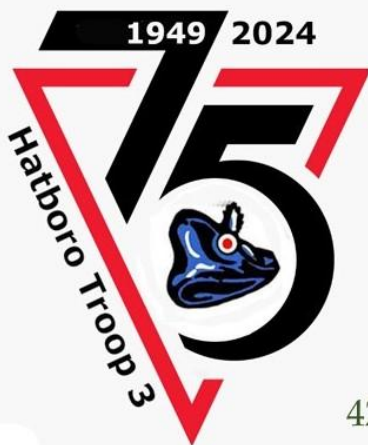


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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

January 1, 2025

Seasons Greetings Troop 3!

The New Year is upon us! And what a difference a year can make! The Troop has changed and grown in the last year. We had 14 new Scouts in all come into the troop last Spring. It has been a pleasure getting to know the new Scouts and watching them settle into the new environment, learn, and grow. Check out the 2024 Year in Review below!

With the New Year comes new beginnings! I challenge all the Scouts to make a Scout Resolution for 2025, and think out a plan to get that next merit badge or earn that next rank. We will continue to create advancement opportunities for the Scouts, but it is up to them to read the requirements and know what they need to accomplish.

With the New Year comes new opportunities! Keep your eyes, ears, attitude open to new opportunities, and make the most of them when they present themselves.

With the New Year comes new challenges! I wish the entire Troop 3 family Peace, Good Health, and Prosperity, so you may face any challenge with your best foot forward.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

JANUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform Trip Sign-up Due	7 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	8	9 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	10	11 Fall in for Rauch Gap 7 am HBC Parking Lot Class A
12 Arrive from Rauch Gap ~2 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	13 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	14	15 Load Gear for Tohicken 7-8 pm Troop Room No Uniform	16	17 Fall In for Philly Museums 6 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	18 Philly Museums Museum of Illusions Seaport Museum
19 Philly Museums Return to HBC ~1 pm	20 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	28	29	30	31 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 4 pm Bear Creek Ski Resort	1
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

30-Dec-2024

DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 6th from 7:30-9 PM we will have a regular troop meeting. We've got a fun opportunity planned for Scouts to learn, practice, or teach basic knots. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Sign up deadline for the January Trip.

TLC Meeting

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

Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom to discuss December and January, and to plan February. All leaders and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Venture Crew Training Trip to Rauch Gap



On January 11-12 the Venture Crew is having a winter backpacking overnight on the AT at Rauch Gap. We'll meet up at **7 am on Saturday January 11th** and return around **2 pm Sunday afternoon**. This is a great training trip for Mt. Washington. It will give you a chance to test your winter gear. More details to come.

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Lavelle at 215-385-0987 or lavejp@gmail.com.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 13th from 7:30-9 PM we will have a regular troop meeting. We'll be planning for the January Trip, and we've got a fun opportunity planned for the Scouts to discuss local environmental issues (See First Class Req 9b). Wear your Class A Uniform.

Gear Loading

Wednesday, January 15th from 7-8 PM Patrol Quartermasters will meet to prep and load gear for the January Trip. No uniform required.

Museum of Illusions



January 17-19 we will be camping in Cheltenham Troop 22's cabin and touring Philadelphia, including the Museum of Illusions and Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing.

Cost: \$75 (Including all transportation, lodging, tickets, and food)

This will be a Troop Feed. [See Flyer for Details](#)

Sign up deadline has been extended to January 6

BSA Hatboro Troop 3 Philadelphia Trip



January 17-19th, 2025
Meet at HBC at 6:00pm Friday

Highlights-

Independence Seaport Museum
Museum of Illusions

Cabin Camping at Troop 22's cabin in Cheltenham

COST-\$75 for travel, camping, food, and tickets.

This is a Troop feed trip and we will be sleeping in a cabin.



Scout(s): _____

Patrol(s): _____

Scouter: _____

Can you drive: Yes or No

How many seatbelts including the driver _____

Can you tow the trailer? Yes or No

How will you pay? Cheddar Up Cash Check

Please return to Lisa Johnstonbaugh by Monday 12/30
LisaAnn617@comcast.net 267-346-5262

Cheddar Up Link



Troop Meeting

Monday, January 20th from 7:30-9 PM we will have a regular troop meeting. We've got a fun opportunity planned for the Scouts to learn about the duties of citizenship. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Troop Meeting

Monday, January 27th from 7:30-9 PM we will have a regular troop meeting. We've got a Kahoot planned. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Bear Creek Family Ski Night



Friday January 31st will be the Family Ski Night at Bear Creek. There's snow tubing as well! We'll see how the winter season treats the slopes, and we may need to postpone into February depending upon conditions.

This is a great opportunity for beginners to take a lesson or just practice. It's a fun evening out for family and friends, too.

Cost varies depending on what you choose to do. [See Flyer for details.](#)



February 14-16 is the annual trip to Resica Falls. We'll camp in Firestone Lodge and enjoy a weekend of archery, rifle, shotgun and hiking.

This is a great trip for visiting AOLs!

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 March 11th**.

The final cost of the trip is yet to 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.](#)

Winter Venture Trip to Mt. Washington March 8-11.

Union Soccer Match March 21-23.

Summer Camp July 13-19.

Summer Venture Trip to the Allagash July 25-August 2.

Please mark your family calendars with these important dates!

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	Tohickan/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)		Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/25 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/31	OA Lodge Dinner TBD		7	8	9
FEB	Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting & Archery) 2/14 to 2/16 (Waltsh)	OA Election TBD	Scout Sunday TBD			4	12	13
MAR	Pioneering	Union Soccer Match 3/21 to 3/23 (Friedland)		Ham and Turkey Supper 3/1 Pack 17 Crossover 3/30		Mt Washington 3/8-3/11	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	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 6/15 College Settlement June Dinner TBD Foul Rift TBD	NYLT TBD		3	11	12
JUL	Cooking	Sinoajulpe 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 H, Last Modified: 28 Dec 2024

Latest Modifications in red

TBD in purple

Trip or Event Coordinators are in (Parenthesis)

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

Washington District Calendar link: https://www.colbsa.org/index.php?Itemid=80&option=com_events&view=month&task=month_calendar

Scoutmaster: Keith Grimes (grimer360@gmail.com)

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



First Class:

JJ Humes

Merity Badges



Personal Fitness:

Benny DeSordo

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



January - STEM Night, building marshmallow and spaghetti structures



January - We had an awesome tour of Manassas National Battlefield by Troop 3 Alum Kyle Hallowell.



January - We had a great time exploring all of the aircraft at the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum.



January - We joined the Soup Line at the FDR Memorial in DC.



January - You can't go to the National Mall and not pay a visit to Honest Abe!



February - The annual trip to Resica Falls Scout Reservation for shooting and winter hiking. In this shot, we are heading down to Fossil Rock.



February - Here we are at Resica Falls.



February - Pack 200 Crossover when we welcomed Grady and Michael to the troop.



February - First annual Troop 3 Talent Show. Here's SPL Aidan Robin showing off some close up magic tricks.



March - Jack Thomson completed his Eagle Board of Review



March - We had a great turnout for the Ham & Turkey Supper!



March - We had a huge crossover with Pack 17 when we welcomed Gabe, Andrew, Oleksii, Elliot, Ben, Domenic, Leo, Jack, Colin, and Macen to the Troop.



March - We finally made it back to Sterling Hill Mine! This trip was cancelled several times over the last two or three program years for various reasons.



March - Here we are on the Mine Tour.



April - a full house for Investiture at the Spring Parents Night.



April - We camped at Ricketts Glen and enjoyed the Waterfall Trail



April - Here we are at Tuscarora Falls



April - Charlie Batman completed his Eagle Board of Review



April - We had a good turnout for OA Spring Service. Leo, Apollo, and Kavish sealed the bonds of Brotherhood and Benny completed his Ordeal.



April - Kenny Kirsch completed his Eagle Project, expanding the Goat Pen at College Settlement.



May - Providing service to the Union Library of Hatboro.



May - We celebrated our 75th Anniversary at the Diamond Jubilee. Here is the entire troop all decked out with our new neckerchiefs.



May - At the Diamond Jubilee, we took the opportunity to get a portrait of all the Troop 3 Eagle Scouts who were present.



May - We also took the opportunity to get a portrait of all four living Scoutmasters of Troop 3. From right to left is Bob John (1972-2012), Stu Gentry (2012-2015), Bob Waeltz (2015-2020), and me (2020-present).



May - At the 75th we held an impromptu Eagle Court of Honor for Nate Kephart. Here's Apollo giving Nate the Eagle Charge.



May - Arguably the most important event at the 75th was the highly competitive "31" Tournament. Here's Bob Waeltz celebrating his victory.



May - Providing Service to Whitmarsh Memorial Park, placing flags at Veterans' graves on Memorial Day.



June - Leo Baranowski takes command of the Troop as SPL from Aidan Robin.



June - We headed up to the scenic Hudson Valley of New York State for the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome.



July - We stopped at the Flight 93 Memorial on our way out to summer camp in Ohio. Here we are at the Tower of Voices.



July - We enjoyed a day at Cedar Point and rode some world class coasters before heading to Camp Beaumont for the week.



July - Here we are at our lunch stop by Lake Erie on our way to Beaumont.



July - We enjoyed a great week at Camp Beaumont for Summer Camp.



July - The lunch stop on our way home from camp was the World Famous Horseshoe Curve near Altoona, PA.



August - The Venture is assembled before heading out to paddle the Upper Susquehanna River.



August - Here we are heading into Towanda, land of the storied "Strainer".



August - The Venture Crew met up with the rest of the Troop at Wysox for a weekend paddle. We camped at French Azylum but had to leave the river early due to pending severe weather.



September - We did a Good Turn for the Union Library of Hatboro by helping to set up and take down their semi-annual Book Sale.



September - We backpacked a segment of the Quehanna Trail. I missed this one, but I heard it was great.



September - Leo Baranowski and his team of volunteers constructed and painted 15 bat boxes for Warminster Community Park.



October - We biked over 20 miles on the D&L Trail near Hickory Run and Jim Thorpe.



October - It was absolutely gorgeous weather for the ride through the Lehigh Gorge.



October - We held a Yard Sale during the Hatboro Halloween Stroll. The Scouts had a ball serving up hot dogs and "Scout Ice".



October - Playing Red Light Green Light at our annual Halloween Party.



November - Michael serving up fun at Fall Pancake Breakfast.



November - Veterans Night at the Veterans Memorial in Hatboro Baptist Cemetery.



November - Soaking up November sunshine at Hellerick's Adventure Farm.



November - Whooped after a day of adventure.



November - Sunday morning hike to High Rocks at Ralph Stover.



November - Kenny Kirsch completed his Eagle Board of Review.



December - A fun night of throwing sharp heavy objects in a safe manner at Bury the Hatchet.



December - Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery.



December - Wreaths Across Hatboro at the Veteran's Memorial in Hatboro Baptist Cemetery.



December - The Venture Crew did a 5-mile training hike at Tyler State Park.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating their birthday this month!

Jack Hendrickson 1/5

Elijah Friedland 1/13

Cameron Arbuckle 1/21

Connor Johnstonbaugh 1/25

Josh Summer 1/31

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