



Troop 23 – Hot News

March 24, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 03/24- Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm Court of Honor/Potluck Dinner/Summer Camp Forms & Deposit Due
 - 03/31- Monday NO Troop Meeting
 - 04/07- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Leadership Planning Meeting (No Troop Meeting)
 - 04/13- Sunday Swim Test for Summer Camp (time/place TBD)
 - 04/14- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
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COURT OF HONOR AND POTLUCK DINNER:

All Troop 23 Scout families are invited to attend the Court of Honor and Potluck Dinner on March 24 at 6:30 pm. For details please see the evite (link below). Please note:

- 1) This event starts at 6:30 pm: *this is a half hour earlier than typical Monday night meetings.*
- 2) Summer Camp registration forms and deposits are due.
- 3) Dry tents can be returned (do not return tents that are still wet!)
- 4) There is construction on Gary Ave, which may impact those driving from the North, extra time may be needed to get to meetings. A detour map is below.

<https://www.wheaton.il.us/1341/Gary-Avenue-Detour-Map>

<https://evite.me/25v6b9xuqw>

TROOP MEETING SCHEDULE UPDATES:

- There will be NO Troop meeting on Monday 3/31 due to Spring Break.
- There will be NO Troop meeting on Monday, 4/7, however; this will be a Planning Conference, all Troop Leadership should attend.
- The Troop Leadership Committee meeting on 4/3 has been rescheduled to 4/10.

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY REMINDER:

There are still a few Scouts who have not yet provided their Blue Cards. If you still need to do so, a reminder for how follows: Blue cards are posted in the Three Fires Council portal. To access; 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.

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

Summer Camp 2025 registration & deposit is due Monday 3/24. 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. The Camp Swim Test will take place on 4/13; details are TBD. Feel free to contact T23 Summer Camp Coordinator Kyle Allred (630-723-8661; kyallred@gmail.com) with any questions.

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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