



Troop 23 – Hot News

March 1, 2021

IN-PERSON TROOP MEETINGS RESUME MONDAY MARCH 1, FROM 7PM-8PM!

We are delighted to be resuming in person meetings on March 1. They will be a slightly modified version of our usual meetings, with participants gathered in three independently functioning cohorts and Scouts sub-grouped primarily by rank rather than Patrol. Activities will focus on advancement and we're hopeful this will allow Scouts to make significant forward progress. Families who opted in to in-person meetings received an email on 2/26 detailing their cohort assignment and procedures for arrivals, meeting location and departures. A special thank you to Doug Kurtz, our Safety Coordinator who thoughtfully developed our Return-to-In-Person Meeting Plan, and to his Return-to-In-Person work group: Rick Busse, Julie Carlson, Jeff Jeffers, Julee Lockard, Lynne Monticello, and Judith Zapf.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SURVEY RESPONSES!

We wanted to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who took time to complete the survey that formed the foundation of our Return-to-In-Person Meeting Plan. Your input was tremendously helpful! Of the 51 families we hoped would respond, 46 families, a whopping 90%, did so. Your responses told us to plan for 51 Scouts and 21 adults and that the majority preferred a 7PM start time. Thank you again for your help!

T23 PARENTS JOIN US FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TUESDAY MARCH 9:

These are a great opportunity to become informed and involved in Scouting. Meetings are currently being held via Zoom. To get on the e-mail list to receive Zoom meeting details, contact Committee Chair, Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net. For what to expect, click Troop 23 [Meeting Participant Guidelines](#). The next meeting is Tuesday, March 9.

PATROL NEWS:

The Wolverines Patrol plus a Pit Viper met Saturday (2/27) at St. James Farm to learn about orienteering, compasses, and maps and then went on a hike. The weather cooperated and it was a great chance to get together outdoors with younger scouts, including an Arrow of Light scout who just crossed over and joined Troop 23. Kudos to T23 Scouts for taking the initiative to plan outings like this both to keep moving forward and to welcome new Scouts!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE:

Patrick Herr is working on his Eagle Project wherein reusable masks are being made for donation to the Wyndemere Community/Wynscape Nursing & Rehab Center and the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Patrick is looking for volunteers to assist with the (very simple!) sewing and assembly of masks. He will provide instructions as well as all pre-cut and measured materials. If you are willing to assist, thank you! And please email Patrick at pherreagleproject@gmail.com

SUMMER CAMP 2021 - JUNE 20 – 26, 2021:

T23 Summer Camp 2021 at Camp Freeland Leslie (CFL) will take place from Sunday, June 20 through Saturday, June 26. Mark your calendars, and please direct any questions to T23's Summer Camp Coordinators, Ms. Carlson (julie@burrittcarlson.com) and Mrs. Zapf (judez21@sbcglobal.net).

SUMMER 2021- SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE, THE ORION PROJECT:

TFC is sending a group of youth and adults to Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) this summer. SBR has combined a number of its programs into one adventure called The Orion Project (TOP) which will take place from July 18-31, 2021. Experiences will include BMX Biking, Skateboarding, Shooting Sports, Archery, Climbing, Canopy Tours, Mountain Biking, Challenge Course, and more. For more info see: <https://threefirescouncil.org/the-orion-project/>

SEABASE HIGH ADVENTURE 2022:

The Seabase planning team is looking for an Assistant Leader. This position will help with paperwork, reservations, travel, scheduling, training, etc. and NEED NOT BE GOING ON THE TRIP! If you have a son going or simply have a knack for dealing with travel and logistics, the team would be delighted to have your

help! Please contact Jeff Jeffers (frankejeffers@yahoo.com) and Tim Herr (TPHERR@YAHOO.COM) with questions and to see about lending a hand.

SCUBA CERTIFICATION AND MERIT BADGE:

A SCUBA Merit Badge and Certification opportunity is available for all T23 Scouts and adults (whether going on the Seabase trip or not!). This involves about 16 hours of class time and 4 open water dives (in a local lake/quarry). Cost will range from \$500-\$700, depending on how much equipment (mask, snorkel, etc) needed to purchase. If you are interested please email Mr. Herr at TPHERR@YAHOO.COM.

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

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