



Troop 23 – Hot News

March 3, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 03/03- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting,
 - 03/03- Monday, 7:15 pm Parent Meeting - 2025 Summer Camp
 - 03/09-Sunday, 2:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor – Corey Ostensen and Patrick Zapf
 - 03/10- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 03/14-14-Friday-Sunday Campout – Greene Valley, Naperville
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SUMMER CAMP 2025:

It's still cold outside, but Summer Camp 2025 is right around the corner! Summer Camp is the culmination of Troop 23's Scout Year where Scouts get to utilize all of their skills that they have learned throughout the year. Please join us this Monday (March 3) for an introductory parent's meeting to discuss Summer Camp. Please meet around 7:15 downstairs and we'll decide where to meet. The attached registration form has quite a bit of information and important dates as we progress towards Summer Camp. Also, the 2025 Program Guide can be found at Tomahawk's Planning website here: <https://camptomahawk.org/planning>. Please download the Guide and have your Scout start looking at merit badges and/or programs they may be interested in. Please note some age requirements for some of the advanced activities. Feel free to contact T23 Summer Camp Coordinator Kyle Allred (630-723-8661; kyallred@gmail.com) with any questions.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

We will be partnering with Three Fires Council with their Scouting For Food Campaign. Each scout will be receiving 5 door hangers at our meeting this coming Monday, March 3rd. They will be responsible for hanging the door hangers within their neighborhood. Timeline is as follows:

- March 3: Scouts receive 5 door hangers
- March 4-9: Scouts put 5 door hangers on the doors of houses in their neighborhood
- March 15: Scouts pick up bags of food from the 5 houses beginning at noon. PLEASE NOTE: If food is not picked up by 4PM Mrs. MacKinnon will be getting direct text messages and/or phone calls from your neighbors. Please pick up the bags of food on time.
- March 17: Scouts bring collected food to the scout meeting. Food will be sorted and counted. Numbers need to be shared with Three Fires Council. Then food will be loaded into Mrs. MacKinnon's vehicle and brought to Milton Township Food Pantry.

Scouts will receive 1 hour of service. Please contact Mrs. MacKinnon if you have any questions.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR:

Join us for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor celebrating the achievements of Corey Ostensen and Patrick Zapf! All Scout families and friends are welcome to attend. The ceremony will begin at 2 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Scouts – arrive by 1 pm to assist with setup. A cake and punch reception for all will follow the ceremony.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE:

As Scouts begin planning for Summer Camp 2025, don't forget about Troop 23's Uniform Exchange. At each Monday Troop meeting, the Uniform Exchange is open for business. If your Scout needs anything from socks, to shirts, to shorts/pants, or even gear like boots, a backpack, or a sleeping bag, consider checking out the Uniform Exchange before buying new! If you have items that have been outgrown but are still usable, consider bringing those items for exchange/trade-in or donation. Generally, items are available for a low cost and/or a trade-in of a similar item. The Uniform Exchange is set up on a large rack in the hallway each Monday, you can't miss it, so come check it out!

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.

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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