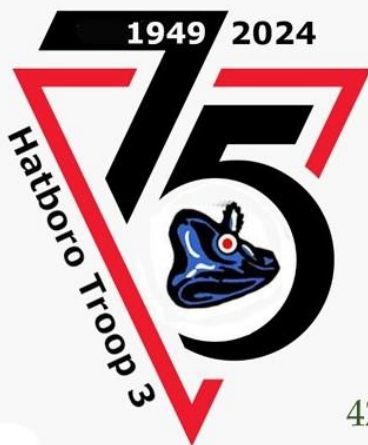


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AUGUST NEWSLETTER Part I

August 1, 2025

Salutations Troop 3!

As you are reading this, the Venture Crew and I are likely less than 10 miles upriver from where we will take out, which is near where the Allagash River meets the St. John River on the Canadian border ([See Full Itinerary for the Allagash Trek](#)).

For entirely selfish reasons, I opted to prepare half of the typical monthly newsletter ahead of time, which you can enjoy below. The second half, which will include

advancement details from Summer Camp, will be out after the Crew and I return home from Maine.

Speaking of Summer Camp, all in all, we had a great time. The facilities at Sinoquipe Scout Reservation were well kept, and the Camp Staff was awesome. We weathered a few thunderstorms, as well as some homesickness, but if you [check out the pictures on the Troop 3 Facebook Page](#) you'll see a lot of smiling faces. There were a lot more ups than downs. If you are wondering why your Scout mentions "Uppies!", don't worry, that's what the SpaceX Counselor calls his rockets. You'll see them in the pictures, too.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes



AUGUST ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

22-Jul-2025

DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

Venture Crew Returns

Saturday, August 2nd the Venture Crew will be returning from the Trek to the [Allagash Wilderness Waterway](#) in the North Woods of Maine. We plan to arrive 4 Brothers

Honey in Horsham around **7:30 PM**, but we'll be in contact along the way with a more certain ETA.

Troop Meeting

Monday, August 4th from 7-8:30 PM we'll have an outdoor Troop Meeting at [Mason's Mill Park](#) for Fishing. Bring a fishing rod if you have one, and wear your Class B Uniform.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, August 5th from 7:30-8:45 PM the TLC will meet at my house to discuss July and August, and to plan September. No Uniform required.

Troop Meeting

Monday, August 11th from 7:30-9 pm we'll have an outdoor Troop Meeting at [Mason's Mill Park](#) for Sports. Wear your Class B Uniform.

Load Gear for Stargazing Trip to Ole Bull State Park

Wednesday, August 13th from 7-7:50 PM the Patrol Quartermasters and Patrol Grubmasters will meet in the Troop Room to load gear for the weekend. Patrol Grubmasters will pick up their storage bin and cooler. No Uniform required.

Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 14th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom to discuss July and August, and to plan September. All leaders and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

August Trip to Cherry Springs



On August 15-17 we will be heading up to Dark Sky Country near Cherry Springs State Park for some Astronomy. We'll be camping at [Ole Bull State Park](#) on Friday and Saturday Night.

The cost of the trip is **\$27**.

Contact Mr. Lavelle if you have any questions. 215-385-0987 or lavejp@gmail.com

[Register for Cherry Springs on Cheddar Up](#)

Hatboro Troop 3 – August Camping Trip
**Ole Bull State Park (Cherry Springs) -
 Stargazing**



August 15 – 16 – 17, 2025 Leave 4:00 pm Friday afternoon. Return 1:00 pm Sun.

Highlights: Stargazing Friday and Saturday nights (weather permitting) – bring a blanket to lie on and binoculars. Swimming in the stream on Saturday – bring a suit and towel (and shower stuff). Lots of “down time.”

Cost: \$27 for travel and camping fee.

<https://august-trip-94219.cheddarup.com/>

Food: Patrol Feed



Troop 3 August Trip – Ole Bull/Stargazing

Return to Jim Lavelle by August 11, 2025

Scout Name _____ Scout Name _____

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Can you Drive? _____ Can you Tow? _____ # x \$27 = _____

Comfortable Seat Belts? _____ Type of Vehicle? _____



Camp Coop at the Summer's House

Monday August 18th from 7-9 PM!

We'll be celebrating the end of the 2024-2025 Program Year with a Pool Party and Campfire.

Wear your Class B, plus a bathing suit. Bring a towel!

[Directions to the Summer's](#)

Troop Meeting

Monday, August 25th from 7-8:30 pm we'll have an outdoor Troop Meeting at [Mason's Mill Park](#) for Fitness. We'll be doing the Fitness Assessments required for Rank Advancement. Wear your Class B Uniform.

COMING SOON!

September Trip to Gettysburg

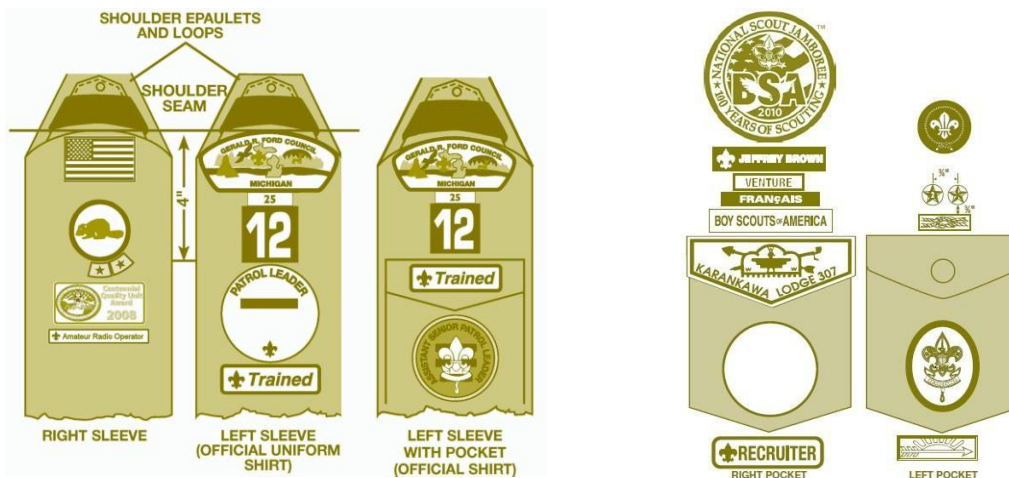


On September 26-28, we'll be heading out to the Gettysburg National Military Park for a Reenactment Camporee. The picture above is from our last visit there in November 2022.

The cost of the trip is to be determined.

NEWS AND NOTES

Uniform Patch Placement



We've had a lot of Rank Advancement lately. Please get your Class A shirts up to date! The figures above provide details on proper placement of Troop Insignia, Officer Patches, Patrol Patches, Rank Patches, and OA Flaps. The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout Patch that is worn on the Scout uniform (below the Left Pocket under the Rank). Note that we use the Old School Hatboro PA insignia in lieu of the Council patch.

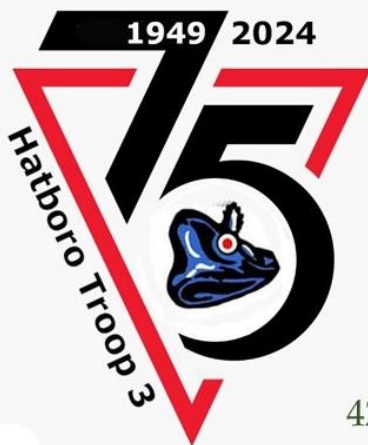
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To be continued in Part II...

(which will come out after I return from the Allagash)

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER - Part II

August 7, 2025

Salutations Troop 3!

A Trip to the Allagash never disappoints. It is definitely one of my Top 3 all-time favorite trips. The scenery up in the North Maine Woods is absolutely beautiful. The pictures don't do it justice. With a few long days out on the water, there is plenty of time to think and relax. It physically and psychologically draining, but it is well worth the struggles.

Canoeing in the rapids can teach one a lot about life. Your actions and inactions have a direct impact on how smooth your ride is. If you make a poor choice you are still going

down the river one way or another. Sometimes you can easily compensate and get back in the right channel. Sometimes you may find yourself out of you boat and in the river. When that happens there is not much you can do but pick up your feet up, point them downstream and ride it out.

A trip like this helps teach and reinforce personal responsibility, as well as good citizenship. Citizenship in this case meaning duties to your crew. Pulling your own weight, plus a little extra.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

AUGUST ACTIVITY CALENDAR

There are a couple of changes to this month's calendar. The latest revision is below.

The Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday August 21.

Connor's Eagle Project will begin on August 29-30. See below for details.

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5-Aug-2025

NEWS AND NOTES

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NORTHERN PA STARGAZING

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Connor Johnstonbaugh's Eagle Project is underway. He is running a Book Drive to help stock Little Free Libraries in the Horsham Parks. He is looking for volunteers to help build the Libraries on August 30-31 and again on September 6-7.

See Flyers below for details.



BOOK DRIVE
TO BENEFIT
CONNOR
JOHNSTONBAUGH'S
EAGLE PROJECT

Make a positive impact with your old books by helping us fill the shelves of Little Free Libraries that I am building and installing in Horsham.

JULY 20- AUGUST 30

PLEASE DROP BOOKS OFF AT
101 BROWNSTONE LANE,
HORSHAM PA
(IN THE MARKED BIN)


BOOK CRITERIA:

BOOKS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION:

- CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED STORYBOOKS
- LEARNING TO READ BOOKS
- MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS
- YOUNG ADULT BOOKS
- ADULT FICTION BOOKS

NO:

- ENCYCLOPEDIA
- DICTIONARIES
- RELIGIOUS TEXTS
- PAMPHLETS

LEARN MORE ABOUT LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES AND THEIR BENEFITS → 

EAGLE PROJECT DONATION REQUESTS



*This is not the actual project design.

For my Eagle project with Hatherso Troop 3, I will be building Little Free Libraries for Horsham Parks. I chose this to honor my Grandfather, who I built my first Little Free Library with for our backyard. It is a larger scale project and any donations will be greatly appreciated. It costs roughly \$450 per library. Any additional funds will be used to purchase books and any amount is welcomed. All donors will receive recognition.

Please venmo @kindnessiscoffetlibooks to donate
Thank you - Connor



CONNOR JOHNSTONBAUGH'S EAGLE PROJECT

Project Description:
We will be building 5 Little Free Libraries and staining them on Weekend 1
Installation and planting/mulching will happen on Weekend 2
I need both Scouts & Scouters to help build and install, as well as table saws, drill guns and sanders

8/30 & 8/31 AND 9/6 & 9/7
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
Weekend 1- We will build at 8 Pheasant Run, Horsham.
Weekend 2- We will start at Carpenter Park for install.
Pizza and Water provided

Please let Connor know if you can help
267-288-7088

Annual Plan

[Check out the latest draft of the New 2025-2026 Annual Plan:](#)

The TLC put in a lot of hard work generating the next Annual Plan for the 2025-2026 Program Year. There are some great trips coming up!

September 26-28: Reenactment Camporee at Gettysburg

October 17-19: Backpacking World's End State Park

November 7-9: Football Game at West Point

Please mark your family calendars with these important dates!

Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2025-2026

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	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program
SEP	History	Gettysburg 26-28 September (Walsh)	No Meeting 9/1 TLC 9/2 Committee Mtg 9/11 Recruiting Night TBD	Lobster Pot 9/5 & 9/6 Library Bazaar 9/6	Roundtable 9/10 NYLT TBD	
OCT	Outdoors	World's End (Backpacking) 17-19 October (Lavelle)	Parents Night TBD TLC 10/7 Committee Mtg 10/9 Recruiting Night TBD	Snack Stand 10/25	Roundtable 10/8 NYLT TBD OA Fall Festival at Resica TBD	
NOV	Civics	West Point (Football Game) 7-9 November (Summer)	TLC 11/4 Veteran's Night 11/10 Committee Mtg 11/13 Recruiting Night TBD	Spaghetti Dinner 11/15 Scouting for Food 11/15 Scouting for Food 11/22	Roundtable 11/12	Crew Meeting TBD Harbore Parade 11/23
DEC	Communication	Philly Rock Gym (Climbing) 8 December (Marks)	TLC 12/2 Committee Mtg 12/11 Recruiting Night TBD Caroling 12/22	Phantom's Hockey TBD Wreaths Across America (P Indian town Gap) 12/13 Wreath's Across Harbore 12/14	Roundtable 12/10	
JAN	World Culture	Philly/Cheltenham 16-18 January (Wills)	TLC 1/8 Committee Mtg 1/8 OA Election TBD	MLK Day 1/19 Pinewood Derby Clinic TBD	Roundtable 1/7 OA Lodge Dinner TBD	
FEB	Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting) 13-15 February (Walsh)	TLC 2/3 Committee Mtg 2/12	Scout Sunday 2/8 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 2/27 Pack 17 Crossover 2/28	Roundtable 2/11 University of Scouting TBD	
MAR	Geology	Lackawanna Mine 20-22 March (Marks)	TLC 3/3 Committee Mtg 3/12	Ham and Turkey Supper 3/7 Pack 200 Crossover TBD HBC Mulching 3/28	Roundtable 3/11	Mt Washington TBD
APR	Orienteering	NYC (9/11 Memorial) 17-19 April (Johnstonbaugh)	TLC 4/7 Committee Mtg 4/9 Parents Night 4/27	Easter 4/5	Roundtable 4/8 OA Spring 1 (Musser) TBD District Dinner TBD	
MAY	Physical Fitness	Mullica River (Canoeing) 15-17 May (Lavelle/Murphy)	Troop Re-org 5/4 TLC 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 Committee Mtg 5/14 No Meeting 5/25	Library Book Fair 5/9 Mother's Day 5/10 Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/23	Roundtable 5/13 OA Spring Service 2 (Resica) TBD	
JUN	First Aid	WWII Weekend in Reading 5-7 June (Reeves)	TLC 6/2 Committee Mtg 6/11 Swim Tests TBD	Pancake Breakfast TBD College Settlement June Dinner TBD Flag Day Whitemarsh TBD Father's Day 6/14	Roundtable 6/10 NYLT TBD	
JUL	Pioneering	T. Brady Saunders (Summer Camp) TBD July (Wills)	TLC 7/7 Committee Mtg 7/9	Snack Stand 7/25		
AUG	Bike Safety	Allaire State Park (Biking) 21-23 August (TBD)	TLC 8/4 Committee Mtg 8/13		NYLT TBD	TBD TBD

Revision v, Last Modified: 5 August 2025 Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)
 OA Calendar link: <http://www.unemilodge.org/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cdbsa.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar
 Scoutmaster: Keith Grimes (grimer360@gmail.com)

New Troop T-Shirts

2025-2026 Troop T-Shirts



Sport-Tek Competitor Performance Shirt
Warm Ivory on Forest Green

The Troop T-Shirts for the 2025-2026 are ready to order! Click below and provide shirts sizes and quantities. Money will be collected when they come in.

[Troop 3 T-Shirt Order](#)

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



On **Monday July 21**, Brady Brzowski passed his Eagle Board of Review conducted by the Washington District. Congratulations to Brady and the Brzowski Family!

Well Done, Brady!



First Class:

Akshat Bhatt

Ben Reeves



Second Class:

Akshat Bhatt

Josh Low-Beer



Tenderfoot:

Noah Friedland

Leo Sturn

Eagle Required Merit Badges



Camping:

Michael Hopkins

JJ Humes

Connor Johnstonbaugh

Macen Johnstonbaugh



Citizenship in the Nation:

Akshat Bhatt

Lucas Hoban

JJ Humes

Connor Johnstonbaugh

Austin Mulherin

Grady Szlachta



Citizenship in the World:

Akshat Bhatt

Macenr Johnstonbaugh



Cooking:

Elijah Friedland

JJ Humes

Macenr Johnstonbaugh

Jacob Norris



Communication:



First Aid:

Connor Johnstonbaugh

Akshat Bhatt

JJ Humes

Merit Badges



American Heritage:

Jack Hendrickson

Austin Mulherin



Archery:

Ben Reeves



Chemistry:

Elijah Friedland

Adam Hendrickson

Michael Hopkins



Chess:

Leo Baranowski

Dom Barba

Josh Low-Beer

Gabe Norris

Aidan Wills



Canoeing:

JJ Humes

Jacob Norris



Fingerprinting:

Noah Friedland

Coilean Wotherspoon

Digital Technology:

Ben Reeves

Gabe Reichenbach



Fish & Wildlife Management:

Adam Hendrickson

Connor Johnstonbaugh

Grady Szlachta

Aidan Wills



Fishing:

Macen Johnstonbaugh

Gabe Norris



Fly Fishing:

Macen Johnstonbaugh

Gabe Norris



Forestry:

Akshat Bhatt



Game Design:

Dom Barba

Lucas Hoban

Michael Hopkins

Gabe Reichenbach



Gabe Norris

Gabe Reichenbach



Geocaching:

Elijah Friedland

Adam Hendrickson

Geology:

Dom Barba



Kayaking:

Akshat Bhatt

Adam Hendrickson

Michael Hopkins

Grady Szlachta

Leatherwork:

Noah Friedland



Mammal Study:

Noah Friedland

Anthony Humes

Coilean Wotherspoon

Music:

Michael Hopkins



Orienteering:

Jack Hendrickson

Lucas Hoban

Josh Low-Beer

Austin Mulherin

Jacob Norris

Photography:

Lucas Hoban

Gabe Norris

Jacob Norris



Pioneering:

Adam Hendrickson

Jacob Norris

Pottery:

Leo Sturn



Rifle Shooting:

Michael Hopkins

Ben Reeves

Grady Szlachta



Rowing:

Leo Baranowski



Shotgun Shooting:

Elijah Friedland

Connor Johnstonbaugh



Space Exploration:

Leo Baranowski

Dom Barba

Gabe Norris

Jacob Norris

Summer Camp at Sinoquipe Scout Reserve





From **July 13-19**, we enjoyed Summer Camp at Sinoquipe Scout Reservation. The facilities were great and the Camp Staff was top notch. As you read above, the Scouts achieved a bunch of advancement.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Staff, who are also top notch. The time and dedication of Mr. Baranowski, Mr. Friedland, Mr. Johnstonbaugh, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Balot are appreciated a great deal.

A big Thank You to Mrs. Wills for coordinating the entire thing!

Venture Trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway



Jacob, Aidan, Leo, and JJ



Jim Lavelle, Dan Murphy, Keith Grimes, Justin Humes, and Joe DeSordo



On **July 25 - August 2**, The Venture Crew headed up to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway located in the North Maine Woods. We paddled over 92 miles in 6 days, camping at different spots along the way. Very challenging, yet very rewarding and load of fun. The weather was fantastic, low 80's during the day and 60's overnight. We had a little rain later in the week, but it brought out the Moose! We saw 8 moose in just 90 minutes early one rainy and foggy morning on the Musquacook Deadwater.

Thank you, Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Murphy!

This is a very complex trip to coordinate and it ran like clockwork!

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