



## Troop 23 – Hot News

### February 21, 2022

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#### **TROOP CALENDAR:**

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

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| • 2/21-Monday, 7:00-8:30pm   | Troop Meeting                                |
| • 2/26-Saturday, Day Trip    | Alpine Valley Ski Resort                     |
| • 2/28-Monday, 7:00-8:30pm   | Troop Meeting - Order of the Arrow Elections |
| • 3/7-Monday, 7:00-8:30pm    | Troop Meeting                                |
| • 3/14-Monday, 7:00-8:30pm   | Troop Meeting                                |
| • 3/19-Saturday, 4:00-6:00pm | Ice Cream Social & Recruiting Event          |
| • 3/21-Monday, 7:00-8:30pm   | Troop Court of Honor and Family Pot Luck     |
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#### **SCOUTING FOR FOOD – DONATION TIME EXTENDED:**



Last week, Collin McKay transported two very full carloads of non-perishable food items to the People's Resource Center. They were so appreciative and in such great need, that **Troop 23 has extended the food drive another week!** Please bring any non-perishable food items with you to the Monday, Feb. 21 Troop Meeting.

#### **DAY TRIP TO ALPINE VALLEY SKI RESORT – THIS SATURDAY!**

This Saturday, 2/26, Troop 23 is taking a day trip to at Alpine Valley Resort in Elkhorn, Wisconsin ([www.alpinevalleyresort.com](http://www.alpinevalleyresort.com)). Lift tickets will be covered, however ski/snowboard rentals (\$50 if you bring your own helmet, \$60 otherwise), and lunch/snacks are the Scouts' responsibility. Adult volunteers are needed to drive. It is a 1-hour-and 40-minute drive to the resort. Meet at First Pres at 7 am, and departure will be from there after rides are organized. Scouts must have current health forms on file to participate. One of our adult leaders, Mr. Knight is also on the Alpine Valley Ski Patrol. Mr. Knight will provide a one-hour introductory lesson for new skiers. Snowboarders wanting an intro lesson can sign up on the website. Beginners are welcome! Contact your patrol leader if interested in going.

#### **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 let Troop Committee know.

#### **KLONDIKE NEWS:**

Congratulations to the Thunderbirds Patrol! They took a second-place finish at the Chippewa Klondike Derby earlier this month. Well done Thunderbirds!

#### **CALENDAR UPDATE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL NEWS:**

The March Starved Rock Campout, originally scheduled for 3/18-3/20/22, has been cancelled due campsites not being available until after April 1. In place of that weekend event, our SPL and his leadership team are planning a recruiting initiative for youth in grades 5 through 12. This Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 4PM-6PM at First Presbyterian Church. It will feature both Scout and Leader presentations, games, and ice cream! We are currently looking for an adult volunteer willing to assemble video featuring photos with accompanying music that captures the experience of Scouting with Troop 23. If you're able to help, please contact Judith Zapf at [judez21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judez21@sbcglobal.net).

#### **SAVE THE DATE - FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER AND TROOP COURT OF HONOR**

Mark your calendars for Monday March 21 and make plans to join us for a Troop 23 family event! During our regular Troop Meeting we will be having a Family Pot Luck Dinner and having the Troop Court of Honor. More info to come!

#### **2022 SUMMER CAMP:**

The troop will be attending summer camp this year June 19<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation in Mauston, WI (approx. 3 hours from Wheaton). In addition to merit badge courses, the camp typically has programs for boating, jet skiing and ATVs. Some of these may come with age restrictions or additional fees and more information will be out

soon. The fee to attend camp is \$365 and will increase to \$385 after late-March. The fee for adults is \$130 for the week, or \$20/day for adults attending a partial week of camp. Requests for refunds must be made to the camp in writing prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth scouts crossing over in spring can register for Summer Camp, the fee for this is \$330. Any questions, contact Julie Carlson-Noordhoek at [julie@burritcarlson.com](mailto:julie@burritcarlson.com).

**RYAN MADEMANN CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2022 SUMMER CAMP:**

Troop 23 Scouts are invited to apply for the Ryan Mademann Campership to defer the costs of their participation in Summer Camp. The Campership provides \$200 to each of two scouts to cover a portion of the costs of attending Troop 23's Summer Camp. The funding can only be used for Summer Camp and cannot be redirected to other Scouting-related expenses. It is not a need-based Campership but rather a merit award based on a Scout's essay describing his goals for the upcoming Summer Camp.

Ryan Mademann was an Eagle Scout (2005) from Troop 23 who passed away in May of 2009. Ryan greatly enjoyed scouting and was one of our more active young men until he left the Troop to attend college. Ryan was a talented leader and camper who especially enjoyed Scouting's outdoor activities. To honor Ryan's memory, the Ryan Mademann Campership was established in 2010. Since then, 11 Scouts have won the Ryan Mademann Campership:

2010--Patrick B. & Michael G.

2011--Justin P.

2013--Nicholas Z. & Hank S.

2015--Tyler J. & Wade S.

2016--Jacob S. & Quinn D.

2018--Sam W. & Jack W.

2019, 2020 & 2021--No Applicants

To be eligible, Scouts must (1) have attended summer camp at least once, (2) have been active with the Troop over the past scouting year, and (3) not been awarded a Ryan Mademann Campership in past years. Scouts who satisfy these criteria and are interested in the Campership should write a short essay describing why attending Summer Camp is important to them and how it fits in with their Scouting plan for the coming year. Upon submission, names will be removed from the essays and assigned codes to ensure the authors' identities are not available to the judges. Scouts should submit their essays to our Troop's Committee Chair, Mrs. Judith Zapf. Essays are due by April 11, 2022. The Scoutmaster and Committee Members will review the essays and forward a subset to the Mademann family for final judging. The winner will ultimately be chosen by the Mademann Family and the winners announced shortly thereafter. Scouts with any questions should visit Advancement/Registration Table at Monday Night Troop Meetings.

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

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