



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## April 13, 2026

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### **TROOP CALENDAR:**

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

• 04/13	Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm	Troop Meeting – OA Callout
• 04/19	Sunday, 12:00-2:00pm	Swim Test – Wheaton Sport Center
• 04/20	Monday, 7:00-8:30pm	Troop Meeting
• 04/24-26	Friday - Sunday	Campout – Starved Rock
• 04/27	Monday, 7:00-8:30pm	Troop Meeting
• 05/02	Saturday	Merit Badge University – Camp Big Timber

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### **ANNUAL SWIM TEST:**

Our annual Swim Test is Sunday April 19, anytime between 12-2 pm. Wheaton Sport Center is graciously accommodating us again. 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. Scout will need to complete and bring the permission slip that was included with the email form April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR WILLIAM GOCHEE:**

Please join us in celebrating William Gochee at his Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Scouts are requested to arrive at 1:00pm to assist with setup, and the Court of Honor ceremony will begin at 2:00pm. A reception will follow in Stewart Hall (Rooms 104 and 105).

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> (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>.

### **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 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 INFO:**

Have some information for the weekly Hot News? Please forward the details of your news item to [camthai@gmail.com](mailto: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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