



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## January 20, 2025

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### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 01/20- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
  - 01/25- Saturday, 9:00 am Tent Inspection, First Pres
  - 01/27- Monday, 7:15 pm Troop Service Project – Feed My Starving Children (**No Troop Meeting**)
  - 02/01-Saturday, 8am-4pm Klondike Derby, Cantigny Park
  - 02/02-Sunday, Scout Sunday, First Pres
  - 02/03- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
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### JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT:

On Monday, January 27th from 7:15-8:45 PM we will participate in a packing event at Feed My Starving Children at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora. This service opportunity will be in lieu of our regular Scout meeting.. This will be a Class A event and is a wonderful opportunity for Scouts and parents to serve together. Registration for this service project has closed. ***This project takes the place of our regular Monday troop meeting-there will be NO Troop Meeting Monday 1/27.***

### TENT INSPECTION:

There will be a tent inspection on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at First Pres. This is your chance to repair/replace damaged tents and flies for your patrol! This project is required for all Scouts First Class and above; other Scouts may assist as well. Lunch (pizza) will be provided.

### KLONDIKE DERBY – SATURDAY FEB 1:

We'll have one patrol of 8 per the count from PLs this past Monday. Patrol Leader(s) must check in Saturday with a completed roster and medical forms A+B (the Troop will bring these for the 8 Scouts who have already registered by Jan. 13). There may be a registration fee for additional Scouts, per the District.

A lunch will be available at the Derby. Per the District; "Upon check-in, patrols will be assigned a designated lunch break period. Lunch will be served indoors at the Cantigny Education Center. We plan to serve at least 2 types of hot vegetarian-based soup, such as tomato soup and minestrone soup, along with saltine and oyster crackers. Hot and cold beverages and water will also be available, such as hot chocolate and lemon drink. Participants are welcome to supplement the soup with sandwiches or other food brought as part of their event planning. Participants are encouraged to bring their own insulated drink containers to reduce waste."

### SCOUT SUNDAY:

Scout Sunday will be Sunday, February 2. This is one of the Troop's few "mandatory" events, along with Memorial Day parade. Scouts, please attend at least one service at your church or First Presbyterian, in class A uniform. We will be making and serving donuts again, and Scouts attending both services at First Pres., or a service at First Pres plus one service at their own church, in uniform, will meet for pizza afterwards. First Pres' services are at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

First Pres requested a Scout to give a Minute for Mission at each service (one or both). Please contact Mr. Yates if you are interested. The Scout(s) need to prepare a short message: connect faith to Scouting, appreciate the church, describe what Scouting means to them, something along those lines. It is a communion Sunday (optional) so there will be no Bible readers as in past years. It is not necessary to be a member of First Pres – all Scouts and their families are welcome to attend!

### CAMP ATTENDANCE RECORDS:

All Scouts please turn in a campout attendance record for 2023-2024 at Monday's Troop meeting. Campout records are needed for upcoming Order of The Arrow elections Look for a separate email with more detail on this topic.

### 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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