

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

Each year, Cub Packs all over this country host their annual Blue and Gold Banquets. They are usually held in February or March to coincide with the anniversary of Cub Scouting. Remember from the days when your own scouts were Webelos and how important that last Blue and Gold Banquet was.



I'm sure most everyone would remember that it was at that last Blue and Gold that they crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. The purpose of the Webelos scouting program, as I'm sure you will remember, is to prepare these boys for the excitement of the Boy Scout program. Most of these boys can't wait to join Boy Scouts and first impressions and how they are treated that first night set the tone for their time in any Troop.

Over the next few weeks, we will cross over several Webelos from Cub Packs into Troop 3. Not only is this an important time for these boys but it is an important time for us as a Troop.

I would bet that each of us remembers that night when we came to our first Troop meeting and the apprehension we might have felt. Well, over the next month these new scouts will feel that same apprehension. I encourage everyone to take a minute, introduce yourself and let's make these scouts feel welcome and a part of the Troop 3 family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ham and Turkey Supper

As everyone knows by now, our largest fundraiser and, in fact, one of our biggest events of the year takes place the first weekend in March. We have been talking about this event for weeks now and, yes, it has finally arrived. Saturday, March 7, 2020 is our annual Ham and Turkey supper. We have sent e-mails, and letters and talked about it. We need everyone's help. Scouts will be asked to report to HBC on Saturday morning at 9 AM to set up the dining room. They will need to be back at 3:30 PM for dinner service. Everyone will have a job and we will prepare the Scouts in proper serving techniques. As far as eating with families goes, Scouts may eat with their families, but I would ask that you consider the dinner service as well. Not everyone can eat at the same time so please consider dinner at 4 PM or at 6:30 PM. If someone absolutely needs to eat at other times, I would ask you to please speak with me so that we can work that out. Please remember that this dinner affects every scout and scouter. I would ask everyone to bear in mind that this event will carry us forward for the entire year. All of our advancement, equipment and program expenses come from this day. It is for this reason that this dinner is so important. It only works if we all work together. I thank everyone for their anticipated support of this event. Together, we can make it a great day!

Cub Pack 17 Crossover

Our second Cub Scout Crossover will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Lehman Church. At that time we will cross over two Arrow of Lights into Troop 3. I will need some assistance with this crossover. The crossover is tentatively scheduled for 3 PM but I will be getting more information on this. If you would like to help with this event, please let me know.

Manassas Trip



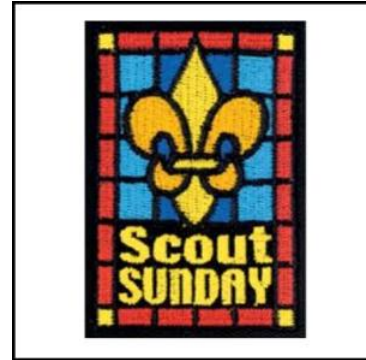
Our trip in March will take us to the Manassas National Battlefield in Manassas, VA. We will depart on Friday evening, March 20, and head to Camp William B. Snyder in Haymarket VA. On Saturday, we will travel to the Manassas National Battlefield where we will tour the battlefield on foot. On Sunday before coming home we will go to the US Marine Corps National Museum. This looks like a great weekend. The cost is \$30.00/Pearson. Most of this cost covers transportation and lodging. Both the Battlefield and the Museum are free. A flyer is out currently

so if you would like to attend please let me know. All final reservations and money are due on Monday March 16. This will be a patrol camping event, so food will be an additional cost.

PAST EVENTS:

Scout Sunday

I want to thank everyone who came out to Scout Sunday on February 9th at Hatboro Baptist Church. We had so many great comments from the church staff. Mr. Bob Jones and our Chaplains Aide, Jack Thompson, did a fantastic job in planning this event and then carrying out the plan. I also want to thank everyone who participated, including Robert Jones who did scripture reading, Jesse Senegeto who talked about his journey with God through scouting and our greeters, color guard and ushers. I also thank Mr. Mark Kirsch who did an outstanding children's sermon and Mr. Dan Marks who talked about his journey with God through scouting.



Resica Falls Trip



We had a great weekend at Resica Falls last month. There were 47 scouts and scouters who came for

the weekend and then a few more for the day on Saturday. It was a great weekend weather wise, although a little chilly. We completed a 5 mile hike around the reservation and did quite a bit of shooting at the rifle and shotgun range. In addition, we held an OA Tapout Ceremony, where we tapped out several scouts and scouters for admission to Unami Lodge 1. Scouts included Jack Thompson, Nate Snyder and Jesse Senegeto and the Scouters included Jared Snyder and Dan Marks. We also hosted Troop 818 from St. Catherines Church in Horsham for dinner, OA TApout and campfire. It was great to spend the evening with these scouts. There are so many people that were a part of putting this weekend together. They included Bob and Jeff Dieterly, Jim Lavelle, Jim Brown and Brian Ehly who ran the range, Dan Murphy and Keith Grimes who organized the hike and of course all of the other adults who went along. A huge thank you to Mr. Rob Walsh who put it all together.



Pack 139 Crossover

On February 23, 2020 several members of the Troop went to the Cub Pack 139 Blue and Gold Banquet where we crossed over into scouting, Leo Baranowski. Leo's father, Eric, was a member of Troop 3 many years ago and we are proud to have the next generation join the Troop 3 family. Eric will be joining us as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Welcome Leo and Eric. I want to thank the scouts and scouters who came out to assist in the crossover. They include Ivan Kakiko Jesse Senegeto, Andrew Marks, Tom Dutil, Kenny Kirsch, Riley Russell and Dan Marks, Jared Snyder, Brian Dutil, Jim Yankowski and Mark Kirsch.



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. We will be receiving a complete list of everyone who is in need of updating their Background checks soon. We will then notify those in need, but the general rule is, if you completed them in 2015, you will need them this year. In addition, most everyone will be due to renew your Youth Protection Training this year. If either of these items expires and you don't renew them you will not be permitted to attend BSA events. If you are unsure, please speak with either Keith Grimes, Brian Dutil or myself.

Order of the Arrow



ORDEAL

In late January we held our OA election. At that time we as a troop selected several scouts to join Unami Lodge 1, the OA Lodge of the Cradle of Liberty Council. As is the tradition of Hatboro Troop 3, we held an OA Tapout at our Resica Falls Trip in February. Tapped out at that time were Scouts Nate Snyder, Jack Thompson and Jesse Senegeto along with Scouters Jared Snyder and Dan Marks. Candidates now have 1 year to complete their ordeal and become full members of the lodge. Several of our candidates have already signed up for the lodge service weekend at Musser the first weekend in April. The theme of the weekend is Outwit, Outlast, Outplay. If you are a member of the lodge and would like to attend, please go to unamilodge.org to register.

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

Summer Camp 2020 at Resica Falls



Summer camp is quickly approaching and payments are now due. 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. Dutil has set up a fee schedule with the first payment of \$100 was due by February 3, 2020. If you haven't made this payment and want to go to camp, please take care of this. 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. Dutil for information on those camperships. Summer camp is the most important trip of the year and Resica Falls is an outstanding camp with much to

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

BSA Bankruptcy and Re-organization

As most everyone knows by now, the Boy Scouts of America filed for bankruptcy two weeks ago. The BSA said in their statement on the bankruptcy, "The BSA has an important duty to keep children safe, supported and protected while preparing them for their futures, and the organization has every intention of continuing to fulfill these important responsibilities." What this means for each of us is that Scouting at the local level and the council level will not change. As Scoutmaster, I remain committed to providing the very best program for our scouts and I know both Mr. Marks and Mr. Grimes join me in that commitment. I thank everyone for continuing to have faith in the troop and the adult staff. If anyone ever has any concerns, I ask you please bring it to my attention, or the attention of Mr. Marks or Mr. Grimes.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

44th Annual Keith Valley Challenge

A huge congratulations to 6 of our scouts who participated in the 44th Annual Keith Valley Challenge on Friday February 21, 2020. This is a rite of passage for these 8th grade students, something that many students look forward to for their entire 3 years at KV. Participating this year were Charlie Batman, Isaac Kakiko, Andrew Marks, Apollo Marks, Jack Thompson and Nick Wagner. Congratulations guys!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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

Kevin Pylyp 3/6
Manas Date 3/22

George Fesmire 3/10
Dan Marks 3/19
Bob Jones 3/25
Matt Atras 3/30

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

[CLICK HERE FOR MARCH CALENDAR](#)

THEME:
PATROL CAMPING

ASSIGNMENTS:

- **Pre-Opening:** Boxing Marshmallows
- **Opening:** Iron Potatoes
- **Closing:** PNSP
- **Service:** PAW

SCOUT SKILL:
None

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
3/2 Troop Mtg. 3/9 Troop Mtg 3/10 TLC 3/12 Staff Meeting 3/16 Troop Meeting 3/23 Troop Meeting 3/30 Troop Meeting		3/20 thru 3/22 Manassas VA Trip	3/11 Roundtable	3/7 Ham and Turkey Supper 3/14 Crossover for Cub Pack 17