



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

As you know, this past Monday we held a Joint Open House Recruiting Event with Horsham Troop 818. I am so pleased with the turnout. We had 18 Webelos and Arrows altogether (13 boys and 5 girls), from Cub Packs 17, 139, 410, and 554. The Cubs rotated through 3 stations staffed by Scouts to teach skills required for Arrow of Light, followed by two more stations including a Monkey Bridge and Team Building. The night wrapped up with water ice and presentation of recruitment videos from both troops.

It was a great night of cooperation, and I believe that it was beneficial for everyone involved. The Cubs benefitted by meeting other Scouts their own age, learning needed skills, and seeing what the next stage of Scouting is like. Troop 818 benefitted by gaining exposure to local Packs and meeting prospective recruits and their parents. Similarly, Troop 3 was able to meet many new families.

While it is unlikely that all of the Arrows present will join Troop 3 or 818, it still gives me hope for the future of our program and Scouting in general. Even if some families end up

going to other troops, I believe that they still came away with a positive impression of Troop 3, which is a good thing.

As you are aware, Scouting is very important to me. I am committed to providing the best possible program for as many youth as possible, and Troop 3's outstanding staff shares that commitment. I am so appreciative of all the planning and effort that went into this event. The success of this past Monday proves that people with different backgrounds and beliefs are still able to work together towards a common goal.

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.

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

Parents' Night

Monday, October 5th at 7:30 PM is our Semi-Annual Parents' Night. Come see what the Scouts have been up to since June, and recognize all of their achievements. This time we will be conducting the event live and outdoors at College Settlement. We'll be in the Tween Creek Pavilion. Details on parking will be sent separately. Please bring your own chair so that we can spread out, and wear a mask.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30 PM, will be our next TLC Meeting to discuss September and October and to plan November. Weather permitting, we will be on the patio in Mr. Grimes's back yard where we can spread out.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, October 12th at 7:30 PM we will be meeting in the HBC parking lot by the troop room.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

On **Thursday, October 15th at 7:30 PM** the Troop Staff and Committee will meet outdoors at the church. We will be discussing September and October and planning November. Bring your own chair!

October Trip - Backpacking in the Catskill Mountains



For our October Trip, we will be backpacking a stretch of the Appalachian Trail that runs through Bear Mountain State Park. So that we have a short drive to New York on Saturday, we will be staying at Resica Falls on Friday night October 16th. Saturday morning we will hit the trail for a ~7 mile hike to the campsite. We will be camping Saturday night on the trail near the West Mountain Shelter. Sunday is a 2.5 mile hike to the cars, and we'll head home.

We will meet at the church **Friday, October 16th at 6 pm** for a 6:30 departure and plan to return to the church on **Sunday, October 18th around 4 pm**.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

We will be having an outdoor troop meeting on **Monday, October 19th at 7:30 PM** in the church parking lot. We will be conducting a Map & Compass Scavenger Hunt of Hatboro.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 24th from 8 to 11 AM we will be having our Pancake Breakfast. As usual, proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to Scouts' accounts. However, this year we will have outdoor dining, and continue to offer take out as an option. Info on cost and ticket distribution will be sent separately.



Halloween Party

Monday, October 26th at 7:30 PM will be our outdoor Halloween Party. Come dressed for the costume contest! We will have games and treats as well.

NEWS AND NOTES

New Troop 3 T-Shirts

2020 Troop 3 T-Shirts



The new Troop T-Shirts have arrived! The shirts have brown print on a safety orange wicking shirt.

If you pre-ordered, your shirts have been set aside. If you did not pre-order, don't worry because extra were ordered. However, we have limited quantities of some sizes. Extras will be sold first-come first-served.

The shirts are \$15 . Please pay by cash, check or Venmo when picked up.

2020-2021 Annual Plan

The new Program Year has begun! There are many 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 years. If you filed for a Child Abuse Clearance in 2015 when these requirements came out, you will need to file new ones 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. Marks, Mr. Dutilleul or me if you have any questions.

Youth Protection Training

YPT training renewal is now due for many of our adult staff. 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. Marks, Mr. Dutil or me if you have any questions.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Hiking the Manassas Battlefield



On September 18th through the 20th we camped at the Bull Run Regional Park and toured the Manassas Battlefield park on foot. Before heading home, we checked out the incredible National Museum of the Marine Corps. Thank you Mr. Waeltz for being a great tour guide and for arranging a fantastic trip!

Ivan Kakiko Eagle Project



Beginning September 12th, and over the course of 3 work days, Ivan and a host of volunteers built a wonderful amphitheater at College Settlement. Congratulations, Ivan, on a job well done!



Recruiting Event



On September 28th we held a very successful recruiting event along with Horsham Troop 818. We had 18 Webelos and Arrows from 4 local Cub Packs join us for an evening of Scout Skills and fellowship. Thank you Mr. Kirsch and Mr. Marks for all of the effort to invite the Cub Packs and arrange the activity stations, and thanks to all of the Scouts and Scouters who helped make it all work!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Jack Coughlin 10/10

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
10/5 Parents' Night 7:30 PM College Settlement		10/16 - 10/18 Backpacking Appalachian Trail in Catskill Mountains	10/7 Roundtable 7:15 PM Virtual	10/24 Pancake Breakfast 8 -11 am Hatboro Baptist
10/6 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's				
10/12 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				

10/15 Staff
Meeting
7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

10/19 Troop Mtg
7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

10/26 Halloween
Party
7:30 PM
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