



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## Aug 25, 2025

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### **TROOP CALENDAR:**

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

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| • 08/25- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting, Wreath Kickoff Meeting          |
| • 09/01- Monday               | No Troop Meeting                               |
| • 09/08- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting                                  |
| • 09/12-14-Friday-Sunday      | Campout, Richard Bong Rec Area, Kansasville WI |
| • 09/15- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting                                  |
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### **WREATH SALE KICKOFF:**

The Parent Wreath Meeting and wreath sales kickoff day is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **SEPTEMBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:**

Let's support First Presbyterian Church and thank them for partnering with our troop! The annual church picnic is coming soon on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There are various shifts that run between the hours of 10:30AM-2:30PM. We will be supporting them with:

- Set up
- Running Games
- Helping parishioners with plates and drinks
- Clean Up

Please use the link below to sign up for one or more shifts. Scouts and families are encouraged to attend if they are able and to enjoy the picnic with members of the church. This is a Class A event. This is a wonderful opportunity for scouts of all ages to show our appreciation to First Presbyterian Church.

[Sign Up Here](#)

### **OCTOBER CAMPOUT:**

Those planning to attend the Eagle Cave October 10 – 12 campout must RSVP in advance - we need a hard count for those attending by Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

Annual membership renewal is Nov. 1 for most Troop members. Those Scouts will receive an email around Sept. 1 from Scouting America. Please do not pay Scouting America directly; the Troop has been paying for you and collecting from the Scouts. Adults will need to pass the new/updated Safeguarding Youth training (YPT) before then; new course, plus shorter for annual recertification. Hazardous Weather training is also required for Trained status. Adults may donate toward their fees to the Troop, if desired.

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**

Troop 23 is looking for an adult volunteer to coordinate/track adult training for the Troop. If you are interested or for information on how to get started, contact Steve Yates at [steve@srtware.com](mailto:steve@srtware.com)

### **GEAR AVAILABLE:**

A former Troop member has generously donated several items of camping gear. One item is a 12-person tent, which the Troop probably doesn't have a use for, so if someone wants it please claim it, otherwise it will be donated to Goodwill. Other items going into the uniform exchange include:

- Small "backpacking" chair
- 2 folding chairs
- 1 sleeping bag
- 3 sleeping pads

### **GEAR (AND ASSISTANCE) NEEDED:**

Do you have a trailer hitch? Troop 23 may need help pulling the trailer to campouts this fall. If you can pull the trailer, please let us know. You'll need to be registered (in advance) if staying overnight, but the Troop pays for adults.

### **SCOUTING AMERICA HAS A RECRUITER AWARD FOR SCOUTS:**

The best way to build a unit is to invite a friend. There are three steps:

- 1) Talk about Scouting and why you enjoy it,
- 2) Invite a friend to a meeting and let their parents know they can speak with Mr. Yates if your friend is interested,
- 3) Your friend joins and is welcomed by the troop! The award is a "recruiter" strip worn on the uniform under your right shirt pocket. For more information, visit [www.scoutshop.org/blog/a-scouts-guide-to-earning-the-bsa-recruiter-patch](http://www.scoutshop.org/blog/a-scouts-guide-to-earning-the-bsa-recruiter-patch)

**ORDER OF THE ARROW: UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Fall Fellowship and Ordeal for newly elected candidates; September 5-7 @ Camp Big Timber

Participate in service and enjoy fun activities, Council campfire and great food. Details at <https://scoutingevent.com/127-76853>

**MERIT BADGES:**

Per the recent email that all merit badge nooks are free online, please reference this link <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

**HOT NEWS INFO:**

Got some information for the weekly Hot News? Please forward the details of your news item to [ruthlange@yahoo.com](mailto: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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