



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## March 23, 2026

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### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 03/23- Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm Troop Court of Honor
  - 03/30- Monday **NO** Troop Meeting
  - 04/06- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
  - 04/11-12, Sat-Sun Annual Planning Conference, Naperville
  - 04/13- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
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### COURT OF HONOR – MARCH 23:

The Troop Court of Honor will be held at next Monday's (March 23) Troop Meeting. Note the early start time for this event of 6:30 pm. All attending, please RSVP and sign up to bring food to the potluck dinner here: <https://evite.me/JJk4ZbQUJT>.

### MONDAY MARCH 23 DEADLINES:

Please note that next Monday March 23 is an important Summer Camp deadline – deposit/sign up and merit badge requests are due.

### TROOP 23 CHARTER NEWS:

As discussed in the past few committee meetings, Troop 23 is now chartered through American Legion Cantigny Post 556. Please see the PDF attached to this issue of Hot News for details. The Troop will continue to meet, and store our equipment, at First Pres. We will discuss this change more at the Court of Honor on Monday, 3/23.

### ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE:

Our annual Planning Conference, extended this year and including leadership training, will be April 11-12 at Von Oven in Naperville. We expect to alternate planning sessions with training and fun. Please attend if you are:

- Patrol leader
- Assistant PL
- Want to be a PL, SPL, ASPL in the next 6-12 months
- SPL staff
- Willing to help teach a short session or two

Note PL/SPL elections are April 6. If you cannot make the entire time, please come when you can. By rule the gate will be unlocked while we are there. The Troop will pay for food. We anticipate starting at 8 am Saturday and ending mid/late morning Sunday. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4BA4AD2FA0FD0-62663002-troop>

### MERIT BADGE RESOURCES:

Registration is open for Merit Badge University 2026. This MBU will be on Saturday, May 2 at Camp Big Timber in Elgin, Illinois. Details on the schedule, cost, etc. can be found here: <https://scoutingevent.com/127-MBUCBT>. Scouts should contact Mr. Yates for badge approval. Scouting America offers great online resources for merit badges and is available for free to all Scouts. You can find merit badge pages and PDFs for all badges, as well as digital resource guides for many badges. You can find all these resources here: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/> (scroll down to bottom of page merit badge resources).

### MAY CAMPOUT:

We're looking for 1) new (2026-27) AOL or Webelos dens to join us at our May campout, and 2) any level den interested in having one of our Scouts serve as a den chief.

### PARENTS OF TROOP 23 FACEBOOK PAGE:

Troop 23 parents and families – if you are on social media, please make a request to join our Troop's Parent Facebook page! This is a great place for updates, info, and to connect with other Troop 23 families. Families new to Troop 23 are especially encouraged to join! Link to the Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1240415152659151/>

### ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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 are occasionally 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.

**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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