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# HATBORO TROOP 3

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 1, 2024

Greetings Troop 3!

First of all, thank you to everyone who came out for Parents Night! Congratulations to Benny DelSordo on being awarded the Robert M. John Scout of the Year! Thanks to Mr. Waeltz, Mr. Balot, and Brady Brzsowski for all the hard work that you put into the program. It was fun night!

We had a great trip to Hickory Run and biking the D&L Trail through the Lehigh Gorge. Lots of Fall colors! The Troop rode 22 miles, and the Venture Crew rode about 30 miles. It was a challenge for sure. As I mentioned in my Scoutmaster's "Minute" on Sunday morning, the Scouts should be very proud of themselves. There was likely very few of their peers who did as much as they did that weekend.

The other challenge of the bike trip happened when a couple of Scouts wiped out about 3 minutes after the Safety Talk. One was uninjured and able to continue, but the other injured his arm pretty bad and needed an ER visit (turns out he had a broken wrist, but he is doing well). Adult leadership for the weekend was lean but we managed. We certainly could have used a couple more adults. Please consider helping out on future trips! If you prefer to be more behind-the-scenes, we've got plenty of room at the table at the monthly Committee Meetings.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

**NOVEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 VT3 Crew Meeting 10 am-Noon Mr. John's House
3	4 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	5 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	6 VT3 Crew Meeting 7:30-9 pm Mr. John's Office	7	8	9 Pancake Breakfast 7-11am Fellowship Hall Class B Uniform
10	11 Veteran's Night 7:30-9 pm HBC Flag Pole Full Class A Uniform  Trip Sign-up Due Phantoms Hockey Due	12	13 Load Gear for Tohicken 7-8 pm Troop Room No Uniform	14 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	15 Fall In for Tohickon/ Hellerick's 6 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	16 Tohickon/ Hellerick's  Scouting for Food with Pack 17 Lehman 9 am-Noon Class A Uniform
17 Tohickon/ Hellerick's  Return to HBC ~1:45 pm	18 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	19	20	21	22	23 Scouting for Food with Pack 17 Lehman 9 am-Noon Class A Uniform  VT3 Crew Meeting 7:30-9 pm Mr. John's House No Uniform
24 VT3 Hatboro Holiday Parade 9 am-1:30 pm 2-3:30 pm 3:30-4:30 pm Second Alarmer's No Uniform	25 Pot Luck Dinner 6-7:30 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

29-Oct-2024

## DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

### **VT3 Crew Meeting**

**Saturday, November 2nd from 10 AM-12 Noon** there will be a VT3 Crew Meeting at [Mr. John's House](#) to prep for filming the Hatboro Holiday Parade. We'll be both inside and out, so dress appropriately for the weather. No uniform required.

Please contact Mr. John at 215-704-5803 or [rmjohnatty@msn.com](mailto:rmjohnatty@msn.com) if you are interested.  
Scouts: Remember to copy a second adult (parent or other leader).

### **Troop Meeting**

**Monday, November 4th from 7:30-9 PM** we will be in Fellowship Hall for a regular Troop Meeting. We will be planning meals for the trip, learning some Emergency Prep from Mr. Balot, and rehearsing for Veteran's Night.

**We need a headcount for the November Trip to plan meals.**

**We also need a count of Pancake Breakfast Ticket sales to plan for 11/9.**

### **TLC Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 5th from 7:30-8:45 PM** the TLC will meet at my house to discuss October and November and to plan December. No uniform required.

### **VT3 Crew Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 6th from 7:30-9 PM** there will be a VT3 Crew Meeting at [Mr. John's Office](#) to continue prepping for the Hatboro Holiday Parade. No uniform required.

Please contact Mr. John at 215-704-5803 or [rmjohnatty@msn.com](mailto:rmjohnatty@msn.com) if you are interested.  
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### **Pancake Breakfast**



**November 9th is the Fall Pancake Breakfast!** Scout and Volunteers, please be in **Fellowship Hall by 7 am** to set up the dining room and takeout area. We'll be serving the public from **8-10 am**, then cleaning up until **11 am**. All Scouts are expected to come help. Wear your Class B Uniform.

Remember, all profits from ticket sales go directly to the Scouts' camping accounts. This is a great opportunity to earn money towards Summer Camp or any other trip. Remember to buy a ticket for yourself and your family!

Contact Mr. Lavelle if you need more tickets! 215-385-0987 or [lavejp@gmail.com](mailto:lavejp@gmail.com). Scouts: Remember to copy a second adult (parent or other leader).

**Veterans Night**



**Monday, November 11th from 7:30-9 PM** we will be holding our Veterans Night Ceremony at the HBC Flagpole. This is the night that we honor those in our Troop 3 Family that served our Nation in the military.

Scouts, invite any veterans in your family (parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, etc.), we'd love to have them!

The ceremony starts at 7:30 pm, but we'll need help at 6:45 pm to help set up the venue. This is an outdoor event, so dress appropriately!

Scouts & Scouters, wear your full Class A uniform with neckerchief and sash.

**Sign-up Deadline for Tohicken/Hellerick's Trip on 11/15-17**

**Sign-up Deadline for Phantoms Hockey on 12/7**

**Loading Gear for November Trip**

**Wednesday, November 13th from 7-8 PM** the Patrol Quartermasters and Grubmasters will meet at the Troop Room to load gear for the upcoming trip.

## Troop Staff & Committee Meeting

**Thursday, November 14th from 7:30-9 PM** the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom at HBC to discuss October and November, and to plan December. All leaders and parents are welcome and encourage to attend!

## November Trip - Tohicken Valley Park & Hellerick's Farm



On **November 15-17th**, we will be camping at [Tohicken Valley Park](#) in Upper Bucks County. Note that the park may be closed due to a county-wide fire ban, so the camping location is subject to change.

On Saturday we'll head to [Hellerick's Adventure Farm](#) for a day of fun. There are a few add-on options, if you want some high adventure on the ropes course or the Silo Climbing Wall.

**Basic Cost: \$25 plus Patrol Food** (Includes camping, transportation, and entrance to Hellerick's)

**Aerial Adventure: Additional \$40**

**Silo Climbing Wall: Additional \$8**

**Aerial Adventure & Climbing Wall: Additional \$48**

Meet in the HBC parking lot at **6 pm on Friday November 15**. We will camp at Tohicken Valley Park (see above) both nights, and we'll return to HBC around **1:45 pm on Sunday November 17**.

There are several buttons below to register for the trip and add-on activities. Everyone going must sign the basic waiver for Hellerick's. There are additional waivers for the ropes course and climbing wall. Please sign up on Cheddar Up and complete the waivers even if you are paying by cash or check.

Last day to sign up is at the troop meeting on **November 11**. Contact Mrs. Lisa Johnstonbaugh at 267-346-5262 or [lisaann617@comcast.net](mailto:lisaann617@comcast.net) with any questions. [See Flyer for Details](#)

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

[Add On the Aerial Adventure](#)

[Add On the Silo Climbing Wall](#)

[Add On both the Aerial Adventure & Climbing Wall](#)



## BSA Hathoro Troop 3



**November 15-17th, 2024**  
Meet at HBC at 6:00pm Friday

*Highlights-*

*\*Hellerick's Farm*

*\*Orienteering at Tohickon Valley Park*

**\$25 for travel and camping, as well as your ticket**

**(Patrol food cost not included)**

*Additional add on items:*

*Aerial Adventure \$40 and/or Silo Climbing Wall \$8*

*(These cannot be added day of, please add on by 11/11)*



Scout(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Scouter: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you drive: Yes or No

How many seatbelts \_\_\_\_\_ Can you tow the trailer? Yes or No

Add on Aerial Adventure for an additional \$40 YES or NO

Add on Silo Climbing Wall for an additional \$8 YES or NO

Total Cost for your activities: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Lisa Johnstonbaugh by 11/11  
LisaAnn617@comcast.net 267-346-5262

See back to register/pay on cheddar up  
and complete the waivers-Everyone Must  
complete a waiver to attend

## Good Turn with Pack 17



**Saturday, November 16th from 9 AM - 12 Noon** we will be doing a Good Turn with Pack 17. We will help distribute bags and flyers throughout Hathoro. Food collection is the following Saturday.

If you are not on the camping trip, please go and lend a hand!

Wear your Class A Uniform.

## Troop Meeting

**Monday, November 18th from 7:30-9 PM** we will be back in Fellowship Hall for a regular Troop Meeting. Wear your Class A uniform.

#### **Another Good Turn with Pack 17**

**Saturday, November 23rd from 9 AM - 12 Noon** we will be doing another Good Turn with Pack 17. We will help collect food donations throughout Hatboro.

Wear your Class A Uniform.



#### **VT3 Crew Meeting**

**Saturday, November 23rd from 7:30-9 PM** there will be a VT3 Crew Meeting at [Mr. John's House](#) to finish prepping for the Hatboro Holiday Parade.

No uniform required.

Please contact Mr. John at 215-704-5803 or [rmjohnatty@msn.com](mailto:rmjohnatty@msn.com) if you are interested.  
Scouts: Remember to copy a second adult (parent or other leader).

#### **Hatboro Holiday Parade**



**Sunday, November 24rd VT3 will meet at 9 AM at [Second Alarmers](#) on York Rd in Hatboro. It's time for the big event! We will be filming the Hatboro Holiday Parade.**

Set up: 9 AM-1:30 PM

Showtime: 2-3:30 PM

Takedown: 3:30-4:30 PM

Please contact Mr. John at 215-704-5803 or [rmjohnatty@msn.com](mailto:rmjohnatty@msn.com) if you are interested.  
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### Pot Luck Dinner

**Monday, November 25th from 6-7:30 PM** we are holding a special event for Thanksgiving. We will be having a Pot Luck Dinner in Fellowship Hall, including a Dessert Contest for the Scouts. More details to follow. Wear your Class A uniform.

**COMING SOON!**

**Phantoms Hockey Game**



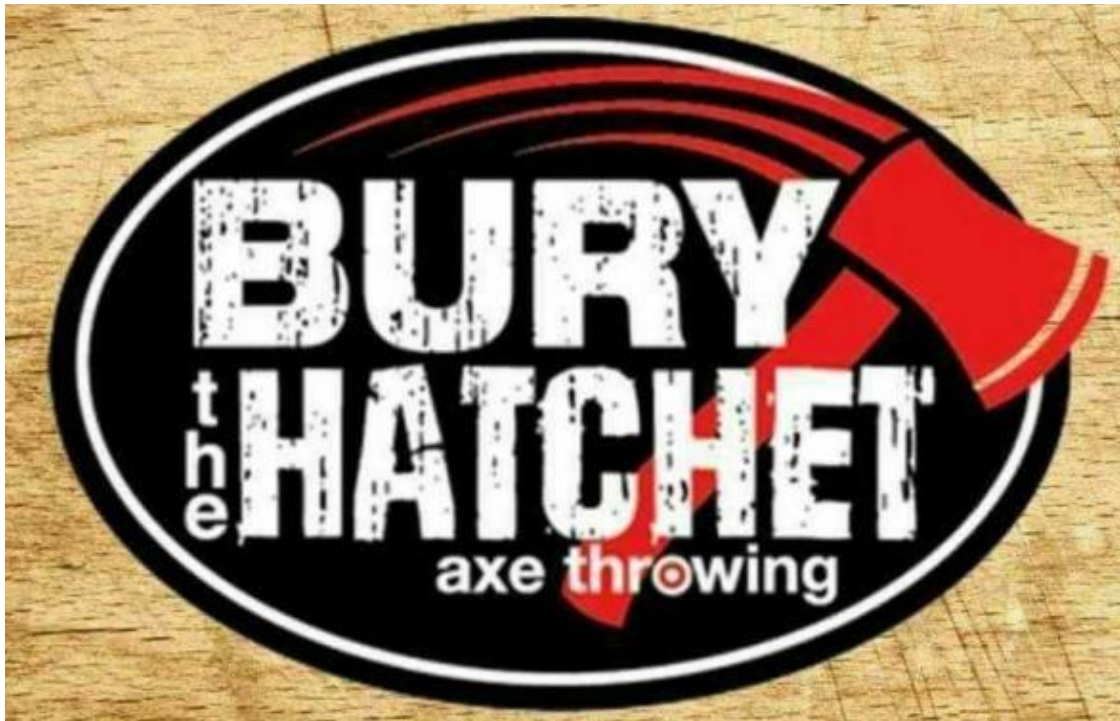
Mr. Pfeil has arranged for a group of tickets for the Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs the Hershey Bears game at 7:05 PM on Saturday December 7th at the [PPL Center in Allentown](#). The Scouts have the opportunity to be color guards on the ice before the game! We have a block of 30 seats located in the upper level at Center Ice.

The cost of the tickets are **\$21** each.

If you are interested, please contact Garry Pfeil at 215-519-3058 or [gmpfeil@hotmail.com](mailto:gmpfeil@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. We need responses no later than the troop meeting on **November 11th**, but the earlier the better, especially if we need additional tickets. We can use 8 Scouts for the Honor Guard, sign up will be on a first come first serve basis.

**This is always a great time!**

**Axe Throwing at Bury the Hatchet**



**December 13th**

**Stay tuned for details!**

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

##### **The Latest 2024-2025 Annual Plan!**

Here's the latest Annual Plan. Upcoming VT3 Crew Meetings were added. We've got a date for Bear Creek (if winter ever comes).

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**  
[www.hatborotroop3.org](http://www.hatborotroop3.org) [www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3](https://www.facebook.com/hatborotroop3)

	Theme	Camping Trip Date (Coordinator)	Troop & Patrol Meetings	Special Events & Good Turns	District & Council Events	Venture Program	TLC	Wash RT	Staff Mtg.
SEP	Orienteering	Queshanna 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 10/21	Troop Room Clean-out 10/19 Yard Sale 10/26	NYLT 10/4-10/6 OA Fall Festival at Resica 10/4-10/6		8	9	10
NOV	Geology	Tohickon/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		Crew Meeting 11/2 Crew Meeting 11/6 Crew Meeting 11/23 Hatboro Parade 11/24	5	13	14
DEC	First Aid	Bury the Hatchet (Axe Throwing) 12/13 (Wills)	Carding 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 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/31	OA Lodge Dinner TBD		7	9	10
FEB	Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting & Archery) 2/14 to 2/16 (Waltz)		Scout Sunday 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 (Bakot)	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	Oceanography	Chincoctague & 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 E, Last Modified: 30 Oct 2024      Latest Modifications in red      TBD in purple      Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)  
 OA Calendar link: <http://www.unam lodge.org/calendar>  
 Washington District Calendar link: [https://www.cotbsa.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com\\_events&view=month&task=month.calendar](https://www.cotbsa.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_events&view=month&task=month.calendar)  
 Scoutmaster: Keith Geimes (grimer360@gmail.com)

**GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING**

**Rank Advancement**



**Star:**

**Connor Johnstonbaugh**



**Tenderfoot:**

**Colin Beaver**

**Michael Hopkins**

**Macen Johnstonbaugh**

**Austin Mulherin**

**Gabe Norris**

**Ben Reeves**

**Merit Badges**



**Hiking:**

**Leo Baranowski**



**Coin Collecting:**

**Kavish Singh**



**Backpacking:**

**Leo Baranowski**

**Biking the Lehigh Gorge**





On **October 11-13** we headed up to the Pocono Mountains to ride bikes through the scenic Lehigh Gorge. We had a couple chilly nights camping at Hickory Run State Park, and a storm overnight Saturday.



Aidan is not in this picture, unfortunately. He took a bad spill on his bike, and needed to go for an x-ray. Thank you Mr. Summer and Mr. Baranowski for taking care of the ER visit. There will be a 20% bonus in your pay. The rest of us headed up the D&L Trail a little bit to Buttermilk Falls, then all the way down towards Jim Thorpe. It was perfect weather for the ride. Eleven miles in, we stopped for lunch on a beach near the Oxbow. Most of us turned around and rode another 11 miles back to the cars at Rockport after lunch. Tough challenge, but everyone did great.



This crew peddled an extra 3 or 4 miles into Glen Onoko, before turning around and heading back to the cars. Great job!



On Sunday morning we took a short hike to Hawk Falls at Hickory Run. We found a great spot for Scouts Own.

**Thanks to Mr. Baranowski and Mr. Summer for putting it all together!**

**And thank you to Mr. Szlachta for towing the second trailer!**

**Yard Sale**





On **October 26** we held a yard sale during the Hatboro Halloween Stroll, and put the new Troop Sign to good use. We sold a bunch of Hot Dogs and sold out of Scout Ice (Shave Ice, thank you Mr. Chris Marks!). There was a ton of foot traffic between 2:30 and 3:30.

VT3 was busy that morning filming the Skeleton Skurry. Thank you to Leo Baranowski, Connor Johnstonbaugh, Lucas Hoban, Mr. Baranowski, and of course Mr. John.

**Halloween Party**







On **October 28** we held our Annual Troop 3 Halloween Party. We played some games, including fishing for doughnuts, and of course the Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest!

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scout is celebrating his birthday this month!

Josh Low-Bear 11/13