



HATBORO TROOP 3 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

Well, my first month of being Scoutmaster of Hatboro Troop 3 is in the books, and I think I'll keep the job!

The outdoor meetings are running smoothly thanks to my top-notch SPL, ASPL and TLC, and I am especially happy to be out of virtual reality and back to actual reality. Summer Camp at the Summit Bechtel Reserve was a great experience, and Andrew Marks did an outstanding job as SPL for the week. It was wonderful to enjoy the company of friends, and be outside (even in the heat). A highlight of the trip for me was the hike to the seldom seen Summit Circle. In 2016, the original OA circle from Treasure Island was moved stone by stone to the Summit. The path in has engraved stones from OA lodges around the world, and our own Unami Lodge 1 has a special stone at the entrance. The attention to detail is truly incredible.

I am also looking forward to camping again this month and biking the Lehigh Gorge. It is sure to be a fun trip. Then again, they are all fun trips. The TLC put's a great deal of thought into all of the trips, and the best part is not really where we are going, but who we are with.

See below for the line up of great outdoor activities that we have planned for August!

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 health screening with temperature checks 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 - Beach Volley Ball & Advancement Recognition

We will be having an outdoor troop meeting on **Monday August 3rd at 7:30 PM** at Samuel Carpenter Park in Horsham. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks must be worn in areas when 6' distancing cannot be maintained. We will also be having a recognition ceremony for all of the advancement earned since the beginning of the year, that has not been awarded. This includes a Woodbadge Beading Ceremony for Mr. Dan Marks and Mr. Snyder.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th at 7:30 PM, will be our next TLC Meeting to discuss July and August and to plan September. Weather permitting we will be on the patio in Mr. Grimes's back yard where we can spread out.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

On **Thursday, August 6th at 7:30 PM** the Troop Staff and Committee will meet in person at Mr Dan Marks' mother's house. You can bring a swim suit if you like. Stay tuned to your email for the address.

Outdoor Troop Meeting - Orienteering

We will be having an outdoor troop meeting on **Monday, August 10th at 7:30 PM** at Luken's Park in Horsham. We will be setting up an orienteering course, so bring your compass. Also be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks must be worn in areas when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

August Trip - Hickory Run State Park and Biking at Jim Thorpe



Our August Trip will be biking the 26-mile D&L rail trail through the beautiful Lehigh Gorge and camping at Hickory Run State Park. We will meet in the HBC parking lot on **Friday, August 14th at 6:00 PM** and return **Sunday, August 16th around 3 PM**. All COVID-19 precautions will be in effect including minimizing people handling food as Patrols do their own cooking and tents will be restricted to one camper per tent.

The cost is only \$20 per person, plus the cost of Patrol Food.

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Waeltz at 215-206-0276 or bwaeltz@verizon.net. Sign up deadline is August 10th.

Outdoor Troop Meeting - Photo Scavenger Hunt

On **Monday August 17th at 7:30 PM** we will meet in the HBC Parking Lot. Patrols will be exploring downtown Hatboro on a Photo Scavenger Hunt. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks must be worn when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

Outdoor Troop Meeting - Pioneering

On **Monday, August 24th at 7:30 PM** we will meet in the HBC Parking Lot again. Patrols will receive instruction on knots and lashings, and then constructing cool things with rope and spar poles. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks must be worn when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

Outdoor Troop Meeting - Joint Troop Meeting

To cap off our Summer we are planning a Joint Meeting with Troop 81B & 81G and Troop 818 at Pennypack on **Monday, August 31st at 7 PM**. We are still working on details, but the current plan is to meet early to take advantage of daylight for Ultimate Frisbee. For safety no food will be served. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a mask. Masks don't need to be worn on the field, but must be worn in areas when 6' distancing cannot be maintained.

NEWS AND NOTES

2020-2021 Annual Plan

The Annual Plan for the 2020-2021 Program Year was approved by the Troop Committee last month. The new Program Year begins in September with a trip to Manassas National Battlefield. There are many other exciting trips coming up, including Summer Camp at Haliburton Scout Reserve in Ontario Canada! Please mark important dates on your family calendar. The full Annual Plan can be found on the troop website: <http://www.hatborotroop3.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-2021-Annual-.pdf>

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 as soon as possible. You cannot remain registered by the Cradle of Liberty Council without these items.

Please keep in mind that these documents are good for 5 year. 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 from Council.

If you have not yet completed this, please do so as soon as possible.

Contact Mr. Dutill or me if you have any questions.

Youth Protection Training

YPT training renewal is due for many of our adult staff in August and September 2020. Please be sure that you are up to date, as this is also needed for inclusion on the 2021 Troop Charter. Go to my.scouting.org to check your status and retake training.

Contact Mr. Dutill or me if you have any questions.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Advancement

With Summer Camp and other local opportunities, our Scouts have accomplished a ton of advancement in the month of July! Keep it up and complete your partials!

Rank Advancement:

Leo Baranowski earned Tenderfoot

Dustin Errickson earned Second Class

Merit Badges:

Calmeron Arbuckle earned Environmental Science and Mammal Study

Dean Barbor earned Citizenship in the Nation, Environmental Science, and Game Design

Michael Brown earned Environment Science, Nature, and Pulp & Paper

Jack Coughlin earned Environmental Science and Fish & Wildlife

Tommy Dutill earned Moviemaking, Climbing, and Canoeing

Dustin Errickson earned Environmental Science, First Aid, and Geology

Kenny Kirsch earned Environmental Science, First Aid, Kayaking, Oceanography, and Space Exploration

Andrew Marks earned Fly Fishing and Photography

Aiden Robin earned First Aid and Game Design

Riley Russel earned Bird Study, First Aid, Fish & Wildlife, Geology, Mammal Study, and Space Exploration

Josh Summer earned Family Life

Brodie Sweigard earned Communication

Nick Wagner earned Communication

Awards:

Dustin Errickson completed the Mile Swim

Andrew Marks completed the Mile Swim

Summer Camp at Summit Bechtel Reserve



On July 12th through the 18th we enjoyed our first outing as a troop since February to attend Summer Camp at James C. Justice Scout Camp at Summit Bechtel Reserve. This is the site of the National Jamboree and is a beautiful facility. We had a small contingent of 10 Scouts and 5 Scouters due to concerns with COVID-19. The camp had many protections in place and diligently enforced the mask policy in and around the Dining Hall and program areas. The camp ate in shifts to minimize traffic, meals were prepacked, the Dining Hall had limited capacity, and many tables were added for outdoor dining. Tents were limited to one camper per tent. Even with all of the walking that came along with the large sprawling facility and the heat, a fun time was had by all.

Andrew Larsson Completes Eagle Project at College Settlement

On July 18th and 19th Andrew Larsson and a host of volunteers constructed an Outdoor Information Bulletin Board at College Settlement. The bulletin board will support the educational programs that the camp runs for many years to come. Nice job, Andrew! All that is left is the report, Eagle Application, and Board of Review and Troop 3 will have our next Eagle Scout.

Get that paperwork done!



Riley Russell Earns Bux-Mont Scholar Athlete 2019 Award



Riley Russell was awarded the Bux-Mont Scholar Athlete 2019 Award for his hard work in the classroom and on the football field.

Congratulations, Riley!

Last Annual Scouts vs. Scouters Softball Game



On July 20th we held our first and last annual Scouts vs. Scouters Softball. After 6 grueling innings, the Scouters won in a 8-2 rout. Although after losing their star player and Team Captain, Scoutmaster Emeritus Mr. Bob Waeltz to a calf injury, the Scouters realized that we are too old for this stuff. (By the way, Mr. Waeltz's calf is healing nicely.) So it's not really clear who really won in the long run.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following Scouts who are celebrating birthdays in the month of August!

Jesse Senegeto 8/3
Brodie Sweigard 8/15
Leo Baranowski 8/25
Kenny Kirsch 8/30

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings

8/3 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM
Carpenter Park

8/4 TLC Meeting 7:30 PM
Mr. Grimes's

8/6 Troop Staff 7:30 PM
TBA

8/10 Troop Meeting
7:30 PM
Luken's Park

8/17 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

8/24 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

8/31 Troop Meeting
7 PM
Pennypack