

TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA



Mr. Keith Grimes
Scoutmaster

215-833-9655
troop3hatboro@gmail.com

421 Jefferson Ave., Hatboro PA 19040-2214

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2026

Greeting and Salutations, Troop 3!

I came into the troop when my son Kyler crossed over from Pack 17 in 2011. Check out the picture below. It is hard to believe that 15 years have gone by. If someone had told me that one day I would be the one knighting Scouts, I would have thought you were crazy. That summer, Kyler and I went to Haliburton Scout Reserve in Ontario with the troop for Summer Camp. We were both hooked and camped with the troop every opportunity that we could.

Six short years later, Kyler was an Eagle Scout and was off to Valley Forge Military Academy to finish high school. He had learned and grown so much from his experiences with the Troop, that I decided to stay on and pay it forward. I had some incredible experiences myself, like Mt Washington, the Allagash, and Philmont and made some great friends, so it was not that hard of a decision :)

In June 2020, Mr. Waeltz passed the Scoutmaster's torch to me, and I took over a roll that I never imagined for myself. You never know where life will take you. After a great deal of soul searching, I have decided to step aside as Scoutmaster and pass the torch on. My replacement will be voted in at the Committee Meeting coming up this month, and it will be effective at the Spring Parents Night at the end of April.

I will still be around plenty and am looking forward to the great trips that are coming up!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes



Here's Mr. John knighting Kyler Grimes and Dawson Stremme - April 2011

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

HATBORO TROOP 3 FEBRUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	Troop Meeting & OA Election 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A+	TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	Registration Deadline for Univ of Scouting		Bear Creek Ski Night 4-10 pm Bear Creek Resort No Uniform	University of Scouting 8:30 am - 4 pm KV Middle School Class A
8 Scout Sunday 10:30am - 12pm Sanctuary Class A+	9 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Sign Up Deadline for Resica 	10	11	12	13 Fall In for Resica 6 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	14 Resica Falls
15 Return from Resica -1 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	16 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	17	18	19 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	20	21
22	23 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	24	25	26	27	28 Pack 17 Crossover 4-7 pm KV Middle School Class A+
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

30-Jan-2026

NEWS AND NOTES

Troop Meeting & OA Election

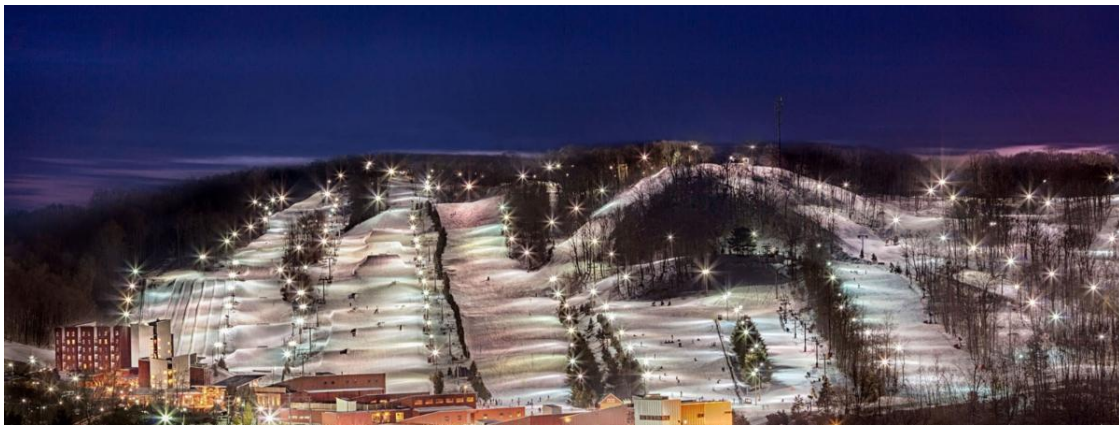
Monday February 2 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be holding a special Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall. Leaders from the Washington Chapter of Unami Lodge will be visiting to conduct an election for new candidates to join the Order of the Arrow. We need a big turnout. You don't need to be a current member to vote. All Scouts holding the rank of First Class or higher are eligible candidates to join Scouting's camping honor society, and we have a bunch this year. We will also be hosting visitors from Pack 39! Wear your Class A Uniform. Current OA members, wear your OA Sash.

Registration Deadline for Bear Creek

TLC Meeting

Tuesday February 3 from 7:30-8:45 pm, the TLC will meet at my house to discuss January and February, and to plan March.

Bear Creek Family Ski Night



Friday February 6 is Family Ski Night at Bear Creek.



University of Scouting

Saturday February 7 at KV Middle School

University of Scouting is supplemental training opportunities for all adult Scouters and Scouts. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, and Venturing, as well as sessions for district and council volunteers. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of years, University of Scouting provide interesting courses in all areas of Scouting.

[Click Here for Course Details and Registration.](#)

Registration Deadline is Wednesday February 4

Scout Sunday

Sunday February 8 is Scout Sunday!

We will be a big part of the Sunday Worship Service at Hatboro Baptist Church, and we will be celebrating renewal of our Troop Charter for the 77th year.

We need volunteers for Color Guard and to do some readings!



Please be at the church by 10:30 am in Full Class A Uniform with neckerchief and MB Sash.

Troop Meeting

Monday February 9 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting. We will be learning about Gun Safety ahead of our weekend trip to Resica Falls. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Registration Deadline for Resica Falls

February Trip to Resica Falls



Resica Falls – Firestone
Lodge Trip
February 13-15, 2026

Join us on this awesome trip to Resica Falls; we will be staying in the beautiful Firestone Lodge! Events include: Hiking & Shooting – Rifle and Shotgun! Bring board games, cards etc. for downtime

\$45 per person



Sign-up Deadline - 2/9

Return to Rob Walsh

Contact: walsh5@comcast.net or text 267-872-6770

Scout's Name: _____ Patrol: _____

Scouter's Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Number attending: _____ X \$45.00 each Total: \$ _____

Paid by Checks Cash CheddarUp: <https://february-trip.cheddarup.com>

Can you Drive? Yes No Can you Tow? Yes No

Number of seats with seatbelts in the vehicle (including driver): _____

Resica Falls February 13-15

We will depart from HBC at 6 pm Friday February 13 in Class A Uniform, and we'll camp at Firestone Lodge Friday and Saturday Night.

Saturday we'll enjoy a day of shooting and/or hiking. We'll also be holding a Tap Out Ceremony for our newly elected OA Ordeal Candidates.

We'll return to HBC around 1 pm on

Sunday February 15.

Sign up deadline is Monday February 9.

[Check out the flyer for details!](#)

[Register for Resica Falls on Cheddar Up](#)

Troop Meeting

Monday February 16 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting. We will continue prepping the troop gear for the Spring. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Committee Meeting

Thursday February 19 from 7:30-9 pm, the Troop Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom to discuss January and February, and to plan March. Major agenda item will be voting in the new Scoutmaster. All Leaders and Parents are welcome and encouraged to come participate.

Troop Meeting

Monday February 23 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall. We will finish prepping the troop gear for the Spring. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Pack 17 Crossover



Pack 17 Crossover - March 2023

Saturday February 28 from 4-7 pm at Keith Valley Middle School, Pack 17 is holding their Blue & Gold Banquet and we will be conducting a Crossover Ceremony for the Arrows of Light that will be joining Troop 3. Wear your Full Class A Uniform, plus neckerchief and MB Sash.

COMING SOON

March Trip to Hickory Run



Hickory Run Boulder Field - August 2020

Hickory Run State Park March 20-22

We're back to tent camping at Hickory Run. Saturday we are going to stay on site at the State Park and enjoy an Orienteering Course and a Hike, as well as other Advancement Opportunities. Details to follow!

Venture Trip to Mount Washington



Mount Washington - March 2018

Mount Washington March 14-17

Venture Crew 3 is making the annual trek to the White Mountains of New Hampshire to attempt to Summit Mount Washington. This trip is open to Scouts that hold a rank of Star or higher and age 14+. The cost this year is \$350. This final itinerary is being worked out, but here's the general schedule:

Saturday March 14: Depart HBC at 6 am and travel to New Hampshire. We will stay in a heated cabin Saturday Night.

Sunday March 15: Breakfast at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center before hitting the Tuckerman Ravine Trail. We will camp in a lean-to on the mountain Sunday Night.

Monday March 16: Hit the Lion Head Winter Route and head for the Summit! We'll head back to Pinkham Notch for showers before heading to a delicious pizza dinner. Monday Night we will be back in the heated cabin.

Tuesday March 17: Hit the road before dawn to return to HBC.

This is an incredibly challenging and rewarding trip. One of my absolute favorite places I've ever been.

NEWS AND NOTES

Annual Plan

Please mark your family calendars with these important dates!

Dates for NYLT in June and August have been added. This training is highly recommended for all Scouts holding a rank of First Class or higher. Our Troop requires this training to hold the office of SPL. Note that Troop 3 will reimburse half the cost of the training upon completion.

Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2025-2026

www.hatborotroop3.org www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3

	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program
S	History	Gettysburg 26-28 September (Waltz)	No Meeting 9/1	Lobster Pot 9/5 & 9/6	Roundtable 9/10	
E			TLC 9/2	Library Bazaar 9/6		
O	Outdoors	World's End (Backpacking) 17-19 October (Lavelle)	Parents Night 10/6	Snack Stand 10/25	Roundtable 10/8	OA Fall Festival at Musser 10/3-10/5
C			TLC 10/7			
N	Civics	West Point (Football Game) 7-9 November (Summer)	TLC 11/4	Spaghetti Dinner 11/15	Roundtable 11/12	Crew Meeting TBD Hatboro Parade 11/23
O			Veteran's Night 11/10	Kavish's Eagle Project 11/15		
V			Committee Mtg 11/13	Scouting for Food 11/15		
			Pot Luck Dinner 11/24	Leo's Eagle Ceremony 11/17		
				Scouting for Food 11/22		
D	Communication	Doyelstown Rock Gym (Climbing) 5-6 December (Marks)	Recruiting Night 12/1	Wreaths Across America (P Indiantown Gap) 12/13	Roundtable 12/10	
E			TLC 12/2	Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/14		
C			Committee Mtg 12/11	Phantom's Hockey 12/27		
			Cycling 12/22			
J	World Culture	Polly/Cheltenham 16-18 January (Friedland)	TLC 1/6	MLK Day 1/19	Roundtable 1/7	Jim Thorpe 1/24-25
A			Committee Mtg 1/8	Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/24		
N			OA Election 1/26	Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/30	OA Lodge Dinner TBD	
F	Gun Safety	Resaca Falls (Shooting) 13-15 February (Walsh)	TLC 2/3	Bear Creek Family Ski Night 2/6	Roundtable 2/11	Mt. Washington 2/28-3/3
E			Committee Mtg 2/19	Scout Sunday 2/8		
				Pack 17 Crossover 2/26	University of Scouting 2/7	
M	Geology	Hickory Run 20-22 March (Marks)	TLC 3/3	Ham and Turkey Supper 3/7	Roundtable 3/11	Mt. Washington 3/14-17
A			Committee Mtg 3/12	Pack 200 Crossover TBD		
R				HBC Mulching 3/26		
A	Orienteering	NYC (9/11 Memorial) 17-19 April (Johnstonbaugh)	TLC 4/7	Easter 4/5	Roundtable 4/8	OA Spring 1 (Musser) 4/10-12
P			Committee Mtg 4/9	District Dinner 4/26		
R			Parents Night 4/27			
M	Physical Fitness	Mullica River (Canoeing) 15-17 May (Lavelle/Murphy)	Troop Re-org 5/4	Library Book Fair 5/9	Roundtable 5/13	OA Spring Service 2 (Resaca) 5/15-17
A			TLC 5/5, 5/12, 5/19	Mother's Day 5/10		
Y			Committee Mtg 5/14	Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/23		
			No Meeting 5/25	Pancake Breakfast 5/30		
J	First Aid	WWII Weekend in Reading 5-7 June (Reeves)	TLC 6/2	College Settlement June Dinner TBD	Roundtable 6/10	NYLT 6/27-7/2
U			Committee Mtg 6/11	Flag Day Whitemarsh TBD		
N			Swm Tests TBD	Father's Day 6/14		
J	Pioneering	T. Brady Saunders (Summer Camp) 12-18 July (Wills)	TLC 7/7	Snack Stand 7/25		
U			Committee Mtg 7/9			
L						
A	Bike Safety	Alare State Park (Biking) 21-23 August (TBD)	TLC 8/4		NYLT 8/9-14	TBD TBD
U			Committee Mtg 8/13			
G						

Revision F, Last Modified: 30 January 2026
 OA Calendar link: <https://www.scouts.org/oa/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cobasa.org/index.php?itemid=604&option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month_calendar
 Scoutmaster: Keith Grimes (grimar360@gmail.com)

David W. Cooper Honored Scouter Award Nominations



Nominations are Open Now!

At the Spring Parents Night each year, this award is given to recognize a Scouter who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Scout Law and has contributed to the life of the Troop in a meaningful way.

All Scouts, Scouters, and Parent are eligible to make a nomination!

[Click here to Make your Nomination Now!](#)

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

January Rank Advancement



Star:

Macen Johnstonbaugh

January Trip to Philadelphia/Cheltenham



On January 16-18, we camped at Cheltenham Troop 22's cabin on Friday and Saturday night. On Sunday, we took an awesome walking tour of Old City, including Congress Hall, the Liberty Bell, Christ Church and Fireman's Hall. We also enjoyed a Cheesesteak lunch at Campos!

Thank you to Mr. Friedland for coordinating the weekend!

Mount Washington Training Hike



On January 24-25, Crew 3 did some cold weather training in preparation for Mount Washington. They hiked about 5 miles in Jim Thorpe with heavy backpacks and camped out at 4 Brother's Honey to test sleeping gear.

Thank you to Mr. Lavelle for putting it all together!

Hatboro Troop 3 | 32 N. York Rd | Hatboro, PA 19040 US