

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

I have been thinking a lot lately about my role as scoutmaster and how I can be a person that can make a difference. I believe that everyone should try to be that person and in order for us to make a difference we have to understand what making a difference means. So simply put, making a difference means to do something that is important or to do something that helps people or makes the world a better place. As we move into the month of November, we celebrate two very important days. The first is Veteran's Day. This is the day set aside by Congress to remember and thank all of our Veterans for making a difference in all of our lives. It is because of these courageous men and women and we as a nation are free to speak our minds, gather in public places or to pray any way we want. We will celebrate our Veterans at our Monday meeting on November 11. I encourage everyone to speak to a veteran. Ask them about their service and then remember to say thanks for that service. You may never know how just a kind word from you can make a difference in someones life.

In the month of November we also celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a day that has been set aside by Congress as a way to give Thanks for all of the blessings that we as a people have received. Sadly, there are many that don't have the ability to celebrate Thanksgiving with family. There are so many people that have a need at this time of the year and our food pantries find it difficult to keep up. The Boy Scouts of America as an organization developed "Scouting for Food" as a way to help ease the pain of so many who have a need. You can make a difference in these peoples lives. We will begin our Scouting for Food Campaign on November 4. Please do your best to help make a difference in the

**"One person can
make a difference,
and everyone
should try."**

— John F. Kennedy

lives of so many people that you may not even know. And speaking of making a difference in the community, H.A.T. Packs comes up also on November 4. There are so many young people in the HH community that are food insecure and now H.A.T. Packs is making a difference in their lives. Please don't forget about this important event.

"Don't sit around and wait for someone to make a difference, be the difference".

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Speedwell Forge Wolf Preserve

Our trip this month will take us to Lancaster County where we will visit the Speedwell Forge Wolf Preserve over the weekend of November 15-17. We will camp at Scout Camp and then visit the Wolf Preserve on Saturday. This was a trip that we have never tried and it looks like it will be a great weekend. The cost for this trip is only \$30/scout or scouter. This does not include your food costs as it will be patrol cooking. Mr. Lavelle has already prepared a flyer for this trip so if you are interested, please speak with him. There is a limited time to plan this trip due to the busy schedule for the beginning of November. Patrol leaders may need to take some of the responsibility and plan without the benefit of a troop meeting.



Veteran's Night



Our Veterans Night celebration will take place on Veterans Day, Monday November 11, 2019. Originally called Armistice Day, this day was set aside to remember the sacrifice of all of our nations vets. This is a Troop 3 tradition that goes back a number of years. Mr. McKay has made some additions to the Wall of Honor and so I encourage all of our scouts and scouters to attend this important night as we honor all Veterans, but especially those that are a part of the Troop 3 family.

Scouting for Food

Our annual "Scouting for Food" food drive will begin on Monday November 4. Mrs. Schubert will be distributing door hangers that night. These should be placed on the doors of friends and neighbors and should indicate when you will return to pick up any food. The door hangers have been pre-printed with the dates of pickup for the same weekend that we will be at Speedwell Forge. Please don't be afraid to change the date to whatever works for your son. All food must be returned to the church on Monday November 18, 2019 where we will count it and sort it. Our food then goes to the



Lehman Church Pantry for distribution to the community. I encourage everyone to do their very best in helping to support the pantry. And speaking of Scouting for Food, Cub Pack 17 at Lehman Church is looking for some help to distribute door hangers. This will take place on Saturday November 9 at 9 AM. They will meet at Lehman Church. Then on November 16 they will again meet at Lehman to pick up any food. Please let me know if anyone will be attending.

Hatboro Holiday Parade

VT3 will continue a tradition of broadcasting the Hatboro Holiday Parade on Sunday November 24, 2019. This is the largest broadcast event that VT3 does each year and it takes many hands to get the job done. We will meet at the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad at 10:30 AM for the setup. The broadcast taping begins around 1:45 and the takedown will happen immediately upon conclusion of the parade. The entire day should be complete by 5 PM. If you would like to help with this event, please speak to Mr. John.

PAST EVENTS:

Washington District Camporee



We had a terrific weekend on October 18-20 at College Settlement. We spent the



weekend with other units in Washington District at the District Camporee. Troop 3 was responsible for the morning challenge which was an obstacle course. This was developed by ASM Ryan Walsh and I thank him for his hard work in putting it all together. In addition, a number of people helped Ryan build puzzles or other challenges including Keith Grimes, and Dan Marks and of course Ryan's dad, Rob Walsh. It was a challenging course for most units and I am happy to report that Troop 3 won the challenge. In addition, Troop 3 was second in the lunch challenge and placed 3rd overall. Thanks to Jimmy McGlumphy, Alex Zadroga, Manas Date, Nathan Kephart and Tyler Larsson for putting together a very nice lunch to be judged. Alex Zadroga also did a very nice job in teaching cub packs the art of fire

building. It was a challenging weekend on many fronts but I thank all of the adults that took part in judging the obstacle course or who stayed the weekend.

Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday October 5, 2019 we held our Fall semi-annual Pancake Breakfast. Mr. Lavelle works very hard to make this event happen each Spring and Fall. This breakfast does not benefit the troop in any way. All of the money earned goes directly to the scouts. I want to thank Mr. Lavelle for his hard work as well as the scouts and scouters who came out to cook, serve and clean. Mr. Lavelle will have a full breakdown of the money that each scout earned to their accounts. Please check with Mr. Dutillel if you would like to know.

Semi- Annual Parent's Night

On Monday October 7, 2019, we celebrated with our parents all of the accomplishments of Troop 3 over the last six months. There was quite a bit to celebrate. We acknowledge every merit badge and rank advancement since April and also some other great achievements. In addition we presented our very first Robert M. John Scout of the Year award. The nominees for this award included Riley Russell, Michael Brown, Jason Caetano, Nathan Kephart, Jesse Senegeto and Josh Summer. A huge congratulations to all of our nominees. The recipient of the Robert M. John Scout of the year award was Jesse Senegeto. Congratulations Jesse. Speaking of Mr. John, he spent a considerable amount of time putting together the multi-media show. I thank Bob for his incredible work. I also want to thank Chris Marks, Bob Lee and Kevin McKay for pitching in for Bob when he was away. This was Dan Marks first Parent's night as Troop Committee Chair and he did a tremendous job. Thanks to Dan for his hard work.

VT3 Events

Our VT3 crew was very busy in October. On October 11, 2019, they went to the Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School and filmed the HH v. Cheltenham Football game. Working that game were Apollo Marks, Cameron Arbuckle, Greg Howanetz, Chris Marks, Bob Lee and Mike Moore.

On October 18, 2019 VT3 was again at HH doing the HH v. Quakertown Football game. Working that game were Apollo Marks, Charlie Batman, Jesse Senegeto, Cameron Arbuckle, Michael Brown, Deb Schubert, Kevin McKay, Bob Lee, Chris Marks, and Bob John.

Next up was the Philadelphia Scouting Festival on Saturday October 19, 2019. There are a large number of people involved with this event. Thanks to Doug Sams for the use of a trailer. Helping to load were Marcus Malloy, Dan Murphy, Kevin McKay, Chris Marks and Bob John. Then the festival staff included Bruce McCaffrey, Kevin McKay, Bob Lee, Apollo Marks, Chris Marks, Dave Cooper and Bob John. Finally, to help in the unloading were Chris Marks, Dan Murphy, Kevin McKay, Dan McKay and Bob John. Thanks to everyone for helping with this Council event.

The last two events for the month took place on October 25. The first was the Skeleton Skurry and helping with that were Apollo Marks, Bob Lee, Kevin McKay and Bob John, the

later that afternoon, Apollo and Chris Marks, and Bob John filmed the Horsham Township Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Thanks to everyone involved with VT3 for working on all of these events.

NEWS AND NOTES:

New Fee Schedule from the National Office

As I am sure everyone knows by now, the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America announced the new fee schedule beginning in 2020. How does this effect Troop 3 and the coming year? Well most importantly you should understand that while the change is effective for 2020, the Cradle of Liberty Council has decided to subsidize the increase this year for currently registered scouts and scouters. That means that for each of us, there will be no change this year. Beginning in the 2021 scouting year, the amount will go from \$33.00/scout to \$60.00/scout. The increase for scouters will go from \$33.00 to \$36.00. Again, because of the councils subsidy, this will be in effect only for the 2020 year. Everyone will need to pay the additional costs in 2021. If you have questions or concerns please let me know.

New T-Shirts

We are currently taking orders for the new T-shirts pictured here. An email went out a few weeks ago with an order form. You can still order one of these shirts if you would like. Please check with Mr. Grimes or Mr. Dutill. The cost of the shirt is \$10.00



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. We will be completing the re-charter process in the month of November. As noted above, the fee's will remain at last years rate due to the Council subsidy. Please return all payments to Brian Dutill as soon as possible. **IMPORTANT: All scouters who were previously registered with the BSA and who will re-register, must complete the new Criminal Background Check form. If you have not already done so, please see either Mr. Dutill or Mr. Grimes. Your re-charter will not be complete without this form.**

H.A.T. PACKS



We will be meeting at the Church of the Advent at York Rd and Rorer Ave in Hatboro on Monday November 4. The TLC had indicated that they wanted to do another H. A.T. Packs night and so we schedule for that night. There are many students in the Hatboro-Horsham School District who are food insecure. H.A.T. Packs now reaches every school in the District. Please join us on November 4 and help with this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, please see Dawn Batman or contact her at dawnie826@yahoo.com

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

Hatboro-Horsham High School Cross Country Team

Huge congratulations to the Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School Cross Country Team. Two of our scouts, Nathan Kephart and Andrew Larsson are both a part of this team. The Cross Country Team completed in the SOL (Suburban One League) American Conference. They move onto they then moved onto the District One Championships at Lehigh on Friday October 25, 2019 where they placed 8th. Congratulations Nathan and Andrew.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



these individuals.

Nick Wagner - 11/3
 Nate Snyder - 11/5
 Keith Grimes - 11/16
 Andrew Marks - 11/17
 Tyler Larsson - 11/18

I wanted to start something new with the newsletter and so I thought what a better way then to announce our monthly birthdays. So, Happy Birthday to each of

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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THEME:
ANIMAL STUDY

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

SCOUT SKILL:
None

| Meetings | Service | Camping | District/ Council Events | Other |
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| 11/4 Troop Mtg. 11/5 TLC 11/11: Vets Night 11/14 Staff Meeting 11/18: Troop Mtg 11/25: Troop Mtg. | 11/4 - HAT Packs 11/24 VT3 Hatboro Holiday Parade 11/28 VT3 HH v UM Football at UM | 11/15-11/17 - Speedwell Forge | 11/13: Roundtable | |