



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## December 27, 2020

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

### **PROGRAMMING MERIT BADGE:**

Did you ever think it would be cool to make your own web page and understand how the web works? Did you ever wonder what "computer programming" even means and what you can do with it? If so, I would love to see you join us in the Programming Merit Badge. This will include three projects of hands-on coding of web pages, data analysis, and a computer circuit board. You will learn a lot. Please send an email to Mr. Michalak if you are interested or have any questions. [michaelcmichalak@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelcmichalak@yahoo.com) Here is the Programming book: [http://www.troop792.gilroyscouting.org/images/4/49/Programming\\_2013.pdf](http://www.troop792.gilroyscouting.org/images/4/49/Programming_2013.pdf)

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

Hi everyone, I am Patrick Herr and I am currently working on completing my Eagle Project. For said project, I will be collecting the supplies for and assembling reusable face masks for the Wyndemere Senior Care nursing home and possibly the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. As such I'm turning to you for donations for my project and volunteers to help with the assembly.

The materials I need are any tightly woven cotton fabric and 1/4 inch fabric elastic. I am also looking for volunteers who are willing to assist with the assembly. Even if you can't sew or don't have materials to donate, I will also be collecting other cleaning items such as hand sanitizer or wipes.

If you are interested in contributing to my project you can contact me at [pherreagleproject@gmail.com](mailto:pherreagleproject@gmail.com) or call me at 1(630)923-4218.

### **TAKE ONLY PICTURES, KILL ONLY TIME, LEAVE ONLY BUBBLES!**

SCUBA Open Water Diver Certification - Several Scouts and Adults indicated that they would like to obtain their SCUBA Open Water Diver Certification. For Scouts, this could include a SCUBA Merit Badge. I would like to determine how many people would be interested in doing this along with those going to Sea Base. The estimated cost for the course is between \$400-\$500 per person, but you may need to buy a mask, snorkel, dive watch, and dive booties (wet suit for your feet). For the certifications, it will take about 16 hours of class time along with weekends doing the 4 open water dives in a local lake or quarry, which also has daily fees. Total cost is expected to be between no more than \$700 per person. If you are interested in obtaining a SCUBA Open Water Diver Certification and a Merit Badge, please send an email me, Mr. Herr at [TPHERR@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TPHERR@YAHOO.COM) . A meeting will be setup with those interested to discuss the details. Till then... Stay Salty!!

### **SOME GOOD NEWS!**

Despite these challenging times Troop 23 Scouts continue to find ways to move forward:

Congratulations to Troop 23's newest Eagle Scout, TJ Mareachen! He passed his Eagle Board last week with flying colors. Way to go TJ!

Scouts need to be in communication with their Patrol Leaders to stay up to date with the way that their Patrol's plans, events. Etc.

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

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