



Troop 23 – Hot News May 18, 2020

RECOGNITION FOR TROOP 23 GRADUATES:

TOMORROW, Monday, **May 18**, we are going to have a drive-by parade to recognize our Scouts that are graduating from High School this year. **Note we have changed the starting point to Wheaton College parking lot, located between the Billy Graham Center and McCully Stadium** (look for the Troop 23 trailer or vehicle marked with Troop 23 decals). We ask that all be present by 6:45 so that we can have a prompt start at 7:00pm. Feel free to decorate your vehicles as this is a graduation celebration! We will pause briefly at each address to capture a photo of Mr. Jeffers (practicing social distancing) with each Scout in either their cap/gown (with Eagle tassels) or uniform! To help us to move along, if the seniors would be out in their yard after 7:00 we would greatly appreciate it and to help you find the houses, look for our Troop 23 Senior Scout yard sign.

We will be visiting the following Scouts in this order (Attached is a map of the route):

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a796a27f-e9ca-45c9-85fe-7d4bbfeb0284>

Trent Tiberi (Eagle Scout)—621 N Blanchard St, Wheaton
Carter LaBrot—912 Lexington St, Wheaton
Wade Stafford (Eagle Scout)—1016 Wheaton Pl, Wheaton
Josh Gorup—917 N Wheaton Ave, Wheaton
Travis Stapinski (Eagle Scout)—00N376 Morse St, Wheaton
Oliver Michalak—26W029 Hazel Lane, Wheaton
Ben Scherer (Eagle Scout)—26W330 Cooley, Winfield

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors!

TROOP 23 MEMORIAL DAY WALK:

Memorial Day is our opportunity to recognize, honor and mourn those that have died in service of our nation. For Troop 23, this has traditionally been reflected through our formal display of historic flags in the Wheaton Memorial Day Parade and participation with cemetery memorial service. As in each theater/conflict, which those we honor served, there were risks and extreme elements to contend. In the field, they were tasked to adapt and overcome. Today we wage a domestic battle with COVID-19, which has temporarily changed our normal daily lives. As a result, large public events such as the annual Memorial Day Parade have been cancelled. As a Troop, it tasks us to explore alternate approaches to help support the observance of Memorial Day, while in conformance to federal and local requirement.

The recent Wheaton Crop Walk (5/3/2020), successfully demonstrated comradery towards a common goal as completed through independent walking efforts. The success of this voluntary event has inspired a similar voluntary based theme to allow Scouts and/or families to participate individually in a Memorial Day walk. This creates an opportunity for those that would like to stretch their legs, while voluntarily paying tribute to our fallen service men and women.

In observance of Memorial Day, a small, socially distanced group of uniformed volunteers will walk from First Presbyterian Church to the Wheaton Cemetery. Color guard will be preceded by the service cap and funeral flag of a local fallen soldier. In accompaniment will be key service flags and bugler. At the cemetery (roughly 10:30am), a brief prayer will be sited, followed by the sounding of Taps. Scouts and families are welcome to walk the same path and/or alternate if so chosen. Scouts wishing to carry a flag as a part of their walk, can select a historic flag from the Troop 23 collection, along with white cotton gloves and a flag carrier. Flags will be arranged for selection in the parking lot of First Presbyterian

Church. As with traditional parade attire, we ask participating scouts to be in full uniform. Please also remember water and bring a mask. Below is the timeline of events for 5/25/2020:

9:30am Flag distribution in parking lot at First Presbyterian Church. Those interested in carrying a flag will also receive a flag holder and white gloves.

9:45am Color guard and accompaniment begin walk to Wheaton Cemetery. Primary route will be West along Jefferson Avenue and then South along West St.

10:30am Prayer and taps at Wheaton Cemetery. Troop flags will be gathered following completion at cemetery.

Note: This is a voluntary/optional walk for anyone who feels comfortable participating.

SERVICE HOURS/REQUIREMENT OPPORTUNITY: Looking for service hours? Need to fulfill a cooking requirement? Just want to help out? Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) is currently in need of meals for their residents. Meals can be homemade, store bought, or ordered from a restaurant. MSHV currently has five adult male residents with no dietary restrictions. Signups for available slots and more details are available in the attached schedule.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444ACA623A0FC1-meals>

FEEDING THE 5,000:

First Presbyterian Church is hosting its second and final week of its food drive. From Mon – Fri of this week, **May 18-22**, donations will be accepted. In order to safely collect food donations, bins have been set up outside of the church's Madison St. entrance from 9 am – 3 pm where contact-less donations of non-perishable items can be dropped. Church staff will monitor the bins and bring the food inside throughout the day. This food drive, called "Feeding the 5,000" will benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry and the People's Resource Center. The goal is to collect 5,000 cans/food items. The most needed items are; rice and beans, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and meat, and cat and dog food.

2020 CROP WALK UPDATE:

Troop 23 raised \$915 on the May 3rd Crop Walk-great job Troop 23!

GOOD NEWS:

Congratulations to Gavin Kachelmuss for passing his board of review this week! Gavin has great scout spirit and handled all BOR questions with ease. Congrats Gavin!

And, congratulations to Jacob Halter for completing all of the requirements for the Camping Merit Badge. Jacob had two very full Zoom meetings to review his knowledge and he showed that he certainly knows his stuff! Way to go Jacob!

It's always good to hear how our Scouts are progressing even at this time when we can't meet, way to go Troop 23!

SUMMER CAMP NEWS:

Three Fires Council and Camp Freeland Leslie have cancelled our Troop's scheduled week of camp. Based on Leader and Scout availability, as well as approval by State & County Boards of Health, we hope to attend CFL the week of July 19-25 (for scouts who want two weeks the "second" week would potentially be July 12-18). If you were registered for summer camp you should have received an email from Julie Carlson asking for your availability for July 19-25. To help with the Troop's Summer Camp planning please reply to that email ASAP.

The Ryan Mademann Campership is funded through a generous legacy by the family of a former scout who passed away in 2009. The Campership provides \$200 to two Scouts to cover a portion of the cost of

summer camp. It is a merit award based on a Scout's essay describing his goals for the upcoming summer camp. Applications are due by **June 15**. For more details and to submit your application, see our troop website at <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-camperships/> . Any questions please contact Brian Dunbar dunbarbrian83@gmail.com

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Check here <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-calendar/> for the current schedule.

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

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