



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## January 27, 2025

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### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 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, 7:15 am Scout Sunday, First Pres
  - 02/03- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
  - 02/08- Saturday, 7am-7pm Ski Trip, Alpine Valley
  - 02/10- 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 is a Class A uniform event. 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.***

### KLONDIKE DERBY – SATURDAY FEB 1:

Patrol Leaders must attend check-in Saturday morning with Mr. Yates. Meet at the Troop trailer in Cantigny parking lot. Adults and older Scouts may help with our “station,” the rope bridge. Bring a sack lunch. Soup and drinks are provided by the event, in the dining hall.

### SCOUT SUNDAY:

Scout Sunday will be Sunday, February 2. This is one of the Troop's few "mandatory" events, along with the 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 to churchgoers between services. All Scouts attending 2 services (both First Pres services, 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) needs to prepare a short message (connect faith to Scouting, appreciation for the church's support of the Troop, describe what Scouting means to them, etc.). 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 to attend! All Scouts and their families are welcome.

### SKI TRIP TO ALPINE VALLEY – SATURDAY FEB 8

Please confirm your attendance *by Monday Feb. 3*. We may need drivers; drivers do not need to ski. The estimated cost is \$144, this includes lift ticket, ski and helmet rental. Instruction should be available at no charge. Scouts can pay the Troop ahead of time on Feb. 3 or bring funds on the day of the trip. Scouts should meet at the church at 7am. The day of skiing will end by about 5 pm, with Scouts returning to church by 7:30-8:00 pm. Scouts should bring additional money to purchase food or pack a sack lunch.

### ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS – FEB. 24

If you think you are eligible, please contact Mr. Yates to ensure you're on the list. Requirements are:

1. Registered BSA member.
2. First Class or higher.
3. Have completed 15 nights of camping within 2 years (as of Feb. 24), including 1 long-term camp of at least 5 nights and 10 nights of short-term camping. The balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each.
4. Assistant Scoutmasters 18-20 years old may also be eligible, so long as the above requirements are met.
5. Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

### CAMPDOC/PROFILE FOR THREE FIRES COUNCIL:

If you haven't already, you will receive an email from Three Fires Council requesting data entry of what is on the A and B medical forms. The Council wants to get the class A and B forms on file electronically; this will alleviate the need to collect them at every Council or District event.

### 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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