



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

I hope that you and your families enjoyed some downtime with each other. I did not go to my parents' house in South Carolina as usual, but I still had a fun time with my wife's family. It was great to see Kyler home as well.

November was an action packed month for the troop. We honored our veterans at our Veteran's Night Ceremony. We also did some much needed service, helping Pack 17 to distribute bags and collect donations for Scouting for Food. We even had our own troop collection as well. The food pantry at Lehman Church was packed ahead of Thanksgiving.

In 2018, we went to West Point for our November trip. It was one of the coldest trips we've had in recent history, and the stories abound. We tried our luck again this year, and it ended up being one of the wettest. Tent camping in November is an expert level activity, but we still had a big group sign-up. Unfortunately, severe storms wreaked havoc on our camp site while we were at the Army football game. The high winds blowing over that

ridge a Lake Frederick collapsed many tents, allowing the heavy rain to get inside and soak almost everyone's gear. In several cases, tents filled with gear were blown 50 yards across the field. I've never seen anything like it. I am not one to cancel trips due to inclement weather, but it was necessary to cut the trip short and head home Saturday night. We gathered again on Sunday to unload the trailer, and we were able to repair almost all of the damage tents. We were also able to organize troop room. So it all worked out, and there are lots of new stories.

Now we are looking forward to December. Two of my very favorite Good Turns that we do occur in December: Wreaths Across America and Christmas Caroling. Check out the details below. I know that the holidays are a very busy time, but these are two of the most rewarding activities that we do as a troop. I urge you to set aside the time in your busy schedules and make a point of joining us. You won't regret it!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

For indoor troop events, we will follow the guidance of that establishment. Currently, Hatboro Baptist Church requires all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask inside.

Masks are not required for outdoor troop 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

Troop Meeting

Monday, December 6th at 7:30 PM, we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. Masks are required for indoor activities at HBC.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30 pm the TLC will meet at my house to discuss November and December, and to plan January.

Overnight at Philadelphia Rock Gym

On December 10-11th, we'll be having an overnight at the Philadelphia Rock Gym in Wyncote.

The plan is to meet up at HBC at 7 pm, then head to PRG for an open climb from 8-10 pm on Friday night. We'll spend the night on the mats and arrive back to HBC Saturday morning around 9:30 am. The cost is \$30 per person.



If you are interested, please contact Mr. Grimes at 215-833-9655 or grimer360@gmail.com by December 6th.

Troop Meeting

Monday, December 13th at 7:30 PM, we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. Masks are required for indoor activities at HBC.

Project Blue Light



Tuesday, December 14th is the Project Blue Light ceremony at the Horsham Fire Station at the Horsham Municipal Complex. This is the annual event to honor fallen police officers. VT3 needs workers to set up and work the lights and cameras, but family and friends are invited to attend.

We will be setting up at **5:30 pm**. The program starts at 7 pm and will wrap up around 8 pm. Dinner by Mission Barbecue will be served in the Township recreation center right after the program, but dinner is optional. Scouts can leave after the program around 8 pm or walk over to the hall for dinner and be finished by around **8:30 pm**.

Note that Horsham Road will close for the parade around 6:45 pm so arrival time should be before then for those who are not helping out.

Please wear your Class A Uniform for the event.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting at my house for our annual Christmas Party/Staff meeting. In addition to holiday cheer, we get some work done by reviewing November and December, and planning January.

Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery



Saturday, December 18th, we will be heading to Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America.

We have decided to let families make their own travel arrangements, and we will meet up at the Cemetery. However, we still need to register as a group, so that we are all in the same time slot.

We previously mentioned that the event begins at noon. It appears that it's going to be different this year, and we are required to sign up for the first available time slot, which is currently 8 am. There's a chance that we'll get a later slot, but there's no guarantee at this point.

We need a commitment from everyone who is interested by the troop meeting on December 6th. Keep in mind that we may need to be onsite at 8 am. This event is open to families. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us. If just the Scout is coming, we'll help arrange transportation.

Please respond to Mr. Waeltz via email (bwaeltz@verizon.net) or phone/text (215-206-0276) as soon as possible, but no later than December 6th.

Wreaths Across Hatboro



Sunday, December 19th we will be laying wreaths on the Veterans' graves at Hatboro Baptist Cemetery. First, we will conduct our own wreath ceremony beginning at **12 Noon**.

Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 20th at 7:30 PM, we will be conducting our annual Christmas Caroling for Scouting families in the Hatboro area. If you know of anyone who could use some holiday cheer, please let me know.



No Meeting

There will be No Troop Meeting, **Monday December 27th**.

NEWS AND NOTES

Revised 2021-2022 Annual Plan

The latest Annual Plan is below. Click on the picture for the full document.

Reminder, summer camp plans have changed. We'll be heading to Camp Daniel Boone on July 9-17th.

Biking the Abandoned Turnpike in March is likely going to have to change as well. Stay tuned.

Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2021-2022

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	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program	TLC	Wash RT	Staff Mtg.
SEP	Biking	Antietam (Biking) 9/17 to 9/19 (Waeltz)	No Meeting 9/8	Library Bazaar 9/11 Lobster Pot 9/11	IOLS 9/10-9/12		7	15	9
OCT	Knots/Lashing Pioneering	Campore 10/16 to 10/18 (Waeltz)	Parents Night 10/4 Halloween Party 10/25	Pancake Breakfast 10/9	OA Fall Festival at Reesca 10/1-10/3 NYLT 10/1-10/3 & 10/8-10/10		5	13	14
NOV	Service	West Point (Football Game) 11/12 to 11/14 (Summer)	Veteran's Night 11/15	Scouting for Food 11/13 Scouting for Food 11/20 Recruitment Night 11/29			2	10	11
DEC	First Aid	Philadelphia Rock Gym (Overnight) 12/10 to 12/11 (Grimes)	Caroling 12/20 No Meeting 12/27	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/18 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/19			7	15	16
JAN	Advancement	Sterling Hill Mine 1/14 to 1/16 (Snyder)	OA Election TBD	Family Ski Night 1/28 HAT Packs 1/17	OA Lodge Dinner 1/9		4	12	13
FEB	Gun Safety	Reesca Falls 2/18 to 2/20 (Walsh)		Scout Sunday 2/13			1	9	10
MAR	Nature	Biking Abandoned Turnpike 3/19 to 3/21 (TBD)		Ham and Turkey Supper 3/5		Mt Washington 2/26-3/1	1	9	10
APR	Orienteering	Spruce Run/Rockets Glen 4/22 to 4/24 (TBD)	Parents Night 4/4	HBC Mulching 4/9 Easter 4/17	OA Spring Service 1 (Musser) 4/8-4/10 Council Dinner TBD		5	13	14
MAY	Leave No Trace	Gushanna Trail (Backpacking) 5/20 to 5/22 (TBD/Lavelle)	Troop Re-org 5/2 No Meeting 5/30	Mother's Day 5/8 Pancake Breakfast 5/14 Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/29	District Dinner TBD OA Spring Service 2 5/13-5/15		3	11	12
JUN	Boating	Delaware River/Hunting Club (Canoeing) 6/17 to 6/19 (Brown)	Swim Tests 6/20	Horsham Day 6/4 Father's Day 6/19 Crayfish Corps TBD			7	15	16
JUL	Cooking	Camp Daniel Boone (Summer Camp) 7/9 to 7/17 (Duff)				TBD TBD	5	-	14
AUG	Fitness	Cape Henlopen (Deep Sea Fishing) 8/19 to 8/21 (TBD)					2	-	11

Revision D, Last Modified: 27 November 2021 Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

OA Calendar link: <http://www.usamtlodge.org/calendar>

Washington District Calendar link: https://www.colbsa.org/index.php?Itemid=804&option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month_calendar

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GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Merit Badges



Cycling:
Jack Thompson

Citizenship in the World:
Isaac Kakiko

Jason Caetano's Eagle Court of Honor



On **November 1st**, we were finally able to conduct Jason Caetano's Eagle Court of Honor. We held our traditional elevation ceremony in the sanctuary, with many friends and family present to recognize Jason's accomplishments.

Congratulations, Jason!

November Camping Trip to the U.S Military Academy at West Point





On **November 12-13th** we visited West Point, watched the parade and Golden Knight skydiving team on The Plain, before watching Army crush Bucknell on the football field. The game was delayed at half time due to thunderstorms, meanwhile our campsite at Lake Frederick was decimated. We waited out the delay and stayed for the second half. Unfortunately, high winds and heavy rain collapsed many tents and soaked lots of gear. It was not easy, but I ultimately decided to cut the trip short and head home Saturday night. We met again on Sunday morning to dry out and triage the tents and to organize the Troop Room.

Thank you Mr. Summer for all of the coordination! (We won't hold the weather conditions against you!)

Veteran's Night



On **November 15th** we held our annual Veteran's Night to recognize all of the veterans in our Scouting family. This year Captain Dana Simon, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Philadelphia Division, came to be our keynote speaker. He shared many stories with us about his time in the Army after graduating from West Point, and later in his career when he joined the Navy.

Thank you Mr. Waeltz for putting the ceremony together!
Thank you to all of our Veterans for your service!

Upper Moreland Marching Band

The Upper Moreland High School Marching Unit won first place in the Liberty A division at the Cavalcade of Bands event in Hershey, PA. Cameron Arbuckle has been very busy practicing with the band.

Congratulations to you Cameron, and the entire UMMU!

Scouting for Food



On **November 20th**, we joined Pack 17 in the collection of donated food items all across the Borough in support of the local food pantries at Lehman Church and St. John's. In all we collected almost 900 bags of groceries! Thank you to everyone who helped as well as everyone who donated!

Great job Pack 17!

Hatboro Holiday Parade

On **November 21st** VT3 and a host of volunteers worked very hard to set-up and man the announcer's booth and capture the whole event on video. Check out their handy work on YouTube! [Click here to see the parade!](#)

Thank you Mr. John for all of your hard work!

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
12/6 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist	12/18 Wreaths Across America 8 AM	12/10-12/11 Philadelphia Rock Gym		12/14 Project Blue Light 5:30 - 8:30 PM

12/7 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes' House	Arlington Nat'l Cemetery	Horsham Fire Station
12/13 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist	12/19 Wreath Across Hatboro 12 PM Hatboro Baptist	
12/16 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes' House		
12/20 Caroling 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist		
12/27 No Meeting		

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