



Troop 23 – Hot News

October 28, 2024

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 10/28- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting/Halloween Party, **FINAL WREATH ORDERS DUE**
 - 11/02- Saturday Shooting Sports Outing, St Charles Sportsmen's Club
 - 11/04- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
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A MESSAGE FROM TROOP 23 SCOUTMASTER:

Monday October 28, 2024, will be my last meeting as Scoutmaster of Troop 23. It has been an honor to lead your sons and help them develop into the men they will be in the future. I started in this Troop in 1986 as an Arrow of Light Webelo, like most of your sons, and worked my way up to the rank of Eagle in 1992. At that time, I didn't think that my path would lead back to Troop 23, but it did when my sons Ryan and Theo joined in 2018 and 2020. I took over as interim Scoutmaster in September of 2021 for Jeff Jeffers, who was my Scoutmaster when I started all those years ago, and then took over the role officially in March of 2022. As we were coming out of COVID, and were starting to get back to somewhat normal, it was challenging, but I had a great group of boys to work with, as well as an incredible group of adult leaders to work with, and that made all the difference. I want to thank all the adult leaders, as well as the parents for everything you do, and have done, it is greatly appreciated by the boys. I will still be around, as Theo is still in the Troop, but I felt it was time to let someone else take the wheel.

So, with that, I would like to announce that Steve Yates will be taking over as Scoutmaster starting Monday November 4. Steve is an Eagle Scout from Troop 23, he also served as Senior Patrol Leader, and a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster after he turned 18. His dad served as Scoutmaster, and his mom was the Troops Chartered Organization Rep. His son Kyle just crossed over this past Spring and is in the Tomahawk patrol. Steve has a great background in the program and will be a great Scoutmaster. Please be sure to stop by and say high and introduce yourself, if you haven't already done so.

Yours in Scouting,
Rick Busse

FINAL WREATH TURN IN!

The final wreath order and money turn in is at this Monday's October 28 troop meeting. With a good showing from last week we are over \$19,000 so far. Thank you everyone who sold wreaths!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE:

Does your Scout need some new uniform pieces, or do you have some gear your Scout outgrew? Don't forget about Troop 23's Uniform Exchange. At each Monday Troop meeting, the Uniform Exchange is open for business. If your Scout needs anything from socks, to shirts, to shorts/pants, or even gear like boots, a backpack, or a sleeping bag, consider checking out the Uniform Exchange before buying new! Generally, items are available for a low cost and/or a trade-in of a similar item. The Uniform Exchange is set up on a large rack in the hallway each Monday, you can't miss it, so come check it out!

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

November:

There will be no organized troop service activity in November. 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.

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:

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