



Troop 23 – Hot News

Oct 13, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 10/13- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 10/18- Saturday, 7 am – 1 pm | American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Cantigny |
| • 10/20- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting – Court of Honor |
| • 10/27- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting/Halloween Party – Final Wreath Orders Due |
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AMERICAN LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Scouts will support the annual American Legion pancake breakfast at Cantigny on October 18, 2025. This is a class A event. Scouts can sign up for one or both of the following shifts: 7AM-10AM and/or 10AM-1PM. Sign up will be available at the scout meetings on the dry erase board and on the troop Facebook page. It is important to remember our scout slogan "Do a good turn daily". Even if you do not need the hours for advancement, we should support our local American Legion to show appreciation for all that the members have done for us.

CONSENT FORMS DUE:

Hello T23 Families! It's the time of year when we ask for signed consent forms as we prepare to recharter our Troop's affiliation with Boy Scouts of America through the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton. Please print, sign, and return the consent form to the Registration/Advancement table at Monday night meetings by Monday, October 27. Direct questions to T23 Membership and Forms Coordinator Ashley Dockery at aly234@yahoo.com

COURT OF HONOR:

Monday 10/20's Troop Meeting is the Fall Court of Honor, parents are encouraged to attend.

OKPIK 2025-2026 COLD WEATHER TRAINING:

Are you interested in advanced training to stay safe and "comfortably cool" in below-freezing temps? Three Fires Council is offering a course for Scouts and Scouters to enjoy camping all winter long. It includes an online orientation, 2 Saturday morning training sessions, and an overnight outdoors. The fee is \$90.00 by October 30, \$100.00 after. The course is open to Scouts who are 13 y.o. by Dec. 9 and have attained First Class rank. All adult volunteers are welcome. For more information: scoutingevent.com/127-OKPIK2526.

THREE FIRES COUNCIL UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING:

November 8, 2025; 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

The University of Scouting has over 50 courses for adult volunteers covering Scouting skills, activities and leadership. There will also be youth training available for the roles of Senior Patrol Leader, Order of the Arrow Leadership, and Den Chief. For more information: scoutingevent.com/127-UofS25

WREATH SALES:

Keep on selling those wreaths – Monday 10/27 is the last day to turn in orders! Don't forget, turning in your order forms at each meeting gets you a ticket for our weekly raffle. Plus, let's keep that patrol competition going—the winning patrol gets to celebrate with a pizza party at the end of the sale! If you still need a packet or have any questions, please contact your patrol leader. Remember if you accept wreath sales through Zelle, have the customer put the scout's name in the Memo line. A list of receive Zelle payments will be updated daily [here](#).

CONSERVATION HOURS OPPORTUNITY:

Following is a link to the Great Western Trail Volunteer Days in Elmhurst: There are two weekends left that Scouts can participate (10/18 and 11/15) and get conservation hours before the end of the year. Some Troop 23 scouts have signed up for the November 15th option. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAEA92AA3FE3-54372615-2025#/>

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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