

TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA



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MARCH NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2026

Greetings Troop 3!

I know that it may not be a popular sentiment, but I am firmly on Team Groundhog. I, for one, am looking forward to having a wintery Marchuary, at least until after the Mount Washington trip. We've got 5 Scouts and 7 Scouters raring to go this year. After that, I'll be ready for Spring and warm weather. In fact, it will be time to plan ahead for Summer Camp at Camp T. Brady Saunders outside of Richmond, VA. The first deposit is due that same week that we return.

I'm also excited about getting back into tent camping this month at Hickory Run. We've got lots of fun activities and advancement opportunities planned. Don't miss out! We've spent the last several weeks inspecting, cleaning, and organizing all of the troop gear. At the TLC's request, we're returning to the Old School philosophy of assigning gear to each patrol. It is anticipated that the added responsibility will help to keep tents and cooking gear clean and in good repair. Then again, they will have no one but themselves to blame when stuff is mistreated or lost.

We had a great time as usual at Resica Falls. I want to take the time to recognize our incredible Staff members who spend their precious time to maintain certifications needed to safely run the rifle and shotgun ranges. Mr. Balot, Mr. Brown, Mr. DelSordo, Mr. Humes, Mr. Lavelle, and Mr. Walsh, your talents and dedication are greatly appreciated!

Perhaps the most eventful occasion this past month was the Committee vote to approve Mr. Johnstonbaugh as my successor as Scoutmaster of Troop 3. I am very pleased with this decision, and have the utmost confidence in Jamie to lead the troop into our 77th year and beyond. We've got many great years ahead of us. Mr. Johnstonbaugh will officially take over as Scoutmaster at Parents Night in April.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes



Here I am in June 2020 taking the Oath of Office with Troop Committee Chair Mr. Dan Marks, SPL Ivan Kakiko, and COR Mr. Bob Swan.

MARCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

HATBORO TROOP 3 MARCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Sign Up Deadline for Mt Washington 	3	4 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	5	6	7 Ham & Turkey Supper 3-8 pm Fellowship Hall Class A
8	9 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	10	11	12 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	13	14 Fall In for Mt Washington 6 am HBC Parking Lot Class A
15 Mt Washington	16 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Sign Up Deadline for Hickory Run 	17 Return from Mt Washington ~5 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A Deposit for Summer Camp Due 	18 Load Gear for Trip 7-7:45 pm Troop Room No Uniform	19	20 Fall In for Hickory Run 6 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	21 Hickory Run
22 Return from Hickory Run ~12 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	23 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	31	1	2	3	4
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

28-Feb-2026

NEWS AND NOTES

Troop Meeting

Monday March 2 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be working on Orienteering ahead of the March trip to Hickory Run. Wear your Class A Uniform.

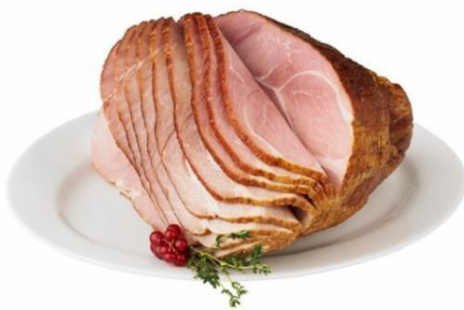
Registration Deadline for Mount Washington

TLC Meeting

Wednesday March 4 from 7:30-8:45 pm, the TLC will meet at my house to discuss February and March, and to plan April. Note the shift from Tuesday to Wednesday this month! No uniform required.

Ham & Turkey Supper

Ham & Turkey Supper



Saturday March 7 at Hatboro Baptist Church

We will be serving the public from 4-7 pm.

All Scouts are to be at the church from 3-8 pm

to help set up and break down the dining room.

We need lots of adult volunteers to make the day a success. We need adult help in the Kitchen from 7-9 am, also well as in the Kitchen, Dining Room, Pie Room, and Parking Lot. Please contact Mr. Bob Waeltz and let him know when you can help, bobwaeltz@gmail.com or 215-206-0276.

Troop Meeting

Monday March 9 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting. We will be learning about cooking on an open fire with foil packets ahead of the March Trip to Hickory Run. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Applications for the Owen Adams Campership and Nominations for the David Cooper Honored Scouter Award are due.

Committee Meeting

Thursday March 12 from 7:30-9 pm, the Troop Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom to discuss February and March, and to plan April. All Leaders and Parents are welcome and encouraged to come participate.

Troop Meeting

Monday March 16 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting. We will be planning menus for the March Trip to Hickory Run. Wear your Class A Uniform.

[Registration Deadline for Hickory Run](#)

Deposit for Summer Camp is Due

Venture Trip to Mount Washington



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, plus gear rental. The deadline to register is **March 3**.

[Register for Mount Washington on Cheddar Up](#)



Here's the general schedule. A detailed itinerary and packing list are below:

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

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.

Mount Washington Itinerary

Saturday March 14, 2026

- 6:00 AM Meet at HBC
On the road to North Conway, NH
Wear Class A Shirt for the ten-hour ride up
- 4:00 PM **Fast Food Lunch** on the road Charlton Service Plaza MASS PIKE
Top off fuel, Pick up Equipment at IME in North Conway (603) 356-7013
2733 White Mountain Hwy, North Conway, NH 03860 (Open til 8 PM)
- 6:00 PM Arrive Golden Gables Inn Dazzler Select, North Conway NH (603-356-2878)
Dinner at a restaurant in North Conway
Repack snacks into individual portions for the hike.
- 9:00 PM Hit the sack

Sunday March 15, 2026

- 6:00 AM Reveille
- 6:30 AM On the Road to Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, Gorham NH
- 7:00 AM Arrive at Pinkham Notch, purchase Hermit Lake Shelter Tix and have a really hearty **breakfast**
Distribute gear and food.
- 8:00 AM Pack and dress for hike to Hermit Lake via Tuckerman Ravine Trail
Dress in layers and be careful not to dress too warmly.
- 10:30 AM Step Off for Hermit Lake
Lunch on the Trail, Power Bars and Trail Mix
- 1:00 PM Arrive Hermit Lake Shelters, Change out of wet clothing.
Set up camp inside shelter. The shelter is an enclosed, unheated, lean-to that sleeps 12.
Hike up to Tuckerman's Ravine
- 4:00 PM Prepare **hot dinner** (MRE's)
- 6:00 PM Hit the sack

Monday March 16, 2026

- 5:00 AM Reveille and **cold breakfast** (earlier if weather conditions permit)
- 6:00 AM On the trail to Huntington Ravine Fire Trail. Drop gear not needed for Summit.
Start up Lions Head Winter Route
- 9:00 AM Final decision for Summit Attempt at junction of Lion Head and Tuckerman Ravine Trails
- 11:00 AM Reach Summit
- 12:00 PM Head back to Fire Road, recover equipment and depart for Pinkham Notch, **Lunch** on the Trail, Power Bars and Trail Mix
- 4:00 PM Arrive Pinkham Notch, Hot Shower (pack 8 quarters for coin-op shower), Change into clean dry clothes
- 5:00 PM Stop at IME in North Conway (603) 356-7013 to return Equipment (open til 6PM)
Dinner at Flatbread Pizza (603) 356-4470, Across street from IME in North Conway.
Return to Golden Gables Inn Dazzler Select, North Conway NH (603-356-2878)

Tuesday March 17, 2026

- 4:00 AM Reveille and on the road by 5 AM
Wear Class A Shirt for the ride Home
Fast Food Breakfast and Lunch on the Road
- 5:00 PM Arrive HBC.

Loading Gear

Wednesday March 18 from 7-7:45 pm, Patrol Quartermasters will meet to pack the Patrol Boxes and load the trailer for the weekend. Patrol Grubmasters will come pick up the Cooler and Dry Bin. No Uniform.

March Trip to Hickory Run

Hickory Run State Park March 20-22, 2026

- Orienteering & Scout Skill-Building Weekend
- Cost \$30 + patrol food
- What are we doing
 - Orienteering Course
 - Scout Skill-Building (fire building, axe yard, lashings, etc.)
 - Dinner – foil pack meals (patrol cook)
 - Boulder Field (weather permitting)

Sign Up on Cheddar UP by March 16th!! [Click Here!!!](https://my.cheddarup.com/c/march-trip/items)
(<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/march-trip/items>)



Hickory Run State Park March 20-22

We will depart from HBC at 6 pm Friday March 20 in Class A Uniform, and we'll camp in tents at Hickory Run State Park Friday and Saturday Night.

Saturday we'll enjoy a day of Orienteering, Scout Skills, and of course some free time to play games or just hang with friends.

We'll return to HBC around 12 pm on Sunday March 22.

Sign up deadline is Monday March 16.

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

[Register for Hickory Run on Cheddar Up](#)

Troop Meeting

Monday March 23 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall. We will be inspecting gear returning from Hickory Run.

Troop Meeting

Monday March 30 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall. We will working on knots and lashings. Wear your Class A Uniform.

COMING SOON

April Trip to NYC



Scene from the Brooklyn Bridge - March 2023

New York City April 17-19

We'll be camping at the William H. Pouch Scout Camp on Staten Island on Friday and Saturday Night. On Saturday we'll take the ferry into Manhattan to see the 9/11 Memorial and other site in the city. Details to follow!

May Trip to the Mullica River



Troop 3 on the Mullica - May 2014

Canoeing on the Mullica River May 15-17

Our May Trip will be taking us to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey to paddle the Mullica River. It has been a while since we did this one! Details to follow!

Summer Camp at T. Brady Saunders

CAMP TBS

Summer Camp July 12-18

It's time to start planning for Summer Camp! This year we are headed to [Camp T. Brady Saunders in Maidens, VA](#). This looks like an awesome camp with tons of Merit Badge offerings, plus some High Adventure options as well. Check out the flyer below for details. Merit Badge selections will occur in the months ahead.

The cost for camp this year is **\$500** for Scouts and **\$200** for Adults. Click the button below to make a payment.

We are asking for a first payment of \$250 by March 17, with the balance due by **June 2**. If you prefer an alternative payment plan, please let me know.

Please remember that cost should never to a reason to miss this great Scouting experience. Camperships and fundraising opportunities are available to help defray the cost.

[Make a Deposit for Summer Camp](#)

2026



SUMMER CAMP



JULY 12 - 18
\$500 Scouts, \$200 Adults

T. BRADY SAUNDERS
Maiden, VA

- Shower houses featuring private stalls
- Air-conditioned Dining Hall serving three hearty meals daily
- Aquatics on Lake Dillon: Canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing, and the 28-foot "Wet Willy" waterslide!
- Shooting Sports: Covered archery, rifle, and remote-controlled shotgun ranges
 - Project COPE & Climbing Tower
- Compass and geocaching courses, 10+ miles of hiking and mountain biking trails
 - STEM Program
 - 3D Archery Range & Disc Golf
- Trailblazer Program: Perfect for first-year Scouts—earn Tenderfoot to First Class requirements, Swimming MB, and a handicraft badge
- Ranger Challenge: High-adventure program for older Scouts with off-site excursions and physical challenges
 - Evening Programs: Campfires, games, and a special Trailblazer-only vent
- Trading Post: Camp essentials, snacks & souvenirs (plus internet access for leaders).

50% DUE BY MARCH 17
FULL PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 2

Questions? Contact Mrs. Wills 267-386-5069
mrswillsfromscouts@gmail.com
<https://bradysaunders.net/camp/summercamp/>

NEWS AND NOTES

Annual Plan

Please mark your family calendars with these important dates!

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	E O C T	History Gettysburg 26-28 September (Waeltz)	No Meeting 9/1 TLC 9/2 Committee Mtg 9/11	Lobster Pot 9/5 & 9/6 Library Bazaar 9/6 Conor Eagle Project 9/6 & 9/7	Roundtable 9/10	
N			Outdoors World's End (Backpacking) 17-19 October (Lavelle)	Parents Night 10/6 TLC 10/7 Committee Mtg 10/9 Recruiting Night 10/27	Snack Stand 10/25	Roundtable 10/8 OA Fall Festival at Musser 10/3-10/5
O	Civics West Point (Football Game) 7-9 November (Summer)	TLC 11/4 Veteran's Night 11/10 Committee Mtg 11/13 Pot Luck Dinner 11/24		Spaghetti Dinner 11/15 Kavish's Eagle Project 11/15 Scouting for Food 11/15 Leo's Eagle Ceremony 11/17 Scouting for Food 11/22	Roundtable 11/12	Crew Meeting TBD Hatboro Parade 11/23
D		Communication Doyelstown Rock Gym (Climbing) 5-6 December (Marks)	Recruiting Night 12/1 TLC 12/2 Committee Mtg 12/11 Cycling 12/22	Wreaths Across America (P Indiantown Gap) 12/13 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/14 Phantom's Hockey 12/27	Roundtable 12/10	
J	World Culture Polly/Cheltenham 16-18 January (Friedland)		TLC 1/6 Committee Mtg 1/8 OA Election 1/26	MLK Day 1/19 Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/24 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/30	Roundtable 1/7 OA Lodge Dinner TBD	Jim Thorpe 1/24-25
F		Gun Safety Resica Falls (Shooting) 13-15 February (Walsh)	TLC 2/3 Committee Mtg 2/19	Bear Creek Family Ski Night 2/6 Scout Sunday 2/8 Pack 17 Crossover 2/26	Roundtable 2/11 University of Scouting 2/7	Mt. Washington 2/28-3/2
M	Geology Hickory Run 20-22 March (Marks)		TLC 3/4 Committee Mtg 3/12	Ham and Turkey Supper 3/7 Pack 200 Crossover TBD HBC Mulching 3/26	Roundtable 3/11	Mt. Washington 3/14-17
A		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) 4/10-12 District Dinner 4/26	
M	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 Pancake Breakfast 5/30	Roundtable 5/13 OA Spring Service 2 (Resica) 5/15-17	
J		First Aid WWII Weekend in Reading 5-7 June (Reeves)	TLC 6/2 Committee Mtg 6/11 Swim Tests TBD	College Settlement June Dinner TBD Flag Day Whitemarsh TBD Father's Day 6/14	Roundtable 6/10 NYLT 6/27-7/2	
J	Pioneering T. Brady Saunders (Summer Camp) 12-18 July (Wills)		TLC 7/7 Committee Mtg 7/9	Snack Stand 7/25		
A		Bike Safety Alare State Park (Biking) 21-23 August (TBD)	TLC 8/4 Committee Mtg 8/13		NYLT 8/9-14	TBD TBD

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 OA Calendar link: <https://www.scouts.org/oa/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.wadistrict.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month_calendar
 Scoutmaster: Keith Grimes (gimar360@gmail.com)

Latest Modifications in red TBD in purple Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

David W. Cooper Honored Scouter Award Nominations



Nominations Close March 9!

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.

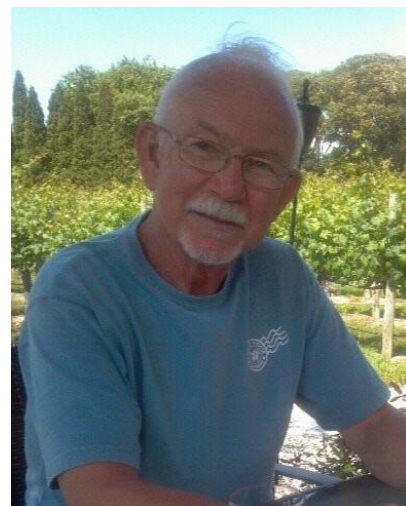
All Scouts, Scouters, and Parents are eligible to make a nomination!

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

Owen P. Adams Campership

Applications Due March 9!

The Owen Adams Campership is awarded each year to a worthy Scout. The recipient's name will be added to the plaque on the Troop 3 Wall of Fall in Fellowship Hall and he will receive credit for 1/2 the cost of Summer Camp. This year Campership is valued at \$250.



All Scouts (except previous recipients) are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Just fill out the online by clicking below.

[Submit your Application Now!](#)

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

February Eagle Required Merit Badges



Emergency Preparedness:

Gabe Reichenbach



First Aid:

Gabe Reichenbach

February Merit Badges



Music:

Connor Johnstonbaugh

Connor Johnstonbaugh is an Eagle Scout!



On **February 24**, Connor Johnstonbaugh passed his Board of Review and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout!

Well Done, Connor!

Scout Sunday





On **February 8**, we celebrated Scout Sunday at Hatboro Baptist Church. HBC renewed our Charter for our 77th year!

Thank you to Hatboro Baptist Church for the years of great support!

February Trip to Resica Falls



On February 13-15, we camped at Firestone Lodge at Resica Falls and enjoyed a day of hiking and shooting. Don't let all of the snow fool you. It was one of the warmest weekends at Resica in years. Here's Mr. Humes providing a safety brief at the range.

**Thank you to Mr. Walsh and all of our Range Officers
for making this possible!**



Here's Mr. Balot assisting some of our Scouts at the range



On Saturday afternoon we hiked up to Lake Roger on the White Trail. We slogged through about a foot of untouched snow on the trail, which made for a challenging mile and a half.



After a long break at the lake, we hit the highest point in camp at Pine Mountain and headed back down the Red/Green Trail.



The hike ended the hike at the Falls. Always a beautiful sight, but especially so in the snow and ice.

Pack 17 Crossover



On **February 28** we held an Elevation Ceremony for 5 new Scouts crossing over from Pack 17.

Welcome to Troop 3 Carter, Killian, Ben , Berto, and Jack!

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