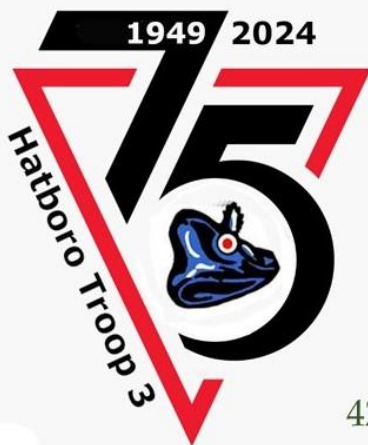


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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2025

Salutations Troop 3!

I had visited the USS Olympia as a kid, and have seen her from the pier dozens more times over the last 35 years. Honestly, I had thought it was kind of underwhelming. My mind was completely changed when I got onboard on the January trip, and it was absolutely incredible. We even had the privilege of an Engine Room tour. The restoration work is beautiful; wood and polished brass everywhere. If you have never been there, it's worth the visit. Read a little more about the trip to Philadelphia down below.

We've got a busy couple weeks ahead of us, between Scout Sunday, preparing for Resica, and the trip itself. February at Firestone Lodge has been a Troop favorite for as long as I can remember. It's a great opportunity to earn rifle and shotgun merit badges. We will also be conducting the OA Tapout for our new candidates at the campfire Saturday night. There will also be plenty of downtime to play boardgames or cards.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Keith Grimes

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

HATBORO TROOP 3 FEBRUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Tyler Hike 8 am - 12 Noon HBC Parking Lot University of Scouting VFMA 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Class A+
2	3 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	4 TLC Meeting 7:30-8:45 pm Mr. Grimes's No Uniform	5	6	7	8
9 Scout Sunday 10:30 am - 12 pm HBC Sanctuary Class A+ Uniform	10 Troop Meeting Gun/Archery Safety 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform Feb & Mar Trip Sign-up Due	11	12 Load Gear for Resica 7-8 pm Troop Room No Uniform	13 Committee Meeting 7:30-9 pm Boardroom No Uniform	14 Fall In for Reica Falls 6 pm HBC Parking Lot Class A	15 Resica Falls Shooting & Hiking
16 Resica Falls Return to HBC ~1 pm	17 Troop Meeting 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class A Uniform	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Troop Meeting Art Night 7:30-9 pm Fellowship Hall Class B Uniform	25	26	27	28	1
Regular Meeting	Special Meeting	TLC Meeting	Staff Meeting	Trip/Event	Service/VT3, etc.	Holiday

29-Jan-2025

DETAILS FOR THE MONTH

Day Hike at Tyler State Park

Saturday, February 1st we will have a day hike at Tyler State Park. Please be in the HBC Parking Lot by **8 am** and we'll return around noon. Bring snacks and a water bottle. Class B, but also dress appropriately for the weather. The day hike is open to everyone, but if you are training for Mt. Washington, wear a full backpack.

Troop Meeting

Monday, February 3rd 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 the principles of Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Need Volunteers for Scout Sunday (see below).

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th from 7:30-8:45 PM the TLC will meet at my house to discuss January and February, and to plan March. No uniform required.

Scout Sunday



February 9th is Scout Sunday

This is a special worship service at Hatboro Baptist Church to celebrate Scouting's birthday. We help run the service, so we are in need of several Scout volunteers:

4 Scouts for Color Guard

1 Scout to read the Call to Worship (Psalm 86: 8-10 NIV)

2 or 3 Scouts to read a prayer (like we do at Scout's Own)

2 more Scouts to offer testimonies of the impact that Scouting has had on their walk with God. (I've got one already)

We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am on Sunday February 9. Wear your Full Class A with neckerchief and merit badge sash.

Please let me know if you are available to help out by the Troop Meeting on February 3rd. Families are encouraged to come and stay for the service!

Troop Meeting

Monday, February 10th from 7:30-8:45 PM we will be learning and refreshing Gun & Archery Safety. All Scouts who plan to shoot at Resica need to attend. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Sign up deadline for both the February and March Trips.

Gear Loading

Wednesday, February 12th from 7-8 PM Patrol Quartermasters will meet to prep and load gear for the February Trip. No uniform required.

Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 13th from 7:30-9 PM the Troop Staff & Committee will be meeting in the Boardroom to discuss January and February, and to plan March. All leaders and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Shooting & Hiking at Resica Falls



**Resica Falls – Firestone
Lodge Trip
February 14-16, 2025**

Join us on this awesome trip to Resica Falls; we will be staying in the beautiful Firestone Lodge! Events include: Hiking, Shooting - Rifle, Shotgun and Archery!

\$40 per person

Includes all travel expenses, food, unlimited .22
and 1 round of Shotgun Shooting
(additional shotgun - \$3.00/5 shells - can be purchased at range - cash only)

Sign-up Deadline - 2/10

Return to Rob Walsh by 2/10
Contact: walsh5@comcast.net or text 267-872-6770

Scout's Name: _____ Patrol: _____

Scouter's Name: _____ Mobile #: _____

Number attending: _____ X \$40.00 each Total: \$ _____

Paid by Checks Cash CheddarUp: <https://resica-trip.cheddarup.com>

Can you Drive? Yes No Can you Tow? Yes No

Number of seats with seatbelts in the vehicle (including driver): _____



Our Annual Trip to Resica Falls is on **February 14-16**. We'll be camping at Firestone Lodge on Friday and Saturday night. On Saturday we'll have rifle, shotgun, and archery available to all Scouts. We'll have winter hiking options as well.

The Troop Meeting on February 10 is an important one. If you plan to shoot at Resica, you must attend this meeting for the safety brief.

[See flyer for details](#) and click the button to register on Cheddar-up!

Sign up deadline is February 10th

[Sign up for Resica Falls on Cheddar Up](#)

Troop Meeting

Monday, February 17th 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 Hiking Safety. We're going to need some adult volunteers for this one. Wear your Class A Uniform.

Troop Meeting

Monday, February 24th from 7:30-9 PM we are having Art Night. Come dressed to paint.

Bear Creek Family Ski Night

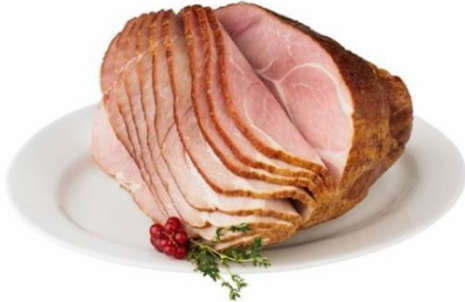


Family Ski Night at Bear Creek has been postponed until February 28th.

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.](#)

Ham & Turkey Supper



We are just 2 weeks away from the most important fundraiser of the Troop Calendar Year. Yes, the Ham and Turkey Supper will take place in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday March 1, 2025**. We will be offering both dine-in and take out as usual. We are in need of help from everyone on that day. Help is needed in the following areas:

1. Kitchen - We will need help from 7 - 9 AM doing some of the prep work. This is mostly cutting vegetables and bread to prepare the stuffing and probably could use 5 adults.
2. Kitchen - 3 - 7 PM This is the service hours and we will need help with meat slicing, cooking, preparing takeout and keeping service areas stocked. We will also need help running the dishwasher. This will require 7-10 adults and we can organize this in shifts.
3. Pie Room - This is where we prepare all deserts for service as well as dinner rolls etc. This runs from 3 PM to 7 PM. This will require about 5 adults.

4. Dining Room - We need help in the actual service of dinner. This includes working the beverage area, assisting our scouts in service to the tables and cleaning tables to reset them for the next service. This will run from 3 PM to 7 PM.

5. Kitchen Cleanup - We must leave the kitchen like we found it. We need lots of help here and this typically runs from 7 PM to 9 PM.

As you can see, we need lots of help. We are asking that every family provide help to make this event successful. Scouts will be working between takeout and the dining room and all scouts and registered scouters should plan on assisting. If you are not a registered Scouter, please consider volunteering your time on Saturday March 1.

Please contact Mr. Waeltz by email at bobwaeltz@gmail.com or by phone or text at 215-206-0276.

March Trip to Union Soccer Match



On **March 21-23** we'll be camping at Pine Hill Scout Reservation in Pine Hill, NJ. Saturday night we'll head back to PA for the Philadelphia Union Match against St. Louis.

The cost of the trip is **\$65**, which includes all transportation and lodging, event ticket, and Troop Tailgate.

Because we need to order non-refundable tickets way before the game, we will need commitments for this trip by the Troop Meeting on February 10th.

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.

This trip is one of my personal favorites.

NEWS AND NOTES

The Latest 2024-2025 Annual Plan!

[Check out the latest Annual Plan.](#)

Ham & Turkey Supper March 1

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
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	
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	
NOV	Geology	Tohicken/Holierick'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
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 Across Hatboro 12/15		
JAN	Citizenship	Philadelphia (Museum of Illusions & Independence Seaport) 1/17 to 1/19 (Johnstonbaugh)	OA Election 1/27	Pinewood Derby Clinic 1/25 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 1/31	OA Lodge Dinner TBD	
FEB	Gun Safety	Resica Falls (Shooting & Archery) 14-16 February (Walsh)	TLC 2/4 Committee Mtg 2/13	Scout Sunday 2/9 Bear Creek Family Ski Night 2/28	University of Scouting 2/1 Roundtable 2/12	Tyler Hike 2/1
MAR	Pioneering	Union Soccer Match 21-23 March (Friedland)	TLC 3/4 Committee Mtg 3/13	Ham and Turkey Supper 3/1 Pack 17 Crossover 3/30	Roundtable 3/12	Mt Washington 3/8-3/11
APR	Outdoor Ethics	Hawk Mountain (Hiking) 11-13 April (Balot)	TLC 4/1 Parents Night TBD Committee Mtg 4/10	HBC Mulching TBD Easter 4/20	Merit Badge College 4/5 Roundtable 4/9 OA Spring Service 1 TBD District Dinner TBD Council Dinner TBD	
MAY	Oceanography	Chincoteague & Assateague 16-18 May (Wills)	Troop Re-org 5/5 TLC 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 Committee Mtg 5/8 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 Kenny Kirsch Eagle COH 5/25	Roundtable 5/14 OA Spring Service 2 TBD	
JUN	Aquatics	Trap Pond (Canoeing/Kayaking) 20-22 June (Brown)	TLC 6/3 Committee Mtg 6/12 Swim Tests TBD	Whitemarsh 6/14 Father's Day 6/15 College Settlement June Dinner TBD Foul Rift TBD	Roundtable 6/11 NYLT TBD	
JUL	Cooking	Sinoguepe Scout Reservation (Summer Camp) 13-19 July (Wills)	TLC 7/1 Committee Mtg 7/10			Allagash 7/25 to 8/2
AUG	Physical Fitness	Cherry Springs State Park (Astronomy) 15-17 August (Lavelle)	TLC 8/5 Committee Mtg 8/14		NYLT TBD	

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 OA Calendar link: <http://www.unamibodge.org/calendar>
 Washington District Calendar link: https://www.coltsa.com/index.php?itemid=804&option=com_events&view=month&task=monthcalendar

GREAT THINGS OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE DOING

Rank Advancement



Life:
Benny DelSordo



Star:
Jacob Norris



First Class:

Elijah Friedland

Merit Badges



Emergency Preparedness:

Leo Baranowski

Jack Coughlin

Kavish Singh

Aidan Wills



First Aid:

Lucas Hoban



Lifesaving:

Adam Hendrickson



Personal Fitness:

Macen Johnstonbaugh

Venture Training at Rausch Gap



On **January 11-12** the Venture Crew headed out to Rausch Gap for a backpacking overnight on the AT. This was a training trip for Mt. Washington, so the fresh snow was a nice touch. It dipped into the 20's overnight, so we were able to test cold weather sleeping gear.

A big Thank You to Patrick Lavelle for the transportation and photo assist!



Here is the luxurious Rausch Gap Shelter. We didn't see another soul all day until, late in the afternoon, another group of backpackers came in. I'm glad we got there as early as we did.

January Trip to Philadelphia



On **January 17-19** we camped at Cheltenham Troop 22's Scout Cabin and enjoyed some awesome tours. We toured the USS Olympia, including the engine room. She was the fastest most technologically advanced ship in the US Navy (and likely the world) when commissioned in 1898. We also toured the WWII submarine USS Becuna.

Thank you to Mrs. Johnstonbaugh for making all of the arrangements!



Here we stopped for a quick view of Independence Hall on our walking tour on the way to the Museum of Illusions. Commodore Barry said , "I think there's a Wawa that way!"



Museum of Illusions was lots of fun!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



The following Scouts are celebrating their birthdays this month!

Leo Sturn 2/20

Aidan Wills 2/17

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