

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

If you are like me, you are tired of sitting around the house, watching TV or reading or cleaning out a closet and you want to get back to a regular routine. For me, I want to get back to work, or go outside and take a hike, or go on a weekend camping trip and not have to worry about social distancing. In short, I want to return to scouting as quickly as we can, however, I also know that this can not happen until we are past this crisis. That doesn't mean however that scouting has to stop. The reality is that we will find new and inventive ways to bring scouting to our boys. Some things will be moved to later in the year, some events may be cancelled altogether, but trust that we will do our very best to continue the great things that scouting has to offer our scouts. We need to find new ways to bring them the scouting program and so I invite our scouts, scouters and parents to collaborate with us. If you have ideas for a virtual event, please share that with me. If you have a way to bring that virtual event to our scouts, please share that with me. I thank you in advance for helping out. As we look to re-schedule events, I would ask our families to please be flexible with us and understand that we will give you as much notice as we can. Until that time, I ask you all to stay healthy and practice social distancing in accordance with the guidance of the CDC. Scouting will still be here when this pandemic is over and quite possibly, may be the distraction that everyone will need.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Special Notice Regarding Advancement and Leadership

While we are in this era of Social Distancing and quarantine, I encourage each of our scouts to continue to work on Advancement. There is quite a bit of work that scouts can accomplish while at home. While I understand that they will be working on school work, I am also aware that this is not all day. I encourage our scouts to work on advancement and I encourage our parents to allow that to happen. If you complete something, please contact your patrol advisor so that it can be properly recorded in Scoutbook. Same is true for merit badges. There are a large number of merit badges that can be completed at home so please take advantage of this time. As you know, I started Saturday morning merit badge class this past week. I we spent about an hour and a half working on Traffic Safety. I would like to make other merit badges available so if anyone has a suggestion, let me know and I will attempt to make it work. I would like our scouts to also note that time for leadership and time for being active in the troop will continue to be calculated in accordance with current BSA policy. Should anyone have questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Parents Night

This event was scheduled for Monday April 6, 2020. As of now, this event will not happen on April 6, but it will not be cancelled. We are hoping to have our Spring Parents night some time in May. This is an important night as we were to celebrate a number of things including our first ever David W. Cooper Honored Scouter award, the Owen P. Adams Campership Award and the unofficial transition to a new Scoutmaster. It would be great to celebrate Troop 3 in a positive way after a return to a normal schedule. We will advise as soon as we decide on a date for Parents Night.

Round Valley Reservoir Trip

As of now Round Valley Reservoir is closed. It is not scheduled to re-open until at least April 30. Because of this, we will cancel our Round Valley Reservoir Trip. This will most likely not be re-scheduled in this program year. That being said, we are scheduled to have a work day at Spruce Run Outpost the weekend of April 25 and there is a possibility that we will take the Troop to Spruce Run sometime in May. More to come on this as we get closer.

Mulching at HBC

We are scheduled to mulch the beds at HBC on Saturday April 4, 2020. As of now, we will not be mulching on April 4. The church has told us that their spring cleanup has been cancelled and this project was to take place after that. We will need to consult with the church as to when this event might be re-scheduled. It is possible that we will now do this in May depending on how things develop. More to come on this event also.

PAST EVENTS:

Ham and Turkey Supper

We were very fortunate to get this event in before everything had to be cancelled and what a great day we had. This year's Ham and Turkey Supper was one of the most well attended in recent years. Many thanks to everyone who played any part in making this day so successful. This includes Scouts, Scouters, Parents and many other volunteers. I especially want to thank Mr. Mark Kirsch who did a great job handling all of our ticket sales this year. Mark's attention to detail was outstanding. I want to thank Lea Stremme who handled our Sign up Genius. Although Lea was not at the dinner, she did arrange for Dave Patchell to handle all of our kitchen management. Thanks to both Lea and Dave for doing great work. Finally, the Dieterly family. Bob, Jeff and Krissy were there early in the morning and spent most of the day cooking and then Barb came to help in the kitchen during service. A huge thank you to the entire family for your support of this event.

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 have received that list of those that must complete their background checks and the Troop Committee Chair has notified each by email. This would be a great time to get the background checks completed. 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. The forms needed to obtain the proper clearances can be found on our website, www.hatborotroop3.org.

Virtual Meetings

For the time being, every meeting we have will be virtual. This includes Troop Meetings, TLC meetings and Staff meetings. The platform on which these meetings will be held will be up to the host of the meeting. Everyone will receive instructions on how to join the meeting prior to the stated time of the meeting. At this point, Hatboro Baptist Church is not allowing us to use Fellowship Hall so this will remain in effect until that is changed by the church. I don't see us getting back to some regular meeting until sometime in May and perhaps June. We will also be re-scheduling Jason Caetano's Eagle Ceremony which was scheduled for April 23. Again, we will make this decision later in the month and will also consult with the Caetano family.

Welcome to our new Scouts

Most everyone is not aware, but since my last newsletter, we welcomed two new scouts to the Troop 3 family. It is unfortunate that we have not yet had the opportunity to welcome them in person, but we will do this as soon as we can. In the meantime, please join me in

welcoming Shawn Wanner and Evan Gaver who both crossed over from Pack 17. We will have an investiture ceremony as soon as possible. Welcome Shawn and Evan.

Summer Camp 2020 at Resica Falls



Summer camp is quickly approaching and as of this writing there are no plans to cancel summer camp. That being said, 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 contact 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.

New Trailer

I know that some of you are aware, but I wanted to let everyone know that we are in the process of purchasing a new trailer. The troop committee has been searching for a double axle trailer for some time as it was the general feeling that the two current trailers were not sufficient especially when he had to haul a lot of gear. We will most likely be selling the small trailer and keeping the larger of the two for other events. We are not sure when we will actually receive the trailer due to all that is going on, but we have taken the necessary steps to procure it.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Advancement during the shutdown

I want to congratulate Josh Summer and Kenny Kirsch. When the scouting shutdown started, we talked about how important it was that scouts continue their advancement trail and we would figure out how to do these things virtually. During the last week in March, Josh advanced to the rank of Star and Kenny advanced to the rank of First Class. Congratulations and thanks to those adult staff members who helped both of these scouts continue to advance. In addition, Kenny Kirsch completed Coin Collecting MB during the Stay at home period.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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

Charlie Batman 4/3
 Tom Dutil 4/11
 Colin McPoyle 4/15
 John Bosman 4/19
 Dean Barbor 4/25

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

There is no activity calendar this month. We will advise as events are scheduled or re-scheduled

THEME:
 FIRST AID

ASSIGNMENTS:

SCOUT SKILL:
 None

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

| Meetings | Service | Camping | District/ Council Events | Other |
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| TLC - 4/1 7:30 PM - Virtual | | | Roundtable 4/11 7:15 PM Virtual | |
| Troop Meeting 4/9 7:30 PM Virtual | | | | |
| Troop Staff - 4/9 7:30 PM Virtual | | | | |
| Troop Meeting 4/13 7:30 PM Virtual | | | | |
| Troop Meeting 4/20 7:30 PM Virtual | | | | |

Troop Meeting
4/27 7:30 PM
Virtual