

HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Troop 3!

I was excited to get out backpacking this month, because it is the quintessential Scouting activity. It takes a combination of Planning, Teamwork, Fitness, and Persistence to have a successful trip. I seem to have developed a reputation of selecting challenging routes, and this year was no different. The stretch of the AT through this part of New Jersey follows along the ridgeline of a mountain, so we had to get up that mountain somehow. I chose the Coppermine Trail which follows a creek up a ravine. There were some nice little waterfalls and scenic pools along the way. Of course there was also a steep scramble to get up out of the ravine, but nothing our intrepid crew couldn't handle.

As Mr. Murphy likes to say, backpacking is 10% physical and 90% mental. It takes determination and persistence to push on. We redistributed some weight, as the Banana Heads were carrying almost half their body weight. Still, everyone did great, and we got there and back again safely. Also the "sick" views did not disappoint. The rain cleared out early Saturday morning, and we had cool autumn weather and clear skies for the rest of the trip.

There are lots of great activities coming up this month. We'll be heading down to Annapolis, MD to tour the Naval Academy and catch a football game. We've also got a big night coming up for Veterans Night this year. For his Eagle Project, Jack Thompson and he team of volunteer fixed up the flag pole and memorial in the church's cemetery. It looks fantastic, and we'll be holding a rededication ceremony on November 13th. We'd like a big turnout for this one, and we'd want to recognize all of the Troop's family members who have served in the military. If you have parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, please invite them to come.

Of course November also means Scouting for Food and the Hatboro Holiday Parade. Lots to do. Read on!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Good Turns, etc.	Trips	District/ Council Events	Other
11/6 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC	11/11 Scouting for Food with Pack 17 9 AM-12 PM Lehman Church	11/10-11/12 Football Game at US Naval Academy		11/15 75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting 7-8:30 PM HBC Board Room
11/7 TLC 7:30-8:45 PM Mr. Grimes' House	11/18 Scouting for Food with Pack 17 9 AM-12 PM Lehman Church			
11/9 Staff Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC Board Room	11/18 Craft Fair Support 2:30-4 PM Archbishop Wood			
11/13 Veterans Night 7:30-9 PM HBC	11/19 Hatboro Holiday Parade 10 AM-4 PM Second Alarmers			
11/20 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC				
11/27 Troop Meeting & Recruiting Event 7:30-9 PM				

TBD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Troop Meeting

Monday, November 6th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. We'll be planning for the November trip and rehearsing for Veterans Night.

TLC Meeting

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

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 9th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting in the Board Room (First floor of the church) to discuss October and November, and to plan December.

Football Game at the US Naval Academy



November 10-12th 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 is **\$85**
Registration for the trip is closed.

Scouting for Food with Pack 17

Saturday, November 11th from 9 AM-12 PM we will meet at Lehman Church to help Pack 17 distribute food collection bags and doorhangers in the Hatboro area. If you are not going on the Annapolis trip, please go lend a hand.



Veterans Night



Monday, November 13th from 7:30-9 PM is our annual Veterans Night, when we recognize Veterans in the Troop 3 family. This year we will also be rededicating the refurbished memorial in the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery. Jack Thompson and the Millbrook Society did a tremendous job of fixing up the existing area and adding two new plaques.

75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 15th from 7-8:30 PM the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee will be meeting in the Board Room (first floor of the church).

Last month, we developed a budget and fundraising plan. There's also plenty of details to be worked out for the weekend's programs and activities. We could use your help!

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



Scouting for Food with Pack 17



Saturday, November 18th from 9 AM-12 PM we will meet at Lehman Church again, to help Pack 17 collect food donations from the Hatboro area.

Good Turn for Archbishop Wood

Saturday, November 18th from 2:30-4 PM we'll be providing service to Archbishop Wood to help tear down and clean up after their Craft Fair. More details to follow.

Hatboro Holiday Parade

Sunday, November 19th VT3 will be providing video coverage of the Hatboro Holiday Parade. We need help setting up the camera crews as well as the commentary booth. We'll meet up at the [Second Alarmers in Hatboro](#) at **10 AM**, and we'll wrap up around 4 PM.

Troop Meeting

Monday, November 20th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. We'll be playing some Thanksgiving Price is Right!

Troop Meeting & Recruiting Night

Monday, November 27th from 7:30-9 PM we had a recruiting night planned, but initial plans have fallen through. New plans will be announced as soon as possible.

Night Out at Sky Zone



SKY ZONE
TRAMPOLINE PARK

Saturday, December 2nd from 7-10 PM we will be joining in the Glow Party at [Sky Zone in Chalfont](#).

The cost of the trip will be \$32.

Sign-up details to follow.

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.

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.

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



NEWS AND NOTES

Online Payment by Cheddar Up Now Available



Cheddar Up

At September'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**.

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

For questions regarding Cheddar Up, please contact Troop Treasurer Mr. Brian Dutill at 267-280-2509 or bdutill@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 to follow!

For questions regarding registration, please contact Troop Treasurer Mr. Brian Dutill at 267-280-2509 or bdutill@verizon.net



Share Your Favorite Troop 3 Memories



Troop 3's 75th Anniversary Celebration is only 6 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

Share Your Favorite Troop 3 Memories

New Troop T-Shirts are in!



Lemon on Texas Orange

The new Troop 3 T-Shirts are here! Pick yours up at the next meeting!

If you have not already paid, you can do so on Cheddar Up, or pay cash/check when you pick up.

\$20 each

[Pay for New T-shirts on Cheddar Up](#)

2023-2024 Annual Plan

Here's the latest revision of the new Annual Plan! Please mark these important dates on your family calendar!

Note: We still need a trip coordinator for the June Trip to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome.

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

Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2023-2024

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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	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/Lawelle)	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 12/2 (Wills)	Caroling 12/18 No Meeting 12/25	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/16 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/17 Phantoms Hockey 12/8			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 (Waltz)		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 (Lawelle/Murphy)			NYLT TBD	Upper Susquehanna (Canoeing) 8/16-8/21	5	-	8

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Latest Modifications in red

TBD in purple

Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

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

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

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GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Merit Badges



Citizenship in Society:

Cameron Arbuckle
Jack Coughlin
Benny DeSordo
Adam Hendrickson
Connor Johnstonbaugh
Aidan Robin
Kavish Singh
Aidan Wills

Andrew Marks is Aging Out



This month, Andrew Marks will be aging out of the troop. Andrew is a Senior at Hatboro Horsham High School and works as an EMT. He plans to pursue a degree in Nursing after high school. Andrew served as ASPL from June to November 2020, and SPL from December 2020 to May 2021.

Happy Birthday & Good Luck, Andrew!

Weekend Trip Backpacking at the Delaware Water Gap







On **October 20-22**, we headed up to a stretch of the Appalachian Trail in Worthington State Forest and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in New Jersey. We had some rain overnight on Friday, but other than that, we had terrific weather the rest of the weekend. Friday night we camped at the Worthington State Forest Campground. We hit the Copper Mine Trail Saturday morning up to the AT on the ridge. We covered about 8 challenging miles on Saturday and camped at the Backpacker Site on the trail. Sunday morning, we had an easy 2 miles back down the cars. Then we headed over to climb up to the Mt. Tammany Overlook for lunch and Scouts Own.

Thank you to Mr. Lavelle, Mr. DeSordo and both Mr. Marks!

Flea Market



On **October 28**, we held our first ever Flea Market out in the front lawn of the church. The event coincided with the Skeleton Skurry and the Halloween Stroll, so there was lots of foot traffic. We sold many snow cones, hot dogs, and two of our three trailers! We'll sell the last one once the new trailer is purchased.

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered.
We couldn't have done it without you!**

Halloween Party!



On **October 30**, we held our annual Halloween Party. This year we made it a recruiting event, and had a few visitors. It was a great time!

Thank you for taking care of the snacks, Mrs. Schubert!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating their birthday this month!

Nate Snyder 11/5
Josh Low-Beer 11/13
Andrew Marks 11/17