



Troop 23 – Hot News

April 20, 2026

TROOP CALENDAR:

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

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| • 04/20 | Monday, 7:00-8:30pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 04/21 | Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm | Committee Meeting, Adult leaders and parents |
| • 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 |
| • 05/03 | Sunday, 2:00-3:30pm | Eagle Court of Honor – William Gochee |
| • 05/04 | Monday, 7:00-8:30pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 05/07 | Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm | TLC – Troop Leadership Council |

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR WILLIAM GOCHEE:

Please join us in celebrating William Gochee at his Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, May 3rd 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 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>.

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 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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