



Troop 23 – Hot News October 21, 2019

CALENDARING: For the full calendar, visit <http://troop23wheaton.org/>

- 10/21 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
 - 10/28 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Halloween Party – costumes & games & snacks, oh my!
DEADLINE: Wreath and Popcorn Orders
 - 11/2 – Saturday – 7 a.m.-1 p.m. SERVICE: American Legion Pancake Breakfast at Cantigny
 - 11/4 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
 - 11/9-10 – Fri/Sat CAMPOUT: Survival Campout at Johnson's Mound in Elburn
 - 11/11 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
 - 11/18 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
 - 11/25 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting* - Wreath Exchanges if needed
- *Patrol Leadership Council meets at 6:45 p.m. prior to each regular weekly Troop meeting
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CONGRATULATIONS to James Mareachen on receiving his Eagle at Sunday's Court of Honor.

CALLING ALL RECENT EAGLES: Three Fires Council is looking for a spokesman for the Eagle Class of 2019. If you are an Eagle from 2019 and would like to apply, visit the council website. They are offering a \$500 scholarship to the Scout selected.

WREATH SALES: Just keep selling. One more week. Strive for bronze, silver, or gold!

All orders are due Oct. 28, but Scouts may turn in any orders at the Advancement/Registration Table on any Monday night. Email any questions to: wreaths.t23@troopmaster.email.

POPCORN SALES: Order Forms due at Monday, 10/28 troop meeting

Please prepare ahead of time by doing the following:

1. TALLY the sums for products and funds across all rows and columns on the order form, making sure they add up correctly. You can leave blank the rows and columns that do not have any entries.
2. Have a PARENT/GUARDIAN double-check your completed order form to confirm everything adds up.
3. Make a COPY of your completed order form for your records, in case there are any questions about your order after you turn it in. If you do not have a copier or scanner, take a picture with your phone. Verify the copy/picture is legible.
4. SUBMIT your original Popcorn Order Form(s) on 10/28. The original order form will be returned when the products you ordered are delivered to you (which will be after 11/23).

Remember, if you do not turn in your order form, the troop will not be able to order the products you promised to deliver to your customers! Contact Mr. Horn with any questions at T23Popcorn@comcast.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES—Pancake Breakfast and Conservation Challenge

American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, November 2, at Cantigny

Cantigny Post 556 is hosting their annual fall breakfast in the Visitor's Center at Cantigny. Scouts are encouraged to help serve and clear during the 7 a.m.–1 p.m. event. Breakfast is included! Families are also welcome to take part in this fundraising event for the American Legion veterans and enjoy a meal served by Troop 23 Scouts. Sign-up for one or both shifts on the board this week. See Mr. Jeffers for information.

"Patrol Conservation Challenge" at DuPage Forest Preserve events on 10/26 and 11/2

To build enthusiasm around service projects that are conservation-related, Troop 23 is presenting a Patrol Conservation Challenge. Between now and the end of November, Scouts are encouraged to work with patrol buddies to earn conservation service hours. One great opportunity for this is through the DuPage Forest Preserve (DFP).

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Throughout the year, DFP holds weekend volunteer events to remove litter and non-native species from our local habitats. Two special dates coming up include 10/26 "Make a Difference Day" at East Branch and 11/2 "Random Acts of Kindness Day" at Hidden Lake. The events are from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration is requested by calling 630.206.9630 or by visiting the website:

10/26 - Make a Difference Day at East Branch (apm.activecommunities.com/fpddc/Activity_Search/10147)

11/2 - Random Act of Kindness at Hidden Lake (apm.activecommunities.com/fpddc/Activity_Search/10144)

All Scouts are encouraged to pick at least one of the available dates found on the DFP website. A full calendar can be found at <https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events>. Use the filter checkboxes at the right to filter for volunteer events.

ADVANCEMENTS

Our next advancement cutoff date is December 16, 2019. In addition to reporting individual achievements on a regular basis, Scouts should also be reporting service hours and camping nights. If lines at the table are too long, Scouts may forward snapshots of the pages to the advancement coordinator via email at julie@burritcarlson.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wheaton North High School is once again borrowing some of Troop 23's historic and service flags for their Veteran's Day remembrance on November 11. What a privilege it is to play a role in honoring those who serve.

TROOP 23 2020 ACTIVITY CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Troop 23 2020 Activity Calendar can now be found on the troop's web site and at Troop Meetings. We are currently in the process of updating the 2020 Google Calendar so families can subscribe to the calendar and easily add troop activities to personal electronic calendars. We will report in future Hot News when the Google Calendar data entry for 2020 is complete.

We have adopted a new format that mirrors the Wheaton-Warrenville District 200 School Calendar. It provides information about the year's troop meetings, special events, and important deadlines on one page. To fit everything, abbreviations and shaded boxes have been used, and the key for interpreting them can be found on the calendar's lower left corner. At this time, some dates are still tentative. These are marked with a question mark. Most of these cases are where partner organization have not yet finalized their 2020 plans or where selected venue's reservation schedules do not allow us to finalize details just yet.

Please note that in 2020, Troop 23 will once again attend the first week of Summer Camp offered at Camp Freeland Leslie (CFL); but, CFL has backed up their first week of Boy Scout Camp from the fourth full week in June 2019 to the third week of June 2020. This will allow Scouts who want to attend a second week of camp to do so without having Summer Camp and Independence Day in the same week.

The development of this calendar began in April at the Annual Planning Conference where youth leaders established the troop's vision for programming in 2020. The calendar was reviewed and approved by the Troop Committee and Activity Coordinators began work with selected locations to make reservations, complete initial forms, and submit deposits. We ask families to remember that our troop is boy-led and that these boys will change their minds. While Scouts may change locations and/or activities, the troop views the outing dates as fixed so that families can plan around Scouting events with some confidence. Every effort is made to ensure that our communication vehicles reflect the Scouts' changes; however, there is a delay between the change in direction and the reflection of that change in our online and printed materials. We strongly believe the benefits of allowing Troop 23 to be a truly boy-led, hands-on learning experience far outweigh the temporary confusion that sometimes results from youthful efforts; and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK, PLEASE CONTACT:

- Jeff Jeffers, Scoutmaster at frankejefers@yahoo.com
- Brian Dunbar, Committee Chairman at cell: 501.554.0016