



Troop 23 – Hot News

February 17, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 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
 - 03/03- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
 - 03/10- Monday, 7:00-8:30 Troop Meeting
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ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS FEB. 24 - ATTENDANCE NEEDED!

Scouts: Please plan to attend the meeting Monday Feb. 24. We need at least 50% attendance to hold the annual Order of the Arrow election. Arrowmen should wear their sash.

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.

EAGLE ADVISOR AND BOARD OF REVIEWS HELP:

The Troop needs someone to guide Life Scouts through their project proposal and application. We currently have three Scouts looking for assistance. Meeting attendance is not required but is occasionally helpful for discussion with Scouts.

In addition, 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 in helping with Board of Reviews, please see or send Darren Lange an email at darrenlange@yahoo.com.

SCOUT NANO DAY:

Attention science-enthused Girl Scouts and Scouts BSA: 2025 All Scout Nanotechnology Day is on Saturday, April 12, 2025 (note the date changed!) from 8:30am - 2pm on Northwestern University's Evanston campus. This is a great opportunity for any Scout in the 6th grade who is (or may be!) interested in science. Most activities are in small groups to facilitate lots of Q&A with the scientists. Space is limited to 70 Scouts and advance registration is required, so sign up soon. Cost is \$15 per person. See <https://www.iinano.org/education/scoutnanoday/> for info and to register.

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.

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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