



Troop 23 – Hot News May 24, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 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 9:45 a.m. Memorial Day Walk & Ceremony
 - 6/7 - Monday 7-8 p.m. Troop Meeting
 - 6/8 – Tuesday 7 p.m. Troop Committee Meeting
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCOUTMASTER - MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS:

As many of you know, our troop has marched in the Wheaton Memorial Day parade since 1955. Both in 2020 and this year the American Legion and Wheaton are not hosting a parade, so our troop will be walking from the church to the Wheaton cemetery, with stops at Memorial Park and the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. We'll be carrying flags from our historic flag collection, and scouts are encouraged to join us, meeting at the church at 9:45AM on Memorial Day. Pickup will be at around 11 AM at the cemetery. Obviously this is a Class A uniformed event. The sacrifices borne by our service personnel who died in defense of this country are worth a couple hours of our time once a year. Thanks in advance for making an effort to join in this remembrance. On a personal note, if you have never seen the movie "Taking Chance" I would highly recommend it to you, especially around Memorial Day. It's the true story of a Marine escorting the coffin of a fallen comrade "home"...it's time well spent with your family.

Wishing you a reflective Memorial Day,
Jeff Jeffers
Scoutmaster, T23

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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!
- **PARENTS - PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 8:**
T23 Parents you're invited to the next Committee Meeting, 6/8 at 7 pm, Zoom link and info to come!

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, this position is for you. Responsibilities include planning Eagle Court Receptions, Memorial Day Picnic, Annual Family Pot Luck Dinner, and 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

CANOE & CAVING CAMPOUT:

A fun campout this weekend: 12 miles of canoeing and adventures exploring some muddy caves!



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

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