

Troop 23 – Hot News

March 15, 2021



TROOP CALENDAR:

- 3/15 – Monday – 7:00-8 p.m. Troop Meeting
 - 3/22 – Monday – 7:00-8 p.m. Troop Meeting
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CALLING ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE T23 YOUTH LEADERS:

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is BSA's outdoor leadership experience geared toward both present and future youth leaders. Participants will be engaged in hands-on training that will cover the important topics and critical skills essential to leading within a unit, at school, and in life. Some say that the leadership training skills developed over the two weekends of camping are equivalent to a month of leadership experience in a typical unit. Troop 23 is inviting our Scouts ranked First Class and above to consider participating in this training opportunity. It will be offered by Three Fires Council at Camp Big Timber August 20-22 and August 27-29. Participants are required to attend both weekends to complete the course; must be at least 13 years of age; and, must have Scoutmaster Approval to attend. Troop 23 will cover the \$275 participant fee for all approved Scouts. Scouts interested in participating should contact Mr. Jeffers.

CANOEING AND SPELUNKING OVERNIGHT – MAY 21 – 23, 2021:

Troop 23 has planned an exciting canoeing and spelunking adventure for interested Scouts and Adults! We will travel to Blue River, Wisconsin from May 21-23. This trip is open to the first 45 Scouts or Adults who sign up. Because everything will be provided, the cost per person is \$70. To sign up please contact Mr. Halter (mhalter3469@yahoo.com or 630-520-2948) with any questions and to reserve your spot. Please note in your reservation request if you will be using your scout account or will be providing a check to Troop 23 in the amount of \$70.

SUMMER CAMP 2021 - JUNE 20 – 26, 2021:

Summer Camp 2021 at Camp Freeland Leslie will take place from Sunday, June 20-Saturday, June 26. Any questions please contact Ms. Carlson (julie@burritcarlson.com) and Mrs. Zapf (judez21@sbcglobal.net).

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATES:

- Marc Duebener would like to thank everyone who helped with his Baby Supply Drive Eagle Scout Service Project benefiting the Evangelical Child and Family Agency (ECFA). Troop, adult, and scout support helped him collect over 420 items including: 9,100 diapers, 17,000 wipes, and **MUCH** more! Thank you all for your generosity!



- 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

GARDENING MERIT BADGE:

Spring is around the corner and some scouts have expressed interest in working on the Gardening Merit Badge. Scouts ranking 1st Class and above should request blue cards/permission from Mr. Jeffers. Please return signed blue cards to Mr. Lange (Gardening Counselor) or your Cohort's Advancement Representative on Monday.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** - District 200 and the Wheaton Rotary Club

Wednesday, March 24, 3:15-5 p.m. at Hubble Middle School

Friday, April 9, 3:15-5 p.m. at Monroe Middle School

Help is needed with loading cars of food pantry patrons. Four (4) scouts are needed at each distribution. These are Class A events, masks required. Contact Mr. Jeffers at 630-682-3388 to sign up.

For scouts looking for service hours, and specifically conservation service hours required for Life Rank, here are a few opportunities. These are all individual projects, but it might be possible to organize something by patrol if scouts are interested.

- **WARRENVILLE PARK DISTRICT RESTORATION DAYS**

Saturday, March 20, 9 -11 a.m. at Summerlakes Park.

The Warrenville Park District is looking for volunteers to help continue progress in turning the Ferry Creek Wetland into a premier natural area in Warrenville. Participants will learn how to identify, and remove invasive species, plant and collect seed. Please pre-register to ensure we have the right amount of safety equipment on hand.

Call the Registration Office 630-393-7279 to register and use activity code #177120-2A

- **GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT RESTORATION WORKDAYS**

Saturdays from 9 – 11 a.m.

April 10 – Maryknoll Park, 845 Pershing Avenue

May 8 – Ackerman Park, 800 St. Charles Road

June 12 – Churchill Wood, 271 St. Charles Road

Typical activities include removal of non-native plants, picking up trash, trail maintenance, collecting seeds, and planting trees and flowers. Please bring your own work gloves and a water bottle. Email rfrigo@gepark.org if you have questions. Workdays may be canceled due to weather.

- **ELMHURST GREAT WESTERN PRAIRIE WORKDAYS**

Third Saturday of each month, March thru November from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Upcoming dates include: March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19

Meet on the west side of Berkley Avenue at the Illinois Prairie Path (Prairie Path Lane). That is three blocks south of St. Charles Road, four blocks west of Spring Road and six blocks east of Rt. 83. For more information, visit the website at <https://www.epd.org/parks/elmhurst-great-western-prairie>

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

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