



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## February 16, 2026

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### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 02/16- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
  - 02/23- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
  - 03/02- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting, Summer Camp Parent Meeting
  - 03/09- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
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### **ATTENDANCE NEEDED - ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS – FEB. 16**

Please plan to attend this meeting - we need over 50% attendance to vote. Arrowmen who are able to attend, make sure you wear your Sash. 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.

### **SUMMER CAMP 2026:**

Monday March 2, there will be a parent meeting to discuss Summer Camp 2026. All parents are welcome, but this meeting is especially helpful for parents of Scouts who are new to Summer Camp. The meeting will take place during the regular Monday troop meeting.

### **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. If you love Summer Camp and want to be part of the main camping event of our year, where our Scouts' can use all the skills they've worked on all year for advancements and fun – then this is the role for you! (Note that per Tomahawk rules, the Coordinator must attend Summer 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. This is a fun, and festive, opportunity to help the Troop manage its biggest annual fundraising project. Tasks include updating and printing the sales flyer and order forms, collecting orders, ordering wreaths from the suppliers, and distributing the wreaths to Scouts. Our prior coordinator, Carrie Olsen, will be available to help get you started and outline all that's required.

Hot News Coordinator – Looking for a way to support Troop 23, but aren't able to fit weekly Troop meetings and other events into your schedule? Hot News Coordinator may be for you! We are looking for a volunteer to prepare and distribute the weekly Hot News. Tasks include compiling updates into the weekly newsletter document and distributing it electronically each Sunday. Periodic/interim communications may also be needed. Time commitment is roughly 1-2 hours each week. Contact Ruth Lange [ruthlange@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthlange@yahoo.com) with any questions if you are interested.

### **MBU BLUE CARDS:**

Reminder for Merit Badge University attendees, 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](mailto:pauljohns@gmail.com) . Incomplete merit badges will still need to be recorded, so we can get that progress into Troop master.

### **HOT NEWS INFO:**

Have 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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