

# HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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## Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

**Celebrating 110 years of the Boy Scouts of America (Scouts BSA):** On Friday, February 8, 2020, Scout units all across the country will celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the Founding of the Boy Scouts of America. As the nation's top serving youth organization, the BSA continues to educate on the principles of Scouting while creating value for thousands of young men, and now young women, all over this nation. Troops, packs and crews will celebrate this momentous occasion in various ways this month. I have spoken of the story of the unknown scout several times in this newsletter, however, as we now celebrate 110 years, the story bears repeating.



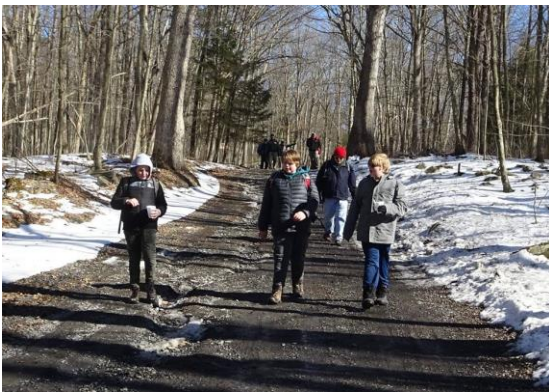
The story of the "Unknown Scout" remains a significant part of honoring BSA's rich history. As the story goes, American businessman William Boyce lost his way while walking the foggy streets of London in 1909 when a boy offered to guide him to his destination. Boyce wanted to pay him for his good deed, but the boy politely refused. The boy explained that he was a Scout and that they do not accept money for doing good turns. Eager to learn more, Mr. Boyce met with Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement in Great Britain. Boyce knew that boys in America would like the idea too, so he brought Scouting to the United States.

William D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America under the laws of the District of Columbia on February 8, 1910, and every year we commemorate the special day.

Like many Scout units, we will also celebrate the founding of Scouting with our chartering organization on Sunday, February 9, 2020 during Scout Sunday services. This is an important function for Troop 3. Please read further for more information on Scout Sunday.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

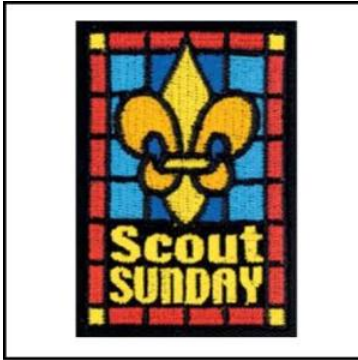
### Resica Falls Trip



Our February Trip will take us once again to the Resica Falls Scout Reservation. We have reserved the Firestone Cabin for our trip and we will hold a morning hike to Signal Mountain and of course we will open the rifle range for anyone that wants to do some shooting. In addition, we will have a campfire with an OA tapout on Saturday night. We have lots of free time on this trip, so scouts can bring games and cards to play. It is also an excellent time to work on advancement. We will also open the range again on Sunday morning before we depart for home. We may have a 2nd hike to Pine Mountain before we depart. It is a full weekend. We will depart from Hatboro Baptist Church on Friday, February 14 at 6:30 PM and will return in the early afternoon of Sunday, February 16. The cost of the trip is \$32.00/person and this includes all transportation and meals as it will be a troop feed. The flyer for the trip is now available so if anyone wants to attend, please speak with Mr. Rob Walsh. This is always a great trip, so I encourage everyone to consider going. I have included a link to the flyer here <http://www.hatborotroop3.org/resica-falls-214-16/>



### Scout Sunday



Each year, Troop 3 joins with the congregation at Hatboro Baptist Church to celebrate scouting and its role as a part of the youth ministry at HBC. This event is always celebrated around the time of the Birthday of the Scouting movement. This year, the BSA celebrates its anniversary on Saturday February 8th and therefore, Scout Sunday at HBC will be Sunday February 9, 2020.

Troop 3 will be involved in all aspects of the liturgy that day. We will act as greeters, readers, singers and will speak to the congregation about our journey through scouting with God. In addition we will have our annual charter presentation to the congregation. Mr. Bob Jones, our Troop Chaplain and our

Troop Chaplain's Aide, Jack Thompson have met with Pastor Doug and are working hard on the plans for this very important day. I encourage everyone to come out and participate. The service will begin at 11:00 AM and scouts should arrive by 10:30 AM so that we can get organized. Scouts and scouters should wear a full class A uniform for this event including the troop neckerchief. Please note that you don't have to be actively involved in the liturgy, however your presence that day is what is important. If you would like to be involved, please speak with Jack Thompson.

## PAST EVENTS:

### Ft. Indiantown Gap Trip



Over the weekend of January 10-12, 2020, Troop 3 traveled to Ft.

Indiantown

Gap. We had what was one of the best trips I had ever been on. 12 scouts and 7 scouters went along. On Saturday morning we drove to Harrisburg where we visited the State Capitol and had a great tour of the building. Then it was off to the State Museum and lunch at Strawberry Square. After lunch we visited the final day of the Pennsylvania Farm Show where we saw some animals, some butter sculpture and a logging competition in the arena. On Saturday night we rented a bowling alley for some fun and then on Sunday morning had a tour of the air maintenance training facility and some time in a helicopter flight simulator.

A huge thank you to Mr. Mike Balot who put the plan together and to the other scouters who went along including, Mr. Grimes, Mr.



Dan Marks, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Ehly and Mr. Jones.

### Bear Creek Family Ski Night

A huge thank you to Mr. Garry Pfeil for organizing our annual Bear Creek Family Ski night. This is a big undertaking in getting forms signed, tickets purchased and then distributed a Bear Creek, A number of our families took advantage of this great event and had a fantastic night of skiing at Bear Creek.

### NEWS AND NOTES:

#### Pennsylvania Child Protection Law

In 2015, Scout Leaders across the Commonwealth were required to comply with the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law. At that time, every scout leader (including every leader in Hatboro Troop 3) was required to submit a criminal background check, a Department of Welfare check on child abuse investigations and an FBI clearance or if you have lived in Pennsylvania for 10 years, a waiver. Those checks were only good for 5 years and therefore, if you submitted one in 2015 they are due again in 2020. If you are unsure, please speak with either Keith Grimes, Brian Dutillel or myself.

#### Ham and Turkey Supper

The date of this year's Ham and Turkey Supper is March 7, 2020 and it takes the entire troop to make this work. We planned this date to avoid conflicts with school calendars. **We ask everyone (scouts, scouters, and parents) to mark the date as we need your help**. We are currently working on a sign up genius so that parents and staff will be able to sign up for a time to work. We will publish the link as soon as it goes live. Please do your part and sign up for a time slot. Tickets were distributed by Mr. Kirsch on January 20, 2020. If you have not yet received tickets, please see Mr. Kirsch. This is the only fundraiser we have over the course of the year that funds troop operations directly (pancake breakfasts impact individual scouts) and therefore, we need all hands on deck to make this event successful. Funds raised through the Ham and Turkey Supper go towards awards, equipment replacement and repair, and camperships among other things. With fewer scouts on the charter this year, it will be even more important that we have everyone's participation. Ticket sales were down last year and we'd like to see a rebound this year. As every scout benefits from the funds raised, every scout should be selling their Ham and Turkey Supper tickets. Again, this is the only fundraiser of the year. Please put the date on your calendar now and make a commitment to participate. We thank everyone for the help.

## Remind (Please read this section as there is important communication info)

As some of you know by now, we are currently working to improve our communication with the Troop. To that end, our Senior Patrol Leader has established a method to communicate using an app called Remind. If your scout has not yet joined Remind, I would ask that they contact the Senior Patrol Leader as soon as possible so that they may receive timely information and reminders quickly. We intend on using this as a method for scouts to receive the newsletter as well. The site is administered by Nathan Kephart, however, he has included Keith Grimes, Dan Marks and myself as admins so that we may monitor what is being sent. This is intended as a way for the SPL to communicate to the scouts. In addition, Nathan has built a second remind class for scouters and parents so they will be able to receive timely information from the Troop Administration. If you would like to join the adult remind class, please contact me and I will give you instructions on how to join. I will not publish instructions on our website as we want that information to remain private. You can contact me via email at [bwaeltz@verizon.net](mailto:bwaeltz@verizon.net)

## David Cooper Honored Scouter Award

As we announced in September, the David W. Cooper honored scouter award is one of the two awards that we will present annually. This award recognizes scouters who live by the scout oath and scout law and are committed to making Troop 3 the best program for our youth. Any registered scouter can be nominated and nominations can be received by either a scout or another scouter, If there is someone you would like to nominate please speak to the Troop Committee Chair, Mr. Dan Marks. Nominations can be received through the end of February.

## Summer Camp 2020 at Resica Falls



It seems odd to be talking about summer camp in February, but it is really only 5 months away. We will spend the week of July 12 to July 18 at the Cradle of Liberty Councils Resica Falls Scout Reservation. The fee for this year's camp is \$475.00 for scouts and \$200 for adults. Mr. Dutill has set up a fee schedule with the first payment of \$100 due by February 3, 2020. Future payments of \$125 are then due in March, April and May. There are campership applications available this year from the Cradle of Liberty Council. Please see Mr. Dutill for information on those camperships. Summer camp is the most important trip of the year and so I encourage all of our scouts to attend. Resica Falls is an outstanding camp with

much to offer so I encourage all of our scouts to do their very best to attend.

## Owen Adams Campership

The cost of Summer Camp can be expensive. As a matter of fact, the cost of Resica Falls this summer is \$475.00 per scout. We can help with that cost. In 2016, Troop 3 established the Owen Adams Campership. Many people currently in Troop 3 didn't know Mr. Adams but he was a long time scouter, merit badge counselor and our troop medical officer. Owen loved scouting and especially camping. When he passed away, we established this award. Applications for the Owen Adams Campership are now available. Recipients will receive 1/2

the cost of the individual cost to attend camp. It can be used to attend either Resica Falls or Philmont. If you would like more information or an application, please see me.

## February Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Our February Troop Staff and Committee meeting will take place on Thursday February 13, 2020. As I previously reported, I will be stepping down in May, however, in order to replace me, the committee and staff must take an official vote. As of now, Keith Grimes has been nominated for the role of Scoutmaster, however, there may be another member of the staff who might also make a great Scoutmaster. If so, please speak to Mr. Dan Marks, Troop Committee Chair. At the February meeting, we will vote to accept the nomination for the 15th Scoutmaster of Troop 3.

## GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of February

Andrew Larsson 2/6  
Dustin Eriksson 2/6  
Ryan Finazzo 2/10  
Robert Jones 2/17  
Nathan Kephart 2/17  
James McGlumphy 2/18  
Alex Zadroga 2/19

Dan Murphy 2/4  
Chris Marks 2/7  
Franco Kakiko 2/12  
Bob Waeltz 2/13 - Thank you Dan Marks  
Bob Dieterly 2/18

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

[CLICK HERE FOR FEBRUARY CALENDAR](#)

**THEME:**  
FIREARMS

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

**SCOUT SKILL:**  
None

- **Pre-Opening:** Iron Potatoes
- **Opening:** PNSP
- **Closing:** PAW
- **Service:** Louie's Guards

<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Camping</b>	<b>District/ Council Events</b>	<b>Other</b>
2/3 Troop Mtg. 2/10 Troop Mtg 2/11 TLC 2/13 Staff Meeting 2/17 Troop Meeting 2/24 Troop Meeting		2/14 thru 2/16 Resica Falls S.R.	2/12 Roundtable	2/23 Crossover for Cub Pack 139