



Troop 23 – Hot News

April 6, 2026

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

- 04/06- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting – Patrol Leader Elections
 - 04/11-12, Sat-Sun Annual Planning Conference, Naperville
 - 04/13- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 04/20- Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm Troop Meeting
 - 04/24-26, Friday-Sunday Campout – Starved Rock State Park
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NEW HOT NEWS COORDINATOR:

Troop 23 has a new Hot News Coordinator! Starting today the Hot News will be managed by Cam Thai. If you have any news or announcements that you'd like included in the Hot News, forward those via email to camthai@gmail.com by **Noon on Saturdays**.

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS:

- April 6 - Patrol Leader elections
- April 9 - Monthly TLC
- April 11-12 - Planning conference + PL Training (see ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE info below for details and the signup link)
- April 13 - OA Callout (Please wear your OA sash)

ANNUAL SWIM TEST:

Our annual Swim Test is Sunday April 19, anytime between 12-2 pm. Wheaton Sport Center is graciously accommodating us again. As we get closer, we'll send out an email with their permission slip and more info. This applies for the First Class requirement as well as any other aquatic activities, including Summer Camp attendees. Summer camp attendees who can't make it to this test time will need to take their test upon arrival at Summer Camp.

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS:

All adults volunteering/participating in any Scouting activities must complete the Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as Youth Protection Training), or SYT. Most adults training certification expires May 31st (after National shortened the applicable period to shift to the new, improved SYT). SYT must be completed and current in order to participate in any Scouting activities. Subsequent annual recertification should be shorter in following years. See <https://my.scouting.org/tools/my-training/requirements>.

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.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

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 INFO:

Have some information for the weekly Hot News? Please forward the details of your news item to camthai@gmail.com **by Noon on Saturdays** and it will be included in that week's issue.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK, PLEASE CONTACT:

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