

# HATBORO TROOP 3

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JULY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

I'd like to start off my very first newsletter for thanking you for the trust you have placed in me to care for your Scouts and for the Troop. I am truly honored to have been selected for this opportunity, and I will do my best to ensure that Troop 3 continues to provide the fantastic program your Scouts, that it has for over 70 years. I also want to thank Mr. Bob Waeltz again for an incredible 5 years as our Scoutmaster. He is going to be a tough act to follow!

In this year of turmoil and uncertainty, Scouting has provided a constant for many of us. While there are bound to be some changes that come with new leadership, the most important parts of the program will remain the same: the wonderful and committed, Scouts, Scouters, and parents.

The scouting program has evolved over the last 110 years and continues to evolve to this day. It is important to me to retain our core values and meaningful traditions, while at the same time, adjusting to remain relevant in a changing world. There are many challenges ahead of us, but I am confident that together we will remain strong. I am excited to see what the future holds, and look forward to a great year with my first SPLs, Ivan Kakiko followed by Andrew Marks.

I wish you all a happy and safe 4th of July!

Yours in Scouting,  
Mr. Keith Grimes

## COVID-19 PROCEDURES:

As always, the safety of our Scouting family is of utmost importance. We are following State, Local, and Council guidelines when conducting in-person activities. All in-person activities are being held outdoors, masks are required when 6' social distance cannot be maintained, and we are conducting temperature screenings on all participants upon arrival. As always, if you are having symptoms (fever, shortness of breath, fatigue, diarrhea, etc.) or if you know you

have been exposed to Coronavirus in the last 2 weeks, please stay home and take care of yourself.

If you or someone in your household is immuno-compromised or if you are just not comfortable, it is ok to stay home. We would love to see everyone, but participation in troop activities is totally voluntary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Outdoor Troop Meeting - Scouts vs. Scouters Softball

We will be having an outdoor troop meeting on Monday **July 6th at 7:30 PM** at the ballfields at Deep Meadow Park in Horsham. Bring your glove and bat if you have one. Also be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks don't need to be worn on the field, but should be worn in areas when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

### TLC Meeting

On Tuesday **July 7th at 7:30 PM**, we will be holding our first in-person TLC meeting since March. Weather permitting we will be on the patio in Mr. Grimes's back yard where we can spread out.

### Troop Staff and Committee Meeting - 2020-2021 Annual Plan

On Thursday, July 9th the Troop Staff and Committee will meet via Zoom to vote on the new Annual Plan put together by the TLC over the last couple of months. The TLC worked hard planning our next program year, and it is important that we support what they have decided to do. All parents and leaders are welcome and encourage to participate. I hope you will join us on **July 9th at 7:30 PM**. Zoom link and instructions will be sent that week.

### Summer Camp at Summit Bechtel Reserve

The third time is a charm! Plans changed again, as Camp Rodney in Maryland adjusted to new requirements from their governor. We were able to secure a spot the same week at the James C. Justice Nation Scout Camp at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. We will be following all of the Camp's guidelines to mitigate risks to the maximum extent possible and ensure the safety of our troop and fellow Scouts. We have a long drive, so we will be meeting at **5 AM** on Sunday, **July 12th** at Hatboro Baptist for an early departure. We will return on Saturday, July 18th. If you are joining us, please check your email for important information sent by Mr. Dutill. There are special forms to be filled out ahead of time.

Please contact Mr. Dutill with any questions at [bdutill@verizon.net](mailto:bdutill@verizon.net).



### Andrew Larsson's Eagle Project

Andrew is constructing an outdoor information bulletin board near the pond at College Settlement. He will need help on Saturday, **July 18th from 9 AM to 4 PM** and again Sunday, **July 19th from 9 AM until it's done** . Please bring a mask, work gloves and a water bottle. Food and drinks will be provided.

### Outdoor Troop Meeting - Kickball/Wiffle Ball

We will be having an outdoor troop meeting on Monday **July 20th at 7:30 PM** at Hatboro Memorial Park (behind the pool, access from Monument Ave). Be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks don't need to be worn on the field, but should be worn in areas when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

### Outdoor Troop Meeting - Field Day

We will be having an outdoor troop meeting on Monday **July 27th at 7:30 PM** at a location yet to be determined. Watch your email and facebook for updates. We will be playing Field Day type relays with water balloons, etc. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks don't need to be worn on the field, but should be worn in areas when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

## 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 Summer Camp



If you are looking for additional advancement opportunities this summer, check out Resica Falls Virtual Camp: <https://resicafalls.org/virtual>

## GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

### Advancement

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 completed Emergency Preparedness and Citizenship in the Community.

*If you have any non-Scout related achievements that you would like me to share in the next Newsletter, please send me an email!*

### Service Project

On Saturday June 27th, we finally were able to mulch the gardens and flower beds around the Church. We also cleared out the brush and other junk on the side of the troop room where the trailers are parked. We had a tremendous turnout, and many hands made light work. Lots was accomplished in just 2 1/2 hours. Special thanks goes out to Mr. Carenzo for ordering the mulch and the dumpster, and organizing the day. Great job, everyone! The Church is very appreciative!

### Semi-Annual Parents Night

I want to thank Mr. John, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Waeltz for the huge effort that went into filming and editing all of the videos presented at our first ever virtual Parents Night held on June 29th. I also want to thank our SPL Ivan Kakiko and our ASPL Andrew Marks for moderating the festivities.



All of the hard work paid off, and we were able to present our long overdue Investiture, Kevin Pylyp's Eagle Court of Honor, Advancement Recognition, Presentation of the Owen Adams Camperships (congratulations Andrew Marks and Tommy Dutil) and David W. Cooper Honored Scouter Award (Congrats Mr. Kephart), and the OA Tapout.

We also held our Scoutmaster Transition Ceremony and a moving tribute to Mr. Waeltz, our new Scoutmaster Emeritus. It was a beautiful send off for Mr. Waeltz, who has poured his heart and soul into Troop 3 over last 5 years, and the virtual format worked amazingly well.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS



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

Kavish Singh 7/3  
Brady Brzowski 7/8  
Marcus Malloy 7/16  
Ben Iaia 7/19  
Isaac Kakiko 7/20

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**THEME:**  
Advancement

- ASSIGNMENTS:**
- Pre-Opening:
  - Opening:
  - Closing:
  - Service:

**SCOUT SKILL:**  
None

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
7/6 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Deep Meadow	7/18 Andrew Larsson's Eagle Project 9AM - 4 PM College Settlement	7/12-7/18 Summer Camp Summit Bechtel Reserve	7/8 Roundtable 7:15 PM Virtual	
7/7 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's	7/19 Andrew Larsson's Eagle Project 9AM - Finish College Settlement			
7/9 Troop Staff 7:30 PM Virtual				
7/13 No Troop Meeting				
7/20 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Memorial Park				
7/27 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM TBD				