



Troop 23 – Hot News

February 10, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 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
 - 02/24- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting / OA Elections
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CHURCH BUILDING KEY AUDIT:

First Pres is doing an audit of all its outstanding building keys. Any adults that 1) currently have a building key, or 2) need to have a building key, please be at the meeting Monday 2/10. The church's Building & Grounds Manager will be there to collect information about key owners. The church needs this information by this week, if you are unable to attend this Monday's meeting please contact Steve Yates.

BOARD OF REVIEWS PARENT HELP:

We are looking for a few parents to assist with Board of Reviews that are required to advance scouts to the next rank. Board of Reviews take place during Monday scout meetings and require 3 parents to interview the scout. If you are interested, please see or send Darren Lange an email at darrenlange@yahoo.com.

CAMP ATTENDANCE RECORDS:

The Troop needs accurate 2023 and 2024 campout attendance records in TroopMaster, to determine eligibility for the 2025 or 2026 Order of the Arrow elections on Feb. 24. Plus, the TLC wants to reintroduce the traditional Troop "teepee" for which Scouts (and adults) earn a bead for attending each campout. With appropriate updated records, the Troop will back-issue beads. Therefore, please turn in your campout attendance for the past two years at the 2/10 Troop Meeting, or email Mr. Yates (cc a third person/parent). Some Scouts have been logging campout attendance in their handbook, which is a good way to track it, but please submit a sheet or photo so we can enter the dates in TroopMaster. Please ensure your name is on the paper.

Event list (add any others with overnights as needed):

Nov 2024 - Johnson's Mound
Oct 2024 - Kohler-Andrae, WI
Sept 2024 - Illini State Park
July 2024 - High Adventure: Boundary Waters
June 2024 - Summer Camp, Tomahawk
May 2024 - Warren Dunes
April 2024 - Devil's Lake
Nov 2023 - Johnson's Mound
Oct 2023 - Shabbona Lake
Sept 2023 - Kettle Moraine
July 2023 - High Adventure: Philmont
June 2023 - Summer Camp, Tomahawk
June 2023 - Starved Rock (training/Philmont)
May 2023 - New Scout Campout
April 2023 - Grant Pilgrimage
Jan 2023 - USS Silversides

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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