



Troop 23 – Hot News

March 10, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 03/10- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
- 03/14-16-Friday-Sunday Campout – Greene Valley, Naperville
- 03/17- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
- 03/24- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting / Potluck Dinner / Court of Honor / Summer Camp Forms & Deposit Due

MERIT BADGE DEADLINE 3/10:

The cutoff for merit badges for Court of Honor is Monday 3/10/25. Blue cards for merit badge university should now be posted in the Three Fires Council portal. In order to access those; 1) log in, 2) click on name in the upper right, 3) view activity, 4) look for Merit Badge University, 4) select "Blue cards, plain paper", 5) preview report, 6) print and bring to next meeting, or save as pdf and email to Mr Johnson at pauljohns@gmail.com. Incomplete merit badges will still need to be recorded, so we can get that progress into Troop Master.

COURT OF HONOR AND POTLUCK DINNER:

Save the date! Troop 23's Court of Honor and Potluck dinner will take place on Monday 3/24. More details to come!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Last week, the Troop's Scouting For Food campaign kicked off. Scouts received door hangers, and by now should have distributed those within their neighborhood. Timeline for the remainder of the campaign is as follows:

- Sat., 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.
- Mon., 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.

SUMMER CAMP 2025 – DEPOSIT AND REGISTRATION FORMS DUE 3/24:

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. The registration form has been distributed, contact Kyle Allred if you still need one. 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. Registration forms and deposit are due Monday 3/24.

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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