



Troop 23 – Hot News January 27, 2020

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

- 1/27 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
 - Order of the Arrow Election
- 2/3 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
- 2/9 – Sunday – 8:30 and 11 a.m. Scout Sunday (some details below)
- 2/10 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
- 2/17 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
 - Summer Camp deposits due
- 2/24 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
- 3/2 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*

*Patrol Leadership Council meets at 7 p.m. prior to each regular weekly Troop meeting

CONGRATULATIONS...

- To all who participated in the Klondike Derby. Three of Troop 23's patrols placed in the top tier of the district with Thunderbirds taking first place!
- To Troop 23 for earning Gold! Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA's recognition program to encourage excellence in the areas of Planning & Budget, Membership, Programing, and Volunteer Leadership. Benchmarks are set and points are awarded for Bronze, Silver and Gold Level achievements in each area. For 2019, Troop 23 earned the top honor and will be recognized with a Gold Journey to Excellence Unit Award. Heart-felt thanks to all the tireless adult volunteers and youth leaders working to ensure the continued success of Troop 23.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS: January 27

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's Honor Camping Society. Each Troop elects the Scouts they feel are good campers, leaders, and live the Oath and Law in their lives. Only Scouts who are First Class and have 20 days and nights of camping in the last two years are eligible.

SCOUT SUNDAY: February 9, services at First Presbyterian at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with donuts served after the 8:30 a.m. service. Watch for more details about how Scouts can participate. Scouts who attend two services will be invited to attend pizza lunch.

SCOUT NANO EVENT: March 14, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Northwestern University in Evanston

Learn about the exciting field of nanotechnology. Meet and work with scientists. Participate in hands-on experiments and demos. Cost is \$10 and includes pizza and patch. Advance registration and payment is required. Maximum of 8 scouts per Troop. Interested? Contact Mr. Ostensen (e.ostensen@comcast.net).

CALENDAR UPDATES: We have updates to the 2020 Program Calendar!

An updated 1-page calendar is available on the Web Site or link to the Troop's Google Calendar. Here are details regarding the updates:

- Nano Technology Event—Added to calendar on March 14, see details above.
- Spring Pancake Breakfast at Cantigny— The American Legion Cantigny Post 556 scheduled the breakfast for Saturday, April 25, from 7:30-12:30 with volunteers needed from 7AM-1PM (old date was tentative on 4/5)
- Shooting Sports Campout—new date is May 8-9 (old date was 10/2-10/4); Scouts will be home in plenty of time for Mothers' Day on May 10
- Troop Swim & BSA Swim Tests—New date is 5/16 (old date was 5/9). It remains at the Wheaton College Pool from 1-3PM

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- A small group of Scouts and Leaders will be heading to CFL to complete preliminary set-up for a week of Summer Camp before the rest of the Troop arrives on Sunday June 14.
- The rest of Troop 23 will be participating in Falling for a Cause/Human Mattress Dominoes. This potentially Guinness World Record-breaking event is taking place at Cantigny, one of our key community partners. The organizers are seeking to collect mattresses for homeless shelters and then break the world record for the largest Mattress Fall. Scouts will help tip mattresses for the “fall” and deliver mattresses to various shelters after the “fall.” We realize it may be challenging for Scouts to participate the day before the departure for camp; and understand that some families finish packing on Saturday and enjoy send-off traditions, but we encourage everyone who is available to participate. The Falling for a Cause Event is still in its early stages; but because our Cantigny partners are involved, our plan is to support them as we have consistently done for a very long time. The organizers are working to build a coalition of local organizations (Rotary Clubs, police & fire-fighter organizations, churches, community groups, etc.) and through these partnerships they plan to accomplish great things. If you know of others who might be interested, you can find some additional details here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/falling-for-the-cause-human-mattress-dominoes>

HOT NEWS - HELP WANTED!

Are there parents out there who would like to continue receiving HOT NEWS? If so, we need your help! We are in search of a new editor for this valuable resource. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Evans (devans2960@gmail.com).

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

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