



Troop 23 – Hot News

August 31, 2020

TROOP MEETING:

Troop meeting at Blackwell this Monday, August 31 from 6 to 7:30 pm (meet just west of the boat launch by the sledding hill). Face masks are required and shared Troop materials will be limited. This meeting will be an opportunity for scouts to share ideas regarding what they want scouting to look like this fall. Advancement will be offered and older scouts will be present to work with scouts under first class. This is a Class A uniform event. We will also open and close the meeting in our standard meeting format.

UPCOMING CAMPOUTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Following the successful week at summer camp, Troop 23 plans to deliver traditional monthly campouts in September, October, and November. These campouts will incorporate the modifications made at summer camp made for a healthy and safe environment. The Troop will be camping at Devil's Lake in Baraboo Wisconsin, September 11-13. The Troop's Survival Campout will be November 14-15 at Johnson's Mound in Elburn, Illinois. Plans for the October Campout are in development. For additional information and a refresher on Troop 23's Campout Routines, click <https://troop23wheaton.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Campout-Routines.pdf>. Scouts needing information on what to pack should click <https://troop23wheaton.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Basic-Items-for-All-Weekend-Campouts.pdf>

BOARD OF REVIEWS:

Scouts should contact Mr. Darren Lange at darrenlange@yahoo.com after their Scoutmaster Conference to schedule their Board of Review (BOR). BORs will be conducted during Monday scout meetings or via Zoom call, if scout meetings are limited.

FUNDRAISING SURVEY:

This past Thursday, August 27, all Troop 23 families were sent an email with important information about this year's Wreath Sales Fundraiser, and it included a survey requesting your feedback on how you plan to participate. Please respond to this survey by this Tuesday, Sept. 1. If you did not receive this email or have other questions contact Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net

ADULT VOLUNTEER HEALTH FORMS & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT):

Adults who need to provide updated YPT Certificates and Health Forms received emails requesting this documentation on Monday, August 17. Certificates and forms can be turned in at troop events, or emailed to judez21@sbcglobal.net If you have any questions; please contact Judith Zapf, T23 Membership/Forms Coordinator at judez21f@sbcglobal.net Health forms can be found here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

TROOP 23 SCOUTS HEALTH FORMS:

Families of Scouts who need to provide updated health forms received emails requesting these updated forms. Forms are at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf , and once completed can be turned in at troop events, or emailed to judez21@sbcglobal.net If you have any questions; please contact Judith Zapf, T23 Membership/Forms Coordinator at judez21f@sbcglobal.net If your Scout has decided to no longer participate with Troop 23, please reach out to Jeff Jeffers at frankejefers@yahoo.com .

SCOUT INFORMATION UPDATE:

We are currently in the process of updating our Scouts' grade levels and school information in Troopmaster. Please review the list found here: <https://troop23wheaton.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Troop-23-Scout-Grades-and-Schools.pdf> If your Scout's grade level and school information is correct, no action is necessary. If incorrect, please provide the correct information to Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net.

AVAILABLE SERVICE PROJECTS:

The following projects are open to all scouts. These are considered Conservation Service Projects; they have to do with preserving natural habitats, preventing soil erosion, removing invasive species, conserving water, etc. Because of current COVID-19 limitations, large groups cannot work together. Family groups are encouraged to participate in these events.

Elmhurst Great Western Prairie Volunteer Workday

Third Saturday of the month – Sept. 19; Oct. 17; Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-noon

Berkley Avenue at Illinois Prairie Path

The Elmhurst Great Western Prairie is a small, long and narrow remnant of native black soil eastern tall grass prairie. It contains several geologic features with corresponding plant communities. The site is an important birding and butterfly habitat and has been designated a major Monarch

Butterfly Waystation by <http://monarchwatch.org>.

Most workdays involve cutting and clearing brush. Volunteers should wear durable work clothes. Scouts and families can visit the website: <https://www.epd.org/elmhurst-great-western-prairie> and sign up on their own. The Elmhurst Park District requires all participants to complete and sign a liability waiver and fill out a volunteer sign-in sheet.

Lambert Lake Redevelopment Project (Glen Ellyn)

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-noon

Lambert Lake was built, as part of a storm water retention system. Previously a swampy area, used by locals as a dumping area, the lake and all the surrounding landscape were crafted using the available fill, much of it containing building & demolition materials (concrete, bricks, etc.). The goal for the Lambert Lake Preserve is more correctly termed as a re-creation of what a landscape and lake like this might have been like in the 17th century. Each scout will need to have a parent or guardian present for the entire time. To sign up, Scouts can send an email to LambertLakeRestoration@gmail.com. All volunteers will be required to complete a waiver.

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