

HATBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

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Troop 3 Newsletter

Dear Scout Families,

Wow! Our week at summer camp has come and gone and what a terrific week we had. There were some challenges to be sure, but all in all, our scouts had a great time. That is what summer camp is really all about, having fun. Now that summer camp is behind us, it is time to look ahead. As we enter the month of August, there is still quite a bit of scouting to go for this program year.

In just two short weeks, we will be off to the Laurel Highlands of western Pennsylvania for a trip that many of our scouts loved the last time we went. We will be going to the Laurel Caverns. See below for more details about this trip.

I can't believe that we have come to the end of the 2018-2019 program year. It seems like it was so long ago when we completed that annual plan. So much has happened since then and we did some really terrific things. Our trip to Sterling Mine stands out for me because it was something we had never done before. We got to explore a new scout camp and then our visit to Sterling mine was just outstanding. The TLC put together a great plan last year, but this year might even be better. They seriously thought outside the box this year.

We are also coming to the close of our 70th Anniversary year and we are now in the planning stages of the Anniversary Picnic. That will be held on September 14 at College Settlement Camp in Horsham. Read further for more information on that.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Trip to Laurel Caverns

Our trip to the Laurel Highlands of Western Pennsylvania is the weekend of August 16-18, 2019. This trip will depart on Friday, at 7:45 am due to the length of time it takes to travel. The troop will travel west and will see the Horseshoe Curve and Train Museum, Gravity Hill and then will arrive at the Summit Diner for dinner by 4 PM Friday afternoon. Following dinner, we will check into camp. On Saturday, we'll visit the Laurel Caverns where our scouts can explore the caves and then take one of two merit badges if they wish. On

Sunday morning, scouts will get up and break camp and then travel home. If you would like to go on this trip, please see Mr. Lavelle. The base cost of the trip is \$61.00. \$81.00 for the upper cave tour and \$86.00 for the lower cave tour. This does not include patrol food with the exception of the Summit Diner. There is an additional charge of \$18.00 for Geology Merit Badge.

Camp Cooper:

The longstanding tradition in Troop 3 is that as we approach the end of the program year, we are hosted by Dave and Cindy Cooper for a night in their pool, some volleyball and then a closing campfire. This year's "Camp Cooper" will be held on Monday August 29, 2019 beginning at 7:15 PM. The address for Dave and Cindy is 133 Loller Rd, Hatboro, Pa 19044. This will most likely be the final year of "Camp Cooper" so don't miss out on this great event.

PAST EVENTS:

Summer Camp at Goose Pond S.R.



As I stated in the opening of this newsletter, our summer camp trip to Goose Pond Scout Reservation is now behind us. We had a terrific week in camp, although we had some challenges. Our medical director, Scott Larsson was very busy in camp and I hope that everyone is recovering nicely. Enough about that because there was some truly great work done at camp.

When we arrived home, I posted our statistics on our Facebook page. It bears repeating. We as a troop completed 90 merit badges along with 15 partial badges. We completed 11 rank advancements including 4 of our 5 first year scouts who reached the rank of Tenderfoot. All five of our first year scouts completed their Tot N' Chip and the Paul Bunyan award. We had 11 scouts and scouters who completed the polar bear swim and one scout who completed the mile swim. One scout also received the World Conservation Award. In addition, one of our patrols placed 2nd in the camp adventure race. A huge congratulations to all of our scouts.



Of course, none of this would be possible without a committed adult staff. They worked incredibly hard to bring a great week for every scout. I want to thank all of our adult staff who went along. Our patrol advisors worked diligently to be sure that everyone's advancement needs were met. These Scouters included Mark Kirsch, Gary Summer, Tom Batman and Franco Kakiko. Jim Iaia was along and pitched in to help wherever needed including working with the first year program. Bob Jones took care of all of our waiver issues, working with our ASPL Nate Kephart to assure that every meal was covered. Franco Kakiko worked with our other ASPL Ivan Kakiko to assure that the camp was clean

and ready for inspection each day. Jim Brown was our equipment manager and Mike Balot arrived late in the week and assured our advancement was properly recorded. Scott Larsson was kept busy, not only with our own troops needs, but also pitched in to help the camp EMT at the health lodge. Our first year program reaped huge rewards and Jared Snyder built this from the ground up. A huge thank you to Jared for his hard work. Keith Grimes was only in camp for a few days but his contributions were immeasurable. Dan Marks has only been the Troop Committee Chair for a few months but his counsel and guidance and support of the program were outstanding and I thank him very much for that. Finally, Brian Dutill has been working for months to put it all together and none of this would have worked without him. Thank you all for a job well done.



Chris Carenzo Eagle Ceremony

On Monday July 22, 2019, we celebrated Chris Carenzo with his Eagle Ceremony. Chris worked very hard to get to this point and I thank everyone who came out to be a part of this special night for Chris. I especially want to thank Mr. Iaia and Kyler Grimes who spoke for Chris, Dawson Stremme who presented the Eagle Charge and Mr. Marks who chaired his first Eagle Court of honor. I also want to thank Deb Schubert, Evelyn Caetano and Lea Stremme who served refreshments and of course Bob John who spent so many hours working on the video programs.

Venture Crew Trip to the Allagash



On Friday July 26 at 4:00 AM, our Venture Crew departed for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in northern Maine. The crew has done this trip many times and once again, the leadership includes Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Larsson, Mr. Grimes, Mr. Carenzo and Mr. Stremme. The crew will return home on Saturday August 3 after canoeing for 7 full days. We wish the crew well and await hearing all about this trip upon their return.



NEWS AND NOTES:

Scoutbook

At our July Troop Committee meeting, the Technology committee recommended to the entire troop committee that we make the switch to Scoutbook for our scouts advancement records. This decision was not made lightly, in fact we spent a great deal of time looking at Scoutbook and Troopmaster. In the end, the decision was based on several factors including user friendliness and capabilities. Our staff is currently using it to update all records and making sure those records are correct. All parents will be receiving an email invitation to join Scoutbook. You should expect to see that in the very near future. Simply follow the instructions on the invitation and you will now be able to track your son's progress. If you have any questions about Scoutbook, please contact Mr. Balot, Mr. Grimes or Mr. Dutil.

Annual Plan:

Also at our July staff meeting, the Troop Committee and Staff adopted the Annual Plan. By the time this newsletter went out, the Annual Plan was made available. This is a living document and will undergo many changes. I will continually update this and republish as needed. There are some trips that still need a coordinator. If you are interested please contact Keith Grimes and let him know.

Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (ILST):

Any scout who is in a youth leadership position (SPL, ASPL, PL or any staff position) will need to complete this training. This is a troop run event and I am looking for a date in August. We are still in the process of putting this together, but all troop officers will need to complete the training. The TLC has discussed this and they have decided that this event would take place over two days on Saturday and Sunday September 7 and 8. The times are to be decided but each day will be 4 hours.

70th Anniversary Troop Family Picnic:

We have now set a date and decided on a location for the Troop 3 70th Anniversary Family Picnic. It will be held on Saturday September 14, 2019 and will be held at College Settlement Camp on Witmer Rd in Horsham. A save the date notice is already out and a formal invitation went out on Monday July 29. We are looking to make this a grand celebration. We anticipate this event being no cost, however we would ask families to bring a dish that everyone can share. If anyone has ideas or would like to help plan the event, please contact Ryan Kephart at ryan_t_kephart@yahoo.com. We would like to have a response by August 31, 2019. Again, please send that response to Ryan Kephart

For Alumni of Troop 3, if you have a memory or two you'd like to share at the picnic please send a note or video message to Bob Waeltz @ bwaeltz@verizon.net or Dan Marks @ dmmarks1@gmail.com. This is a great way to connect the past of Troop 3 with the future.

Washington District 2019 Camporee:

This year's Washington District Camporee will be held in October and Troop 3 has an essential role in developing the Saturday morning program. We are making good progress, there is a plan and now we will be looking for some help to put it all together. We will have more information soon but we are looking at late August to try out the obstacle course so we will need some help in mid-August to get it all together. If you are interested in helping, please let ASM Ryan Walsh know.

VT3 Fall Events

Our VT3 Video Crew has a full schedule as we move into the fall months. Upcoming crew events include a football game at Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School on August 23, 2019 beginning at 5 PM. There are also football games on September 13, October 11, October 18 and Thanksgiving Day, November 28. The crew will also be working at the Philadelphia Scouting Festival on October 19 and the Hatboro Holiday Parade on November 24. If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please speak to Mr. John. All help would be greatly appreciated.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING:

National Youth Leadership Training:

Immediately upon his return from the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, our Senior Patrol Leader will be departing for a full week at Musser Scout Reservation as he takes his National Youth Leadership Training. Manas will depart on Sunday August 4 and will complete the training on Friday, August 9. In addition to Manas, Tom Dutil is also headed to NYLT on Sunday August 5. We wish both of these scouts good luck as they take this very important training.

24th World Scout Jamboree

Dave and Cindy Cooper have been attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree this week as a part of the World Scouter Tour. The Jamboree is jointly sponsored by Canada, Mexico and the United States. I'm sure Dave and Cindy have been having a great time and we can't wait to hear all about it. Pictured here are Dave and Cindy at the Jamboree logo site at the Summit in West Virginia. There is no doubt that they had a great time.



Congratulations to Nate Snyder

Congratulations to Nate Snyder. Nate currently attends International Connections Academy and in the spring of this year, he applied for a scholarship. Nate recently learned that he was awarded a 2019-2020 scholarship for tuition. The scholarship is awarded on demonstration of persistence, performance and engagement inside and outside of the classroom. Nate credits scouting with giving him the confidence to speak up in the classroom and stay engaged in learning. Nate said that this probably would not have been possible without what he has done as a part of Troop 3.

70TH ANNIVERSARY FACT:

In 1949, Troop 3 got off to a very fast start. The program's fast start was highlighted during its inaugural year by its first place finish at the Delmont Olympics. This was a competition held at the troop's first summer camp that combined scouting and athletic skills. Another highlight of that first year was a backpacking trip to Sunfish Pond on the New Jersey side of the Delaware Water Gap. Troop 3 has been recognized as the best boy run program in Washington District and has been featured twice in Scouting magazine, once for its effort to build a model of the Borough of Hatboro (this model can still be seen at Borough Hall) and once for its VT3 program.

THEME:
CAVING

- ASSIGNMENTS:**
- **Pre-Opening:** Professional NSP
 - **Opening:** PAW
 - **Closing:** Louie's Guards
 - **Service:** Boxing Marshmallows

SCOUT SKILL:
NONE

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Meetings	Service	Camping	District/ Council Events	Other
8/5: Troop Meeting 8/6: TLC 8/8: Troop Staff 8/12: Troop Meeting 8/19: Camp Cooper 8/26: Troop Meeting	VT3 HH Football on 8/23 5 PM	8/16-8/18: Laurel Caverns		8/1-8/3: Venture Crew Trip

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