

HATBORO TROOP 3

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2023

Greetings Troop 3!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I enjoyed a few days off from work, and my family and I drove down to my parents' house in South Carolina for the holiday. We had a great time. Seems like Veterans Day weekend was a long time ago!

Speaking of which, we had a great trip to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. For the first time in a long time, we had three Scout patrols on the trip. Camping in tents in November is always a little more challenging, but the Troop was up to it. Friday night got pretty chilly, and there was a heavy frost Saturday morning. Scouts were happy to get the stoves lit for breakfast. Saturday was a beautiful fall day to walk around the Academy, and we got plenty of steps in. Great football weather, and our seats were near a lawn area in the one of end zones. We had a great view for lots of plays at the end of the game.

The next night after the trip was Veterans Night. This year was extra special because I had the privilege of rededicating the Veterans Memorial at the flag pole in Hatboro Baptist Cemetery. The Memorial was rededicated following Jack Thompson's Eagle Project to re-

landscape the entire flag pole area, as well as install two new plaques, back in August. It really looks fantastic.

We've got a great trip to Washington DC coming a couple weeks into the New Year. We'll be staying in a heated cabin at Camp Snyder. The exact itinerary will be set at the TLC next week, then we can finalize the cost. However, it is certain to include the Udvar-Hazy Center and the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico. Both of which are really awesome.

The big events this month are the day trip to Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America, followed the next by Wreaths Across Hatboro at HBC. I hope that you can take time from your busy holiday schedules to participate in these events. They are both a tremendous experience. I hope to see lots of leader and parents at the December Committee Meeting/Holiday Party at my house on Tuesday the 19th!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes




ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Meetings	Good Turns, etc.	Trips	District/ Council Events	Other
12/4 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC	12/16 Wreaths Across America in Arlington 7:30 AM - 12 PM	12/2 Skyzone 7-10 PM		
12/5 TLC 7:30-8:45 PM Mr. Grimes' House	12/17 Wreaths Across Hatboro 12:30 AM -1:30 PM			
12/11 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC				
12/18 Christmas Caroling 7:30-9 PM HBC				
12/19 Staff Meeting 6:30-9 PM Mr. Grimes' House				
12/25 No Meeting				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Night Out at Sky Zone



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TRAMPOLINE PARK

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

Troop Meeting

Monday, December 4th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. We'll be packing up the tents for the winter, and planning recipes for Cookie Wars the following week.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, December 5th from 7:30-8:45 PM the TLC will meet at my house to discuss November and December, and to plan January.

Phantoms Hockey Game



Phantoms vs Providence Bruins, Friday December 8
Due to lack on interest, we will not be attending as a troop.

Troop Meeting

Monday, December 11th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. Time for Cookie Wars, our annual inter-patrol bake-off!

Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery



On **Saturday, December 16th**, we will head down to Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. The Scouts who went last year had a great experience, and hope that more will join us this year!

We will meet in the [South Parking Lot of the Pentagon](#) at **7:30 AM**.

The trip is free, but we ask that you arrange your own transportation. If you would like to go, but don't have a ride, please let me know.

Wreaths Across Hatboro

Sunday, December 17th, is Wreath Across Hatboro, where we lay wreaths at the veterans' graves in the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery. We'll conduct a brief ceremony at 12:30 pm, before laying the wreaths. We'll wrap up around 1:30 pm.



Christmas Caroling



Monday, December 18th from 7-9 PM we will be spreading some Holiday Cheer to some local families. Note the early meeting time, so that we can get organized before we head out. Family and Alumni are welcome! The more the merrier!

Troop Staff and Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30-9 PM the Troop Staff and Committee will be meeting at my house for a Holiday Party. We'll meet early and enjoy some food and beverage.

Bring some food to share!



We'll still be conducting troop business to discuss November and December, and plan January.

No Troop Meeting

Monday, December 25th there will be no Troop Meeting. Have a Merry Christmas!

No Troop Meeting

Monday, January 1st there will be no Troop Meeting. Happy New Year!

January Trip to Washington DC

For our January Trip, we'll be heading down to Washington, DC. We'll be camping in a heated cabin at Camp Snyder on **January 12-14th**.

The exact itinerary has not been decided yet, but the highlight of the trip will be touring the Smithsonian's [Udvar-Hazy Center](#) on Saturday. Sunday will we stop at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico on the way home.



The cost of the trip will be **\$80-100**. However, this will include the cost of food for the weekend.

More details to follow!

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

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.

Originally, National BSA said that would be the policy we would be following. The Council has decided that we will not be following that policy this year and will recharter as we always have. The new registration policy will be implemented in the 2025 year.

Therefore, letters will be distributed soon at a troop meeting detailing the amount each Scout and Scouter owes and how to pay for it.

Scouts are now \$98 annually and Scouters are \$63.

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



2023-2024 Annual Plan

Here's the latest revision of the 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 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/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 12/2 (Wills)	Caroling 12/18 No Meeting 12/25	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/16 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/17 Phantom Hockey 1/28			5	13	19
JAN	STEM	Washington, DC 1/12 to 1/14 (Summer)	No Meeting 1/1 OA Election TBD	Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/27 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 (TBC)	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 E, Last Modified: 30 November 2023

Latest Modifications in red

TBD in purple

Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

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

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

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Share Your Favorite Troop 3 Memories or Make a Donation to the 75th



Troop 3's 75th Anniversary Celebration is only 5 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 below is a button to make a donation to the Troop's 75th Anniversary Fund via Cheddar Up.

Also, please follow the event's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/HatboroTroop3Year75

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Make a Donation to the 75th Anniversary Fund

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	FIRST CLASS Your name will be listed on our donor yard sign, along with items above.	
	STAR Your name will be listed on a table tent, along with items above.	
	LIFE You will receive your own thank you yard sign, along with items above.	
	EAGLE You will also receive recognition on a donor plaque, along with items above.	
	ENTER YOUR OWN AMOUNT You will receive recognition in accordance with the level immediately below the amount of your gift.	

Please enter your name or business as you want it printed.

Donation Amount:

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Please email Bob Waeltz with any questions at BobWaeltz@gmail.com
Mail form and check made out to [Troop 3] to 32 N. York Road, Hatboro PA, 19040; or via [Cheddar up](#).



GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



Star:
Benny DelSordo

Merit Badges



Communication:
Isaac Kakiko

Football Game at the U.S. Naval Academy





On November 10-12, we enjoyed Veterans Day weekend at the Naval Academy, and had a couple chilly nights at the Elks Camp Barrett on Friday and Saturday night. Saturday we toured the Academy and watched Navy slay the UAB Dragons! Sunday we stopped at the [Hampton National Historical Site](#) outside of Baltimore. We didn't have time to get into the mansion on the site, but we had a very informative guided tour of the grounds.

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

Veterans Night



On **Monday, November 13th**, we held our annual Veteran Night Ceremony. This year was extra special because I had the privilege also re-dedicated the memorial at the flag pole. It was re-dedicated following Jack Thompson's Eagle Project to re-landscape the site, as well as install two new plaques. Above is a picture of Jack making some remarks about his project.

**Thank you Mr. Waeltz, for arranging the ceremony!
And thank you to all of the Veterans who came out!**

Hatboro Holiday Parade









November 19th was the 63rd Annual Hatboro Holiday Parade. VT3 was hard at work wiring up, then operating the 4 camera shoot and Announcer's Booth. A whole lot of prior planning and coordination goes into this production, and we had a bunch of volunteers to help out in addition to those pictured above! The behind the scenes shots above are Apollo, Aidan, and Mr. Howanetz in the Command Center, Adam and Kavish on the street cams, and Mr. Marks up in the bucket. Click the button below to see the entire Parade video.

Thanks Apollo and Mr. John!

[Watch the 2023 Hatboro Holiday Parade on YouTube!](#)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scout is celebrating his birthday this month!

JJ Humes 12/11

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