



## Troop 23 – Hot News

### January 10, 2022

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#### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 1/15-Saturday,9-10:30 am Troop Meeting & Court of Honor – Northside Park
  - 1/17-Monday, 7:30-9:00 pm Troop Meeting – First Pres
  - 1/24-Monday, 7:30-9:00 pm Troop Meeting – First Pres
  - 1/31-Monday, 7:00 pm Troop Service Night – Feed My Starving Children
  - 2/5-Saturday, 8 am-4 pm Klondike Derby, Cantigny Park
  - 2/6-Sunday Scout Sunday
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#### **JANUARY TROOP MEETINGS:**

Please congratulate Collin and his Patrol Leaders for leading a very fun and successful Troop Meeting this past Saturday. Yes it was cold, yes it was outside yes the wind was blowing and most importantly, **yes it was fun.** We had several scout crafts reviewing skills for our upcoming Klondike event and spent the remaining time sledding and having outdoor fun! Special thanks to Michael Z, Corey, and Collin for leading the scout crafts. Hopefully you can join us at next Saturday's Troop Meeting (Northside Park, 9 am – 10:30 am) for more fun, more skills review, and more hot chocolate and sweets. As of now, Monday evening Troop meetings are scheduled to resume the following Monday, 1/17.



#### **PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE SCOUTS:**

We began working on Fitness before the holidays. Keep the momentum on this! Mr. Michalak is planning to be available and on-line tomorrow, on Monday 1/10 at 7PM. Send him an email to join and review! If this time doesn't work, reach out to schedule a time that works for you. Mr.Michalak [michaelcmichalak@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelcmichalak@yahoo.com)

#### **TROOP SERVICE NIGHT – MONDAY 1/31:**

In lieu of its Monday Troop Meeting, Troop 23 is planning a Troop Service Night at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on 1/31/22, from 7:00 – 8:45 pm at FMSC's Aurora location, 555 Exchange Court. FMSC has made 60 spaces available to Troop 23. Scouts, Leaders, and family members are welcome to attend and can sign up here: <https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=LL3167>. The ***deadline to sign up is Monday January 24.*** After this date any remaining open spaces will be released back to FMSC so they have an opportunity find additional volunteers. Details on transportation (carpooling from First Pres vs. providing transportation on your own and meeting at FMSC) will be coming soon.

FMSC has several COVID mitigations; everyone considering attending should carefully review the following:

- **If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 please stay home.**
- Based on the statewide mandate from Illinois effective 8/30/2021, **all employees and volunteers will be required to wear facemasks regardless of vaccination status in our Illinois sites.** The safety of our employees and volunteers is our top priority, and we continue to operate under CDC protocols.
- All volunteers will go through a verbal symptom screening upon arrival.
- Social distancing: Members of a group will not be socially distanced from each other but will be socially distanced from other groups. However, larger groups will be split into smaller subgroups that will be socially distanced from each other.

- If you or anyone in your group develops symptoms while packing, you and your entire group will be asked to leave immediately.
- According to our regular operating guidelines, children under the age of 5 are not allowed into the packing room.
- If you are in a high-risk category, please stay home.
- A reservation is required to pack. No walk-ins can be accepted.
- You may read more about FMSC's COVID-19 Safety Measures [here](#).

**2022 KLONDIKE DERBY:**

The Chippewea District will be holding the annual Klondike Derby on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Cantigny.

Information on the day's events can be found here

[https://scoutingevent.com/Download/12784958/OR/2022\\_Chippewa\\_Klondike\\_Derby.pdf](https://scoutingevent.com/Download/12784958/OR/2022_Chippewa_Klondike_Derby.pdf)

**SAVE THE DATE – SCOUT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 6:**

Details on the day's events will be coming soon!

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

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