



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

The troop meeting on March 29th was a big deal for me. The Scout Skill Talent Show was lots of fun, but the big deal is that it was likely our last meeting on Zoom. Zoom has been a great platform to keep the troop connected over the past year. However, in all honesty, I couldn't stand it. Scouting is an outdoor program, and the last thing our youth need is more screen time. So, I am very pleased to announce that beginning with our Parents' Night Ceremony coming up this Monday, we will be returning to in-person meetings. For the time being, we will continue to meet in the church parking lot, as we did back in the Fall. I am hopeful that soon enough we will be able to move back to Fellowship Hall.

I am also very pleased to announce that we are back to tent camping in April. Mr. Balot arranged a fun trip that is right nearby. We'll be staying at Camp Melmar located in Lorimar park (details below). We also have great trips coming up in May and June before we head to Resica for Summer Camp. I urge all of you to recommit your time to the Troop and to Scouting in general. Attendance at activities has been lacking lately, and I'd love to see turn out improve as the weather warms up.

Troop 3 will continue to strive to provide the best possible program for your Scouts. It's time to build back the old friendships and forge some new ones. Adventure is out there, and it's time to shut off the screens, get off the couch, and go find it!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Please bring a completed copy of the [New 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent's Night



Uniform:
Full Class "A"
w/ Neckerchief

Outdoors at College Settlement
Monday Apr 5th at 7:30 pm

Arrowmen, wear your OA sash!

Our Semi-Annual Parent's Night is **Monday, April 5th at 7:30 PM**. We will be meeting at the Tween Creek Pavilion at College Settlement (same location as October). Come see what we have been up to since October. There is some seating there, but please bring a chair.

This is a full uniform event, so please wear your neckerchief and merit badge sash. We will also be conducting an OA Tapout, so

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 PM our monthly TLC meeting will be in person at on my patio. We will be discussing March and April and planning May.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, April 12th at 7:30 PM, outdoor troop meetings will resume! We'll be meeting in the church parking lot by the troop room.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be held in the church parking lot by the troop room. Please bring your own chair! We will be reviewing March and April, and planning May.

Mountain Biking at Camp Melmar

We are back to tent camping this month! On **April 16-18** we will be camping alongside the Pennypack Creek at Camp Melmar, which is located in Lorimar Park. On Saturday we will be mountain biking on the nearby trails, and on Sunday morning there will be free time to ride the rail trail or do some fishing.



Reminder: Helmets for all riders are mandatory

This trip is **FREE** , except for the cost of patrol food.

[Click here for Flyer](#)

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mr. Balot at 215-913-9631 or skateremt@gmail.com

We are asking that parents drive their Scout and his bike directly to and from camp for this trip. Please arrive at camp at **6 PM on Friday, April 16th** , and pick up at **Noon on Sunday, April 18th** .

Pack 17 Cross Over

On Saturday, April 17th from 2 - 4 PM, Pack 17 will be holding their Cross Over at Everybody's Playground. We need a few volunteers to go represent the Troop.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, April 19th at 7:30 PM, we'll meet in the church parking lot by the troop room. We are having a cooking demonstration.

Mulching

On **Saturday, April 24th from 8 - 11 AM**, we'll be conducting our annual service project for the church. We'll be cleaning and mulching all of the gardens at Hatboro Baptist. Please bring a wheelbarrow, work gloves, and gardening tools.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, April 26th at 7:30 PM, we'll meet in the church parking lot by the troop room. The Scouts will be cooking dinner.

Email Distribution List Update



We have begun adding youth to the email distribution list. If you would like your Scout to receive the Newsletter and other weekly details, please send me his email address.

If you want to add a different email or another adult, please send me that email address as well.

Summer Camp at Resica Falls

We will be heading to Resica Fall from July 4th to the 10th. There is still time to sign up!!

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

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

First payment of \$100 was due **February 1st** .

Second payment of \$120 is due **March 1st** .

Third payment of \$120 is due **April 5th**.

Final payment of \$120 is due **May 3rd**.



Please get your Merit Badge selections to Mr. Dutill, if you haven't already! Classes will fill fast, and they are first come first serve.

Reminder: Medical Forms with Part C signed by a practitioner are required for everyone going to camp. [Click here for Medical Form](#)

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. We have two fundraising opportunities, Fund you Adventure and a Pancake Breakfast in May. Camperships are also available. Communication is Key!

Earn Money for Summer Camp - Fund Your Adventure!



There is a new fundraising program this year, instead of Camp Cards and Adventure Cards that were sold in previous years.

If you are familiar with the Entertainment Coupon Books from years ago, this is the digital version. Access to the app is sold for \$20 and is good for a year. Customers will find discounts and coupons on the app, which will be updated throughout the year. The added benefit, is that the app is good nationwide, not just locally. So if you have friends and relatives that are not local, they can still help and get the benefits of the discounts.

For each \$20 sale, \$7 will go into the Scout's individual account with Troop 3, which can be used towards Summer Camp or any other Scouting activity. There are also drawings for prizes and for top sellers.

[Click here for details on the COLBSA Flyer](#)

Jim Yankowski is coordinating this program for Troop 3. If you have any questions, contact him at Jim.yankowski@yahoo.com or 215-872-0784.

Secure the Adventure

SECURE THE ADVENTURE

The Cradle of Liberty Council has retired its annual Friend of Scouting campaign to raise funds for the organization and replaced it with a new, user friendly, online campaign called Secure the Adventure. The purpose remains the same... to provide financial resources and support for the programs and facilities that Scouting uses for adventure.

What the Council provides for our Scouts are invaluable experiences and opportunities to grow and develop as young men. Troop 3 has set an annual goal of \$15,000 to continue our support to the Scouting.

Please consider a gift to Scouting. To help Troop 3 with this cause, simply text "STA55" to 71777. You will receive a link to Troop 3's campaign page, then click "Donate Now". As in the past, you will be able to choose a one-time donation or a recurring monthly donation.

Thanks in advance for your support of Cradle of Liberty Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dan Mark at 732-684-6688 or dmmarks1@gmail.com.

Latest Revision of the 2020-2021 Annual Plan

We are back to camping this month and there are many more great trips coming up in 2021! Please mark important dates on your family calendar.

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

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Merit Badges & Awards



Art Merit Badge:
Leo Baranowski



Cyber Chip:
Leo Baranowski



Citizenship in the Nation
Merit Badge:
Tyler Larsson

Isaac Kakiko - Librarian Project

Our Troop Librarian, Isaac Kakiko, put lots of hard work into organizing a inventorying our merit badge book library. It is highly recommended that you check out merit badge books for Summer Camp.

Please be sure to return them when you are done. If you have any merit badge books that you purchased and no longer need, think about donating them!

[Click here to see the Inventory List](#)

Isaac Kakiko - Conversation Project

Isaac Kakiko worked on some conservation service on his own at Neshaminy State Park. He helped to clean up the area and remove invasive plant species so they would plant trees.

Nice work, Isaac!



Elmwood Park Zoo



On **Saturday, March 20th** , we took a day trip to the Elmwood Park Zoo. Thank you, Mr. Kirsch, for setting it up!

Dawson Stremme is Aging Out of the Venture Crew

Here are pictures of Dave and Dawson Stremme on the Tooth of Time at Philmont in 2017, and a 2018 reenactment of Dawson's infamous broken leg at Mt. Washington in 2016.

We'll miss you Dawson!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating birthdays this month:

- Charlie Batman - April 3
- Tommy Dutil - April 11
- Dawson Stremme - April 12
- Dean Barbor - April 25

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
4/5 Parents' Night 7:30 PM College Settlement	4/24 Mulching 8-11 AM Hatboro Baptist	4/16-4/18 Mountain Biking at Camp Melmar	4/14 Roundtable 7:15 PM Zoom	4/17 Pack 17 Cross-over Everybody's Playground 2-4 PM
4/6 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's				
4/12 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
4/15 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
4/19 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
4/26 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				

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