



Troop 23 – Hot News

December 15, 2025

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 12/15- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting/Holiday Party |
| • 12/22- Monday | NO Troop Meeting |
| • 12/26-27- Fri 7pm-Sat 7:30 am | Troop Lock In |
| • 12/29- Monday | NO Troop Meeting |
| • 01/05- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm | Troop Meeting |
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HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 15:

Scouts should **bring cookies/treats** to share. Please be aware there are a few nut allergies and a sesame allergy. The party is in the gym, so no pizza this time. There will be an **optional gift exchange**. Under \$10 for a "real" gift, and if the Scouts bring a (wrapped) "real" gift, and also want to participate in the gag gift, under \$10 for a gag gift/white elephant gift.

JANUARY CAMPOUT:

For those Scouts attending the January campout, the *optional* luge tickets are \$79.50, due to our Treasurer Mr. Smith by **Monday December 15**. See the email sent to attendees on Dec. 4 for more information and restrictions (contact Mr. Yates ASAP if you need info!). Scout Account funds can be used. Spectators are free.

HOLIDAY TROOP MEETING SCHEDULE:

Note that there are NO Troop meetings on either Dec. 22 or 29. Subscribe to <https://troop23wheaton.org/calendar/> to stay up to date on Troop events!

LOCK-IN – DECEMBER 26-27

Arrive any time after 7pm, pickup is at 6:30 am. The TLC decided to maintain an early end time. Any returning college students (adults) need to be registered to stay overnight, otherwise they can visit for the evening. The TLC chose a Hawaiian theme so bring your tropical snacks and clothing (or class B uniform). Scouts can also bring computers, consoles, and games. If we can find a projector we may have movies. Breakfast will be provided; Scouts should bring their own snacks.

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY:

Merit Badge University registration is open: <https://scoutingevent.com/127-MBU26> at York High School. Scouts should have a blue card signed by Mr. Yates. Mr. Johnson should be informed afterwards so he can look for your electronic records updates for all badges. Spots are filling fast – any Scouts that are interested should sign up as soon as possible.

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT:

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>

2027 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The **World Scout Jamboree** is held every four years. In 2011 it was held in Sweden, 2015 Japan, 2019 USA, 2023 South Korea. The next Jamboree will be held in **Gdansk, Poland** in the summer of **2027** and will have approximately 45,000 Scouts and leaders from over 140 countries in attendance. For youth participants, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be able to live in a tent city where they are camping next to Scouts their own age from all over the world. They get a chance to meet Scouts from countries they are reading about in school or that their family is from, or practice their foreign language skills. We will be in Poland for over two weeks, with a pre-tour for a few days and then about 10 days at the Jamboree itself. Participants must be between age 14-17 at the start of the Jamboree on July 30, 2027. Anyone older than that can apply to be a unit leader or on staff. Anyone younger than that will have to wait for the 2031 Jamboree in Denmark. Registration is open. So far, they have over 400 youth and adults registered from 44 states. More information can be found here:

World site: <https://www.jamboree2027.org/>

US contingent: <https://wsj2027.us/> (registration; form has costs)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1248199950271418>

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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