019, they will be filming the Hatboro-Horsham Football game at HH's Steinley Stadium. They will also film the October 18, 2019 football game also at Steinley Stadium. Both of these events are at 5:30 PM. On October 19, 2019, they will be doing filming and a big show staging at the Philadelphia Scout Festival. This will begin at 9 AM at HBC for load up. Finally on October 26, 2019, they will film the Hatboro YMCA's Skeleton Skurry.

NEWS AND NOTES:

New Recognitions

As we announced at the 70th Anniversary Picnic, Troop 3 is instituting two brand new recognitions. For those that were not at the picnic, I explained that this was something that I have wanted to do for a long time and it seemed that the picnic was the proper place to announce this news. At the October parent's night, we will present the Robert M. John Scout of the Year Award. We have already received nominations from each patrol leader and the Senior Patrol Leader. Scouts were nominated based on who they felt best embodies the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. A small panel will evaluate the nominees and make a final decision. Then at the April parent's night we will present the David W. Cooper Honored Scouter Award. We will take nominations early next year and then decide which scouter will receive that award. The criteria for this award is the same as the Scout of the Year award.

New T-Shirts

Last year we produced the purple Anniversary shirts that were a big hit with our scouts. We have decided based on feedback to offer a new shirt again. This year the shirts will be pink with black print. This is the color scheme that the TLC overwhelmingly voted on. Once we know the exact cost, we will pre-order the shirts. Keep an eye out for more information on this.

New Troop 3 T-Shirt



Re-Charter Information

Mr. Dutill has recently given each scout and scouter a letter detailing the re-charter process for the troop. This is important information, please make sure that you read the letter carefully. Re-chartering is an important and lengthy process. We need your help to get this done in a timely manner. That all being said, we were recently informed by the Scout Executive of the Cradle of Liberty Council that the National office has made the decision to raise the cost of scouting. We don't yet know what the change will be. That decision is expected to be made by the end of October. What does this mean for us? We are not sure yet. We know that costs will go up and I have spoken with the Treasurer and the Committee Chair about this. We will discuss this issue further with the Troop Committee to decide what action we will take. In the mean time, please get your annual dues paid. Thank you for taking care of this.

H.A.T. PACKS



Last Winter, Troop 3 volunteered an evening at the Church of the Advent in Hatboro assisting the Staff at H.A.T. Packs in packing lunches for Hatboro-Horsham students who were in need of food on weekend. We had a great time with this service project and the staff at H.A.T. Packs loved having us. We have decided to do this again. We will be at the Church of the Advent on November 4. The menu for this particular day is quite lengthy and Mrs. Batman is currently organizing donations of either the menu items for monetary donations. If you would like to contribute to this very worthy cause (and I encourage you to

do so) please speak with Dawn Batman as soon as possible.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

Washington District Eagle Board of Review

Congratulations to Kevin Pylp who appeared before the Washington District Eagle Board of Review on Thursday September 26. Kevin completed his trail to Eagle when he successfully completed the Eagle Board. His application will now proceed to the National Office where it will be recorded. We will look to honor Kevin with his Eagle Ceremony in the Winter.



70TH ANNIVERSARY FACT:

In 1974, Troop 3 celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a large dinner held at Joseph's Catering in Horsham. There was also a 40th Anniversary event but the largest event came in 1999 when Troop 3 celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a full weekend of events including an encampment and large evening show held at Hatboro Park. For the 60th Anniversary, the Troop hosted a morning breakfast at Fellowship Hall the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 2009. We are looking forward to celebrating 75 years in 2024.

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THEME:
COOKING

- ASSIGNMENTS:**
- **Pre-Opening:** Boxing Marshmallows
 - **Opening:** Iron Potatoes
 - **Closing:** Professional NSP
 - **Service:** PAW

SCOUT SKILL:
None

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
10/1 TLC 10/7: Parents Night at HBC 10/10 Staff Meeting 10/14: Troop Mtg 10/21: Troop Mtg. 10/28: Troop Mtg		10/18 - 10/20 District Camporee	10/9: Roundtable	10/5: Pancake Breakfast at HBC

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