



Troop 23 – Hot News

August 17, 2020

TROOP KICK-OFF EVENT:

Our first Troop Meeting will be Monday, August 24th from 6 to 8 pm at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenton. This will be a Class B uniform event. Scouts must wear a mask or buff/neck gater, and practice social distancing guidelines.

The meeting will include a hot dog dinner, some canoes and kayaks, fishing (if scouts bring poles), Frisbees, Jenga, etc. Advancement for First Class if scouts want to work on something. Scouts may also bring blue cards to turn in and/or get signatures from Counselors or the Scoutmaster. Most importantly, this will be an opportunity for the Troop to talk about what future meetings the scouts would like to see.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR:

Next Sunday, August 23rd at 2 pm will be the Eagle Court of Honor for Travis Stapinski and Ben Scherer. This event will be at Cantigny in the Pavilion behind the First Division Museum. Help is needed at the Church at noon on the 23rd to load up supplies, and at Cantigny at 1 pm to help with set up. This is a Class A uniform event. Attendance at this event will be limited to 50 people.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Troop 23's next Committee Meeting will be this Tuesday, August 18th from 8 – 9 pm via Zoom. Topics will include reports on Advancements, Adult Volunteer needs, 2020-2021 Dues, Eagle Court of Honor planning, and more. This meeting is open to all Troop 23 parents. The link to the Zoom meeting is below, contact Judith Zapf, judez21@sbcglobal.net, with any questions.

Topic: Troop 23 August Committee Meeting

Time: Aug 18, 2020 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6465914677>

Meeting ID: 646 591 4677

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HEALTH FORMS FOR ALL ACTIVE TROOP 23 SCOUTS:

Scouts must have current Annual Health and Medical Records on file with the Troop. This includes a one-page part A, a two-page Part B with an immunization record, and a copy of both sides of the Scout's Health Insurance Card. Forms are at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf. Families of Scouts whose forms have expired received emails requesting these updated forms. The forms can be turned in at troop events or e-mailed (along with any questions about health forms) to judez21@sbcglobal.net, T23 Membership/Forms Coordinator. If your Scout has decided to no longer participate with Troop 23, please reach out to Jeff Jeffers at frankejefers@yahoo.com.

TROOP 23 ADDS MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:

We have updates to our Troop 23 Merit Badge Counselor List. Note the following:

- Ms. Carlson has been added as a Personal Fitness Merit Badge Counselor.
- Mr. Herr has come on board as a Merit Badge Counselor for Chess, Digital Technology, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Home Repair, Programming, Scouting Heritage, and Theater.
- Mr. Zedan has joined the ranks of Merit Badge Counselors for Communication, Game Design, Model Design, and Building, and Pioneering.
- Mr. Busse has added Camping and First Aid to the list of Merit Badges he covers.

THANK YOU Ms. Carlson, Mr. Herr, Mr. Zedan, Mr. Busse, and all our Merit Badge Counselors! We appreciate your support. It is especially helpful when Scouts are turning to Merit Badges for interesting and engaging ways to spend their time. An updated Merit Badge Counselor List was provided by email to Scouts ranking First Class and above. Troop 23 is always looking to add adults to its Merit Badge Counselor List. For more information on become a Merit Badge Counselor,

visit: <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-adult-volunteers-merit-badge-counseling-overview>

2019 SUMMER CAMP PHOTO BOOK IS STILL AVAILABLE:

This year's book can be viewed here: <https://link.shutterstock.com/e/rPmuKqK7T7> It can be ordered from Shutterstock and has a retail price of \$77.57 plus \$14.29 for tax and shipping. Families are encouraged to sign up with Shutterstock and watch for sale pricing. Shutterstock is currently offering "40% of Everything and Unlimited Free Pages" and a Google Search can find a promo code for free shipping which brings the price of the book down to \$61.83.

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:

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