



Troop 23 – Hot News June 14, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 6/14 - Monday 7-**8:30** p.m. Troop Meeting
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FINAL TROOP MEETING INFO:

Our last meeting before Summer Camp is Monday, 6/14 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.

Given the changes in our community's response to the improving pandemic conditions, Troop 23 has made 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **UNIFORM EXCHANGE IS BACK! – JUNE 14 TROOP MEETING FROM 7:00-8:15:**

At the June 14th troop meeting, 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.).

Some additional notes on the Uniform Exchange:

- Scouts are welcome and encouraged to swap donated items with the Uniform Exchange. The “exchange rate” is one donated item for one used item of equal or lessor value.
- Donated items can only be exchanged for other donated items and not used for the purchase of new T23 Shirts or Sweatshirts.
- More than one item can be exchanged at a time; however, the items exchanged must be exchanged at the time of donation. With 60 Scouts we cannot keep track of previous donations. For example, if a Scout donates three items but takes only one item in exchange, the remaining two items are a donation to the Uniform Exchange. I owe yous (IOUs) will not be issued for past donations to be put toward future purchases.
- Damaged items cannot be swapped back into the Uniform Exchange.

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 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 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 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.

- **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

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

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