



Troop 23 – Hot News

September 14, 2020

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

- 9/14–Monday – 6-7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting, Northside Park
 - 9/21–Monday – 6-7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting, Northside Park
 - 9/28–Monday – 6-7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting, Northside Park
 - 10/2-4 – Fri-Sun Campout: St Charles Sportsmen’s Club, Elburn, IL
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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 Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net so that we can correct that error. Information on the Online Option will be shared in the coming weeks.

AVAILABLE SERVICE PROJECTS:

The following projects are open to all scouts. Since large groups cannot work together, family groups are encouraged to participate in these events.

Elmhurst Great Western Prairie Volunteer Workday - Berkley Avenue at Illinois Prairie Path

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

Visit the website: <https://www.epd.org/elmhurst-great-western-prairie> to sign up and for more info.

Lambert Lake Redevelopment Project (Glen Ellyn)

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

Scouts must have a parent/guardian present. To sign up email LambertLakeRestoration@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:

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