




Troop 23 – Hot News January 18, 2021

CALENDAR UPDATES:

- 2/6 – Saturday – 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Klondike Derby, Cantigny
 - 2/7 – Sunday – 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Scout Sunday, First Presbyterian Church
 - 3/9 – Monday – 7:30-9 p.m. Troop Meeting*
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY EVENT:

This evening, DuPage County is streaming a documentary film on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Streaming options are below for Scouts and their families that are interested in watching as a way to commemorate the holiday.



JOIN THE DUPAGE COUNTY
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMITTEE IN A DOCUMENTARY
CELEBRATION OF 31 YEARS OF

"Living The Dream"
on
Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Stream Online With Second Baptist Church On:
sbcwheaton.org, Facebook or YouTube @sbcwheaton

Stream Online with Gary United Methodist Church On:
garychurch.org or [Facebook.com/garyumc](https://www.facebook.com/garyumc)

Featuring: Motivator "G", Dr. King's Speech in 3 Persons,
Inspirational Messages and more

DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY FEBRUARY 6TH:

The Chippewa District Klondike Derby will be held at Cantigny from 8 to 4 on Saturday, February 6th. Patrols will be competing in the following events: Fire Building, First Aid, Log Sawing, Bear Bag Hanging, Knots, Signaling, Lashing, Sled Race, Tug-O-War, and Tomahawk Throwing.

The downside is that right now only one patrol will be allowed from each troop. We are getting a list together of scouts from all our patrols that would like to participate, and the TLC will 'form' a patrol or two that will compete on behalf of our troop. If you want to be on the list of scouts from our troop, PLEASE LET YOUR PATROL LEADER KNOW! Not all scouts who sign up will be able to go. In the meantime, practice those skills listed above!

SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH:

Our Troop will help celebrate Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath on the 7th of February by participating in a virtual Church service at 10 am at First Presbyterian Church. Our SPL and other scouts will be recording a Minute for Mission, doing some scripture readings during the service. After the virtual church service there will be a drive-through donut pick-up for church members. At the drive-through we will be helping with the Church's food drive by passing out food collection bags, distributing Troop 23 recruitment information, working on two Eagle Scout projects. Scouts are needed to help at this event! Look for a Sign Up Genius schedule via email in the next week or so, we're asking Scouts to sign up for times/duties so we can comply with social distancing guidelines and be sure we have enough help. Scouts can earn 1 hour of service for helping!

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

Justin Scherer, our Troop OA Representative, is sending out forms for those scouts who want to be considered for nomination and possible election to the Order of the Arrow, scouting's National Honor Society. Those scouts eligible need to complete the nomination form and get it back to Justin. Watch for further details, check with your Patrol Leader or contact Justin directly at buddy72704@gmail.com

ATTENTION PATROL LEADERS – LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO AT YOUR NEXT MEETING? CONSIDER THE PETS OR THE PUBLIC SPEAKING MERIT BADGE!!

Hello Patrol Leaders! This is Mrs. Zapf. I am a current Merit Badge Counselor and there are two that would be ideal for a Patrol Meeting Zoom Call Environment: Pets and Public Speaking. Mr. Jeffers is in agreement and has asked me to share further information with you. Public Speaking could be finished over the course of a few meetings with Scouts completing the required homework between meetings. Pets would follow the same approach; but it would require one last meeting a few months out to review the “caring for a pet for four months” component. The specific requirements can be found here:

Pets - https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/Pets.pdf , and

Public Speaking - https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/Public_Speaking.pdf

Scouts would still need to do all the requirements as stated; but work would be submitted electronically and conversations with the Merit Badge Counselor would happen at the Patrol Meeting. Keep in mind that it would not be a group project; each Scout would complete the requirements individually. Only the “discuss with your Merit Badge Counselor” parts would happen at Patrol Meetings; and all those seeking to earn the badge would need to participate in the discussion.

All current T23 Merit Badge Procedures would also have to be followed. Scouts ranking 1st Class and above would request blue cards/permission from Mr. Jeffers; and would all need to have their Cyber Chips for the 2020-2021 School Year.

If this is something you're interested in for your Patrol, please contact me by email at judez21@sbcglobal.net Email will allow me to opt for a first-come-first-served approach should a number of patrols be interested in working on the Pets and/or the Public Speaking Merit Badge at upcoming meetings.

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 Here is the Programming book: http://www.troop792.gilroyscouting.org/images/4/49/Programming_2013.pdf

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY:

Warrenville Park District Restoration Days

Saturdays, 1/30 and 2/27 from 9-11 a.m.

The Warrenville Park District needs your help! Come join us as we continue restoration of the Ferry Creek Wetland at Summerlakes Park. Participants will learn how to identify, and remove invasive species, plant and collect seed. Help us turn this wetland into a premier outdoor classroom! Tools will be provided, but please dress for weather.

Location: Summerlakes Park

Instructor: Adam Dagley

warrenvilleparks.org | 630.393.7279

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 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 . A meeting will be setup with those interested to discuss the details. Till then... Stay Salty!!

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