



Troop 23 – Hot News May 17, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 5/17 - Monday 7-8 p.m. | Troop 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 Sat a.m. – Sun a.m. | New Scout Skills Campout |
| • 5/31-Monday 10 a.m. | Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony |
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

• **CANOE & CAVING TRIP THIS WEEKEND:**

The Canoe Trip to Eagle Cave (Blue River, WI) is set for Fri, 5/21. All scouts and parents attending should meet at First Pres at 5pm Friday to load the trailer and organize rides. Blue River is roughly 3.5 hours from Wheaton. In addition to the normal packing list, Scouts and Adults should also bring: sun screen, bug spray, water bottle, head lamp or flashlight, **clothes to be worn in the cave on Sunday**, and dry bag/ back pack for canoe trip. Friday night will consist of camp setup and a camp fire. Saturday morning, we will be provided a hearty pancake breakfast before heading out to the Wisconsin River at 10 AM for an all day canoeing adventure. Along the way we will stop to enjoy the provided sandwich lunch. After returning from the Wisconsin River, Scouts can enjoy hiking or work on advancement at the campsite before heading to dinner where a fried chicken and mashed potato meal will be waiting! On Sunday morning, after enjoying a French toast breakfast, Scouts will have 2 hours to spelunk in WI's largest onyx cave before heading back to Wheaton. Please contact Mr. Halter (mhalter3469@yahoo.com 630-520-2948) with any questions.

• **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, 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

• **HOSPITALITY CHAIR:**

The Troop is looking for a new volunteer for the Hospitality Chair. If you are looking to get involved with the Troop and want to be involved with all the amazing activities — this position is for you. This leader's responsibilities include planning the following:

- Eagle Court Receptions
- Memorial Day Picnic
- Annual Family Pot Luck Dinner
- Scout Sunday Donut Detail

The position is great for someone that wants to volunteer but can't on a weekly basis. None of the projects are done alone but always with a group of amazing volunteers. Please contact Mary Tiberi (mtiberi@aridtech.com) with questions.

- **WREATH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Maybe not yet, but we are starting to plan for wreath sales, our troop fundraising event. Last year the scouts earned \$8,766, an average of \$324 per scout to put towards their scout expenses like grubmaster fees, dues, and summer camp. To support this impactful fundraiser, the wreath committee is looking for a number of volunteers to fill different roles this year. If you haven't found a troop volunteer position yet, wreath sales is for you! We will be working with our usual vendors selecting the items for the sale, creating flyers and forms for the scouts to use as they sell, collecting forms at the Monday meetings, coordinating wreath shipment to a local distribution location, and organizing the distribution events. Many hands make light work, and we need yours to make this year even more successful than 2020. Reach out to Doug Kurtz, Wreath Coordinator (dougekurtz64@gmail.com) or Lynne Monticello, Treasurer (lynne.monticello@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up to help.

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

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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