

TROOP 3 NEWSLETTER

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA



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APRIL NEWSLETTER

April 1, 2026

Farewell Troop 3!

This will be the last newsletter of my tenure as Scoutmaster. I will be stepping aside at Parent's Night on April 27, and Mr. Johnstonbaugh will take his Oath of Office as Troop 3's 16th Scoutmaster. Until then I intend to enjoy my time as a Lamé Duck. I am also starting to figure out what my role as Scoutmaster Emeritus might look like.

March was a busy month with the Ham & Turkey Supper, Mount Washington and Hickory Run. April has shaped up to be busy as well with OA Spring Service and the trip to New York City. Which is a great trip, by the way! All the details are below.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Scoutmaster of this troop. As I have said before, this is not my Troop any more than it was Mr. Waeltz's or Mr. John's. The Troop is something larger than all of us, and we are only stewards while we are here. I am looking forward to seeing all the great things we'll be up to for many more years to come.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

APRIL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

HATBORO TROOP 3 APRIL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	1	2	3	4
5	6 AI Merit Badge 6:15-7:30 pm HBC Classroom Class A Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Sign Up Deadline for NYC 	7	8 Registration Deadline for OA Spring Service at Musser	9 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	10 OA Weekend Musser	11 OA Weekend Musser
12 OA Weekend Musser	13 Special Troop Meeting Fitness! 7:30-9 pm HBC Parking Lot Class B	14	15 Load Gear for Trip 7-7:45 pm Troop Room No Uniform	16	17 Fall In for NYC 6 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	18 9/11 Memorial Brooklyn Bridge
19 Return from NYC ~1 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	20 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A	21	22	23	24	25 Mulching 8-10 am HBC Class B ILST 10 am - 3 pm HBC Annex Class A
26 District Dinner	27 Parents Night 7-9 pm Sanctuary Class A+	28	29	30	1	2
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

CALENDAR DETAILS

AI Merit Badge



Monday April 6 from 6:15-7:30 pm, Mrs. Wills is holding a class for the new Artificial Intelligence Merit Badge. The class will meet in the upper classroom at HBC. The class started on March 30, but there is still time to get caught up if you are interested!

Troop Meeting

Monday April 6 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting and working on lashings. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Registration Deadline for April Trip to NYC

[Register for April Trip to NYC](#)

Committee Meeting

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

OA Spring Service 1



April 10-12 at Musser Scout Reservation

This is the first of a few opportunities for newly elected candidates to complete their Ordeal. [Click here for Info for Newly Elected OA Candidates](#) including the [special packing list](#).

This is also a great opportunity for current Ordeal Members to seal the bonds of Brotherhood.

Registration Deadline for OA Spring Service at Musser is April 8

[Register for OA Spring Service at Musser](#)

Unami Lodge, One Cradle of Liberty Council

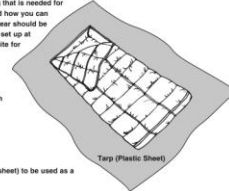
Ordeal Packing Instructions

Below you will find everything that is needed for the night of your ordeal and how you can prepare this gear. Any other gear should be packed separately and will be set up at your district, (chapter), campsite for use the next night.

(BRING A TENT)

Gear Needed:

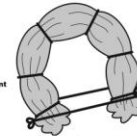
- Sleeping Bag & Ground Cloth
- Toilet Articles / medications
- Bug repellent
- Work Clothes
- Work Gloves!!
- Pocket Knife
- 3 foot piece of kite string
- 8'x10' tarp (or heavy plastic sheet) to be used as a shelter in case of rain



Pack everything listed above inside your sleeping bag and then roll your sleeping bag with your tarp around it lengthwise and secure it with rope as shown below. This rope can be used to devise your shelter if necessary. In addition to the items listed you must wear a complete Scout Uniform and appropriate outer clothing upon arrival in camp.

ALSO BRING:

- (DO NOT pack inside horseshoe pack)**
- Canteen / Hydration pack
 - Flashlight
 - Rain Gear
 - A copy of your most current BSA Medical Form



Finished Horseshoe Pack

Please Note: You will sleep out under the stars with only the equipment you bring, so be prepared. However, in inclement weather, you will sleep under cover. You must bring a tent for Saturday night.



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Special Troop Meeting - Fitness!

Monday April 13 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a Special Troop Meeting to start work on the Fitness Requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class. Scouts are expected to log their own activity for the following 30 days. Bring a water bottle and wear your Class B Uniform with sneakers for running.

Loading Gear

Wednesday April 15 from 7-7:45 pm, The Troop Quartermaster and 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.

April Trip to New York City



New York City

April 17-19 2026

\$40 PER PERSON+PATROL FEED

INCLUDES PIZZA FOR LUNCH--FEEL FREE TO BRING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR
LUNCH

**Stay at the William S. Pouch
Scout Reservation
Saturday-**

***Take the Staten Island Ferry to
NYC**

***Visit the 9/11 Memorial and
Museum**

***NYC Pizza for Lunch**

***Cross the Brooklyn Bridge
Sunday-**

***Visit historic Fort Wadsworth**



**SIGN UP ON CHEDDAR UP
BY APRIL 6TH**

QUESTIONS-

MRS. JOHNSTONBAUGH

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[Register for April Trip to NYC](#)

Troop Meeting

Monday April 20 from 7:30-9 pm, we will be having a regular Troop Meeting. We will be doing Blindfolded Tent Races! Wear your Class A Uniform.

Good Turn for Hatboro Baptist - Mulching



Saturday April 25 from 8-10 am, we will be providing service to Hatboro Baptist Church. We'll be mulching all of the flower beds around the grounds. Bring a

water bottle and work gloves, and wear your Class B Uniform. We are also in need of wheelbarrows, shovels, and pitch forks!

ILST

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

On Saturday April 25 from 10 am - 3 pm, we will be holding training for all Scouts with a rank of First Class or Higher. This valuable training is for Scouts to learn the roles and responsibilities of the various youth leadership positions. Now is the time to be planning ahead for the role that you want for the next year.



Details on registration will be sent separately.

We will be re-organizing the troop, selecting new Patrol Leaders and electing a new SPL on **May 4**.

Parents Night



You are Cordially invited to
Parent's Night

Uniform:
Full Class "A"
w/ Neckerchief

Hatboro Baptist Sanctuary
Monday April 27th at 7 pm

Monday April 27 from 7-9 pm, we will be holding our Spring Parents Night. Note the early start time for the meeting; we've got a big night planned. We need volunteers at 6:15 to set up the Sanctuary. We will be celebrating all of the accomplishments of the Scouts since October, as well as presenting this year's Owen Adams Campership. The 2026 David W. Cooper Scouter of the Year will also be awarded. Last we'll holding the transition ceremony, when Mr. Johnstonbaugh will officially assume the duties of Scoutmaster of Hatboro Troop 3.

COMING SOON

May Canoe Trip



Troop 3 on the Mullica River - May 2014

Canoeing on the Delaware River May 15-17

Our itinerary for May Trip is currently in flux. Unfortunately the current conditions on the Mullica are poor, so we are working on an alternative destination that same weekend. We are considering a paddle on the Delaware in the area of Treasure Island. More to come!

June Trip to WWII Weekend in Reading



Summer Camp at T. Brady Saunders

**CAMP
TBS**

Summer Camp July 12-18

It is not too late to sign up for Summer Camp, especially our new First Year Scouts!

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 were due last month, but there's still time to register if you have not already.

Please contact Mrs. Wills (267-386-5069, mrswillsfromscouts@gmail.com) with any questions about Camp Registration or Merit Badge Selections.

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

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

[Make a Payment 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
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<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

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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		
O	C 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	
T			TLC 10/7	Committee Mtg 10/9		
N	O 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
V			Veteran's Night 11/10	Scouting for Food 11/15		
D	E Communication	Doyelstown Rock Gym (Climbing) 5-6 December (Marks)	Committee Mtg 11/13	Let's Eagle Ceremony 11/17	Roundtable 12/10	
C			Pot Luck Dinner 11/24	Scouting for Food 11/22		
J	A World Culture	Polly/Cheltenham 16-18 January (Friedland)	Recruiting Night 12/1	Wreaths Across America (P. Indian town Gap) 12/13	Roundtable 1/7 OA Lodge Dinner TBD	Jim Thorpe 1/24-25
N			TLC 12/2	Wreaths Across Hatboro 12/14		
F	E Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting) 13-15 February (Walsh)	Committee Mtg 12/11	Phantom's Hockey 12/27	Roundtable 2/11 University of Scouting 2/7	
B			Cycling 12/22			
M	A Geology	Hickory Run 20-22 March (Marks)	TLC 1/6	MLK Day 1/19	Roundtable 3/11	Mt. Washington 3/14-17
R			Committee Mtg 1/8	Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/24		
A	P Orienteering	NYC (9/11 Memorial) 17-19 April (Johnstonbaugh)	OA Election 1/26	Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/30	Roundtable 4/8 OA Spring 1 (Musser) 4/10-12 District Dinner 4/26	
R			TLC 2/3	Scout Sunday 2/8		
M	A Physical Fitness	Mullica River (Canoeing) 15-17 May (Lavelle/Murphy)	Committee Mtg 2/19	Pack 17 Crossover 2/28	Roundtable 5/13 OA Spring Service 2 (Resica) 5/15-17	
A			TLC 3/4	Ham and Turkey Supper 3/7		
J	U First Aid	WWII Weekend in Reading 5-7 June (Reeves)	Committee Mtg 3/12	HBC Mulching 3/28	Roundtable 6/10 NYLT 6/27-7/2	
N			TLC 3/31	Easter 4/5		
J	U Pioneering	T. Brady Saunders (Summer Camp) 12-18 July (Wilts)	Committee Mtg 4/9	Pack 39 Crossover TBD	Roundtable 6/10 NYLT 6/27-7/2	
L			Parents Night 4/27	ILST 4/25		
A	U Bike Safety	Adaire State Park (Biking) 21-23 August (TBD)	TLC 5/8, 5/12, 5/19	HBC Mulching 4/25	Roundtable 8/9-14	TBD TBD
G			Committee Mtg 5/14	Women's Eagle COH 5/2		
			No Meeting 5/25	Library Book Fair 5/9		
			College Settlement June Dinner TBD	Mother's Day 5/10		
			Flag Day Whitemarsh TBD	Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/23		
			Swim Tests TBD	Pancake Breakfast 5/30		
				Father's Day 6/14		

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 OA Calendar link: <http://www.usamfodge.org/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cobsea.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar
 Scoutmaster: Keith Grimes (grimer360@gmail.com)

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



First Class:

Gabe Norris



Second Class:

Domenic Barba

Eagle Required Merit Badges



Citizenship in the Community:

Macen Johnstonbaugh



Emergency Preparedness:

Ben Reeves

Ham & Turkey Supper



On **March 7**, we held our annual Ham & Turkey Supper. We served about 200 meals in 3 hours! So much work and planning went into pulling this off. From the planning, to the shopping, to the cooking, to the setting up, to hustling on the floor, to the tearing down, and making it look like it never happened, there were a whole lot of hands that went into making the event a success.

Thank you all!

Venture Trip to Mount Washington



On **March 14-16**, the Venture Crew headed up to Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Here are the intrepid Scouts who took on the challenge, checking out the map at Pinkham Notch. Kavish and Jacob went last year. This was the first time for Leo, JJ, Grady, and Ethan (who actually joined the crew just for this trip!)



Due to heavy rain expected on Monday, we rearranged the itinerary. We still camped at Hermit Lake on Sunday night as planned, but first we headed to the Lion Head Trail to cache our overnight gear and headed up to towards towards the Summit. Here was are in "The Chute", a steep and winding trail through the trees.



We were treated to some incredible views up above tree line, which was about as far as we made last year. A little windier and colder up there, but it was still fantastic conditions.



This year we made it to Lion Head, a big rock outcropping that overlooks Tuckerman Ravine. Quite an accomplishment. Running a little short on time and energy, we decided to turn around at this point. Good thing, too, because the decent back to Hermit Lake took over 3 hours. We spend the night in the shelter as planned, and headed back down to Pinkham first thing Monday morning. We ate a big breakfast in town before hitting the road for home.

March Trip to Hickory Run



On **March 20-22**, we headed to the Hickory Run State Park in the western foothills of the Poconos. We will typically use Hickory Run when we go whitewater rafting or biking at Jim Thorpe. This time was just stayed and enjoyed the park and worked on Scout Skills. Friday night we set up camp in the rain, but the weather cooperated the rest of the weekend.

Thank you to Mr. Mark for making all of the arrangements!



On Saturday we split into small groups and did an Orienteering Course, which took us through some really nice scenery.



Sunday we explored the Boulder Field and held Scout's Own before hitting the road for home.

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