

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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T3NL 20.5 May Newsletter

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

This month was supposed to be my final month as Scoutmaster of the troop. I am however, putting that departure off until the end of June as there are still some things I want to finish and I certainly don't want to leave without having the ability to talk to our scouts, scouters and parents in person. Either way, June 30 will mark the end of my tenure as Scoutmaster.



Covid-19 has presented all of us with new and difficult challenges. All of the things that we take for granted have suddenly disappeared. The simple act of going to the grocery store has filled many of us with anxiety and that is simply one example of the new life we are all living. For me, one of the most challenging things has been finding a way to keep a very active scout program moving when we can't even get together to go camping. So we continue to look for new ways to bring the scouting program to our youth. I have been energized by the fact that so many of our scouts are logging on every Monday night for our virtual troop meetings. I have been energized by the advancement work that continues. As a matter of fact, read further and you will see the great amount of advancement that is going on. We are always looking for new ways to make our virtual meetings better. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

It is my sincere hope that very soon we will be able to re-schedule some of the important events that have been put on hold. Most importantly, we are looking to do some sort of Spring Parents night with an investiture for our new scouts and an Eagle Ceremony for Jason Caetano. We also will look to recognize Kevin Pylyp as soon as we can. We are also hoping to possibly spend a day together as a Troop in mid to late May doing some sort of day hike.

We will get through these difficult times together and before you know it, we will resume our great scouting program. Thank you all for continuing the great tradition of scouting in Troop 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Troop Re-organization



This is one event on the calendar that will not change. We are currently putting the finishing touches on a plan that will allow us to re-organize the troop on May 4. This means that we will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader and new Patrol Leaders and then re-organize into new patrols. We will do this virtually, and so I encourage everyone to log onto Zoom on May 4 to see who our new Junior Leaders will be.

2020-2021 Annual Plan

In addition to our troop re-organization, we will also continue the tradition of formulating our 2020-2021 annual plan. This will begin in mid May and will last until early June when the Troop Committee and Staff get their first look at the proposed plan. More information on this will come when we have re-organized the troop.

Re-scheduling of other Events

We are still hoping that some of the events that we had scheduled can be re-scheduled. We are currently looking to possibly mulch the beds at HBC but it will not take place on May 9. We will now look to the month of June for this. I now know that our canoe trip to the JUniata River will be cancelled, however, I have spoken with Mr. Kephart and there is some hope that we might be able to do something in June. We are also looking to re-schedule some time at Spruce Run, but again, this remains contingent upon containment of COVID-19. Our trip to Hershey Park in June is also in jeopardy since we are not sure if and when the park will re-open. We will of course communicate our schedule once we make decisions.

Camp Cards

A few weeks ago I sent everyone an email regarding this years Camp/Adventure Card Campaign. It looks a little bit different then last year but they are certainly available. You simply order on line at the link that was in the email and using the PIN number that was also provided. If you enter the scouts name and last initial (Robert W) funds can be added to the scouts account. Should you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to Kevin McKay our Camp/Adventure Card coordinator at kbmckay90@gmail.com.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Pennsylvania Child Protection Law

If your Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background check, your Child Abuse Background check or your FBI clearance have expired or will expire, you need to get these items completed now. You will not remain registered by the Cradle of Liberty Council without these items. Please bear in mind, that if you filed for a Child Abuse Clearance in 2015, you will need to make a new account to file for one in 2020. Everyone who is in need should have received an email by this point. If you have not yet completed this, please do so as soon as possible.

Virtual Meetings

Virtual troop meetings using the Zoom platform will continue through at least May 17, 2020. We will make changes to this schedule depending on the status of the lockdown. During our virtual meetings in May we will re-organize, work on the annual plan and as of now we will attempt a virtual campfire. I will continue to send a Zoom link each Sunday for the weekly troop meeting. We ask that everyone remain patient with us as this is still a relatively new concept for scouting.

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. Dutill has set up a fee scheduled 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. Dutill 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. If you would like to make a payment, you can mail a check to Brian Dutill at 209 Overlook Dr, Chalfont, PA 18914. You can also use Venmo @Brian-Dutill-1. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT MR DUTILL WILL MAKE THE FINAL PAYMENT ON MONDAY. ANYONE REGISTERING AFTER THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Advancement during the shutdown

We continue to have advancement during the shutdown of scouting activities and this month I am proud to report the following advancement.

Merit Badges: Dean Barbor, Leo Baranowski and Kenny Kirsch all earned Traffic Safety. Kenny Kirsch earned Citizenship in the Nation, Jesse Senegeto earned Personal Management and Tyler Larsson earned Citizenship in the World.

Rank Advancement: Riley Russell earned 2nd Class, Jesse Senegeto and Tyler Larsson earned Star and Jack Coughlin earned 2nd class. Congratulations to all of these scouts on continuing their advancement.

Congratulations

On behalf of the Troop, our scouts, scouters and parents, I want to congratulate our Troop Committee Chair, Mr. Dan Marks on his completion of his Woodbadge. Mr. Marks completed the classroom portion of Woodbadge in 2018 and more recently completed his "ticket." We will have a beading ceremony for Mr. Marks as soon as we possibly can. Congratulations Mr. Marks on a job well done.

Thank You

I want to thank all of the Troop 3 families that contributed so graciously to the impromptu food drive that we held for the Loaves and Fishes Pantry at Lehman Church. In these difficult times, many families are struggling and the pantry was in great need. On Wednesday April 22, 2020 we dropped off three carloads of food courtesy of our families. The workers at the pantry were so thankful because it meant that they would be able to assist families for probably another two weeks. The pantry accepts food every Wednesday from 10 AM to 12 noon. If you are so inclined, please help them out. I especially want to thank Bruce and Val McCaffrey, Evelyn and Jason Caetano and Bob McGlumphly for helping me out on Wednesday.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



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

Jack Thompson 5/3
Apollo Marks 5/15
Liam Murray 5/17

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

THEME:
CITIZENSHIP

ASSIGNMENTS:

SCOUT SKILL:
None

- Pre-Opening: PAW

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

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events
Troop Meeting 5/4 7:30 PM Virtual			Roundtable 5/13 7:15 PM Virtual
Troop Meeting 5/11 7:30 PM Virtual			
Troop Staff - 5/14 7:30 PM Virtual			
Troop Meeting 5/18 7:30 PM Virtual			
No Troop Meeting on 5/25 Memorial Day			