



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

November's theme of the month is Citizenship, and it is shaping up to be another busy month! We have several Citizenship related activities planned for the troop meetings this month, including honoring Troop 3 family members who have served in the military on Veteran's Night.

When we reorganized the troop back in June, we formed into five patrols. With the low attendance at troop meeting and camping trips, there are frequently patrols with only one Scout, and sometimes none. The 6-month mark is coming up on December 1st, I have decided that we will hold a special election for new Patrol Leaders, and reorganize the troop into 3 larger patrols. The new leadership positions will be effective December 1st. Ivan will finish his 6-month term as SPL, and Andrew Marks will take over as SPL as originally planned. The election will be held during a hybrid meeting on November 16th. The candidate speeches and voting will take place in person, but a Zoom link will also be provided so those not present will have their voices heard.

The outdoor meetings have been successful, and we have been really fortunate with the weather so far. The schedule below plans for the outdoor troop meetings to continue, but we are in discussions with the Church about moving back indoors this month. Any change in plans will be shared when I know more.

Part of the Oath that we have all taken is "to help other people at all times." For our good turn this month, we will be collecting food donations for the food pantry at Lehman Memorial Church. Thanksgiving is almost here, and there are many families right in our own community who worry about where their next meal will come from. This year has been a particularly busy year for the food pantry, and they need our help more than ever.

In my Scoutmaster's Minute on the backpacking trip, I spoke about teamwork. In order to succeed in working towards a common goal, those with the ability must lend a hand to those who need help. What applied to our troop on the backpacking trip, applies to our community as a whole. In order for our community to succeed, those who are able, should help those in need.

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.

Please bring a completed copy of the [latest COVID Questionnaire](#) with you to all events.

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

Monday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM we will be meeting in the HBC parking lot by the troop room. We will have patrol corners to plan for the November trip, but the main event of the night is a political debate. The debate will be moderated by our Scoutmaster Emeritus Mr. Waeltz, and the Scouts will cover the tough topics currently in the news.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:30 PM , will be our next TLC Meeting to discuss October and November and to plan December. Weather permitting, we will be on the patio in Mr. Grimes's back yard, where we can spread out.

November Trip - Hawk Mountain Sanctuary



For our November Trip, we will be camping at the Blue Rocks Family Campground and visiting the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for opening day of eagle migration.

The cost of the trip is \$35 , which includes transportation, camp fees, and ticket to the Sanctuary. Patrol Food is separate.

[Click here for the Hawk Mountain Flyer.](#)

If you would like to go, please contact Mr. Baranowski by Monday November 2nd. Call/Text 267-251-8922 or by email at Spinning1@aol.com.

We will meet at the church **Friday, November 6th at 6 pm** for a 6:30 departure and plan to return to the church on **Sunday, November 8th around 2 pm** .

Veteran's Night

Monday, November 9th at 7:30 PM is a special night where we honor Troop 3 family members who have served in the armed services. More details to follow via email.



Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 12th at 7:30 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will likely meet in Fellowship Hall at the church. We will be discussing October and November and planning December.

Outdoor Troop Meeting and Special Election

Monday, November 16th at 7:30 PM we will be having an outdoor troop meeting in the church parking lot. We will continue our monthly theme of Citizenship and have a trivia game on Civics. We will also be conducting the Special Election for Troop Reorganization. Scouts can vote in person or via Zoom. More details to follow via email.

Scouting for Food



Door hangers will be provided to Scouts on **Monday November 9th** for distribution in their neighborhood on **Saturday November 14th** . Scouts are to pick up donations on **Saturday November 21st** .

Monday November 23rd at 7:30 PM, we will be counting and sorting food donations collected by the Scouts and delivering them to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at Lehman Memorial Church.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, November 30th at 7:30 PM we will be having an outdoor troop meeting in the church parking lot. We will continue our monthly theme of Citizenship and play a trivia game on History.

NEWS AND NOTES

New Troop 3 Masks



New Troop 3 Masks have arrived!

They are white print on red cotton with a "3" and the "Leading the Way Since 1949" banner underneath. One size, but there are slits to accommodate smaller heads.

The masks are \$7 each.

We still have the orange 2020 Troop T-Shirts for \$15. If you are interested in either, see Mr. Grimes.

Please pay by cash, check or Venmo when picked up.

Payment Options

Did you know that Venmo is our preferred method of payment for dues, trips, etc.? Use @Brian-Dutil-1



Venmo is a payment app with no service fees, and it enables descriptions for payment to be easily recorded.

Of course we will continue to accept cash and checks.

New Eagle Scout Plaque for Fellowship Hall

I know it has been months since you have seen it, but the Eagle Scout plaque mounted in Fellowship Hall is in disrepair. Last month, the troop committee voted to replace the plaque and also add new plaques to recognize recipients of the David Cooper Scouter of the Year Award, the Robert John Scout of the Year Award, and the Owen Adams Campership Award. Mr. Waeltz recently sent a letter to all Eagle Scouts from Hatboro Troop 3 requesting donations toward the purchase. If you are interested in making a gift, please contact Mr. Waeltz at 215-206-0276 or bwaeltz@verizon.net.

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. Dutilleul or me if you have any questions.

2020-2021 Annual Plan

There are many exciting trips coming up, including the Sterling Hill Mine and 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>

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Advancement



Rank Advancement

Cameron Arbuckle has earned First Class!

Merit Badges

Leo Baranowski earned First Aid

Michael Brown earned Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting

Jack Thompson earned Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting

Backpacking in the Catskills



On October 16th through the 18th we took on a very challenging stretch of the Appalachian Trail in Harriman State Park in the Catskill Mountains of New York. We hiked up Bear Mountain and enjoyed lunch at the Perkins Memorial Tower. We then descended the other side and climbed up West Mountain to camp near the AT shelter there. The next morning we enjoyed the autumn vistas and held a Scout's Own on our way back down to the cars, about 10 miles in all.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



On October 24th we held our Fall pancake breakfast fundraiser. This year we did all take out, drive-thru style. We served over 200 meals, and eleven scouts earned about \$1,100 towards their camping accounts. A huge thank you to Mr. Lavelle for heading up this effort, and many thanks to all of the other leaders who made this happen! Well done!

Halloween Party



On October 26th we held our annual Halloween Party with a costume contest, pie eating contents and storytelling. Thank you to Mrs. Schubert for picking up all of the snacks and Mrs. Caetano for helping to set up and serve them!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Nathaniel Snyder 11/5
 Andrew Marks 11/17
 Tyler Larsson 11/18

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
11/2 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist	Scouting for Food: 11/14 Distribute Door Hangers	11/6 - 11/8 Hawk Mountain Camping at Blue Rocks	11/11 Roundtable 7:15 PM Virtual	

11/3 TLC
7:30 PM
Mr. Grimes's

11/21 Pick up Food
Donations

11/9 Veteran's
Night
7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

11/23 Bring Food
Donations to troop
meeting.

11/12 Staff
Meeting
7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

11/16 Troop Mtg &
Special Election
7:30 PM
Hatboro Baptist

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