



Troop 23 – Hot News

May 3, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 5/03 - Monday 7-8 p.m. | Troop Meeting |
| • 5/10 - Monday 7-8 p.m. | Troop Meeting & New Scouts' Parent Meeting |
| • 5/11 – Tuesday 7 p.m. | Troop Committee 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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MEETING FOR PARENTS OF NEW SCOUTS MAY 10 :**

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

- **PARENTS - PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 11:**

T23 Parents you're invited to the next Committee Meeting, 5/11 at 7 pm, Zoom link and info to come!

- **CANOE & CAVING TRIP FRI MAY 21-SUN MAY 23:**

The Scouts and adults listed below are registered to attend the trip to Blue River. Please review the list of attendees. If you are registered to attend **but are no longer able to**, please contact Michael Halter (mhalter3469@yahoo.com) by Thurs, May 6, 2021.

Scouts:

Michael P. Halter	Lucas Yates	Enzo Mannucci	Bode Wedow	Corey Ostensen
Steven Andrusyk (Troop 202)	Levi Villanoy	Theo Busse	Jonah Malmstedt	Marc Duebener
Gavin Kachelmuss	Josh Villanoy	Ryan Busse	Dane Olson	Aaron Rojas
Matt Mitchell	Josh Lockard	Ben Michalak	R. Olson	Andrew Kurtz
Jack Barbieri	Dan Zedan	Matt Hurtado	Patrick Herr	Colin McKay
James Thein	Zedan	Kevin Lange	Parker Smith	Finn McKay

Adults:

Michael S. Halter	Mr. Mannucci	Darren Lange	Ed Smith	Marc McKay
Doug Kachelmuss	Rick Busse	Brent Wedow	Eric Ostensen	
Neil Thein	Mike Michalak	Jeremy Malmstedt	Dave Barbieri	
Dan Zedan	Sam Hurtado	Shawn Olson	Doug Kurtz	

- **NEW SCOUT SKILLS CAMPOUT MAY 29th:**

There will be an overnight campout near Blackwell for all new Troop 23 Scouts from Sat morning, 5/29 to Sun morning 5/30. 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 SATURDAY NIGHT!

- **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND COMMEMORATION MAY 31ST:**

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 Pres in full class A. There, flags will be distributed. The plan is 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 voluntary event for any Scout/Leader that wishes to participate.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **BLOOD DRIVE--THURSDAY, MAY 6, 3:30-7PM - PLEASE HELP!**

The Winfield Education Foundation is hosting a blood drive. Our community's blood supply has dipped to "critical" levels with less than 2 days' supply on hand. Consider donating if you can! The Drive is at Winfield School District 34-Central School Gym, 0S150 Park St. At arrival, go behind the Central building via the driveway on the south side of the building and enter through Door 15. To book your appointment click https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5591762 or contact Camille Piazza at 847-305-9998, cpiazza@versiti.org People are encouraged to consider hosting a blood drive at your school, workplace, etc. For details contact Emily Alanis, ealanis@versiti.org 847-721-5487. More info is at Winfield Ed Foundation's Facebook post:<https://www.facebook.com/100057713497622/posts/195654262368356/?d=n>

- **CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECT: SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 FROM 9 A.M.-12 P.M.**

Help restore the Lambert Lakes Preserve near the Villages Links of Glen Ellyn. Most work will be removal of invasive brush and small trees. This involves cutting with hand-saws and loppers and then dragging the cut materials to piles. This is a way to earn conservation service hours! All participants need to provide a workday checklist and COVID protocols and to sign the Volunteer Waiver.

- **WHEATON GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE: SATURDAY MAY 15, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM**

Scouts are needed to help the Garden Club with their annual plant sale taking place at 0N650 Coventry Drive in Wheaton. Participants will help unload the truck, sort plants to fill orders, and load the plants into customers' cars. Anyone interested should see Mr. Busse.

EAGLE SCOUT NEWS:

- Andrew Kurtz is conducting a Pet Supply Drive for Starfish Animal Rescue in Batavia, Illinois for his Eagle Service Project. Visit Andrew's website for more information 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 for more information.
- 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

OTHER NEWS:

- **THANK YOU ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SHOOTING SPORTS!!!**

This past Saturday, Troop 23 hosted its Shooting Sports event at the St. Charles Sportsman Club in Elburn. Scouts thoroughly enjoyed four different stations: Archery, Rifle Shooting, Shot Gun Shooting and Handgun Education and Safety. First and foremost, thanks go to Mr. Shawn Hyken, our Shooting Sports Event Advisor and our T23 Counselor for the Rifle and Shot Gun Merit Badges. For years, Mr. Shawn Hyken has delivered shooting sports activities eagerly anticipated and thoroughly enjoyed by Troop 23 Scouts. Orchestrating events that are both safe and fun, Mr. Hyken and his team of volunteers once again provided a wealth of knowledge, hands-on experiences, and encouragement, all with a solid foundation of safety instruction. Thanks too to the members of the St. Charles Sportsman Club who volunteered their time to offer instruction and supervision on the range. Thank you also to Mr. Busse, Mr. Jeffers, and Mr. Kurtz who provided and prepared a delicious lunch for the Sportsman Club and T23 adult volunteers. Additional thanks go our T23 adults who provided transportation, additional onsite instruction, and our Troop's traditional adult support of boy-led events. Please join us in thanking the following adults who helped make a great day of Shooting Sports happen:

Nate Boyd	Mike Halter	Doug Kurtz	Mike Michalak	Neil Thein
Rick Busse	Greg Heavey	Ruth Lange	Eric Ostensen	Brent Wedow
Jeff Dowell	Shawn Hyken	Jeff Lockard	Kelly Rojas	Dave Wiegman
Tate Dowell	Jeff Jeffers	Jeremy Malmstedt	Gil Roshior	Judith Zapf
Brian Dunbar	Doug Kachelmuss	Russ Mareachen	Ed Smith	

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

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