



Troop 23 – Hot News August 30, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 8/30 – Monday 7-8:30 p.m. Troop Meeting at First Pres
 - 8/30 – Monday 7:10 p.m. Parent Meeting at First Pres
 - 9/06 – Monday NO Troop Meeting due to Labor Day Holiday
 - 9/10-9/12 – Fri-Sun Campout: Warren Dunes, MI
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TROOP MEETING INFO:

- This week's troop meeting will be outdoors at First Presbyterian Church from 7-8:30 pm. There will be a parent meeting this same evening starting at 7:10 pm. This meeting will kick off the Troop's Christmas Wreath fundraiser, lots of information and details will be provided. Parents will meet in the sanctuary at First Pres.
- There will be no troop meeting on Labor Day, Monday 9/6.

2022 CONSENT FORM, HEALTH FORMS, DUES, AND PROGRAM FEES- DUE 9/13/21:

This week, Troop 23 families will receive an e-mail regarding forms and fees for next year. **Please note annual fees for Troop 23 are increasing this year by \$25 to total \$375.** We will collect these annual fees in two parts -- \$150 in Dues and \$225 in Program Fees. Dues are largely a pass-through to Three Fires and Boy Scouts of America, while Program Fees fund Troop 23. Program Fees can be waived if Scouts sell a minimum wreath sale fundraising level. Details on that will be shared in upcoming communications regarding 2021 fundraising.

This year, Dues and Consent Forms are being collected a few months earlier than usual because Three Fires has revised its re-chartering years from January-December to November-October. Program Fees will continue to be collected in late December or early January depending on when final fundraising results become available.

In addition, a significant number of Scouts need to turn in new health forms. Typically, all Scouts who attended Summer Camp would be current with health forms; however, the July timing of Summer Camp in 2020 allowed many Scouts to use their 2020 Health Forms for Summer Camp 2021. The email you will receive regarding 2022 Forms and Fees will let you know if new health forms are needed for your Scout.

All Scouts looking to be a part of Troop 23 in 2022 must submit the 2022 Consent Form, current Health Forms (if not already on file), and \$150 in Dues to the Registration Table at an upcoming meeting no later than Monday, September 13, 2021 in order to be included on the official Troop 23 roster. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or Scout Account funds.

If a Scout has decided to no longer participate with Troop 23, please contact Jeff Jeffers (frankejeffers@yahoo.com) so we can update our records accordingly.

SCOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

• AV AND TECH HELP AT FIRST PRES

Have an interest in learning AV and expanding your tech knowledge? Volunteer your time with the AV team for church and Eagle Courts of Honor! First Presbyterian's AV team is looking to add new members. Initially, the commitment would be 3-4 consecutive Sundays to learn the equipment and then at least one Sunday per month for the school year. You will learn valuable skills, serve your charter organization and fellow Scouts, and get service hours! Contact juleelockard@gmail.com for more information.

• FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PICNIC-SUNDAY 9/12

First Pres is hosting its welcome back picnic on Sunday 9/12. Scout volunteers are needed to assist with takedown of tables, chairs, etc. If you are able to help contact Darren Lange darrenlange@yahoo.com

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

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