



Troop 23 – Hot News

February 3, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 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
 - 02/17- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
 - 02/22- Saturday, 8am-4:30pm Merit Badge University, York High School, Elmhurst
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SKI TRIP TO ALPINE VALLEY – SATURDAY FEB 8

Please confirm your attendance **by Monday Feb. 3** by signing up at the meeting. 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.

CAMPDOC PROFILES:

You should have (or will) received a “CampDoc” email requesting data entry from the Scouting medical forms A and B. Council wants to get these forms on file electronically so they do not need to collect them at every Council or District event. Their goal is to use them for Merit Badge University on Feb. 22. They can then be easily updated online. Parents should have access to edit their Scouts’ forms. **As you make changes, please submit a paper form** also, for the Troop. A and B are just a parent’s signature. If you have any questions or issues, please contact Mr. Yates.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS – FEB. 24

If you think you are eligible, please contact Mr. Yates to ensure you’re on the list (which is currently empty).

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.

CAMPERSHIPS!

The 2024 MSC Campership Program will be accepting recommendations for six camperships, each \$350. These are available to any Scout in any Scouting organization, upon recommendation of their Scout group leader. Camperships can be used for any long-term camping activity or large-scale Scout activity.

The **Craig Goodwin Campership** will be awarded to a Scout who has limited financial means but shows willingness to work hard to pay his / her own way within their Scout group.

The **Adam Beggs Campership** will be awarded to a Scout who exemplifies the fourth point of the Scout Law: "A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

The **Joe Beggs Campership** will be awarded to a Scout who is a true outdoorsman. In addition to participating in outdoor sports and camping, the candidate should have a background in nature-ecology and must be conservation-minded.

The **Wayne Marley Campership** will be awarded to a Scout who exemplifies the third point of the Scout Law: "A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help other people at all times."

The **Julie Beggs Campership** will be awarded to a Scout who cares for the wellbeing of others and has a proven interest in first aid or medicine.

The **Luc Caron Campership** will be awarded to a Scout who has shown leadership in formal or informal capacities in their Scout group, school, or local community.

If you would like to apply for one of these, or have any questions, please contact Mr. Yates. The application deadline is **February 28**.

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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