



## Troop 23 – Hot News June 7, 2021

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### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 6/7 - Monday 7-**8:30** p.m. Troop Meeting
  - 6/8 –Tuesday 7 p.m. Troop Committee Meeting
  - 6/14 - Monday 7-**8:30** p.m. Troop Meeting
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### TROOP MEETING CHANGES:

Families please note - given the changes in our community's response to the improving pandemic conditions, Troop 23 is making the following changes to our in-person meeting protocols:

- Temperature checks will no longer be conducted at the beginning of each meeting.
- Masks will not be required at outdoor meetings and activities. Scouts and adults may opt to wear masks outside at their discretion.
- Masks **WILL** be required for all indoor activities. These indoor mask-required activities will include visits at the Advancement/Registration Table, the Uniform Exchange Cart, and the cave/storage space.

Our last two meetings before Summer Camp will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, 6/7 and Monday, 6/14 - **MEETINGS WILL RUN FROM 7PM TO 8:30. PLEASE NOTE THE LATER END TIME.** There are no Troop Meetings after 6/14 until mid to late August when regular meetings will resume with our Fall Kick-Off Event. Please review these changes to our policies with your Scout and update your calendars accordingly.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **UNIFORM EXCHANGE IS BACK! – JUNE 7 & 14 TROOP MEETINGS FROM 7:00-8:15:**  
At the June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> troop meetings, bring items that you want to donate and receive a credit for each item. Class A and B clothing, boots, shoes, rain gear, camping gear, etc. that is in good condition will be accepted. You can also peruse the items available and pick up what you need. Items for sale range from \$1 up to \$20. Please bring cash (exact change will be appreciated if possible!). The exchange will close 15 minutes prior to the end of the troop meeting (8:15 p.m.).
- **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!

### SCOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **MOZART IN THE SUBURBS COMMUNITY CONCERT AT FIRST PRES:**  
First Presbyterian Church is hosting a community concert on Friday, June 18 at 6:30 pm. The church is asking for 4 scout volunteers to assist. Scouts will assist with passing out water, helping to usher guests, and miscellaneous tasks for the event. Anyone is welcome to attend, and details are at <http://www.firstpreswheaton.org/index> Contact Mr. Lange at [darrenlange@yahoo.com](mailto:darrenlange@yahoo.com) if interested in volunteering.
- **ELMHURST GREAT WESTERN PRAIRIE-SATURDAY JUNE 19, 9:00 A.M. TO NOON**  
Join the volunteer crew to maintain this prairie treasure close to home! Masks and social distancing are required during the brief orientation. Wear work gloves and clothes. Meet in Elmhurst at the corner of Berkley Ave and Illinois Prairie Path. For more info go to <https://www.facebook.com/Elmhurst-Great-Western-Prairie-269331223107249>, click to Like and Follow the page. Or email Eric Keeley at [keeley.eric@gmail.com](mailto:keeley.eric@gmail.com) say, "Put me on the email list for Elmhurst Great Western Prairie" And check out <https://www.epd.org/parks/elmhurst-great-western-prairie>

### PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **POPCORN KERNEL:**  
Yummy, yummy, it's almost popcorn time! The troop is looking for volunteers interested in getting more involved with the troop to be trained as the new Popcorn Kernel and/or assistant. This would

involve oversight and help with the troop's annual popcorn sale fundraiser. Please reach out to Mr. Horn for more information about these fun and rewarding positions at [T23Popcorn@comcast.net](mailto:T23Popcorn@comcast.net).

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:dougekurtz64@gmail.com)) or Lynne Monticello, Treasurer ([lynne.monticello@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:andreweagleproject1@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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