



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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MAY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

The month May has shaped up to be a very busy month. This month's theme is Aquatics. We will be holding a special troop meeting at College Settlement to teach boat safety and get in a little paddling practice ahead of our camping trip to Trap Pond later on this month. Trap Pond has become a troop favorite, because it is a great opportunity to have fun on the water, and get comfortable in a canoe and kayak. You can also work on Canoeing Merit Badge.

Summer is right around the corner, and it is time to get ready for the great activities that are coming up. We had a great turnout for Camp Melmar last month, and I would love to see that level of participation increase. What are your big plans? Are you going on the May and June trips? Are you going to Resica Falls for Summer Camp? Are you going on the Venture Trip to the Allagash? *What leadership do you need to do to advance?*

It's hard to believe, but this coming Monday is our troop election for a new SPL and we will form new patrols. This is also the time of year that we put together the annual plan for the

next program year that will run from September 2021 to August 2022. So bring your ideas, and let your patrol leader know what you liked and didn't like about the trips planned for this year. Better yet, become a patrol leader and have direct input into the formulation of the new Annual Plan! Either way it is up to you to put together another exciting and fun-filled program.

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

Spruce Run Clean-up

On **May 1st & May 2nd**, we will be having an Adult work weekend at College Settlement's Spruce Run Outpost.

Outdoor Troop Meeting - Elections

On **Monday, May 3rd at 7:30 PM**, we will be holding the election for a new Senior Patrol Leader, selecting new Patrol Leaders, and reforming patrols. Be sure to come and have your voice heard! If you need leadership for your next rank, now is the time!

Joint TLC Meeting

Tuesday, May 4th at 7:30 PM our monthly TLC meeting will be in person on my patio. We will be discussing April and May, and planning June. Both the current TLC and the newly elected TLC are required to attend. The current TLC will conduct the meeting as usual, and the newly elected TLC will be able to observe proceedings.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day. I hope you all have a great day!
...and be Courteous and Kind to your Mom!

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, May 10th at 7:30 PM, we'll be meeting in the church parking lot by the troop room, and begin preparations for the new 2021-2022 Annual Plan.

Joint TLC Meeting - Annual Plan

Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30 PM we will have a special Joint TLC meeting on my patio to work on the new 2021-2022 Annual Plan. Both the current TLC and the newly elected TLC are required to attend.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 13th 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 April and May, and planning June.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 15th we will be serving our Spring Pancake Breakfast from **8-10 AM**. Kitchen volunteers need to be there at 6:45 AM and Scouts at 7:30 AM. We'll dismiss once everything is cleaned up. Like the Ham & Turkey Supper, it will be Drive Through Take-out Only at Hatboro Baptist Church. Tickets are \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Children. All proceeds (about \$4 per adult ticket and \$2 per child ticket) from ticket sales go directly into the Scouts' individual accounts.



Please see Mr. Lavelle for tickets to sell on Monday or contact him at 215-385-0987 or lavejp@gmail.com.

Troop Meeting at College Settlement

Monday, May 17th at 7 PM, we'll be meeting at College Settlement Camp to learn about boat safety and do a little canoeing and kayaking ahead of the Trap Pond trip. Please note the early start time to take advantage of the daylight.

Canoeing & Kayaking at Trap Pond State Park



Our May camping trip will take us to Trap Pond State Park in Laurel, DE. This trip is has become a troop favorite, and will be held **May 21st to 23rd** . We'll be camping by the pond, and bringing the troop's canoes and kayaks. This is a great opportunity to get some experience on the water, especially if you are interested in going on the Allagash trip with the Venture Crew later on this Summer.

As usual, we will meet on **Friday at 6 PM** for a 6:30 PM departure, and we'll return **Sunday afternoon around 3 PM** .

The cost of the trip is \$20 plus patrol food.

If you are interested in going, please contact Mr. Brown at 215-421-2588 or jimwg40@gmail.com.

Outdoor Troop Meeting

Monday, May 24th at 7:30 PM, we'll meet in the church parking lot by the troop room.

Special TLC Meeting - Annual Plan

Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30 PM we will have a special TLC meeting on my patio to finalize the new 2021-2022 Annual Plan. Only the newly elected TLC is required to attend.

No Troop Meeting

Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day, so we will not be having a troop meeting. Enjoy your holiday weekend , but please take a moment to remember and appreciate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Venture Trip - Canoeing the Allagash Wilderness Waterway

Friday July 23rd through August 1st , Venture Crew 3 will be returning to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in the North Woods of Maine. This incredible experience includes a 100 mile paddle on a series of lakes and rivers over 8 days on the water. The cost will be about \$450, which includes transportation and food.



This trip is for Scouts age 14 with the Rank of Star. Canoeing merit badge is recommended.

I have done this trip three time over the years, and I'm excited to return. This trip ranks up there with Philmont with among my all-time favorite scouting experiences. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me.

NEWS AND NOTES

Summer Camp at Resica Falls



We will be heading to Resica Falls from July 4th to the 9th. 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 was due **March 1st** .

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

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

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

Please contact Mr. Dutil at 267-280-2509 or bdutil@verizon.net, if you have any questions or if need to make arrangements for payment. Venmo: @Brian-Dutil-1

Cost should never be a reason for a Scout to miss out on Summer Camp. We have two fundraising opportunities, Fund your Adventure and a Pancake Breakfast in May. Camperships are also available. Communication is Key!

Email Distribution List Update



We have added 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.

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 Friends 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 that 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

Rank Advancement



Scout:
Jackson Lasher

Merit Badges



Energy Merit Badge:
Nathaniel Snyder



Family Life Merit Badge:
Kenny Kirsch



Citizenship in the Nation
Merit Badge:
Andrew Marks

Adam Hendrickson - Crossover from Pack 17



Adam Hendrickson crossed over from Pack 17 on **April 17th** at his Blue & Gold Ceremony at Everybody's Playground.

Welcome to Troop 3, Adam!

Camping Trip to Camp Melmar

On **April 16th through the 18th** we returned to tent camping at Camp Melmar in Lorimar Park. We stayed in a great site right along the Pennypack Creek. On Saturday we enjoyed a bike ride with coaches from the SoMont Youth Mountain Biking Team.

Thank you, Mr. Balot, for setting it up!



Mulching at Hatboro Baptist Church



On **April 24th**, we weeded and mulched all of the gardens at Hatboro Baptist Church. We also take advantage of the afternoon to enjoy some pizza for lunch, and clean out the troop room.

Thank you to Mr. Careno for making all of the arrangements!

Apollo Marks - VT3 Project

Apollo Marks, Mr. Chris Marks and Mr. McKay provided service to the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County on **April 25th**. They filmed a small performance at Core Creek park to be shared with local nursing homes. Apollo could use your help with editing, please contact him if you are interested.

Nice work, Apollo!



Patrol Cooking



On **April 19th**, Mr. Waeltz demonstrated how to cook Sunday Meatball Skillet, and Mr. Lavelle also demonstrated the trade secrets of perfect pancakes. On **April 26th**, the patrols did the cooking, and the Invisible Men, lead by Ryan Finazzo, swept the competition.

Nice work, Invisible Men!



MAY BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating birthdays this month:
 Jack Thompson - May 3
 Apollo Marks - May 15
 Liam Murray - May 17

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
5/3 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist	5/1-5/2 Spruce Run Clean-up (Adults Only)	5/21-5/23 Canoeing & Kayaking at Trap Pond State Park	5/12 Roundtable 7:15 PM Roychester Comm	5/15 Pancake Breakfast 8-10 AM Hatboro Baptist
5/4 Joint TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's				
5/10 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
5/11 Joint TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's				
5/13 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
5/17 Troop Mtg 7 PM College Settlement				
5/24 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
5/25 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes's				
5/31 Memorial Day No Troop Meeting				