



Troop 23 – Hot News

February 9, 2026

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 02/09- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 02/15- Sunday Scout Sunday, First Pres
 - 02/16- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 02/23- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
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MBU BLUE CARDS:

Be on the lookout for blue cards for Merit Badge University, which should soon be posted in the Three Fires Council portal.

To access those, log in

Click on name in the upper right

View activity

Look for Merit badge University

Select "Blue cards, plain paper"

Preview report

Print and bring to next meeting, or save as pdf and send to Mr Johnson at pauljohns@gmail.com . Incomplete merit badges will still need to be recorded, so we can get that progress into Troop master.

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!

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS – FEB. 16

Please plan to attend this meeting - we need over 50% attendance to vote. If you think you are eligible for Order Of The Arrow, please contact Mr. Yates to ensure you're on the list and have met the requirements.

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.

Hot News Coordinator – We are looking for a volunteer to prepare and distribute the weekly Hot News. Tasks include compiling updates into the weekly newsletter document, distributing it electronically, and maintaining a record of issues in the Troop's google drive. Periodic/interim communications are also needed. Contact Ruth Lange ruthlange@yahoo.com with any questions if you are interested.

SUMMER CAMP 2026:

Monday March 3, there will be a parent meeting to discuss Summer Camp 2026. All parents are welcome, but this meeting is especially helpful for Scouts new to Summer Camp. The meeting will take place during the regular Monday troop meeting.

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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