

HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Troop 3!

Well, the January trip to Elk Mountain turned out to be a success after all. After a snafu with lodging arrangements, it looked like it was going to turn into a day trip. There were also concern about warm weather and rain. However, Gary Summer was able to hook us up with time share in Stroudsburg and the weather cooperated. We had a small group, but we had a great time. A good number of trails were open and in decent condition. Better yet, everyone came home in one piece. We had two Scouts on skis and a snowboard for the first time. Eric and I had not been on skis for a very long time. It felt good to be out there again, and it was just like riding a bike. Saturday night, I temporarily lifted the electronics ban for the playoff games and got to see the Eagles beat the Giants!

Next, I'm looking forward to heading to Resica Falls for a weekend of shooting and hiking. For the first time in several years, we'll be back in Firestone Lodge. Bring along your favorite board game to play. Also, for those of you planning on going to Mount Washington in March, we'll be staying outside Saturday night to test your cold weather gear. This has historically been one of our best attended trips, and I hope that continues this year.

Speaking of Venture Trips, see below for details on both Mount Washington and Philmont 2024. The sign-up for Philmont is only two weeks away, and I have only heard from a handful of people so far. I can't speak highly enough about either of these trips. They are both incredibly challenging and rewarding, and will provide experiences that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Trips	District/ Council Events	Other
2/6 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist	2/4 Ryan Finazzo Eagle Project	2/17-2/19 Resica Falls	2/13 OA Election	2/4 Pinewood Derby Clinic 9 AM - 12 PM Lehman Church
2/7 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes' House		2/24 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 4:30 PM		2/15 75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM Hatboro Baptist
2/9 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
2/13 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				2/23 Pack 318 Crossover 7 PM
2/20 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
2/27 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ryan Finazzo's Eagle Project

On **Saturday, February 4th**, Ryan Finazzo is in need of volunteers to help out with his Eagle Project. Ryan project entails refurbishment of two statues at the [St. Martin of Tours Cemetery in New Hope PA](#). This will include scrubbing dirt, moss, and mold off of the statues. Please arrive by 10 AM and expect to wrap up around 2 PM. Lunch will be provided. [Click here for details](#).

RSVP by contacting Ryan at 215-499-5931 or RyanJFinazzo@gmail.com

Ryan Finazzo's Eagle Project



Project Description

We will be refurbishing two statues at the St. Martin of Tours cemetery in New Hope PA. This will include scrubbing dirt, moss, and mold off of the statues. I am looking for 7-10 volunteers. Lunch will be provided.

Date: February 4th 2023 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: 111 New Street New Hope, Pennsylvania

Please come prepared with:

- Warm Clothing
- Work Clothes (Boots, Gloves, and Something you don't mind getting dirty)

If you are interested please RSVP by contacting me at 215-499-5931 or RyanJFinazzo@gmail.com

Please let me know in advance if you will need transportation to the cemetery.

Pinewood Derby Clinic

Saturday, February 4th from 9 AM until Noon we need a couple of Scout and Adult volunteers to help out with Pack 17's Pinewood Derby Clinic at Lehman Church.

Troop Meeting

Monday, February 6th at 7:30 pm we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church. We'll be having Movie Night.

TLC Meeting

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

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting at Hatboro Baptist to discuss January and February, and to plan March.

Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 12th is Scout Sunday. We will need volunteers to participate in the 11 AM service at Hatboro Baptist Church. More details to follow soon.



Troop Meeting

Monday, February 13th at 7:30 PM we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church. We'll be holding the election of new Ordeal Candidates for the Order of the Arrow, and we will also be having an overview of Gun Safety ahead of the weekend at Resica.

75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting



Wednesday, February 15th at 7 PM we are forming a sub-Committee for planning of Troop 3's 75th Anniversary event taking place in 2024. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at Hatboro Baptist. If you are interested in helping out, please plan on attending!

Weekend Trip to Resica Falls

On **February 17th to 19th** will be our annual trip to Resica Falls for a weekend of shooting and hiking. We'll be staying in the beautiful Firestone Lodge, although those planning to go to Mt. Washington next month should be prepared to sleep outdoors on Saturday night. [Click here for details.](#)

Sign up Deadline is February 6th and the cost is \$35. This will be a troop feed, so the cost includes all transportation, lodging, range fees, and food.

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Rob Walsh at 267-872-6770 or walsh5@comcast.net.



Troop Meeting

Monday, February 20th at 7:30 PM we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church. We will be having a giant size Trivial Pursuit game!

Pack 318 Crossover

Thursday, February 23th at 7 PM at [St. Cyril of Jerusalem](#), we have a new Scout crossing over from Jamison Pack 318. We'll need several volunteers to help with the ceremony.

Bear Creek Family Ski Night

Family Ski Night at the [Bear Creek Mountain Resort](#) has been rescheduled for **Friday February 24th**. This is a fun night of skiing, snowboarding, and/or tubing.

[Click Here for Details](#)



Troop Meeting

Monday, February 27 at 7:30 PM we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church. Scouts will be working with their Patrol Advisors to plan Advancement to their next rank.

NEWS AND NOTES

Mount Washington



Our annual trek to Mount Washington in the White Mountains of New Hampshire is set for **March 11-14**. It has been 5 years since we made the summit, and this could be our year! This trip is open to the Venture Crew, Scouts 14 and older with the rank of Star or higher. Adults and parents are welcome as well. Note Scouts will need to arrange for an excused absence from school on March 13-14. The educational benefits are numerous, but you can mention, team building, history, and physical fitness.

The cost of the trip is \$335. \$275 goes to the troop for transportation, lodging, food, and trail fees. \$60 goes directly to International Mountain Equipment for mountaineering boot and crampon rental.

[Click here for an itinerary of the trails on Sunday and Monday.](#) Saturday and Tuesday are travel days. Saturday night and Monday night we'll stay in Mr. Pfeil's heated cabin. Sunday night we sleep in a shelter on the mountain.

If you are interested or would like more info, please let me know!

2024 Philmont Contingent



It's time to officially sign-up for Philmont! We have a crew reserved for the 2024 Cradle of Liberty Council Contingent for Philmont Scout Ranch. The dates of the 2024 COL Philmont Contingent are **June 22nd to July 6th 2024**. The cost the trip will be **\$3,600**, which includes airfare, transportation, and lodging, as well as all camp fees.

We must have our Crew finalized by the troop meeting on February 13th. Please contact me if you are interested.

If you are not familiar, Philmont Scout Ranch is the premiere BSA high adventure base in the US, if not the world. The backpacking trek will include 11-days on the trail. Sign up is far in advance to allow ample time for planning, training, and making affordable payments. Crew size is limited to 12 people, including a maximum of 3 adults.

Latest 2022-2023 Annual Plan

See below for latest revision of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan. Changes are highlighted in red text. The dates for the March trip to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City have changed to March 24-26.

I also added dates for the two Summer Sessions for NYLT.

Please mark these important dates in your Family Calendar!

[Click here for the 2022-2023 Annual Plan](#)

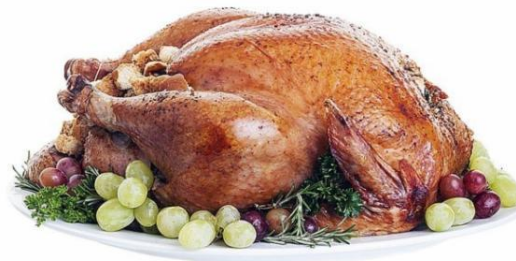
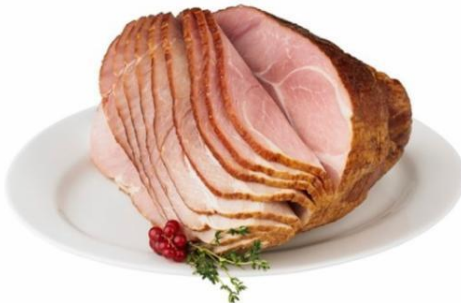
Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2022-2023
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	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program	TLC	Wash RT	Staff Mtg.
SEP	Nature	World's End (Backpacking) 9/16 to 9/18 (Lavelle/Murphy)	No Meeting 9/5	Library Bazaar 9/10 Lobster Pot 9/10 Family Picnic 9/24 Gold Star Garden Dedication 9/25	ICLS 9/10-9/12 NYLT 9/30-10/2 E-Prep Weekend 9/30-10/2		6	14	8
OCT	Outdoor Ethics	Jersey Shore Camporee (Six Flags) 10/14 to 10/16 (Summer)	Parents Night 10/3 Halloween Recruiting Party 10/31	Pancake Breakfast 10/22	OA Fall Festival at Resica 10/7-10/9 NYLT 10/7-10/9		5	12	13
NOV	Cooking/Baking	Gettysburg 11/11 to 11/13 (Waeltz)	Veteran's Night 11/14	Scouting for Food 11/12 Scouting for Food 11/19		Hatboro Holiday Parade 11/20	1	9	10
DEC	First Aid	TNT Amusements 12/3 (Marks)	Caroling 12/19 No Meeting 12/26	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/17 Wreaths Across Hatboro 12/18 Phantoms Hockey 12/28			6	14	8
JAN	Technology	Ek Mountain 1/20 to 1/22 (Summer)	OA Election 1/23		OA Lodge Dinner TBD		11	11	12
FEB	Shooting	Resica Falls 2/17 to 2/19 (Waeltz)	OA Election 2/13 75 th Anniversary Meeting 2/15	Ryan Finazzo Eagle Project 2/4 Scout Sunday 2/12 Pack 318 Crossover 2/23 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 2/24			7	8	9
MAR	Geography	New York City (Tour 9/11 Memorial) 3/24 to 3/26 (Lavelle)		Ham and Turkey Supper 3/4 Pack 17 Crossover 3/18		Mt Washington 3/11-3/14	7	8	9
APR	Wilderness Survival	Spruce Run/Ricketts Glen 4/21 to 4/23 (Waeltz)	Parents Night 4/3	HBC Mulching 4/1 Easter 4/9	OA Spring Service 1 (Musser) 4/21-4/23 Council Dinner TBD		4	12	13
MAY	Fitness	Trap Pond (Canoeing) 5/19 to 5/21 (Lavelle)	Troop Re-org 5/1 No Meeting 5/29	Pancake Breakfast 5/13 Mother's Day 5/14 Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/27	District Dinner TBD OA Spring Service 2 (Resica) 5/19-5/21		2 16 30	10	11
JUN	Aquatics	Gateway Nat'l Rec Area (Bike to Beach) 6/23 to 6/25 (TBD)	Swim Tests TBD	Horsham Day 6/3 Father's Day 6/18 Crayfish Corps TBD	NYLT 6/24-6/29		6	14	8
JUL	Games/Sports	Heritage Reservation (Summer Camp) 7/16 to 7/22 (Duff)				Quehanna Trail TBD	5	-	13
AUG	Biking	Yorktown/Jamestown (Biking) 8/18-8/20 (TBD)			NYLT 8/12-8/18		1	-	10

Revision F, Last Modified: 30 January 2023 Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)
 OA Calendar link: <http://www.unam104.org/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cotbsa.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar
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Ham and Turkey Supper

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The Ham and Turkey Supper is set for **March 4th** this year, and the dining room will be open! Tickets will be distributed to Scouts this week.

National Youth Leadership Training



The dates for the Summer Sessions have been announced, June 24-29 and August 12-18. Note that you only need to attend one session in the Summer. Unlike the Fall Session that occurs over two separate weekends.

NYLT is a great opportunity for Scouts to learn the leadership and planning skills that they need to be a successful Patrol Leader or SPL, but the lessons learned will be useful far beyond that. NYLT is highly recommended Scout by Troop 3, and we will reimburse half the cost upon completion. Note that this training is for Scouts age 13 and up with a rank

of First Class or higher.

If you have taken NYLT, and are looking for a fun and rewarding experience, please consider signing up to be on Staff.

Registration is not yet open, but when it is, [register here](#).

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



Life:

Jack Coughlin
Justin Ryan



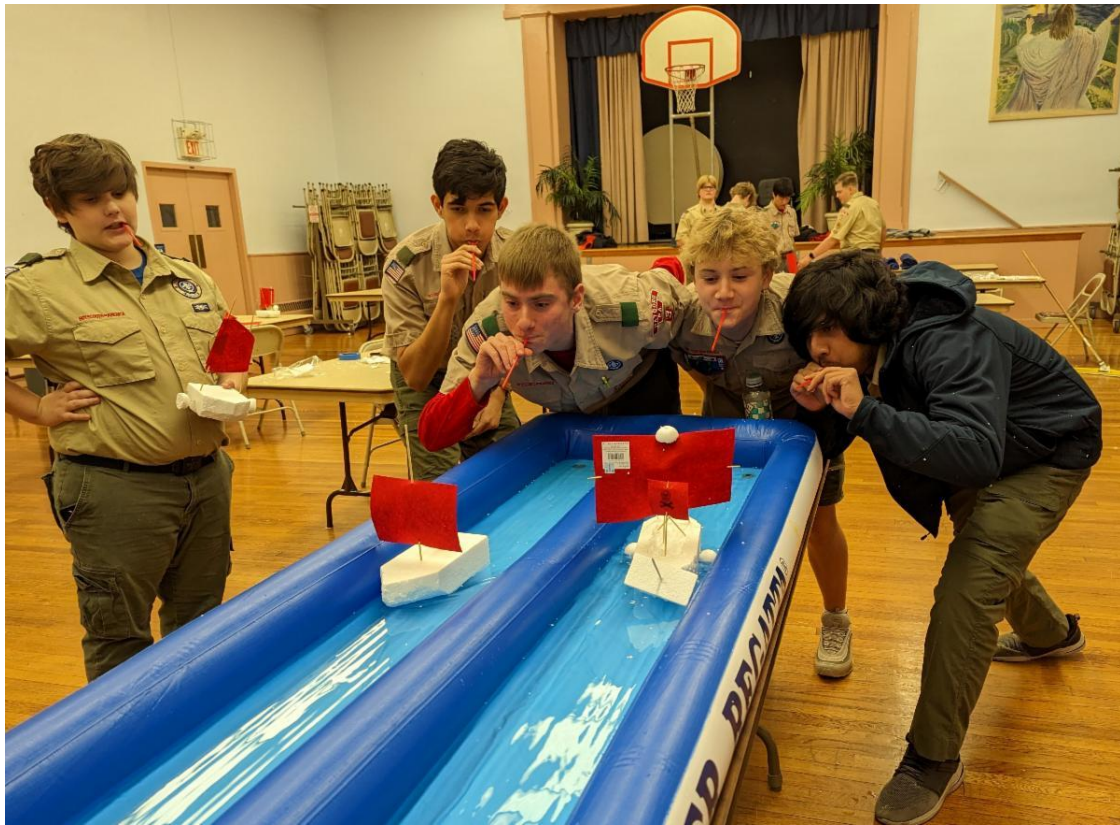
Second Class:
Benny Delsordo
Aidan Wills

Merit Badges



Railroading:
Aidan Wills

Raingutter Regatta



On **January 6th** we held our own Raingutter Regatta with boats built from random craft supplies.

Elk Mountain



On **January 20-22** we hit the slopes at Elk Mountain. Mr. Summer was able to work out the lodging situation, in order to make this a weekend trip again. The weather even cooperated, so the trail conditions were good.

Thank you for making all of the arrangements, Mr. Summer!

STEM Car Challenge



On **January 23rd** Aidan Robin hosted a STEM Car Challenge for the troop.

Great job, Aidan!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating birthdays this month:

Hunter Moffitt - 2/5

Ryan Finazzo - 2/10