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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2024

Seasons Greetings Troop 3!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I know I did!

We enjoyed a very busy November, including the Pancake Breakfast, our outdoor Veterans Night Ceremony, and the VT3 Crew at the Hatboro Holiday Parade. We had a great turnout for the November trip, both Scout and Scouters. It was a beautiful weekend with a couple chilly

nights and mornings at Ockanickon. November camping is not for novice, and the Scouts did great.

We've got several great activities and opportunities for service coming up in December. This has always been my favorite time of year, and Wreath ceremonies and Christmas Caroling with the troop have become highlights. Recruiting Night with Giant Battleship is coming up, as well as Trivia Night and Cookie Wars! We've even got a Movie Night planned for the end of the year.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

DECEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Recruiting Night 7:15-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	3 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	4	5	6	7 Phantoms Hockey Game PPL Center 7:05 pm Class A Uniform
8	9 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	10 Project Blue Light Horsham Community Center 5-8 pm Class A Uniform	11	12 Committee Holiday Party/Meeting 6-8 pm Mr. Grimes's House No Uniform	13 Axe Throwing 6:30-9 pm Bury the Hatchet Horsham Class B Uniform	14 Wreaths Across America Arlington, VA 7:30 am Class A Uniform
15 Wreaths Across Hatboro HBC Parking Lot 12:30-1:30 pm Class A Uniform	16 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Christmas Caroling 7:15-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29	30 Movie Night 6:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class B Uniform	31	Happy New Year!	2	3	4
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

29-Nov-2024

DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

Recruiting Night

Monday, December 2nd from 7:15-9 PM will be a Recruiting Night with Giant Battleship! We'll host Arrows from a few different local Packs. Also, for those working towards First Class, Requirement 10 is to bring a friend to a meeting. We need helpers there early to get set up. Wear your Class A Uniform.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, December 3rd from 7:30-8:45 PM the TLC will meet at my house to discuss November and December, and to plan January. No uniform required.

Phantoms Hockey Game



Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs Hershey Bears Hockey

Game time is 7:05 PM on Saturday December 7th at the [PPL Center in Allentown](#). Scouts in Class A will be color guard on the ice before the game!

The sign-up deadline has passed, but **Mr. Garry Pfeil at 215-519-3058** or gmpfeil@hotmail.com to see if there are any extra tickets.

Troop Meeting

Monday, December 9th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Meeting highlight will be Trivia Baseball, not to be confused with Baseball Trivia. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Project Bluelight

Tuesday, December 10th from 5-8 PM VT3 will be recording Project Bluelight at the Horsham Community Center. This event honors fallen police officers. Dinner will be provided. Wear your Class A Uniform.



Committee Meeting & Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12th from 6-8 PM the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting at my house for a Potluck Dinner followed by an actual meeting to discuss November and December, and to plan January. All leaders and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Axe Throwing at Bury the Hatchet



Troop 3

**AXE
THROWING
PARTY**

*Friday, December 13
Bury The Hatchet
430 Caredean Drive, Horsham
7 PM- 9 PM
(please arrive at 6:30)
\$40 per scout*

On **Friday December 13 from 7-9 PM**, we will be enjoying an evening of throwing sharp metal objects in a safe manner at [Bury the Hatchet](#).



Please arrive at **6:30 PM** in Class B Uniform.

Cost: \$40

[Sign-up for Axe Throwing on Cheddar Up](#)

Wreath Across America



Saturday, December 14th, we will head down to Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. The Scouts who went last year had a great experience, and hope that more will join us this year!

Park in the [South Parking Lot of the Pentagon](#) at **7:30 AM**. We'll meet up [near the entrance to the 9/11 Memorial](#), before heading through security as a group.

The trip is free, but we ask that you arrange your own transportation. Please RSVP to Mr. Bob Waeltz at 215-206-0276.

If you would like to go, but don't have a ride, please let me know and I'll help find you a ride. Wear your Class A Uniform with neckerchief and dress for the weather.

Wreaths Across Hatboro



Sunday, December 15th 12:30-1:30 PM, we will be holding our own wreath laying ceremony at Hatboro Baptist Cemetery.

Wear your Class A Uniform with neckerchief and dress for the weather.

Troop Meeting

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

Christmas Caroling



Monday, December 23rd from 7:15-9 PM we will be spreading some Holiday Cheer to a few local families. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. Also please, bring Two Dozen Cookies to share. Please arrive early so that we can organize the cookies and drivers.

Wear your Class A Uniform with festive attire and dress for the weather!

Pizza Party & Movie Night



Monday, December 30th from 6:30-9 PM we will be in Fellowship Hall for something different this year. We'll enjoy some pizza and snacks, and we'll watch the classic "Home Alone".

Wear your Class B Uniform.

COMING SOON!

Museum of Illusions



January 17-19 we plan to camp in a cabin in Cheltenham and tour Philadelphia, including the Museum of Illusions and Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing

Stay tuned for details!

Venture Trip to Mount Washington



The annual Venture Trip to Mount Washington is only a few months away! This challenging yet rewarding trip is open to all Scouts age 14+ who hold the rank of Star or higher.

We'll be departing at 6 am on **Saturday March 8th** and returning around 5 pm on **Tuesday Marth 11th**.

The final cost of the trip is yet be determined but it will be about \$350, including transportation, lodging, meals, and mountaineering boot/crampon rental.

The picture above is from the last time we did this trek in March 2023. This is one of my personal favorites.

NEWS AND NOTES

The Latest 2024-2025 Annual Plan!

Check out the latest Annual Plan. We had to move around some dates in March. The Ham & Turkey Supper will be on March 1st and Mt. Washington will be March 8-11.

Summer Camp will be July 13-19.

The Summer Venture Trip to Canoe the Allagash will be July 25 to August 2.

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 9/27-9/29		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	Tchickon/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)	Recruiting Night 12/2 Caroling 12/23	Phantom's Hockey 12/7 Wreaths Across America (Arlington) 12/14 Wreath's Across Hatboro 12/15			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 (Walsh)		Scout Sunday TBD			4	12	13
MAR	Pioneering	Union Soccer Match TBD (Friedland)		Ham and Turkey Supper 3/1 Pack 17 Crossover TBD		Mt Washington 3/8-3/11	4	12	13
APR	Outdoor Ethics	Hawk Mountain (Hiking) 4/11-4/13 (Balog)	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	Chincoteague & 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 (Brown)	Swim Tests TBD	Whitemarsh 6/14 Father's Day 8/15 College Settlement June Dinner TBD Foul Rift TBD	NYLT TBD		3	11	12
JUL	Cooking	Sinoquipe 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 7/25 to 8/2	5	-	8

Revision F, Last Modified: 25 Nov 2024

Latest Modifications in red

TBD in purple

Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

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

Washington District Calendar link: https://www.cdbsa.org/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_events&view=month&task=month_calendar

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GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



On **November 20th**, Kenny Kirsch passed his Eagle Board of Review!

Congratulations, Kenny!



Second Class:

Elijah Friedland



Tenderfoot:

Domenic Barba

Jack Hendrickson

Austin Mulherin

Merit Badges



Personal Fitness:

Aidan Wills

Camping:

Jack Coughlin

Fall Pancake Breakfast





On **November 9** we held another successful Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help, and thank you to all of our supporters! The Scouts collectively earned almost \$2,000 to put towards Summer Camp or any troop activity of their choice.

Thank you to Mr. Baranowski and Mr. Lavelle for putting it together!

Veterans Night





On **November 11** we held our annual Veterans Night to honor members of the community and Troop 3 Family who have served our Nation in the military. We held the event outdoors at the Hatboro Baptist Cemetery Veterans Memorial. The weather cooperated, and it was not terribly cold like last year.

Thank you to Mr. Waeltz for making all the arrangements!

Hellerick's Adventure Farm



On **November 15-17** we headed to Upper Bucks County to camp at Ockanickon Scout Reserve for the weekend.







We spent the day Saturday climbing, ziplining, and playing games at Hellericks Farm.



On Sunday morning we took a short hike at Ralph Stover State Park up to the High Rocks Vista overlooking the Tohickon Creek for Scouts Own.

Thank you to Mrs. Johnstonbaugh for putting it all together!

Potluck Dinner





On **November 25** we held our First Annual Potluck Dinner the Monday before Thanksgiving. Tons of good food and desserts from the Scout Dessert contest! It turned out great, and we will probably do it again next year.

**Congratulations to Benny for his First Place Cookies,
and to Eli for his Second Place Cookie Dough Balls!**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating his birthday this month!

Domenic Barba 12/7

JJ Humes 12/11

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