



Troop 23 – Hot News

September 30, 2024

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 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 Andrae State Park
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WREATH SALES UPDATE:

The good news- we have sold over \$5,000 in wreaths so far! The bad news- last year we had sold almost \$10,000 by this time! We need to sell wreaths so we can pay to do all the fun things scouts do. Be prepared; wreath turn in is at the beginning of Monday meetings. Some scouts have been trying to fill out recap sheets after they get to the meeting and there are always mistakes. It is OK to ask your parents to check over your recap sheet on Sunday night.

ZELLE WREATH SALES:

Over \$1000 of the wreath sales so far have been paid by Zelle. Please remember to have the customer put the scout's name in the comments. Also make sure the customer completes the Zelle transaction while you are there. You can check the Zelle payments that the troop has received on a shared google spreadsheet here: <https://bit.ly/3TMOeLa> This will be updated about once a day. Email troop23camps@gmail.com with any questions.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORM DUE:

Hello T23 Families! It is the time of year when we ask for signed consent forms as we prepare to recharter our Troop affiliation with Boy Scouts of America through the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton. Please print, sign, and return the attached consent form to the Registration Advancement table at Monday night meetings by Monday, October 21. Direct questions to T23 Membership and Forms Coordinator Ashley Dockery at aly234@yahoo.com.

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, 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 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 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

HOT NEWS INFO:

Got some information for the weekly Hot News? Please forward the details of your news item to 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:

Rick Busse, Scoutmaster at bussephoto95@icloud.com
Judith Zapf, Committee Chair at judez21@sbcglobal.net

Troop 23 Consent Form – 2024-2025

Due October 21, 2024

Scout's Name: _____
has my approval to participate in all Scouting-related activities offered by Troop 23 from **September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025**, specifically meetings, summer camp, campouts, hikes, water sports, service projects, special events and other Troop activities. This includes, but is not limited to, all 2024-2025 campouts, Klondike Derby, Scout Sunday, Troop Swim, Shooting Sports, Memorial Day Parade, Wilderness Survival, and any other campout or event.

without restrictions

with these special considerations or restrictions

Emergency Contact Information:

Father's Name: _____

Father's Email: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Email: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Scout's Email: _____

Does your Scout have a Cell Phone? yes no. If yes, Scout's Cell Phone Number: _____

Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/ videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 19915(a)) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.

Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.

NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities above.

Parent's signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

Troop use only

Received by: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Contact Info. Checked Against Troop Records: _____

Corrections/updates needed? Yes No