



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## Oct 27, 2025

### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 10/27- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting/Halloween Party – Final Wreath Orders Due |
| • 11/03- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting                                           |
| • 11/08-09 – Saturday-Sunday  | Survival Campout, Elburn, IL                            |
| • 11/10- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting                                           |

### WREATH SALES – FINAL ORDERS DUE 10/27:

Monday 10/27 is the last day to turn in orders! Some help will be needed to review orders as final turn-in night is always busy. If you 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](#).

\*\*Save the date: Wreath pickup will be the weekend of 11/21.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY – 10/27:

The Troop's annual Halloween party will be Monday 10/27; there is a \$5 per attendee charge to cover pizza and drinks. Feel free to bring a dessert to share (though please consider there are nut and sesame allergies in our Troop), we have Scouts can wear a Halloween costume or Class A uniform. Help will be needed to set up for the party if you are available!

### EAGLE PROJECT HELP:

Mitchell Johnson is looking for volunteers to rake leaves as part of his Eagle project. Assistance is needed Saturday/Sunday afternoons (12-4PM) for the weekends of November 1st and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please email Mitchell if you can help or with questions at [mitchell.e.johnson@icloud.com](mailto:mitchell.e.johnson@icloud.com)

### PARENTS OF TROOP 23 FACEBOOK PAGE:

Reminder that Troop 23 has a Facebook group page for parents/families where Troop news and updates are often posted. If you'd like to join the group request an invite here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19bugHWUgW/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

### 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](mailto:aly234@yahoo.com)

### 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, two 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](http://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](http://scoutingevent.com/127-UofS25)

### CONSERVATION HOURS OPPORTUNITY:

Following is a link to the Great Western Trail Volunteer Days in Elmhurst: There is one weekend left that Scouts can participate (11/15) and get conservation hours before the end of the year. Some Troop 23 scouts have already signed up so you'll know some others there! <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](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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