

TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA



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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2025

Salutations Troop 3!

I must have blinked, because I missed August. At tomorrow's TLC meeting, we will be planning our Halloween Party. How can that be?! I have been busier than usual with stuff at work and at home. I missed the August Trip to Ole Bull, and unfortunately, I will be missing the Gettysburg Trip this month, as well the October Backpacking Trip on the Loyalsock Trail at World's End. I hope that you can take advantage of these awesome opportunities, because they are both fantastic trips.

Speaking of Gettysburg, we will be participating in the Shadows of 1864 Camporee. Every Scout in attendance will receive a replica musket and a kepi (Union Army Hat). Tonight is the deadline to register! See details below.

Gettysburg is the first trip of our new Program Year. New Troop T-Shirts are available for pre-order. [Please let us know your shirt sizes and quantities.](#)

I hope that you have all had a great weekend so far. There is no Troop Meeting tonight, so please see below for all current announcements.

There are many great opportunities coming up, especially for Service. In fact, September 6 is a full day of Service with 4 separate events: the Library Bazaar (twice), Connor's Eagle Project, and the Lobster Pot Parking Lot. We need lots of volunteers throughout the day. I understand if you cannot participate all day, but I ask that everyone plan to help out at at least 2 of the events. A Scout is Helpful! The events on 9/6 all run up against one another and transportation between events is available. See below for details!

Best of luck in your new School Year!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 No Meeting Labor Day September Trip Deadline 	2 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	3	4	5 Lobster Pot Parking Lot Hatboro Memorial Park 5-6:30 pm Class B	6 Library Bazaar 8-9 am 2-3 pm Union Library Class B Connor's Eagle Project Carpenter Park 9 am - 2 pm Class B Lobster Pot Parking Lot Hatboro Memorial Park 4-6:30 pm Class A
7 Connor's Eagle Project Carpenter Park 9 am - 2 pm Class B	8 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	9	10	11 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	12	13
14	15 Troop Meeting 6:30-8 pm Mason's Mill (Fitness) Class B	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	23	24 Load Gear for Trip 7-7:50 pm Troop Room No Uniform	25	26 Fall In for Gettysburg 6 pm HBC Class A RSVP for Leo's Eagle Ceremony	27 Gettysburg National Military Park
28 Return from Gettysburg 2:30 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	29 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	30	1	2	3	4
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

27-Aug-2025

NEWS AND NOTES

No Meeting Labor Day



In observance of Labor Day, there is no troop meeting **Monday September 1.**

Registration for Gettysburg closes at the end of the night on September 1. We need everyone who wants to go to sign up on Cheddar up. If you prefer cash or check, just pick that option and bring payment to the next troop meeting.

[Register for Gettysburg on Cheddar Up](#)



**NEW BIRTH
OF FREEDOM
COUNCIL**

**FALL
CAMPOREE**

THIS EVENT IS BEING HELD ON THE GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025. WE ARE EXCITED TO PARTICIPATE.

COST: \$75.00 PER PERSON. WITH THAT, EACH SCOUT WILL RECEIVE A REPLICA WOODEN MUSKET AND A KEPI HAT. THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN A BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT, THEY WILL RECEIVE \$20.00 CASH BACK FOR DINNER FROM THE FOOD TRUCKS AND A FANTASTIC FIREWORK SHOW ON SATURDAY NIGHT. BEFORE COMING HOME ON SUNDAY, WE WILL VISIT SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SPOTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD,

WE HAVE RESERVED 25 SPOTS. IF WE NEED MORE, I MUST REGISTER THOSE SPOTS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025. IF YOU WANT TO GO, PLEASE USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER. QUESTIONS: MR. WAELTZ AT 215-206-0276 OR BY EMAIL AT BOBWAELTZ@GMAIL.COM



Tuesday September 2 from 7:30-8:45 pm, the TLC will meet at my house to discuss August and September, and to plan October. No Uniform.

Good Turn for Hatboro Rotary

Friday September 5 from 5-6:30 pm, we will be at the Hatboro Memorial Park (behind the Pool, enter from Monument Ave) setting up the parking lot for the Hatboro Rotary's Lobster Pot Dinner on Saturday. Wear your Class B Uniform.

Good Turn for Union Library of Hatboro



Saturday September 6 from 8-9 am, we will provide service to the Union Library helping to set up for their Library Bazaar that day. We will return from **2-3 pm** to help tear down. Wear your Class B Uniform.

Connor's Eagle Project

Connor Johnstonbaugh's Eagle Project will continue on **Saturday September 6 and Sunday September 7 from 9 am to 2 pm both days at Carpenter Park**. He needs volunteers to help install the Little Free Libraries that were constructed the previous weekend. Transportation to and from the Good Turn at the Library on Saturday can be arranged.

See Flyer for details.



**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

EAGLE PROJECT DONATION REQUESTS



*This is not the actual project design

**For my Eagle project with Hatboro 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 @kindnessisconfettibooks to donate
Thank you - Connor**



Kindness is Confetti Books
@kindnessisconfettibooks



Good Turn for Hatboro Rotary



Saturday September 6 from 4-6:30 pm, we will provide service to the Hatboro Rotary manning the parking lot for their Lobster Pot Dinner. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Troop Meeting

Monday September 8 from 7:30-9 pm, we are back in Fellowship Hall in Class A Uniforms. Mr. Waeltz will be hosting Civil War Trivia.

Committee Meeting

Thursday September 11 from 7:30-9 pm, the Troop Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom to discuss August and September, and to plan October. All Leaders and Paents are welcome and encouraged to come participate.

Troop Meeting

Monday September 15 from 6:30-8 pm, we will have our last outdoor meeting of the season. We'll meet up at Mason's Mill Park to conduct another fitness assessment. Scouts who need fitness for advancement should be tracking their daily activity for 1 month starting last week. Come dressed in a Class B and ready to run!

Troop Meeting

Monday September 22 from 7:30-9 pm the troop will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. We will be assigning Patrol Grubmasters and Quartermasters for Gettysburg, planning meals for the weekend, as well as personalizing the muskets that have been issued. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Loading Gear for Gettysburg

Monday September 22 from 7-7:50 pm the Patrol Quartermasters will meet at the Troop Room to pack the Troop Gear and load the trailer. Grubmasters come pick up your coolers and dry bins. No Uniform required.

September Trip to Gettysburg



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Friday September 26 at 6 pm the Troop will meet up in the Church Parking Lot. Wear your Class A Uniform to travel as always. There is still time to register for the trip! Deadline to sign up on Cheddar Up is midnight on September 1.

We will return **Sunday September 28 at around 2:30 pm.**

The cost of the trip is \$75. See Flyer for details

[Register for Gettysburg on Cheddar Up](#)

Troop Meeting

Monday September 29 from 7:30-9 pm the troop will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. Wear your Class A Uniform.

COMING SOON

Backpacking at World's End



October 17-19, we will be heading out to beautiful World's End State Park for a Backpacking Trip on the Loyalsock Trail. This is a great trip, and views are incredible. Here's a shot from our last trip back in September 2022.

You don't want to miss this one! Details to follow!

West Point Football Game



November 7-9, we will be heading up to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The last couple times we did this trip, we had lots of wind and damaged equipment. Above is a shot from November 2021. It snowed during the game later that day, and we returned to a wind swept campsite. It's been 4 years and we're ready to test our luck again, but we'll also be camping at a different spot. Details to Follow!

NEWS AND NOTES

Leo's Eagle Court of Honor



On Saturday October 11 we will be recognizing Leo Baranowski's achievement of earning Eagle Scout. The ceremony will be held at [Riverside Community Church](#) starting at 3 pm. The Baranowski's are generously hosting dinner at Riverside immediately following.

All Scouts are encouraged to attend. Wear your Class A Uniform with neckerchief and MB sash.

Please RSVP by Friday September 26. Just click the button below.

[RSVP for Leo's Eagle Ceremony](#)

Annual Plan

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

There are some great trips coming up! We're still figuring out March.

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
S	E History	Gettysburg 26-28 September (Waeltz)	No Meeting 9/1	Lobster Pot 9/5 & 9/6	Roundtable 9/10	
P			TLC 9/2	Library Bazaar 9/6	NYLT TBD	
O	C Outdoors	World's End (Backpacking) 17-19 October (Lavelle)	Parents Night 10/6	Snack Stand 10/25	Roundtable 10/8	
T			TLC 10/7	Committee Mtg 10/9	OA Fall Festival at Resica TBD	NYLT TBD
N	O Civics	West Point (Football Game) 7-9 November (Summer)	TLC 11/4	Spaghetti Dinner 11/15	Roundtable 11/12	Crew Meeting TBD
V			Veteran's Night 11/10	Scouting for Food 11/15	Harbors Parade 11/23	
D	E Communication	Philly Rock Gym (Climbing) 6 December (Marks)	TLC 12/2	Phantom's Hockey TBD	Roundtable 12/10	
C			Committee Mtg 12/11	Wreaths Across America (Ft Indiantown Gap) 12/13		
J	A World Culture	Philly(Cheltenham) 16-18 January (Wills)	TLC 1/8	MLK Day 1/19	Roundtable 1/7	
N			Committee Mtg 1/8	Pinewood Derby Clinic TBD	OA Lodge Dinner TBD	
F	E Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting) 13-15 February (Walsh)	TLC 2/3	Scout Sunday 2/8	Roundtable 2/11	
B			Committee Mtg 2/12	Bear Creek Family Ski Night 2/27	University of Scouting TBD	
M	A Geology	TBD 20-22 March (Marks)	TLC 3/3	Ham and Turkey Supper 3/7	Roundtable 3/11	Mt Washington TBD
R			Committee Mtg 3/12	Pack 200 Crossover TBD		
A	P Orienteering	NYC (9/11 Memorial) 17-19 April (Johnstonbaugh)	TLC 4/7	Easter 4/5	Roundtable 4/8	
P			Committee Mtg 4/9		OA Spring 1 (Musser) TBD	
M	A Physical Fitness	Mullica River (Canoeing) 15-17 May (Lavelle/Murphy)	Troop Re-org 5/4	Library Book Fair 5/9	Roundtable 5/13	
A			TLC 5/5, 5/12, 5/19	Mother's Day 5/10	OA Spring Service 2 (Resica) TBD	
J	U First Aid	WWII Weekend in Reading 5-7 June (Reeves)	No Meeting 5/25	Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/23		
N			TLC 6/2	Pancake Breakfast 5/30		
J	U Pioneering	T. Brady Saunders (Summer Camp) 12-18 July (Wills)	Committee Mtg 6/11	College Settlement June Dinner TBD	Roundtable 6/10	
L			Swim Tests TBD	Flag Day Whitemarsh TBD	NYLT TBD	
A	U Bike Safety	Alaire State Park (Biking) 21-23 August (TBD)	TLC 8/4	Father's Day 6/14		
G			Committee Mtg 8/13			

Revision A, Last Modified: 20 August 2025 Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)
 OA Calendar link: <https://www.scoutsusa.org/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cotscout.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

Eagle Required Merit Badges



Family Life:

Jack Coughlin

Merit Badges



Motorboating:

Jacob Norris

Ole Bull





On **August 15-17**, the Troop travelled to Ole Bull State Park in Potter County. I missed this one, but I hear that it was a great time. Photo credit to Mr. Marks. The trip plan was for a relaxing camping trip without much on the agenda. We ate some good food, went for a short hike, some did a little fishing, a little creek walking looking for crayfish, a dip in the “lake”, card games, a game of ultimate, a make-shift Can Jam game, and stargazing into one of the darkest skies in Pennsylvania. We got an astronomy lesson from Ranger Brian and saw the Milky Way and a dozen or so meteors.

A big Thank You to Mr. Lavelle for setting it up!

Connor's Eagle Project



On **August 30 & 31**, Connor Johnstonbaugh and his team of volunteers constructed five Little Free Libraries that will be installed in several Horsham Parks next weekend.

Keep Up the Good Work, Connor!

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