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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW!

January 1, 2024

Seasons Greetings Troop 3!

Although we do not camp in December because of the busy Holiday season, we did still had a very full calendar with Skyzone, Project Blue Light, the Taws Celebration, Wreaths Across America, Wreaths Across Hatboro, Caroling, and the Staff Party! Thank you to all who helped out when you could. It is appreciated very much! For me, the busy schedule continued with many preparations, and several wonderful family gatherings over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. My body and wallet are both still recuperating.

With the coming New Year, comes new beginnings. Set a Scout Resolution, and make it a SMART Goal, like you may have learned in NYLT or Wood Badge (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound). If you haven't already done so, completing NYLT or Wood Badge would be a great goal, by the way. My goal is to alleviate the traffic jam in the doorway of the troop room by relocating the big counter top, and I plan to get it done by the 75th Anniversary in May.

In the Newsletter below you will find the 2023 Year in Review, and it was a terrific year. As it is New Year's Eve, I'd like to raise a toast to the Troop Staff and

Committee. (A Scout Toast with a Nalgene like at Philmont - A hydrated Scout is a happy Scout!):

Here's to our fantastic Staff and Committee-
This group of incredibly busy people make a priority of lending their time and talents to Troop 3. Their dedication and effort made 2023 a big success!

Here's to making 2024, our 75th year of Scouting, even better!

Happy New Year!

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Keith Grimes

JANUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Happy New Year!	2 TLC 7:30-8:45 PM Mr. Grimes' House				
	8 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC			11 Staff Meeting 7:30-9 PM Boardroom	12 January Trip Washington, DC	13 January Trip Washington, DC
14 January Trip Washington, DC	15 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC	16 75th Ann Meeting 7:30-9 PM Boardroom				
	22 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM HBC				26 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 4-10 PM	27 Pinewood Derby Clinic w/ Pack 17 9 AM - 12 PM Lehman
	29 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 PM					

	HBC					
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DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

Happy New Year!

Monday, January 1st. No Troop Meeting

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, January 2nd from 7:30-8:45 PM the TLC will meet at my house to discuss December and January, and to plan February.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 8th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. We'll have a Robotics Demo. Great night for Cubs to visit!

Sign-up Deadline for January Trip and Bear Creek.

Troop Staff & Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 11th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom at HBC to discuss December and January, and to plan February.

January Trip to Washington DC

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

On Saturday morning we will tour the nearby [Manassas National Battlefield Park](#). Saturday afternoon we'll tour the Smithsonian's [Udvar-Hazy Center](#). Sunday will we stop at the National Mall area before heading home.



The cost of the trip will be **\$75**, including Troop Feed for the weekend. [Click Here for the flyer](#)

If you are interested, please reserve your spot on Cheddar Up below or contact Mr. Summer by the Troop Meeting on **January 8th**. 267-546-8655 or garysummer@gmail.com

Sign Up for the Trip on Cheddar Up



BSA Hatboro Troop 3
Hatboro, Pennsylvania

Washington DC



January 12-14, 2024. Report HBC 6pm Friday Evening. Return 2pm, Sun.

MUST Reserve Spot by 1/8

- Highlights:
- Cabin camping @ Camp Snyder
 - Guided tour of Manassas National Battlefield (Saturday AM)
 - Visit to Udvar-Hazy Center, Smithsonian Air Space Museum annex (Saturday PM)
 - BSAK movie at Udvar-Hazy Center
 - Visit the National Mall and the various monuments and memorials (Sunday AM)
 - Troop Feed – cost for food is built into trip cost

Cost: \$75 for Travel, Camp, and all meals

Scout(s): _____ Patrol(s): _____

Scouter: _____

Can Drive? Y / N

If so:

- How many seatbelts? _____
- Can you tow the trailer? Y / N

Total Paid \$ _____

Return to Gary Summer no later than Monday Jan 8. (m)267 546 8655 or garysummer@gmail.com

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 15th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. STEM Challenges!

75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th from 7:30-9 PM the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee is meeting in the Boardroom at HBC. Still lots of details to work out regarding the activities on Saturday.



Troop Meeting

Monday, January 22nd from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. Gear Workshop!

Bear Creek Family Ski Night



Friday, January 26th from 4-10 PM we'll be meeting up at Bear Creek for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing! [Check out the flyer for details.](#)

Please contact Mr. Garry Pfeil if you are interested, or if you have any questions, 215-519-3058, gmpfeil@hotmail.com

Sign up deadline is **January 8th.**

[Sign Up for Bear Creek on Cheddar Up](#)

Pinewood Derby Clinic

Saturday, January 27th from 9 AM - 12 Noon we'll be lending a hand at Pack 17's Pinewood Derby Clinic at Lehman Church.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 29th from 7:30-9 PM we have a regular troop meeting at Hatboro Baptist. OA Election!

COMING SOON!

February Trip - Resica Falls



February 16-18 we'll be heading to Resica Falls for a weekend of shooting, hiking, and fun. We'll be staying in the Firestone Lodge for the weekend.

Details to follow!

Venture Trip to Mount Washington

Saturday February 24th through Tuesday, February 27th the Venture Crew will making the annual trek up to the White Mountains of New Hampshire and attempt to summit Mount Washington.

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

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

January - Skiing at Elk Mountain



We hit the slopes at Elk Mountain in the Poconos on January 20-24

February - Ryan Finazzo's Eagle Project



Ryan Finazzo completed his Eagle Project at the Saint Martin of Tours Cemetery in New Hope on February 4th

February - Shooting at Resica Falls



On February 17-19 we made our annual trip to Resica Falls to camp in Firestone Lodge and shoot all day

February - Duel Crossover Ceremonies



We had two simultaneous Crossover Ceremonies on February 23rd . I had the honor of knighting JJ from Pack 39, while Mr. Waeltz knighted Ethan from Pack 318

March - Ham & Turkey Supper



On March 4th we held our annual Ham & Turkey Supper. This one fundraiser for the troop enables us to operate for the whole year.

March - Summiting Mount Washington





**On March 11-14 Venture Crew 3 made the annual trek to Mount Washington.
We had a good size crew and we made the Summit!**

March - Pack 17 Crossover



On March 18th, Gabe and Lucas crossed over from Pack 17

March - Trip to NYC



On March 24-26 we headed up to New York City for the weekend. We camped at Pouch Scout Camp on Staten Island and took the ferry to Manhattan to tour the 9/11 Memorial and the Brooklyn Bridge

April - Ryan Finazzo Eagle Scout



Ryan Finazzo passed his Eagle Board of Review on April 20th

April - Trip to Spruce Run & Ricketts Glen





On April 21-23 we camped at College Settlement's Spruce Run Outpost and hiked the waterfall trail at Ricketts Glen

May - Trip to Trap Pond



We headed down to Trap Pond State Park in Laurel, DE on May 19-21. This has become a troop favorite, because we camp right on the water, and there is plenty of free time for boating and fishing.

May - Memorial Day Service at Whitmarsh Cemetery



We provided service to Whitemarsh Cemetery on May 27th, placing flags on veterans' graves in preparation for Memorial Day.

June - SPL Change of Command Ceremony



**At the SPL Change of Command Ceremony on June 5th,
Josh Summer relinquishes the Troop Flag to Aidan Robin.**

June - Charlie Batman's Eagle Project



Charlie Batman completed his Eagle Service Project on June 17th. Charlie and his time of volunteers collect books and built miniature libraries that were installed around College Settlement Camp.

June - Gateway National Recreation Area





On June 23-25 we camped at Cheesequake State Park in Matawan, NJ and rode bikes around the Gateway National Recreation Area at Sandy Hook.

July - Summer Camp at Heritage Scout Reservation



On July 16-22 we headed out to Laurel Highland Council's Heritage Scout Reservation in Farmington, PA.

August - Buck Motorsports & Susquehannock State Park



On August 11-13 we camped at Susquehannock State Park and enjoyed a crazy time at Buck Motorsports for the School Bus Demolition Derby.

August - Jack Thompson's Eagle Project



Jack Thompson completed his Eagle Service Project on August 12-13. Jack and his team of volunteers took on the much needed re-landscaping of the Veterans Memorial Flag Pole at Hatboro Baptist Cemetery. The project also included installation of two new plaques provided by the Millbrook Society.

August - Josh Summer's Eagle Court of Honor



On August 26th, we celebrated Josh Summer earning the rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor.

September - Good Turns for Union Library & Hatboro Rotary



On September 9th, we conducted a full day of Good Turns. We helped the Union Library to set up and take down their Fall Book Sale. We also worked the parking lot for the Hatboro Rotary's Lobster Pot dinner.

September - Biking the Abandoned PA Turnpike



On September 15-17, we had a bike trip like no other. We camped for the weekend at Cowans Gap State Park and Saturday we enjoyed an 11+ mile bike ride on an abandoned stretch of the PA Turnpike, including two tunnels.

October - Backpacking the Delaware Water Gap





On October 20-22 we headed up the the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in New Jersey to backpack a stretch of the AT. We had a challenging 8 miles on Saturday over rough terrain, and an easy 2 miles on Sunday morning, plus a bonus hike up Mt. Tammany!

November - Football at U.S. Naval Academy



On Veterans Day weekend we camped at Elks Camp Barrett and watched the Navy Midshipmen slay UAB Dragons.

November - Veterans Night



On November 13th, we held our annual Veterans Night Ceremony. This year was extra special for me, because I had the privilege of re-dedicating the Veterans Memorial Flag Pole at Hatboro Baptist Cemetery.

November - Hatboro Holiday Parade



VT3 provided coverage for the Hatboro Holiday Parade on November 19th.

December - Cookie Wars!



On December 11th, we carried on the tradition of a patrol baking contest, Cookie Wars! It was a very tight race this year. Congratulations to Aidan and the Gary Stevens Patrol!

December - Wreaths Across America





On December 16th, we went to Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. It was an absolutely beautiful day to help place a few of the wreaths for the 400,000 people interred there.

December - Wreaths Across Hatboro



We held our annual wreath laying ceremony at the newly refurbished Veterans Memorial Flag Pole at Hatboro Baptist Cemetery on December 17th.

December - Christmas Caroling



On December 18th, we continued the Troop 3 tradition of Caroling and spreading Holiday Cheer to several local families.

NEWS AND NOTES

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
www.hatborotroop3.org 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 12/2 (Wills)	Caroling 12/18 No Meeting 12/25	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/16 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/17 Phantom Hockey 12/8			5	13	19
JAN	STEM	Washington, DC 1/12 to 1/14 (Summer)	No Meeting 1/1 OA Election 1/29	Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/26 Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/27	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 F, Last Modified: 23 December 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.cdfesa.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar
 Scoutmaster: Keith Grimes (grime360@gmail.com) Document Editor:

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

Share Your Favorite Troop 3 Memories

Make a Donation to the 75th Anniversary Fund



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\$35	TENDERFOOT Your name will be listed in the program as a donor.	
\$75	SECOND CLASS Your name will be listed in on social media along with items above.	
\$250	FIRST CLASS Your name will be listed on our donor yard sign, along with items above.	
\$500	STAR Your name will be listed on a table tent, along with items above.	
\$750	LIFE You will receive your own thank you yard sign, along with items above.	
\$1,000	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:

Print Name:

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



Silver Palm:
Apollo Marks

Merit Badges



Architecture:

Connor Johnstonbaugh

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



The following Scout is celebrating his birthday this month!

Michael Brown 1/9
Cameron Arbuckle 1/21
Connor Johnstonbaugh 1/25
Josh Summer 1/31