



## Troop 23 – Hot News April 26, 2021

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### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 4/26 - Monday 7-8 p.m.        | Troop Meeting & Rifle/Gun Safety Course    |
| • 5/01 - Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Shooting Sports Day                        |
| • 5/03 - Monday 7-8 p.m.        | Troop Meeting                              |
| • 5/10 - Monday 7-8 p.m.        | Troop Meeting & New Scouts' Parent Meeting |
| • 5/21-23 Fri-Sun               | Canoe & Caving Trip in Eagle Cave WI       |
| • 5/29-30 Sat-Sun               | New Scout Skills Campout                   |
| • 5/31-Monday 10 a.m.           | Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony             |
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### TROOP SHOOTING SPORTS DAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>:

The troop will be going to the St. Charles Sportsman's Club for a day of supervised shooting on Saturday May 1st from 9 to 2:00PM. Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, & Fishing will be available. This is a great opportunity to practice your range skills or learn proper shooting sports skills from trained NRA Range Officers. We also need adults to help supervise the ranges, so parents are encouraged to sign up at our troop meeting.

There is a \$10 fee to participate. Scouts can pay via cash, check, or scout account when signing up at the Monday meetings or via Zelle to [troop23camps@gmail.com](mailto:troop23camps@gmail.com) The troop will hold a range safety meeting at the troop meeting on April 26th to go over the basics of safe shooting; all scouts and adults planning on shooting at the range on May 1st should attend! See Mr. Jeffers for more details or with questions.

### MEETING FOR PARENTS OF NEW SCOUTS MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> :

All parents of new Scouts are invited to attend an informational meeting at May 10<sup>th</sup>'s troop meeting. The meeting will include an overview of Troop 23's program and equipment, and a Q&A time.

### NEW SCOUT SKILLS CAMPOUT MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>:

There will be an overnight campout for all new Troop 23 Scouts from Saturday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The campout will cover "the Basics" of camping, packing, gear, etc. There will be a graduation ceremony Sunday and a patch for all that attend. PARENTS AND SIBLINGS ARE INVITED FOR DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT!

### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND COMMEMORATION MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>:

Wheaton currently does not have plans for a Memorial Day parade. For this reason, Troop 23 is planning a walk/show of colors in support of our fallen soldiers. As we did in 2020, we will gather at First Presbyterian in full class A. There, flags will be distributed. The plan will be to walk from the church to Wheaton Cemetery, where the presentation of colors will be made followed by Taps. Additional stops en route will include Wheaton Memorial Park and the Midwest Shelter For Homeless Veterans for the sounding of Taps. This is a completely voluntary event for any Scout/Leader that wishes to participate.

### EAGLE SCOUT NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS Eagle Scout Jack Dunbar, who completed his first series of solo airplane flights in pursuit of his pilot's license!

Andrew Kurtz is conducting a Pet Supply Drive for Starfish Animal Rescue in Batavia, Illinois for his Eagle Service Project. Please visit Andrew's website for more information about his project and links to his Amazon and Walmart gift registries <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/eagle-project-page-andrew-kurtz/>. Andrew's goal is to collect six months' worth of supplies such as dog food, treats and toys. Supplies ordered from his Amazon and Walmart gift registries will ship directly to Andrew's house. Donations may also be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church. Andrew will also provide curbside pickup at your home. All supplies will be delivered to Starfish Animal Rescue. Andrew is looking for scouts to help promote his supply drive. If you are willing to email family and friends, please contact Andrew at [andreweagleproject1@gmail.com](mailto:andreweagleproject1@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you for your support!

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](mailto:pherreagleproject@gmail.com)

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

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