



HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Troop 3 Family!

Well, 2022 is finally here! To prepare the 2021 Year in Review below, I looked through my calendar and literally hundreds of pictures. It occurred to me, that through all of the craziness in the country and the world in 2021, we succeeded in pressing forward to provide the best possible program to our Scouts. Three of our Scouts passed their Eagle Board of Review, while several others completed their Eagle Projects. I am proud of all the places we have been and what we have been able to accomplish together. In 2022 and well beyond, Troop 3 will continue to provide 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

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



January 2021 - We headed to our property at Haycock for a January Freeze out. What started as a damp and chilly weekend, turned into a sunny and chilly weekend. Saturday morning we hiked up Haycock Mountain and boiled water on backpacking stoves for soup for lunch. In the afternoon we had plenty of time to work on advancement and just hang out.



February 2021 - We braved the cold for a fun day of shooting at Camp Hart with Troop 818. A big thank you to all of our leaders that made this happen, especially Mr. Brown!



March 2021 - The annual Ham & Turkey Supper was take-out only, but was still a big success. Thank you to all that helped out, especially Mr. Waeltz, Mr. Patchell, Mr. Kirsch, Mrs. Caetano, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lavelle, and the entire Dieterly Family. All of the effort is greatly appreciated!



March 2021 - We nearly cancelled the Mount Washington trip this year. It was my 10th year straight and I didn't want to break the streak, so it was just Mrs. Grimes and I. I expect a better turnout in 2022! The trip is scheduled for February 27th to March 2nd.



March 2021 - We visited the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown for day trip.



April 2021 - Manas Date completed his Eagle Project to construct and set traps for Spotted Lantern Flies in Cedar Hill Park.



April 2021 - We stayed at Camp Melmar and went mountain biking on nearby trails with instruction by SoMont Cycling. It got pretty cold Friday night, but the weather cooperated for the most part. It was an awesome time! Thank you to Mr. Balot for setting it all up!



April 2021 - Adam Hendrickson crossed over from Pack 17. This was my first time elevating a Scout with our traditional knighting ceremony! Can't wait to do it again this Spring!



April 2021 - Outdoor meetings resumed and we had a cooking demonstration by Chef Waeltz.



April 2021 - The Scouts got to partake in their own cooking competition.



April 2021 - We provided service to Hatboro Baptist by mulching all of the flower beds around the church.

May 2021 - We had an Adult work weekend at College Settlement's Spruce Run Outpost to begin painting the lean-tos.



May 2021 - The troop reorganized and we had a peaceful transfer of power from outgoing SPL Andrew Marks to our current SPL Apollo Marks.

May 2021 - The semi-annual pancake breakfast was Drive-thru take-out only, but it was still a big success! Thank you to everyone who helped who helped out, especially Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Patchell, and Mr. Baranowski for doing all of the cooking!



May 2021 - We had an usually warm weekend at Trap Pond State Park, but it was perfect for boating! This trip has become a troop favorite. It is a beautiful park in Laurel DE, and paddling around the cypress groves is really cool.



June 2021 - The Venture Crew headed up to Foul Rift on the Delaware River. We also made the traditional stop at Hot Dog Johnny's for lunch!



June 2021 - My first Investiture Ceremony as Scoutmaster, when we formally welcomed Adam Hendrickson and Jackson Lasher to the troop.



June 2021 - We headed to Allaire State Park where we camped and biked about 8 miles to Manasquan Beach. The sun and sand were hot, but the 64 degree ocean temperature cooled things off!



June 2021 - Joint Meeting with Troops 81B, 81G, and 818 at Cedar Hill Park.



June 2021 - Mr. Baranowski hosted a Disability Awareness Merit Badge Class.

July 2021 - Summer Camp at Resica Falls Scout Reservation.



July 2021 - Brushing up on scout skills at an outdoor troop meeting.

July 2021 - The Venture Crew headed up to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for a 100-mile paddle over 7 days on the water.



August 2021 - We held Andrew Larsson's Eagle Court of Honor at the amphitheatre at College Settlement.

August 2021 - Dean Barbor completed his Eagle Project at the Hatboro Little League Complex.



August 2021 - We camped at Hickory Run State Park and hit with rapids in the Lehigh Gorge.



August 2021 - We returned to College Settlement's Spruce Run Outpost for another Adult Work Weekend to finish painting the lean-tos.



September 2021 - We provided service to the Union Library in Hatboro for their Library Bazaar.



September 2021 - We provided service to the Rotary Club working the parking lot for their Lobster Pot Dinner.



October 2021 - The Washington District Camporee was held at College Settlement.



October 2021 - Ivan Kakiko completed his Eagle Board of Review.



October 2021 - Apollo Marks completed his Eagle Board of Review.



October 2021 - We held our annual Halloween Party. It's not Halloween without a Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest!



October 2021 - Nate Kephart completed his Eagle Project, a new fitness trail at College Settlement.

October 2021 - We headed to the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg MD for the 159th Anniversary weekend. There were all kinds of awesome special displays and demonstrations, like the tin type photography used to take this group picture.



October 2021 - Here is Nate Kephart's team of volunteers.



October 2021 - Another successful Pancake Breakfast!



November 2021 - After a very long wait, we were finally able to give Jason Caetano a traditional Eagle Court of Honor in the Hatboro Baptist sanctuary.



November 2021 - We headed up to the United States Military Academy at West Point to watch the cadets parade on The Plain, and watch Army beat Bucknell.



November 2021 - We held our annual Veteran's Night to honor and recognize Troop 3 family who have served our country. This year we had Captain Simon, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Philadelphia Division as our keynote speaker.



November 2021 - We helped out Pack 17 with collection of donation for Scouting for Food.



November 2021 - We hosted visitors from Pack 17, 39, and 554 for a game of Giant Battleship!



December 2021 - Mr. Balot and Mr. Marks held an overview of CPR for the Scouts.

December 2021 - We had an overnight at the Philadelphia Rock Gym in Wyncote. The Scouts enjoyed several hours of climbing with the place to ourselves.





December 2021 - We have been supporting Wreaths Across America for several years now. This year we made the trip down to Arlington National Cemetery, where it all began. This was an awesome experience. Thank you, Mr. Waeltz for arranging the admission tickets.



December 2021 - Last year we began a new tradition of laying wreaths on the Veteran's graves at the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery. We continued it again this year, and had some help from Pack 17. Thank you Mr. Waeltz for organizing this great event!



December 2021 - On December 20th we conducted our Annual Christmas Caroling to bring a little joy to some local scouting families. Here we are at the Bernard's house. Thank you Mr. John for making all of the arrangements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 4th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, January 4th our monthly TLC meeting will be at Mr. Grimes' house at **7:30 pm**. We will be reviewing December and January and planning February.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 10th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

Life to Eagle Meeting

Wednesday, January 12th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a special meeting for Life Scouts and their parents. The purpose is to explain Troop 3's Eagle process, discuss changes to BSA's requirements coming in July, and prepare the Scout as best as possible for challenges ahead.



We will meet in Fellowship Hall at Hatboro Baptist Church.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 13th 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 to Sterling Hill Mine



We were supposed to go to Sterling Hill Mine last January, and we didn't make it. So, we're giving it another shot on **January 14th to 16th**.

Cost: **\$40 plus patrol food**.

The cost of the trip includes transportation, tickets to the mine and "rock dump", as well as troop feed for dinner. All other meals will be by patrol.

I have never been, and am excited to go. I hear it's awesome inside. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Snyder at snyder.jared@gmail.com or 610-406-3454.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 17th at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

Bowling Night

Monday, January 24th at 7:30 PM, we will be meeting at [Thunderbird Lanes in Warminster](#). The cost is **\$10**, which includes bowling, pizza, and soda.

Family Ski Night at Bear Creek



We have a group reservation to go to Bear Creek on **Friday, January 28th from 4-10 pm**. It is strongly recommended that you visit the [Bear Creek website](#) for your rental and release forms, plus the latest COVID protocol info. More details will follow.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 31st at 7:30 PM, we will be having a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

NEWS AND NOTES

Lastest 2021-2022 Annual Plan

There are many exciting trips coming up in 2022! Please mark important dates on your family calendar.

[Click here for the Lastest 2021-2022 Annual Plan](#)

Payment Options

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

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



Manas Date is an Eagle Scout!

Merit Badges



Cycling Merit Badge:
Tom Dutil

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
1/3 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist		1/14-1/16 Sterling Hill Mine	1/12 Roundtable 7:15 PM Zoom	1/28 Family Ski Trip 4 PM - Closing Bear Creek
1/4 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes' House				
1/10 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
1/12 Life to Eagle 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
1/13 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
1/17 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
1/24 Bowling 7:30 PM Thunderbird Lanes				
1/31 Troop Mtg 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				