



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

Christmastime is my favorite time of year, and it always has been. Many people around town have put up their lights, and things look festive as you drive around. Even during the hustle and bustle, people seem a little nicer. Even behind the masks, you can tell when someone is smiling. The peace and good will are there, if you look for it.

December has become one of my favorite months for troop activities. One is a long standing tradition, and the other is relatively new for us. The long standing tradition that I enjoy is visiting some of our extended Troop Family for Christmas Caroling. The sincere joy and appreciation that that simple act provides is truly remarkable. I also enjoy Caroling because it offers a good opportunity for Troop Alumni to return. Wreaths Across America is the relatively new tradition that we started to support just a few years ago. While this is a much more solemn occasion than Caroling, and it serves as a reminder to me that not all families are having a Happy Holiday, I still find it to be very rewarding in a different way. It is like bookends of emotions.

Like many other things, the wreath laying will look a little different this year. The National Cemeteries are not open for public participation. Troop 3 will be conducting our own ceremony very locally, in our own back yard. Among the 255 graves in the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery, there are 36 veterans buried, some of which served in the Grand Army of the Republic during the Civil War. After a flag ceremony, we will lay wreaths on the veterans' graves.

As 2020 draws to a close, we can take a collective pause and deep breath, and reflect on the roller coaster of a year behind us. My Christmas wish for all of you is peace, joy, health, and prosperity.

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

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30 PM, will be our first TLC Meeting with the newly elected leadership to discuss November and December and to plan January. We will be on the patio in Mr. Grimes's back yard where we can spread out, so dress accordingly.

December Day Trip - Lost River Caverns



For our December Trip, we will be taking a day trip to tour the Lost River Caverns in Hellertown, PA.

The cost of the trip is \$15

The deadline to sign up was last night, but if you would like to go, please contact Mr. Dan Marks ASAP. Call/Text 732-684-6688 or email dmmarks1@gmail.com

We will meet at the church **Saturday, December 5th at 8 am** for an 8:15 am departure and plan to return to the church around noon. Please wear your Class A Uniform.

Fingerprinting Merit Badge

Saturday, December 5th at 1 PM Mr. Waeltz is offering a class on Fingerprinting in the pavilion at Everybody's Playground on Dresher Rd in Horsham. Fingerprinting powder is messy, please wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. The class should last about 90 minutes.

Please print the [Fingerprinting Merit Badge Workbook](#) and bring it with you.

Please contact Mr. Waeltz ASAP if you are interested, but have not yet signed up. Call/text 215-206-0276 or email bwaeltz@verizon.net



Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, December 7th at 7:30 PM we will be having an outdoor troop meeting in the church parking lot. We will kick off our monthly theme of First Aid.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at the church. We will be discussing plans for the Ham & Turkey Supper, reviewing November and December, and planning January.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, December 14th at 7:30 PM we will be having an outdoor troop meeting in the church parking lot. We will continue our monthly theme of First Aid with a trivia game.

Wreath Laying at Hatboro Baptist Cemetery



Saturday, December 19th at 8 AM we will meet to lay wreaths on the veterans' graves in the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery.

Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 21st at 7:30 PM we will meeting in the church parking lot, and head out Caroling for the evening. Please bring cookies to share with the families that we visit.



NEWS AND NOTES

Payment Options

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

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

2020-2021 Annual Plan

There are many exciting trips coming up in 2021! 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

Rank Advancement



Leo Baranowski earned
Second Class!



Kenny Kirsch earned Star!



Josh Summer earned Life!

Hiking at Hawk Mountain



On November 6th through the 8th we camped at the Blue Rocks Family Campground in Lenhartsville, PA. On Saturday, we visited the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary enjoyed the scenery, hiked the Skyline Trail to the East Rocks overlook, and took in a wonderful up-close show about eagles. Chilly mornings, but the weather was fantastic. Couldn't ask for better weather on a November trip. We had a good amount of downtime back at camp as well for fun and advancement. We even held three Boards of Review! A big thank you to Mr. Baranowski for coordinating the trip!

Veteran's Night



On November 9th, we honored our family members who served in the military. We took a cue from the schools and tried our first "hybrid" meeting with some participants in person and some on Zoom. After some initial technical difficulties with the audio, it worked out really well. Although we are grateful for the service of all of our veteran's, we would

especially like to thank the following for sharing their stories with troop: Mr. Jim Brown, Mr. David Cooper, Mr. Brian Dutil, Mr. Garry Pfeil, Mr. Jim Ranier, Mrs. Debbie Schubert, Mr. Bob Swan, and Mr. Jim Yankowski.

Scouting for Food



On November 23rd we counted and sorted 1,275 food items collected by our Scouts and Scouters, then delivered them to the Food Pantry and Lehman Church. I was pleasantly surprised by the success of the event this year. Pack 17 had already delivered loads of goods, and the Pantry was packed. Thank you to all who supported this effort, and Food Pantry and our neighbors in need greatly appreciate it! Thank you to Mrs. Caetano, Mrs. Schubert, and Mr. Marks for helping to deliver all of the food!

New Youth Leadership

On November 30th, we installed the new youth leaders who were elected in the Special Election on November 16th.

Congratulations to our new Patrol Leaders!

Jack Coughlin, Poggers
Ryan Finazzo, Invisible Men
Tom Dutil, Funky Chickens

Josh Summer will remain Troop Guide of the OK Zoomers

Andrew Marks relieved Ivan Kakiko as SPL. Ivan will remain on the TLC with the role of ASPL.

I would like to thank all of the outgoing leaders for their hard work during their 6 months in office. I especially want to thank Ivan for his hard work and dedication to the troop as SPL. He made my first 6 months as Scoutmaster as smooth as it could be.

Ivan, you rock! And I look forward to the next 6 months with Andrew at the reigns!

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
12/1 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's	12/19 Wreath Laying 8 - 10 AM Hatboro Baptist	12/5 Lost River Caverns (Day Trip) 8 AM - Noon Hatboro Baptist	12/9 Roundtable 7:15 PM Virtual	12/5 Fingerprinting 1 - 2:30 PM Everybody's Playground
12/7 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
12/10 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
12/14 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
12/21 Caroling 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
12/28 No Meeting				

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