



Troop 23 – Hot News

January 24, 2022

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 1/29-Saturday, 9-10:30 am Troop Meeting – Northside Park
 - 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, 8:30-11:30am Scout Sunday
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JANUARY SCHEDULING CHANGES:

Due to the increase in Covid cases in our area, Troop 23 will continue having outdoor Troop meetings on Saturday mornings. For the remainder of January, through 1/29, meetings will be 9 – 10:30 am at Northside Park. The scheduled service night at Feed My Starving Children on Monday evening, 1/31 (details below) remains a planned event at this time. Stay tuned for any changes that may come.

TROOP COURT OF HONOR:

Due to Covid delays, Troop Court of Honor has been pushed back (date TBD). In the meantime, to prevent scouts from falling behind please email all January advancements to Julie Carlson-Noordhoek at julie@burritcarlson.com.

ADULT HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for some Dads to help us re-load the troop trailer and straighten out the shed. We had to empty the trailer for wreath sales, and all that gear was stuffed into the shed adjoining the garage at the church. Now we can't get into the shed to retrieve gear and supplies needed for upcoming meetings and events. Also needed is someone with a truck and hitch to pull the trailer forward. Maybe 4+ dads/older Scouts to help move gear, either this weekend or next. Please email Jeff Jeffers at frankejffers@yahoo.com with your availability if you can help.

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 vs. transportation on your own) will be coming soon. FMSC has several COVID mitigations; anyone considering attending should review FMSC's COVID-19 Safety Measures [here](#).

2022 KLONDIKE DERBY:

The District Klondike will be held at Cantigny Park on Saturday the 5th of February! This is a great event, running from Saturday morning until around 3:00PM. A patch and patrol ribbons will be awarded at the end of the day, and soup and hot cocoa will supplement a sack lunch each scout will bring. Fourteen stations for fun and skill events will be available for all patrols. PLEASE ADD THIS TO YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP WITH YOUR PATROL LEADER! We will be practicing Klondike skills at the remaining January meetings, so come to Saturday's meetings! Camping overnight on Friday night will be available for all troop members.

HELP NEEDED TO RETRIEVE KLONDIKE DERBY SLEDS:

We are looking for drivers with pickup trucks to help bring our Klondike sleds from our storage location on Mack Road to the church, and then from the church to Cantigny on February 5-6th. Please email Jeff Jeffers at frankejffers@yahoo.com if you can help.

SCOUT SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 6:

Our troop will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 6th. We will be participating in the Sunday services at our sponsor, First Presbyterian Church, by serving donuts from John's after both services (with a "donut drive up" option after both services), and by ushering and greeting at both services. Please mark your calendar to BE SURE to participate. Scouts who attend both services at First Pres (services are at 9:00am and 10:30am) in Class A uniform, or attend one service at First Pres and one at their home church in uniform on Sunday the 6th are invited to an all-you-can-eat pizza lunch at Gino's after church! See your Patrol Leader for details.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD:

The troop will be participating in a BSA food drive in February, and each scout will have a part to play in canvassing both their neighborhood and First Pres member for donations. We will be distributing door hangers at a mid-February troop meeting (exact date TBD) and picking up donations the following weekend. More details to come or see your Patrol Leader.

2021 CLASS OF EAGLES RECOGNITION DINNER:

On Friday, February 18, 2022, the members of the Three Fires Council Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) are planning an outstanding recognition banquet honoring Eagle Scouts from the class of 2021. Eagle Scouts and parents as well as other scouts and adult leaders are welcome to attend. The Gathering of Eagles will be held at Bobak's Signature Events at Seven Bridges at 6440 Double Eagle Dr, Woodridge, IL 60517. Reception and fellowship begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and program will begin at 7 p.m. (Dress is non-uniform, business dress). Reservations are \$50 per person and must be submitted on, or prior to, February 7, 2022. If you would like to attend you can register at www.threefirescouncil.org/GOE. Please indicate your troop number on the registration form to ensure that you will be seated with your Eagle Scouts. Contact Jeff Jeffers at frankejeffers@yahoo.com with any questions.

FIVE ACRE WOODED PROPERTY FOR SALE:

While we normally don't do advertising such as this, Mr. Gerber, who has allowed Troop 23 to use his property on Mack Rd for storage and camping, is thinking of selling his home. If you've attended a new scout campout, you know what a beautiful piece of property it is. Five acres (more or less), oak tree canopy, 4 stall barn and tack room, hay barn, 2 acres of fenced pasture, and a residence. If you're a horse person, this is for you! Contact Jeff Jeffers at frankejeffers@yahoo.com for details.

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

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