



## Troop 23 – Hot News

### September 23, 2024

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#### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 09/23- Monday, 7:00-8:30    | Troop Meeting  |
| • 09/30- Monday, 7:00-8:30    | Troop Meeting  |
| • 10/07- Monday, 7:00-8:30    | Troop Meeting  |
| • 10/12- Saturday, 8:00-12:30 | Service Project, Wheaton Fire Department, 1 Fapp Cir |
| • 10/18-20-Friday-Sunday      | Campout – Kohler Andae State Park                    |
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#### SCOUT DUES:

Dues of \$185 per scout for the 2023-24 scout year are due on September 30. These dues pay to run the national and council scouting organizations. You can pay through the troop using Zelle to [troop23camps@gmail.com](mailto:troop23camps@gmail.com), check to BSA Troop 23, cash, or scout account. Mr. Smith will be accepting payments at troop meetings. These dues are the same as the email you may have received from the BSA about membership renewal. If you pay through the troop, we will take care of the membership renewal and you will not have to pay a credit card processing fee. We do not want anyone to miss out on the value of scouting because of the cost. If the dues are a financial difficulty for your family contact troop committee chair Judith Zapf at [judez21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judez21@sbcglobal.net) to confidentially get help.

#### ADULT DUES:

Adult dues of \$77 are paid by the troop. To register for this scout year, your Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be valid until November 1, 2025. If your YPT expires before this, please take the training again before September 30 so we can process the membership renewals.

#### SUMMER CAMP PARTIAL MERIT BADGES:

Just a reminder that partial merit badges worked on in summer camp will require a new blue card to be signed by Mr Busse, and completed by the new merit badge counselor. The new counselor will sign off on all requirements as if it was both started and completed with them. Mr. Johnson can provide you a list of open and completed requirements that can be given to the counselor as proof of progress. Please contact him at [pauljohns@gmail.com](mailto:pauljohns@gmail.com) for this information.

#### UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

October:

Senior Auto Inspection - Saturday, October 12, 2024 8AM-12:30PM

This event will take place at the Wheaton Fire Department located at 1 Fapp Circle. We are in need of adults and scouts. Younger scouts can guide seniors to the waiting area and chat with them while they wait. Older scouts and adults will help with tasks such as tire pressure checking and filling, pulling spares from the vehicle, and checking lights. They would like 12 volunteers. Last year 118 cars were inspected! Let's help them inspect even more cars this year. Younger scouts should wear their class A uniforms. Older (high school age) scouts and adults should wear class B uniforms due to the nature of the work. Volunteers should park across the street in the Target parking lot. Volunteers should arrive at 8AM. Lunch will be provided; if staying for lunch, the event will end at 1:15PM (at 12:30PM if not staying for lunch). SIGN UP DURING OUR MONDAY MEETING OR FACEBOOK.

November:

On Your Own

November is a busy month! With the campout, shooting sports day, wreath pick up, and Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be time to have an organized troop service opportunity. However here are some on-your-own options:

- Winfield Ronald McDonald House cookies from the heart or meal making programs
- DuPage Forest Preserve Conservation help. Check the calendar link here: [Restoration Work Day Opportunities](#)

December:

We will be supporting the church's Christmas Sharing again this year. More information will come soon about the items needed for the boxes. But *mark your calendars for Monday, December 9th*. Scouts will stay after the regular meeting to assist with Christmas Sharing set up.

#### 2024 WREATH SALES:

Wreath sale packets have distributed. Any questions related to wreath sales, or if you didn't receive your packet, please contact [troop23wreaths@gmail.com](mailto:troop23wreaths@gmail.com)

**HOT NEWS INFO:**

Got some information for the weekly Hot News? Please forward the details of your news item to [ruthlange@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthlange@yahoo.com) by Noon on Sundays and it will be included in that week's issue.

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

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