



Troop 23 – Hot News

November 3, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 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 |
| • 11/17- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 11/21-22, Friday-Saturday | Wreath Pick Up |
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SERVICE UPDATES:

November: If your schedule allows, please help Mitchell Johnson with his fundraising efforts for his Eagle Project this coming Saturday, November 8th. Hours that scouts assist with Eagle Projects get recorded as service hours. This is a wonderful opportunity to help fellow scouts and for our younger scouts to learn about the many different components of an Eagle Project. Please contact Mitchell Johnson directly if you are able to help

December: Once again we will be helping with First Presbyterian Church's Christmas Sharing Program. I think we can all agree that this program is more important than ever this season. With the reduction in scout numbers at meetings, it has been decided that Troop 23 will commit to three sundry boxes. Your scout will be assigned 1-2 items to bring in. All of these items can be purchased at the dollar store. Everything must fit into the box, please no Costco size toilet paper or paper towel. Cube shaped boxes of tissues work best. Please see the sample photo of appropriate items. All items are to be unopened and unused. Items will be assigned during our meeting on Monday, November 3rd. Items must be returned by Monday, December 1st. Please email me directly (Nicole.MacKinnon@cusd200.org) if you would also like to complete a sundry box as a family. Thank you for your support.

January: We will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on Monday, January 26th from 7:15-8:45 PM at the Aurora location. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled meeting that evening. We have 25 spots to fill. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve as a family. Please click on this join link to register: <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=WKXXVK>

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>

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.

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

HOT NEWS INFO:

Have 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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