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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2024

Greetings Troop 3 and Happy September!

We had a great time while it lasted on the Susquehanna trip. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't cooperative that weekend. The Venture Crew did about 24 miles over 2 days instead of the planned 80+ miles over 5 days. A good warm up for the Allagash Trip next August. I still had plenty of time to just paddle in the secluded valley and ponder.

We weren't prepared for Scouts Own that Sunday, but in my Scoutmaster's Minute, I would have talked about how we experience both destiny and freewill when we canoe in rapids. You are destined to go down river, but it is the choices you make, and your actions or inactions, that determine whether make it through

with the "open side up". Sometimes there's luck involved with a successful run, but I found that you have better luck when you paddle harder. If you inevitably don't keep the open side up in whitewater, the best thing you can do is keep your wits about you, just lift your feet, keep them ahead of you, and and ride it out.

There is always a backpacking trip on the Annual Plan, and this year's is coming up this month! Backpacking is the quintessential Scouting activity. It takes good planning and smart packing ahead of time. On the trail, it takes a good mix of fitness and persistence, but mostly persistence. We are heading back to the Quehanna Trail. It was a big hit back in May 2022, and the TLC voted it in again. I'm bummed because I missed it then and I'm missing it again this year. Go and enjoy! Read the details and sign up below.

Happy and Safe Labor Day!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 No Troop Meeting Happy Labor Day!	3 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	4	5 Awards Committee Meeting 7-8:30 pm Mr. Waelz's House	6 Lobster Pot Parking 5-6:30 pm Hatboro Memorial Park Class B Uniform	7 Library Bazaar 8-9 am Set up 2-3 pm Take-down Union Library Class B Uniform Lobster Pot Parking 4-6 pm Hatboro Memorial Park Full Class A
8	9 Camp Summer 7-9 pm Mr. Summer's Pool Class B + Swimsuit	10	11	12 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm By the Troop Room No Uniform	13	14
15	16 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	17	18 Load Gear for Quehanna 7-8 pm Troop Room No Uniform	19	20 Backpacking Trip to Quehanna Trail HBC Parking Lot 6 pm Full Class A	21 Quehanna Trail
22 Backpacking Trip to Quehanna Trail Return to HBC ~4 pm	23 Troop Meeting 7-8:30 pm Warminster Park Class B	24	25	26	27 NYLT	28 Leo's Eagle Project 8 am - 3 pm Mr. Bananowski's Garage NYLT
29 NYLT	30 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	1	2	3	4	5
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip	Service	Holiday

30-Aug-2024

DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

No Troop Meeting

Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day! No Troop Meeting

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, September 3rd from 7:30-8:45 PM the TLC will meet at my house to discuss August and September and to plan October.

Awards Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 5th from 7-8:30 PM the Troop 3 Awards Committee will be meeting at Mr. Waeltz's house.

Good Turn for the Hatboro Rotary

Friday, September 6th from 5-6:30 PM we will be setting up the parking lot for the Lobster Pot Dinner coming up on September 7th. We'll meet at [Hatboro Memorial Park](#) (behind the Pool) in Class B Uniform.

Good Turn for the Union Library

Saturday, September 7th from 8-9 AM and 2-3 PM we will be providing service to the [Union Library](#) helping them to set up for the Library Bazaar in the morning. In the afternoon, we'll help take it all down again. Wear your Class B Uniform.

Good Turn for Hatboro Rotary



Saturday, September 7th from 4-6 PM we will be providing service to the Hatboro Rotary, manning the parking lot for their big Lobster Pot Dinner. Wear your Full Class A Uniform with neckerchief.

If you are interested in tickets, see below

Camp Summer

Monday, September 9th from 7-9 PM we will be celebrating the end of the 2023-2024 Program Year, with a pool party at the Summer's House. There will be games and activities, as well as a campfire. Wear your Class B plus a swimsuit and bring a towel!

Troop Staff & Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 12th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting by the Troop Room at HBC to discuss August and September, and to plan October.

Troop Meeting

Monday, September 16th from 7:30-9 PM we will be back in Fellowship Hall for a regular Troop Meeting. Wear your Class A uniform.

Sign up Deadline for the Backpacking Trip to Quehanna Trail

Loading Gear

Wednesday, September 18th from 7-8 PM Patrol Quartermasters and the QM will be loading gear for the weekend in the Troop Room at HBC.

September Trip - Backpacking the Quehanna Trail



On **September 20-22nd**, we will be heading to the Quehanna Trail in Penfield PA for a weekend backpacking trip. This was a big hit back in May 2023.

We will be on the trail for 5+ miles on Saturday and 3 more miles on Sunday. The troop has packs and gear to loan, if you need.

Cost: \$35

Meet in the HBC parking lot at **6 pm on Friday September 20**. We will camp at Spruce Run on Friday night, and hit the trail Saturday morning. We'll return to HBC around **4 pm on Sunday September 22**.

This is a great trip! Click the button below to register. Last day to sign up is at the troop meeting on **September 16**. Contact Mr. Jim Lavelle at lavejp@gmail.com with any questions. [See Flyer for Details](#)

[Sign-up for the Weekend Trip on Cheddar Up](#)

September Backpacking Trip Quehanna Wilderness Trail



This is one of my favorite pictures - taken on the Quehanna Trail 10 years ago. It has been my phone screen saver ever since. This is an amazing place to hike - very few signs of civilization. - Mr. Lavelle

Date: September 20 - 22, 2022

Cost: \$35

Route to Hike

5+ miles on Saturday, 3 miles on Sunday. Rolling meadows and woods, no hills. Visit an abandoned shack, maybe a side hike to a stream/dam, see a bat house/abandoned test facility. Camp amongst a stand of pine trees.

Backpacks and Gear - available for loan.

Schedule

Friday: Meet at Hatboro Baptist at 6:00 pm. Leave by 6:30 pm. Arrive at Spruce Run around 8:30 pm and settle into the lean-to's.

Troop Meeting

Monday, September 23rd from 7-8:30 PM we will be meeting at [Warminster Park](#) to conduct another Fitness Assessment (1-mile run, push-ups, and sit-ups). Those who did the first assessment in August should be logging their physical activity for 30 days. Wear your Class B Uniform and shoes you can run in!

Leo Baranowski's Eagle Project

Saturday, September 28th Leo will be looking for volunteers to help assemble Bat Boxes for his Eagle Project.

He will also be having an adult work day prior to the the 28th to cut and prepare all of the wood. The date for the adult work day will be announced later.

[Click here for the flyer](#)

Leo's Eagle Project



Please Join Us Saturday 9/28 from 8:00am to 4:00p!

Location: 383 Sunnemeade Ave, Warminster

Lunch will be provided as well as all tools and equipment.

I also need adult help to run saws on a separate day which is TBD at the moment.

If you have any questions please contact me at:
267-673-7403 or rubyslion@icloud.com

Troop Meeting

Monday, September 30th from 7:30-9 PM we will be back in Fellowship Hall for a regular Troop Meeting. Wear your Class A uniform.

COMING SOON!

October Trip - Biking the Lehigh Gorge



On **October 11-13** we will be camping at Hickory Run State Park and biking the D&L Trail through the beautiful Lehigh Gorge. We last did this trip in August 2020, and it was awesome!

Stay tuned for more details!

NEWS AND NOTES

The Latest 2024-2025 Annual Plan!

Here's the latest Annual Plan. The Fall Pancake Breakfast has been set for **November 9th**.

Please mark your family calendars with these important dates!

[Click here for the latest 2024-2025 Annual Plan!](#)

Hatboro Troop 3 Annual Plan 2024-2025

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	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program	TLC	Wash RT	Staff Mtg.
SEP	Orienteering	Quehanna Trail (Backpacking) 9/20 to 9/22 (Lavelle/Murphy)	No Meeting 9/2	Library Bazaar 9/7 Lobster Pot 9/6 & 9/7	NYLT 8/27-9/29		3	11	12
OCT	Bike Safety	Lehigh Gorge (Biking) 10/11 to 10/13 (Baranowski)	Parents Night 10/7	Yard Sale 10/26	NYLT 10/4-10/6 OA Fall Festival at Resica TBD		1	9	10
NOV	Geology	Haycock/Hellerick's Farm 11/15 to 11/17 (Johnstonbaugh)	Veteran's Night 11/11	Pancake Breakfast 11/9 Scouting for Food 11/16 Scouting for Food 11/23		Hatboro Holiday Parade 11/24	5	13	14
DEC	First Aid	Bury the Hatchet (Axe Throwing) TBD (Wills)	Caroling 12/23	Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/14 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/15 Phantom's Hockey TBD			3	11	12
JAN	Citizenship	Philadelphia (Museum of Illusions & Independence Seaport) 1/17 to 1/19 (Johnstonbaugh)	OA Election TBD	Pinewood Derby Clinic TBD	OA Lodge Dinner TBD		7	9	10
FEB	Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting & Archery) 2/14 to 2/16 (Walsh)		Scout Sunday TBD Bear Creek Family Ski Night TBD			4	12	13
MAR	Pioneering	Union Soccer Match TBD (Friedland)		Ham and Turkey Supper 3/8 Pack 17 Crossover TBD		Mt Washington 3/1-3/4	4	12	13
APR	Outdoor Ethics	Hawk Mountain (Hiking) 4/11-4/13 (Balot)	Parents Night 4/7	HBC Mulching TBD Easter 4/20	OA Spring Service 1 TBD District Dinner TBD Council Dinner TBD		1	9	10
MAY	Coenography	Chincoague & Assateague 5/16 to 5/18 (Wills)	Troop Re-org 5/5 No Meeting 5/26	Pancake Breakfast TBD CS Clean-up Day 5/3 Library Book Fair 5/10 Mother's Day 5/11 Whitemarsh Cemetery 5/24	OA Spring Service 2 TBD		6 13 20	14	8
JUN	Aquatics	Trap Pond (Canoeing/Kayaking) 6/20 to 6/22 (TBD)	Swim Tests TBD	Whitemarsh 6/14 Father's Day 6/15 College Settlement June Dinner TBD Foul Rift TBD	NYLT TBD		3	11	12
JUL	Cooking	Sinoque Scout Reservation (Summer Camp) 13-19 July (Wills)					1	-	10
AUG	Physical Fitness	Cherry Springs State Park (Astronomy) 8/15-8/17 (Lavelle)			NYLT TBD	Allagash 7/26 to 8/2	5	-	8

Revision B, Last Modified: 31 Aug 2024

Latest Modifications in red

TBD in purple

Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

OA Calendar link: <http://www.unam104.org/calendar>

Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cotbsa.org/index.php?itemid=304&option=com_events&view=month&task=month.calendar

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New Troop T-Shirts!

2024-2025 Troop T-Shirts



Sport-Tek Competitor Performance Shirt
Yellow on Tropic Blue

The 2024-2025 Troop T-Shirts are on order and will be available in a couple weeks!
You can pay by cash or check when you pick them up or pay by Cheddar Up by clicking the button below.

[Pay for your new Troop T-Shirt on Cheddar Up](#)

Hatboro Rotary Lobster Pot Dinner

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HATBORO ROTARY CLUB

2024

LOBSTER POT

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 2024

4:00 - 9:00PM

DINNER 5:00-7:00PM

BYOB



LOBSTER OR STEAK DINNER

\$45

DJ

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT HATBORO FEDERAL 215.675.4000

PROCEEDS BENEFIT COMMUNITY CHARITIES

CHILDREN WELCOME FOR A FREE HOT DOG DINNER

COME OUT & JOIN US. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

HATBORO MEMORIAL PARK

(Behind Hatboro Pool)

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the Lobster Pot Dinner, please see Mr. John or contact him at 215-704-5803.

The event is **4 to 9 pm on Saturday September 7th at Hatboro Memorial Park.**

Dinner is served from 5 to 7 pm. Choice of 1½ pound Lobster or steak with fresh corn on the cob, salad, roll and butter, sodas, and cupcakes.

Outdoor seating and Take outs provided. Rain or Shine.

Cost: \$45.00 per ticket

Troop 3 will be working the parking lot from 4-6 pm.

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Isaac Kakiko Passes Eagle Board of Review



On **August 20th**, Isaac Kakiko passed the Washington District Eagle Board of Review!

Congratulations, Isaac and the entire Kakiko family!

Merit Badges



Motorboating:

Leo Baranowski

Canoeing the Upper Susquehanna River



This summer we combined the Venture Trip with the regular August Trip. The Venture Crew put-in a day earlier and about 15 miles upriver from the rest of the troop. We met up on Friday afternoon. The plan was for the Venture crew to stay on the river a day longer then visit Knoebel's for the obligatory roller coasters and bumper cars. Alas, the trip was cut short due to severe storms heading into the area. We camped at French Azylum as planned on Friday night. Saturday we spent the day moving South overland to Camp Lackawanna where we camped on Saturday, a night earlier than planned. We all bugged out Sunday morning.

We had a great turn out for this one. It's been a long time since we've had 10 boats on the water, and we got a couple of good days on the river. There was severe flooding in the area just a week prior. The water level was still pretty high, making for an easy paddle. There was not a rock in sight! It's a great beginner river paddle, and we'll have do this one again.

The logistics were complicated for this trip, with shuttling cars and two boat trailers. I'd like to give a big thanks to Mr. Baranowski and Mrs. Johnstonbaugh who helped transport, but didn't hit the river. Your dedicated support is much appreciated

... and thanks to Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Murphy for planning it all!



Here's the Venture on Friday morning **August 16** plotting the route through Towanda, the location of the infamous "Strainer" encountered the first time we did this back in 2022.



Here's the Troop putting in at Wysox Park on Friday afternoon.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating their birthdays this month!

Ben Reeves 9/6

Adam Hendrickson 9/21

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