



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## September 7, 2020

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### **TROOP MEETING – NEW LOCATION:**

Troop Meeting Monday, September 7 from 6 to 7:30 pm at Northside Park, near the Girl Scout Cabin. Face masks are required. This is a Class A uniform event. Scouts should bring their Scout Book and plan to work on Advancements. Patrol Leader Elections will also be held.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE SCOUTMASTER:**

It came to my attention at camp that the Camping Merit Badge as taught may have left out or glossed over some significant requirements and therefore not done justice to a foundational merit badge for Scouting. As such, I have elected NOT to approve those merit badges until such time as I and other adults and older scouts conduct a workshop to go over the requirements that are in question with all scouts turning in the Camping MB blue card, and assure ourselves that scouts getting the Camping MB through CFL this summer actually EARN the badge and know the material.

If you turned in a blue card for Camping PLEASE do not destroy your paperwork (I mentioned this at camp, so it shouldn't be a problem) as we will need to review your paperwork along with the other requirements. We will be scheduling an evening meeting outside this month to review what we hoped you learned, so be prepared to discuss and/or demonstrate the requirements.

If you have any questions about this please let me know. Several of our scouts came forward to advise me of the CFL counselor failing to go over everything; if you as a Scout feel the same, please let me know. There is no shortcut to anyplace worth going to.

Mr. Jeffers  
Scoutmaster, T23

### **2020 WREATH FUNDRAISING SURVEY:**

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey indicating your preference for this fundraising season. 15 people opted for the Traditional Fundraising Program. Brian Dunbar will be leading that effort and Traditional Program participants have been notified by e-mail as to what to expect and the next steps. Please note we did have some challenges with our Survey Monkey Data; so you believe you opted for the Traditional Fundraising Program and have not received the email outlining expectations and next steps, please contact Judth Zapf at [judez21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judez21@sbcglobal.net) so that we can correct that error. Information on the Online Option will be shared in the coming weeks.

### **HEALTH FORMS:**

Thank you to everyone who turned in Health Forms in response to our requests in Hot News and by e-mail. More than a dozen forms have come in since our last request. **Please note, if you're planning on attending this coming weekend's campout we have to have current health forms on file for every participant.** Those with health forms still outstanding received another request by email on Sunday, September 6, for the needed forms.

### **UPCOMING CAMPOUTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

The Troop will be camping at Devil's Lake in Baraboo, WI, September 11-13, at St. Charles Sportsmen's Club in Elburn, IL, October 2-4, and the Troop's Survival Campout will be at Johnson's Mound in Elburn, IL, November 14-15. For a refresher on Troop 23's Campout Routines, click <https://troop23wheaton.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Campout-Routines.pdf>, and click here for info on what to pack <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](mailto:darrenlange@yahoo.com) after their Scoutmaster Conference to schedule their Board of Review (BOR). BORs will be conducted during Monday Troop Meetings or via Zoom call, if scout meetings are limited.

**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

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

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](mailto: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 [frankejeffers@yahoo.com](mailto:frankejeffers@yahoo.com)
- Brian Dunbar, Committee Chairman at cell: 501.554.0016