

HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Troop 3!

You may have read about students using [ChatGPT](#) to cheat on school assignments. Well, I'm trying out a new AI chatbot called [ChatBSA](#), and I've asked it to write this newsletter for me. It was fed details from our Facebook page and Troop website, and it has scanned through our archive of newsletters. It will even mimic my writing style, complete with typos and skipped words.

Scouts working toward Eagle must note that use of ChatBSA to write Project Proposals and Reports is not allowed. It should also not be used for writing your Statement of Life Goals. These must continue to be your own work in your own words. However, it will be interesting to see what it comes up with when we begin development of the new Annual Plan next month!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Service	Trips	District/ Council Events	Other
4/3 Parents Night 7:30 PM College Settlement	4/1 Mulching & Troop Room Clean-up 9 AM - 2 PM Hatboro Baptist	4/21-4/23 Spruce Run/ Ricketts Glen		4/20 75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM Hatboro Baptist
4/4 TLC 7:30 PM Mr. Grimes' House	4/2 H.A.T. Packs Move 1 PM St John Lutheran			
4/10 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
4/13 Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
4/17 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				
4/24 Troop Meeting 7:30 PM Hatboro Baptist				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mulching and Troop Room Clean-up



Saturday, April 1st at 9 am we will be mulching the flower beds and taking down the garden boxes at the church. Immediately following we will clean out and reorganize the troop room. Rain is in the forecast. We will mulch rain or shine, but we may need to postpone the troop room clean-up.

H.A.T. Packs Move

On Sunday, April 2nd at 1 pm we will be helping H.A.T. Packs to relocate. Please meet at St. John Lutheran in Hatboro.

Spring Parents' Night



Uniform:
Full Class "A"
w/ Neckerchief

Outdoors at College Settlement
Monday Apr 3rd at 7:30 pm

Monday, April 3rd at 7:30 pm we will be holding our Spring Parents' Night. Parents and family are invited to join us, and see what we've been up to since October.

This year the program will include the Investiture Ceremony for our 6 new Scouts

We will be meeting at the [Tween Creek Pavilion at](#)

[College Settlement Camp.](#)

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th at 7:30 pm the TLC will meet at my house to discuss March and April, and to plan May.

Troop Meeting

Monday, April 10th at 7:30 PM we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting at Hatboro Baptist to discuss March and April, and to plan May.

Troop Meeting

Monday, April 17th at 7:30 PM we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting



We have formed a sub-Committee for planning of Troop 3's 75th Anniversary Celebration taking place May 17-19, 2024 at College Settlement.

On **Thursday, April 20th from 7-9 PM** the Planning Committee will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at Hatboro Baptist. If you are interested in helping out, please plan on attending!

Weekend Trip to Spruce Run and Ricketts Glen

For our April Trip we'll be heading to College Settlement's Spruce Run Outpost for the weekend of **April 21-23**. We will clean up the camp and head over to Ricketts Glen State Park for a hike.

The cost of the trip is \$30, plus Patrol food.

If you are interested, please sign up with Mr. Waeltz by Monday April 17th.



Troop Meeting

Monday, April 24th at 7:30 PM we will have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist Church.

Troop Reorganization

Monday, May 1st at 7:30 PM we will be holding the election for our next SPL, as well as forming new Patrols. It is highly recommended that you make this meeting, to ensure you get in the Patrol that you want.

NEWS AND NOTES

75th Anniversary Logo Contest



The logo that we've been using for the 75th Anniversary is a temporary one. We are holding a contest for design of a new logo for the 75th Anniversary events. The winning entry will be used on all merchandise for the Anniversary. The person who submits the winning entry will win free merchandise and a \$50 gift card. The winner will be announced at the Fall Parents' Night in October

Here are a few basic rules and requirements:

- The logo must include "Hatboro Troop 3" as well as "75 Years", "75th Anniversary", "Diamond Anniversary" or "1949-2024".
- The contest is open to all Scouts, Scouters, Parents, Siblings, and Alumni.
- All entries must be submitted in digital format.
- **Submittals are due July 1st.**

Latest 2022-2023 Annual Plan

See below for latest revision of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan. Note we are still in need of a trip coordinator for the Biking trip to Yorktown/Jamestown in August.

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 (Waelitz)	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 (Waltz)	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)	75 th Anniversary Meeting 3/15	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 (Waelitz)	Parents Night 4/3 75 th Anniversary Meeting 4/20	HBC Mulching 4/1 H.A.T. Packs Mow 4/2 Easter 4/9	OA Spring Service 1 (Musser) 4/23-4/25 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 (Summer)	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 H. Last Modified: 30 March 2023 Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

OA Calendar link: <http://www.unam1odge.org/calendar>

Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cdfsa.org/index.php?Itemid=804&option=com_events&view=month&task=month.calendar

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National Youth Leadership Training



or higher.

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

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

[Register here for the June Session.](#)

[Register here for the August Session.](#)

[Register here for the Fall Sessions.](#)

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



Star:

Benny Del Sordo

Aidan Wills

Merit Badges



Citizenship in the Community:
Jack Thompson



Family Life:
Charlie Batman

Ham & Turkey Supper



On **March 4th**, we held the annual Ham & Turkey Supper. We offered a dine-in option for the first time in 3 years, and it was another success! We served almost 300 meals. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make it possible, and thank you to everyone in the community who purchased tickets to support the troop!

I especially want to thank Mr. Waeltz, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Dieterly for the long hours in the kitchen!

Mount Washington







On **March 11-14** Crew 3 headed up to Mount Washington in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. We had fantastic conditions on the way up to Hermit Lake on Sunday, and had plenty of time to practice our skills in Tuckerman Ravine. Monday morning we made our way up the Lion Head Trail and made the Summit! It was the first time up for most of the Crew, and they were not disappointed!

Congratulations, Crew 3!
And thank you Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Murphy!

Pack 17 Crossover



On **March 18th** Pack 17 held their Blue and Gold Banquet, and we elevated two more Scouts into membership of Troop 3. That makes 6 new first years in all, the most we've have in quite a few years.

Welcome to the Troop, Lucas and Gabe!

New York City



On the weekend of **March 24-26**, we headed up to New York City for the weekend. We camped at the William H. Pouch Scout Camp on Staten Island, and took the ferry into Manhattan on Saturday to tour the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. We also walked over to the Brooklyn Bridge to take in the sights. Saturday was a windy and soggy day. Camping in tents in March can go either way. We were spared setting up and taking down tents in the rain, but it was coming down pretty much the whole time otherwise. On Sunday we stopped by the Revolutionary War Museum at Washington Crossing State Park in New Jersey, and learn about the 10 Crucial Days that were a turning point in the American Revolution and American History.

Thank you, Mr. Lavelle for putting it all together!

Tom Dutill Aging Out



Troop 3 Eagle Scout Tom Dutill turns 18 later on this month and will be aging out of Scouts. Hopefully he sticks around for the high adventure trips. Here he is on the Upper Susquehanna River last summer, where we shared a canoe for the week.

We'll miss you, Tom!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating birthdays this month!

Charlie Batman 4/3
Tom Dutill 4/11
Dean Barbor 4/25