



Troop 23 – Hot News

June 2, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 06/02- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
- 06/09- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
- 06/14 – 06/21 Summer Camp

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT NEWS FROM WILLIAM GOCHEE:

Hello scouts and adults, my Eagle project, a baby wipe and diaper drive for the Evangelical Child and Family Agency in Wheaton, is taking place at St Michael's Catholic church on **June 7th (5pm Mass) and June 8th (7:15am 9am, and 10:45am)**. For this pro life diaper and baby wipe drive, the goal is to raise up 6000 individual diapers which is enough to help 4 babies for the 6 months that ECFA helps newborns for. Additionally the goal for baby wipes is 100 packs.

I am asking for help with the following:

-Any Scouts that are able, please bring diapers and/or wipes to the Monday 6/2 Troop Meeting.

-Also, anyone able to gather or donate wardrobe sized cardboard boxes to hold the donations of baby wipes and diapers.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering to help out next weekend, feel free to email me at: williamgochee6@gmail.com.

SUMMER CAMP 2025 – IMPORTANT MEDICATION AND FOOD ALLERGY REMINDERS:

Any Scout bringing medication to camp must complete the form below and return it to Mr. Busse who will be the Designated Adult. If a specific time is provided, we have a small window +/- that time to administer the medication without filing a report; something more general like "morning" or "breakfast" is also acceptable. "As needed" medication should also be documented. This information should also be on the part A+B medical forms. If a parent is at camp, he/she can hold and administer their Scout's medication. The Troop carries OTC pain medications and antihistamine pills in its first aid kit.

The medication form can be found here (p.2 of the PDF is an example):

https://camptomahawk.org/Portals/4/Forms/Medication_Administration_Record.pdf

For food allergies, the camp has published a menu (see below). Last year, breads/rolls were "made in a facility with nuts"...we have someone providing those for Troop 23 Scouts with nut allergies this year, so please let us know if that's your Scout. For anything else the Scout needs to bring for alternative food; the Troop can keep it for them in a cooler.

The camp menu can be found here:

<https://camptomahawk.org/Portals/4/Documents/2025%20Sioux%20Camp%20Menu.pdf>

Other camp reminders:

- Make sure to complete all Merit Badge pre-requisites prior to Summer Camp! The 2025 Program Guide can be found here: <https://camptomahawk.org/planning>.
- Payment in full for Camp was due, if you still owe a balance please remit payment asap.

Please contact T23 Summer Camp Coordinator Kyle Allred (630-723-8661; kyallred@gmail.com) with any questions.

HELP WANTED – TROOP 23 NEEDS YOU!

As you know the success of Troop 23 relies on support from Parents and Adult Leaders-if you are thinking about ways you can support your Scout's success or are interested in becoming more involved in this very active Troop, there are two volunteer positions that are opening:

Membership Coordinator – the Troop's Membership Coordinator is involved in developing membership, helping with scouts who transition from Cub Scouts or from neighboring Troops, and encouraging membership growth.

Equipment Coordinator – this position involves the oversight of the Troop's camping equipment by tracking the inventory, adding items as needed, ensuring equipment is safely stored and maintained, and fostering in Scouts their responsibly to use and care for the Troop's equipment. Doug Kurtz will be stepping down from this position at the end of the summer - Thank you for all your help, Doug!

If you would like more information about these two positions, or want to hear about other ways you can help the Troop, please contact Steve Yates, Scoutmaster, at steve@srtware.com

UNIFORM EXCHANGE:

Last call before Summer Camp - 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!

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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