



Troop 23 – Hot News

January 26, 2026

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 01/26- Monday, 7:15-8:45 Service Project, Feed My Starving Children – NO Troop Meeting
 - 02/02- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 02/07- Saturday, 8:00am-3:30pm Klondike Derby, Cantigny Park
 - 02/09- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 02/15- Sunday Scout Sunday, First Pres
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Troop 23 has the following Adult Leader opportunities open for all looking to get more involved in Troop 23:

Summer Camp Coordinator - We need a volunteer to be our summer camp 2026 coordinator. Per Tomahawk, the Coordinator must attend camp. Tasks include collecting registration forms and registering Scouts for their merit badges and activities. Our prior coordinator, Kyle Allred, can help get you started, ideally ASAP. Contact Mr. Yates or Mr. Allred for more info.

Wreath Sales Coordinator - We need a volunteer to be our wreath sales 2026 coordinator. Tasks include updating and printing the flyer and order forms, collecting orders, ordering wreaths from the suppliers, and distributing the wreaths to Scouts. Our prior coordinator, Carrie Olsen, can help get you started.

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT AT FMSC – MONDAY JANUARY 26:

In lieu of our Monday Troop meeting, the troop will instead be hosting a service event at Feed My Starving Children on Monday, January 26th from 7:15-8:45 PM at the Aurora location. Note that this will replace our regularly scheduled meeting that evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve as a family. Please click on this link to see if any spots are still available: <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=WKXXVK>

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY – SATURDAY JANUARY 31:

Merit Badge University registration is open: <https://scoutingevent.com/127-MBU26> at York High School. Scouts do NOT need a paper blue card; they are handling those electronically per <https://scoutingevent.com/127-MBU26>. Approval from Mr. Yates must still be obtained before registering for a merit badge. Scouts MUST bring medical forms A+B with them! (we suggest saving the filled out PDF, to sign/date as needed for future events)

KLONDIKE DERBY – SATURDAY FEB 7:

The Klondike Derby will be taking place on Saturday February 7 at Cantigny Park. Scouts must register in advance through the Troop, and those participating must have Medical forms A+B on file. See your Patrol Leader with questions.

SCOUT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 15:

Sunday February 15th is Scout Sunday. We will be making and serving donuts to churchgoers between services. Scouts should plan to be at church at 7am to help make donuts; to help decorate donuts arrive at 8am. Scouts should attend at least one service, in class A uniform. All Scouts attending 2 services (both First Pres services, or a service at First Pres plus one service at their own church), in uniform, will be treated to a pizza lunch afterwards. We will need two Scouts to volunteer to speak for a couple minutes at each service about what Scouting has meant to them, their appreciation of the church's support of the troop, a connection to faith and scouting, etc. Tell your Patrol Leader or Mr. Yates if you are interested. First Pres' services are at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. It is not necessary to be a member of First Pres to attend! All Scouts, as well as their families and friends are welcome to attend Scout Sunday services!

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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