



Troop 23 – Hot News

November 22, 2020

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

- 11/23-Monday – 6-7:00 p.m. **Cancelled - Troop Meeting, Northside Park**
- 12/05-Saturday– 10:00 a.m. **Fallen Heroes Wreath Ceremony, Wheaton Cemetery, Warrenville**

SERVICE HOURS FOR RANK ADVANCEMENT:

Most Scouts recognize that to advance in rank a certain amount of service hours are needed and we want to qualify what counts and what doesn't.

Leadership service projects need to be meaningful service not normally expected of a Scout as a part of his school, religious or community activities. There is a requirement for participation in increasing amounts of time (and in the 'meaning' or quality of the hours) for each rank from Tenderfoot through Life, and each project must be approved by the Scoutmaster. It's best to get this approval in advance. Projects may be done as an individual, or as a member of a patrol or troop activity, or while assisting on Eagle service projects. Life rank requires half of your service hours to be conservation related.

If you're doing a service project for school or another group where you're receiving 'credit', those hours WILL NOT QUALIFY for rank service hours. Helping out at a troop function, say, where we are recruiting new scouts to join, WILL NOT QUALIFY. If the troop posts an opportunity (flags at Memorial Park, serving at the American Legion pancake breakfast, etc.) these are great hours that count. It is best to check with the Scoutmaster first so you know in advance what counts. And know that pulling weeds WON'T COUNT for conservation service hours, nor will picking up trash along the Prairie Path or in some park. Scouts, take a look at Soil and Water Conservation MB if you want to know what can count here. Please be aware that only the Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster, or Mrs. Evans can sign off service hours in your Handbook, for either the specific rank or your Service Hours Log.

As Scouts there is a higher expectation for the type of service we perform, something over and above our slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily. We shouldn't be trying to "get by" by doing the least, but pride ourselves on going the extra mile here. Every job is a portrait of who you are, autograph your work with excellence.

-Mr. Jeffers
Scoutmaster, T23

TROOP MEETINGS:

As of now we will not be regularly meeting as a whole Troop, however Scouts need to be in communication with their Patrol Leaders to stay up to date with the way that their Patrol will be meeting and staying in contact.

FINAL POPCORN ORDER TURN-IN 11/30:

Please remember to offer popcorn after Christmas wreaths; use the App, On-Line ordering, or the Take-Order form. Please contact Mr. Horn at T23Popcorn@comcast.net no later than 11/30 to arrange order form turn in.

SEABASE SPRING BREAK 2022:

We are registered for a Scuba Liveaboard trip to Seabase in the Florida Keys 3/26-4/3 (8 days/7 nights). We will be living on a boat, scuba diving, snorkeling, and fishing. You must be 14 years old by 3/22 and scuba certified (we'll be working with a local dive shop for certification). The price for the trip is \$2700 (\$1400-trip, \$600-travel, \$500-certification \$200-misc) A \$100 deposit is required. Questions? Contact Sherri Sanders (uneek25@yahoo.com /630-677-5714) or Tim Herr (tpherr@yahoo.com).

PLANNING AHEAD FOR SUMMER CAMP 2021:

2021 Summer Camp options are the week of 6/20/21, or 7/18/21. So we can plan please email your preference/feedback to Michael Halter at Mhalter3469@yahoo.com.

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

- Jeff Jeffers, Scoutmaster at frankejeffers@yahoo.com
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