

# HATBORO TROOP 3

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2023

Greetings Troop 3!

Welcome to Fall! Can I just say how excited I am about the upcoming trips? Still, they've got a tough act to follow after biking the Abandoned Turnpike a couple weeks ago. I wasn't entirely sure what to expect there, but it far exceeded my imagination. We rode about 12 miles, almost 2 miles of which were in the dark, through the [Sideling Hill Tunnel](#) and [Rays Hill Tunnel](#). We enjoyed exploring all of the old infrastructure. So many cool sights. It was a gorgeous day and all of the "folk art" was very colorful. Some were simple and crude, and some were huge and very elaborate. In either case, people have spent many thousands of hours spray painting. There's a few pictures below, and there's tons more on the [Troop 3 Facebook Page](#)

This month we'll be [backpacking the AT at the Delaware Water Gap](#), which is a beautiful area. I've been there with the troop several times years ago, and I'm happy to go back. Next month we'll be heading down to Annapolis to tour the Naval Academy and catch a Navy Football game. I mention this one well ahead of time, because we need an early headcount to buy the tickets. Read on for details.

Check out the current revision of the new Annual Plan below. If filled in a few dates that were TBD. The most important changes are the dates for Summer Camp, we are booked for **July 14-19 at Camp Beaumont**. Last month's version had a typo. Sorry for the confusion.

There's tons of important info below. Read on!

Yours in Scouting,  
Mr. Keith Grimes

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Good Turns, etc.	Trips	District/ Council Events	Other
10/2 Parents' Night 7:30-9 PM HBC	10/14 Pancake Breakfast 7-11 am HBC	10/20-10/22 Backpacking Delaware Water Gap	10/6-10/8 OA Weekend Musser Scout Reservation	10/7 Citizenship in Society 9 am - 3 pm HBC
10/3 TLC 7:30-8:45 PM Mr. Grimes' House	10/25 Flea Market Prep in Troop Room 7-8 pm			10/18 75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting 7-8:30 PM HBC
10/9 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC	10/28 Flea Market Noon-4 pm HBC			
10/12 Staff Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC				
10/16 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC				
10/23 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC				
10/23 Halloween Party! 7:30-9 PM HBC				

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Parents' Night



*Semi-annual  
Parent's  
Night*

Come recognize the Scouts' Advancement,  
and see what we've been up to since April!

**Monday  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 pm**

In the  
Sanctuary

Scouts and  
Scouters:  
**Full Uniform  
w/ Neckerchief**

**Monday, October 2nd** is Parents' Night!  
Ceremony starts at 7:30 pm.

Scouts & Scouters: We need help setting up the Sanctuary at 6:45 pm  
Full Class A Uniform with neckerchief

Parents: Please plan on staying to help recognize all of the Scouts'  
achievements since April.

### TLC Meeting

**Tuesday, October 3rd from 7:30-8:45 PM** the TLC will meet at my house to discuss  
September and October, and to plan November.

### Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Class

**Saturday, October 7th from 9 AM to 3 PM** the class for Citizenship in Society will be held in the upstairs classroom at the church.

Sorry, Registration is full. The 8 spots filled up fast. If you have signed up, but can no longer make it, please let me know, so we can fill the spot. We plan to arrange for another class in the Spring.

Also, if you are signed up, remember to do Requirements 1, 2, 7, and 8 at home ahead of time.



### Troop Meeting & Recruiting Night

**Monday, October 9th from 7:30-9 PM** we have a recruiting night planned, with geocaching nearby. Webelos and AOLs welcome! Just let me know.

### Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 12th from 7:30-9 PM** the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting in Fellowship Hall to discuss September and October, and to plan November.

### Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday, October 14th** we will be hosting our Fall Pancake Breakfast. This fundraiser benefits the Scouts who sell tickets. All profits from ticket sales go directly into Scouts' individual camping funds. Tickets are **\$6 for Adults and \$4 for Kids.**

Mr. Lavelle has already distributed tickets.

Let him know if you need more!

Unsold tickets and proceeds must be turned in on October 9th, so that we know how many people to expect on Saturday.

Scouts should arrive by **7 am** to set up the Dining Room. We will be serving Dine-in and Take-out from **8-10 am**. Scouts will be dismissed around **11 am** after clean-up. Wear your Class B Uniform.

[Buy Pancake Breakfast Tickets on CheddarUp](#)

### Troop Meeting

**Monday, October 16th from 7:30-9 PM** we have a Bake-Off planned. We will also be discussing how to pack for backpacking. Commitment for the October and November Trip is due.

### 75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, October 18th from 7-8:30 PM** the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee will be meeting in Fellowship Hall.

This past month, we selected the caterer. We still need lots of help building a contact list so that we can get the word out to Troop alumni. There's also plenty of details to be worked out for the weekends programs and activities.

If you are an alum, [click here to complete a brief questionnaire](#)



### Weekend Backpacking Trip to the Delaware Water Gap

For our October Trip we'll be heading up to the Delaware Water Gap area in New Jersey. Friday night we camp at Worthington State Forest Campground. Saturday we hit the Appalachian Trail for about 8 miles. Saturday night and we'll camp on the trail at the backpacker site. Sunday, we have a short 2 miles back to the car. We're going to climb up (without packs) to an overlook Sunday morning before heading home.



The cost of the trip is **\$45**.

Meet for departure **Friday, October 20 at 6 pm** and return on **Sunday, September 17 around 2 pm**.

[Click here for the flyer](#)

If you are interested, please contact with me at 215-833-9655 or grimer360@gmail.com

[Pay for October Trip on CheddarUp](#)

### Troop Meeting

**Monday, October 23rd from 7:30-9 PM** we will have a regular troop meeting at HBC.

### Flea Market Prep

**Wednesday, October 25th from 7-8 PM** we need some help in the Troop Room gathering items for the Flea Market and cleaning up a little.

### Flea Market

**Saturday, October 28th from Noon-4 PM** we'll be holding our first ever Flea Market in the front lawn of the church. There will be lots of people in town for the Skeleton Skurry and Trunk or Treat.

### Halloween Party!

**Monday, September 25th from 7:30-9 PM** we will have a regular troop meeting at HBC. We will be holding our first ever Troop Family Feud. Watch your email for an upcoming survey to gather answers for questions.

### Football Game at Naval Academy



**November 10-12** our monthly trip will be taking us to tour the grounds of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis MD, before catching the Football Game against the UAB Blazers.

The cost of the trip will be **\$85**  
We need commitment by October 16 so that we can buy the tickets.

[Click here for the flyer](#)

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Summer at 215-833-9655 or grimer360@gmail.com

[Sign up for the November Trip on Cheddar Up](#)

### Troop 3 Diamond Jubilee Celebration

The Troop 3 Diamond Jubilee Celebration be a weekend event **May 17-19, 2024** held on the Day Camp side of College Settlement. The troop will be camping on site, and alumni are welcome to join us. **Saturday, May 18, 2024** we'll have a brunch, afternoon activities, dinner, and a campfire.

Also, please follow the event's Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/HatboroTroop3Year75](https://www.facebook.com/HatboroTroop3Year75)



### NEWS AND NOTES

#### Online Payment by Cheddar Up Now Available



At last month's Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to no longer accept Venmo as a payment method and move to a different pay service called Cheddar Up. You have the option of paying by credit card as a guest or, if you open an account, you can connect your checking account, if you so choose.

Note there's a small fee for charging to a credit card, and of course, we'll still take cash and checks as payment for trips, etc.

We have already sent out a couple emails with links for the October Trip, Pancake Breakfast, and Uniform Items. The announcements above have Payment Buttons, too.

For questions regarding Cheddar Up, please contact Troop Treasurer Mr. Brian Dutil at 267-280-2509 or [bdutil@verizon.net](mailto:bdutil@verizon.net)

#### Changes to Registration Process for 2024

As we prepare to recharter the Troop for 2024, there are changes to Council's registration policy. In years past, the Troop would reregister Scouts and Scouters and receive reimbursement from the Scout families.

This year, Scout and Scouters must register themselves online. More details on how to do this to come!

For questions regarding registration, please contact Troop Treasurer Mr. Brian Dutill at 267-280-2509 or [bdutill@verizon.net](mailto:bdutill@verizon.net)



### Share Your Favorite Troop 3 Memories



### Troop 3's 75th Anniversary Celebration is only 7 months away!

In order to make the **Diamond Jubilee on May 17-19** a big success, we would like to have as many alumni and family there as possible.

Please click the button below to share your favorite Troop 3 memories.

Also, please follow the event's Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/HatboroTroop3Year75](https://www.facebook.com/HatboroTroop3Year75)

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### Phantoms Hockey Game



# LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS

Phantoms vs Providence Bruins, Friday December 8, 2023 at 7PM



**at the PPL Center in Allentown**  
**Tickets are \$23**

We're in the same section as last year (109), but a few rows closer to the ice.

We will be the **Color Guard on the ice** for the Star-Spangled Banner. Full Class A's with Neckerchiefs for Color Guard volunteers.

This is a family event and open to Webelos, AOLs and their families, who are interested in a night out with Troop 3.

To sign-up, please contact Mr. Garry Pfeil at 215-519-3058 or [gmpfeil@hotmail.com](mailto:gmpfeil@hotmail.com).

#### OA Fall Fellowship



#### Upcoming Unami Lodge Events

**Fall Fellowship Weekend:**  
**October 6-8 at Musser Scout Reservation**

**Spring Service 1 & 2:**  
**April 4-7 2024 at Musser Scout Reservation**  
**May 15-17 2024 at Resica Falls**

[Register for OA Weekend](#)

#### Shooting Sports NRA Training



Cradle of Liberty Council has several Shooting Sports Training opportunities this Fall. [Registration is Live now!](#)

We need trained leaders to be able to continue to operate our own shooting sports weekends, like Resica in February. Because this training is critical our operations, **the troop will reimburse the course fees upon completion.**

**Nelson/Delmont Range**

**October 21** - Basic Instructor Training

**October 22** - Instructor pistol

**October 28** - BIT

**October 29** - Shotgun Instructor

**Hart Armory/ Hart Range**

**November 4** - BIT

**November 5** - Rifle Instructor

Click here for [Shooting Sports NRA Training Registration](#)

Register for the courses online and send the receipt to me with a copies to Brian Dutill (bdutill@verizon.net) and Jim Brown (jimwg40@gmail.com).

[Register Now!](#)

**New Troop T-Shirts**



Lemon on Texas Orange

Pre-orders for the new Troop 3 T-Shirts are closed, and the shirts are on order. They should be in just in time for the Pancake Breakfast.

You can pre-pay on Cheddar Up, or pay when you get your order.

**\$20 each**

[Pay for your Pre-Order on Cheddar Up](#)

### 2023-2024 Annual Plan

Here's the latest revision of the new Annual Plan!

**Important: I made an error on last month's version. The correct dates for Summer Camp are July 14-19.**

Please mark these important dates on your family calendar!

[Click here for the New 2023-2024 Annual Plan!](#)

### Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2023-2024

[www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org) [www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3](https://www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3)

	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program	TLC	Wash RT	Staff Mtg.
SEP	Biking	Abandoned Turnpike (Biking) 9/15 to 9/17 (Summer)	No Meeting 9/4	Library Bazaar 9/9 Lobster Pot 9/8 & 9/9	NYLT 9/29-10/1		12	13	14
OCT	Wheel of Fate	Delaware Water Gap (Backpacking) 10/20 to 10/22 (Grimes/Lavelle)	Parents Night 10/2	Pancake Breakfast 10/14 Yard Sale 10/28	NYLT 10/6-10/8 OA Fall Festival at Resica 10/6-10/8		3	11	12
NOV	Service	Naval Academy (Football Game) 11/10 to 11/12 (Summer)	Veteran's Memorial Dedication 11/13	Scouting for Food 11/11 Scouting for Food 11/18		Hatboro Holiday Parade 11/19	7	8	9
DEC	Advancement	Trampoline Park TBD (Wills)	Caroling 12/18 No Meeting 12/25	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/16 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/17 Phantoms Hockey 12/18			5	13	14
JAN	STEM	Washington, DC 1/12 to 1/14 (Summer)	OA Election TBD	Pinewood Derby Clinic TBD Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/26	OA Lodge Dinner 1/6		2	10	11
FEB	Gun Safety	Resica Falls 2/16 to 2/18 (Walsh)		Scout Sunday 2/4		Mt Washington 2/24 to 2/27	6	14	8
MAR	World Culture	Sterling Hill Mine 3/15 to 3/17 (Marks)		Ham and Turkey Supper 3/2 Pack 17 Crossover 3/9 Easter 3/31			5	13	14
APR	Pioneering	Spruce Run 4/19 to 4/21 (Waeltz)	Parents Night 4/1	HBC Mulching 4/27	OA Spring Service 1 (Musser) 4/5-4/7 Council Dinner TBD		2	10	11
MAY	History	Diamond Jubilee 5/17 to 5/19 (Waeltz)	Troop Re-org 5/6 No Meeting 5/27	Pancake Breakfast 5/4 Library Book Fair 5/11 Mother's Day 5/12 Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/25	District Dinner TBD OA Spring Service 2 (Resica) 5/17-5/19		7 14 21	8	9
JUN	Aquatics	Rhinebeck Aerodrome 6/21 to 6/23 (TBD)	Swim Tests TBD	Father's Day 6/16	NYLT TBD	Philmont 6/22 to 7/6	4	12	13
JUL	Cooking	Beaumont Scout Reservation (Summer Camp) 7/14 to 7/19 (Wills)					2	-	11
AUG	Games & Sports	Upper Susquehanna (Canoeing) 8/16-8/18 (Lavelle/Murphy)			NYLT TBD	Upper Susquehanna (Canoeing) 8/16-8/21	5	-	8

Revision C, Last Modified: 30 September 2023 Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

OA Calendar link: <http://www.unam1046.org/calendar>

Washington District Calendar link: [https://www.cdtsa.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com\\_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar](https://www.cdtsa.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

### Rank Advancement



**Star**  
Aidan Wills



**Tenderfoot**  
Connor Johnstonbaugh

## Merit Badges



**Emergency Preparation**  
Cameron Arbuckle



**Chess:**  
Connor Johnstonbaugh

## Weekend Trip Biking on the Abandoned Pennsylvania Turnpike











On **September 15-17**, we headed out to Bedford and Fulton County. On Saturday we rode ~12 miles on the Abandon PA Turnpike. I knew this place would be cool, but crawling amongst the ruins and the "folk art" was an incredible experience. On Sunday morning we toured the Black-Coffey Cavern in Greencastle, PA. This family owned place, with the cavern entrance literally in their basement, had been closed since the 1960. A new generation took over and reopened this year. Lot's of fun.

**Thank you for coordinating all the logistics, Mr. Summer!**

### September Good Turns





On **September 8 & 9**, we worked on the parking lot for the Hatboro Rotary's Lobster Pot Dinner. We also help set up and take down the Book Sale at the Union Library in Hatboro.

**Thank you to everyone who lent a hand!  
Our efforts were greatly appreciated.**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating their birthday this month!

Ethan Low-Ber 10/2  
Jack Coughlin 10/10  
Benny Delsordo 10/11  
Grady Szlachta

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