



Troop 23 – Hot News

Sept 1, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 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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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 7th. 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 8th.

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.

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

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 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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