



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

Well, 2021 is finally here! I have been thinking about how best to do a retrospective of the past year, and it was difficult because it was a year that most people would like to put behind them and never think about again. This year was difficult on Scouting, as it was for many families. Enrollment is down and participation is down. We had to cancel several trips, and the biggest disappointment was the cancellation of the Venture Crew's trek to Philmont.

However, as I looked back at all of the pictures and posts from the last 12 months, it was not hard to keep it positive. I am proud of how the troop has adapted and persevered by moving online or outdoors as needed to keep everyone healthy while providing the best possible program. Through it all, our Scouts worked diligently on advancement. We had 4 Scouts earn Tenderfoot, 4 earned Second Class, 4 earned First Class, 7 earned Star, 3 earned Life, and 2 earned Eagle.

I look forward to the coming year. Troop 3 will continue to provide our Scouts with fun and challenging outdoor experiences while serving the community. I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



January 2020 - Jason Caetano passed his Eagle Board of Review! Plans for his Court of Honor are yet to be determined. Great job, Jason!



January 2020 - We camped at Fort Indiantown Gap and visited the State Capitol Building and Pennsylvania Farm Show. Here we are on the steps in the atrium of the Capitol.



February 2020 - We took our annual trip to Resica Falls and camped in Firestone Lodge. Here we are after our Scout's Own down near the Bushkill



February 2020 - We had an OA Tap Out at Resica Falls with Troop 818. Here are the Ordeal candidates.

Creek. This was Mr. Waeltz's last trip as Scoutmaster.



February 2020 - Pack 139 Crossover ceremony. Here is Mr. Waeltz knighting Leo.



March 2020 - The Venture Crew headed to Mount Washington in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Unfortunately, the Scouts in the Crew saved their money for Philmont, and did not make the trek. Even more unfortunate, the Philmont trek ended up getting cancelled. Mr. Snyder and I kept the tradition going.



March 2020 - Mr. Snyder and I summited Mount Washington on a super clear and frigid day.



March 2020 - The Ham and Turkey Supper is served. The church ended up closing the very next day.



March 2020 - With the church closed, troop meetings move online. Here is a screen shot of our very first virtual meeting on Zoom.



May 2020 - Virtual meetings continue, the troop reorganizes and we develop the Annual Plan for the 2020-2021 program year. The show must go on!



June 2020 - After 5 incredible years, Mr. Waeltz steps aside as Scoutmaster in a Transition Ceremony that aired during our first virtual Parent's Night. Here I am taking the oath of office with our Charter Organization Representative, Jim Swan



June 2020 - Here is Scoutmaster Emeritus Mr. Waeltz with most of his SPLs during his tenure. From left to right: Ivan Kakiko, Nathan Kephart, Dawson Stremme, Ryan Walsh, and Kyler Grimes. Missing is Dan McKay.



June 2020 - In person troop meetings resume outdoors.



July 2020 - After rescheduling a couple of times, we have summer camp at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.



July 2020 - On our way home from the Summit we stopped at the New River Gorge Bridge. Look familiar? Check the back of a West Virginia quarter.



July 2020 - Andrew Larsson completes his Eagle Project at College Settlement. He designed and supervised construction of an informational bulletin board by the pond.



August 2020 - We biked about 25 miles on the D&L Rail Trail from White Haven to Glen Onoko, and camped at Hickory Run.

August 2020 - Mr. Marks and Mr. Snyder are awarded their Woodbadge beads at an outdoor ceremony at Carpenter Park.



September 2020 - We had clear and cool weather for a beautiful hiking tour around Manassas National Battlefield.



September 2020 - The force behind the scenes at Ivan's Eagle Project: Mrs. Kakiko, Mrs. Bonner, and Mrs. Larsson.



September 2020 - Ivan Kakiko completes his Eagle Project at College Settlement. He designed and supervised construction of a new amphitheatre.



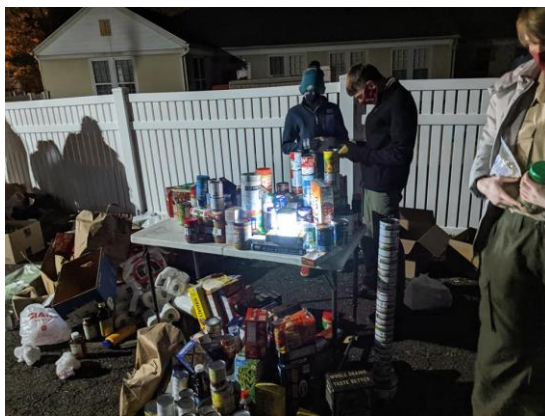
October 2020 - We hiked 8+ miles of rugged terrain on a stretch of the Appalachian Trail that runs through the Bear Mountain area of the Catskills in New York.



November 2020 - We camped at the Blue Rocks Family Campground and hiked at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.



November 2020 - Opening weekend for eagle migration at Hawk Mountain. We were able to see some awesome birds up close during a ranger talk.



November 2020 - During the Scouting for Food campaign, the troop collected 1,275 food items for the Food Pantry at Lehman Memorial Church.



December 2020 - We took a tour of the Lost River Caverns in Hellertown PA. It was cold, damp, and miserable above ground, but it was perfect weather to be 100 ft underground.



December 2020 - On December 16th, Andrew Larsson passed his Eagle Board of Review and became Troop 3's 163rd Eagle Scout. Plans for his Court of Honor are yet to be determined. Congratulations, Andrew!



December 2020 - On December 19th, we had planned to participate in Wreaths Across America as we have for the last several years. Because the event was closed to the public, we decided to conduct our own ceremony, much more local. We place wreaths on the graves of the 36 veterans buried in the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery, and the experience was no less rewarding. In fact, it is likely that have found a new tradition. Thank you to Mr. Waeltz for preparing the ceremony, and thank you to Pastor Doug Stratton for providing the Invocation.



December 2020 - On December 21st we conducted our Annual Christmas Caroling to bring a little joy to some local scouting families. No cookies or Christmas hugs this year, but it was a pleasure nonetheless. Here we are at Mrs. Adams' house. Thank you to Mr. John for making all of the arrangements.

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

Troop Meeting on Zoom

Monday, January 4th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting on Zoom. Please have your Scout Handbook handy. We will be reviewing advancement with adult advisors.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, January 5th our monthly TLC meeting will be on Zoom.

Troop Meeting on Zoom

Monday, January 11th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting on Zoom. We will be working on Art Merit Badge. A supply list of materials to purchase for the meeting will be provided separately.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 14th 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 December and January, and planning February.

January Camping Trip at Haycock



Our scheduled trip to Sterling Hill Mine had to be changed. The mine is closed, and so are the New Jersey Scout camps. Instead we will be heading to Haycock, our property on Lake Nockamixon.

We will depart **Saturday, January 16th at 8 AM** and return **Sunday, January 17th at Noon**. The cost of the trip is **\$15** and includes food.

The troop will be providing ingredients for the Scouts to prepare in a cook-off for dinner. We will also be taking a hike to Top Rocks Trail.

Troop Meeting on Zoom

Monday, January 18th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting on Zoom. We will be working on Game Design Merit Badge.

Troop Meeting on Zoom

Monday, January 25th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting on Zoom. We will continue working on Game Design Merit Badge.

Family Ski Night at Bear Creek



We have a group reservation to go to Bear Creek on **Friday, January 29th from 4-10 pm**. It is strongly recommended that you visit the [Bear Creek website](#) for your rental and release forms, plus important COVID protocol info. The lodge will be closed, except for bathroom visits, but there will be food trucks. Also you will have to get dressed and undressed in your car.

This trip is a great introduction to skiing. The mountain is fairly small and the rates are reasonable compared to other resorts but it's also a fun mountain for more advanced skiers and snowboarders, especially if you are with a bunch of your friends or family. Bear Creek has offered us very good rates for tubing as well. We have 8 slots guaranteed, and there are no more available so reserve with Mr. Pfeil early. **Sign up by January 11th at the latest.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Garry Pfeil at 215-519-3058 or gmpfeil@hotmail.com.

[Click here for the flyer with pricing details.](#)

Summer Camp at Resica Falls

It's hard to believe it, but plans for Summer Camp are under way. We will not be heading to Haliburton Scout Reserve as originally planned. The border to Canada is still closed on the camp is not accepting reservations. Resica Falls plans to be open this Summer at a reduced capacity and spots filled up fast. We have reservations for July 4th to the 10th.

[Click here for the flyer.](#)



The cost for camp is \$460 for Scouts and \$200 for Adults.

First payment of \$100 is due **February 1st**. Please contact Mr. Dutill at 267-280-2509 or bdutill@verizon.net, if you have any questions.

Cost should never be a reason for a Scout to miss out on Summer Camp. Camperships and fundraising opportunities are available.

NEWS AND NOTES

Changes to 2020-2021 Annual Plan

There are many exciting trips coming up in 2021! Please mark important dates on your family calendar.

Two big changes: The location of the January Trip and Summer Camp

[Click here for the Revised 2020-2021 Annual Plan](#)

Payment Options

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

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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.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



Andrew Larsson is an Eagle Scout!



Jack Thompson earned Life!

Merit Badges



Fingerprinting Merit Badge:
Cameron Arbuckle
Leo Baronowski
Dean Barbor
Isaac Kakiko
Andrew Larsson
Tyler Larsson
Aiden Robin
Kavish Singh
Brodie Sweigart
Jack Thompson



Family Life Merit Badge:
Jack Thompson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating birthdays this month:
Michael Brown - January 9
Kyler Grimes - January 18
Cameron Arbuckle - January 21
Josh Summer - January 31

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
1/4 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Zoom		1/16-1/17 Haycock	1/13 Roundtable 7:15 PM Zoom	1/29 Family Ski Trip 4 PM - Closing Bear Creek
1/5 TLC 7:30 PM Zoom				
1/11 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Zoom				
1/14 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
1/18 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Zoom				
1/25 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Zoom				