



Troop 23 – Hot News

November 8, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 11/8 - Monday, 7:30-9:00pm Troop Meeting
- 11/13-11/14 – Sat-Sun Survival Campout: Johnson's Mound, Elburn IL
- 11/15-Monday, 7:30-9:00pm Troop Meeting
- 11/16-Tuesday, 7:00pm Troop Committee Meeting
- 11/20–11/21 – Sat & Sun Wreath Pick Up
- 11/22 - Monday, 7:30-9:00pm NO Troop Meeting (Thanksgiving Break)

CHRISTMAS WREATH PICK UP:

Scouts can pick up all wreath orders on Saturday, November 20th from 9a.m.-2p.m., or Sunday November 21st from 1p.m.-5p.m. The pickup location is the Burshtan's home at 228 E. Franklin St. Wheaton (across from Franklin Middle School). If a scout is unavailable to pick up his order during these times, **he MUST arrange for someone else to do so during these times!**

CHRISTMAS SHARING 2021:

This is Christmas Sharing's 52nd year of partnering with 8 area churches and District 200 to serve less fortunate families in our community. This year First Pres is partnering with Holy Cross Church to serve 250-300 families. The Christmas sharing event is being held 12/11. First Pres plans to contribute the following 1) to raise \$20,000 to purchase gift cards for 200 families (each receiving a minimum of \$100), 2) one "Non-Food" box containing items that LINK cards cannot pay for such as cleaning supplies, paper goods and personal products, 3) 3 boxes of fresh food from Northern Illinois Food Bank, and 4) new winter coats which the church purchased on clearance last January.

How can Scouts help First Pres? Consider donating towards the gift cards or by filling up a Non-Food box. Donations towards gift cards can be made here <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76780/-/form/give/now> *Be sure to select "Christmas Sharing" when choosing the Fund.* Info on where to get the boxes and the list of supplies to fill them with to come! Filled boxes can be delivered to Holy Cross Church, 802 E. Geneva Rd., between 12/6 and 12/10 and they should be able to fully close so they can be stacked. Thank you for always being willing to provide support to those in need and help Christmas Sharing.

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Troop Committee Meetings will be on Tuesday, November 16th at 7p.m. Parents are welcome to join T23 leadership at these meetings. Meeting format (in-person vs. zoom) and locations will vary. Email Committee Chair Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net to receive meeting reminders, agendas, and location details.

FUN PATROL OR SCOUT FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Rotary is hosting a super fun fundraiser where you as teams can learn a little some fun history of Wheaton in a scavenger type hunt using an app called ClueKeeper. It runs for 2 weeks in November and there are prizes at the end based on correct answers and how quickly it's completed. Might be a fun patrol activity, family activity, group of friends. Cost is \$25 per team (of any size). <https://rotaryclubofwheatonam.org/page/2021-wheaton-history-hunt>

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR EAGLE RECOGNITION BOOKS:

The troop is looking for a volunteer to take over the role of preparing Recognition Books for Eagle Scouts. This is a great opportunity to help, especially for a someone who may have limited time to help. This involves sending out letters to public officials, sports teams, organizations, etc. asking for them to write a congratulatory letter to the Scout on achieving that rank and then assembling the letters into the binder. If you are interested, please contact Heather Herr at hvherr95@gmail.com or Tim Herr at tpherr@yahoo.com.

SEA BASE SCUBA LIVE ABOARD ADVENTURE:

There is currently one open spot for the T23 Scuba Live Aboard Adventure next spring. You must be 15 and be a certified as a recreational diver before the trip starts (Mar 25, 2022). There is still time to get certified! If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Herr at tpherr@yahoo.com

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

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