



Troop 23 – Hot News May 10, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 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 |
| • 5/24 - Monday 7-8 p.m. | Troop Meeting |
| • 5/24 - Monday 7:45-8 p.m. | Parents Summer Camp Meeting, First Pres Church |
| • 5/29-30 9 a.m. Sat- 9 a.m. 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:**

Please respond - 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 13, 2021. The troop has to pre-pay for each attendee so any cancellations are needed to avoid being charged.

Scouts:

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

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 9 a.m. Sat morning, 5/29 to 9 a.m. Sun morning 5/30. The campout will cover "the Basics" of camping, packing, picking a campsite, tent & kitchen setup, fire building, etc. taught by older scouts and adult leaders. 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.

HEALTH FORMS UPDATE:

- **All Continuing Scouts** - those going to Summer Camp AND those NOT going to Summer Camp should turn in new health forms (Parts A and B with a copy of your current health insurance card). They expire after 1 year and our goal is to have all our Scouts on roughly the same schedule with providing new health forms in the Spring.
- **Additional Form For Scouts Going To Summer Camp** - Scouts going to Summer Camp must also have a current Part C filled out and signed by the Scout's physician on file; *but not all Scouts need a new one*. Because of our July timing of Summer Camp last year and Part Cs being valid until the last day of the month they're dated, many Scouts will not need a new part C for Summer Camp this year. Please click [T23 Scout Part Cs](#) to determine your Scout's specific needs for part C. If you have further questions, please contact Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **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, review COVID protocols, and sign the Volunteer Waiver. If interested contact Deb Evans devans2960@gmail.com or Ruth Lange ruthlange@yahoo.com for these documents.
- **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 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 Pres, or Andrew will provide curbside pickup at your home. 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

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

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