



Troop 23 – Hot News

November 15, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 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) |
| • 11/29-Monday, 7:30-9:00pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 12/4-Saturday, time TBD | Fallen Hero Wreath Laying Ceremony |
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CHRISTMAS WREATH PICK UP-SIGN UP FOR A PICK UP TIME:

All wreath orders are to be picked up 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. To manage the pickup process, we have created a SignUpGenius form for scouts to select a time to pick up their order. 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!** Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444ACA623A0FC1-wreath>

CHRISTMAS SHARING 2021:

First Pres' 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, 2) "Non-Food" boxes containing items that LINK cards cannot pay for, 3) boxes of fresh food from Northern Illinois Food Bank, and 4) new winter coats which the church previously purchased.

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 (they should be able to fully close so they can be stacked). Thank you for supporting 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 fundraiser where teams can learn some history of Wheaton in a scavenger hunt using an app called ClueKeeper. It runs for 2 weeks in November and there are prizes based on correct answers and how quickly the hunt is completed. Might be a fun patrol activity, family activity, or for a 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 pherr@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 pherr@yahoo.com

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

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