



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## May 25, 2026

### TROOP CALENDAR:

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

• 05/25	Monday, 7:30am	Wheaton Memorial Day Parade
• 05/25	Monday, following cemetery ceremony	Annual Memorial Day Picnic
• 05/29	Friday - Sunday	OA Spring Fellowship
• 06/01	Monday, 7:00-8:30pm	Troop Meeting
• 06/01	Monday, 7:00-8:30pm	Mandatory Bear Safety Training
• 06/04	Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm	TLC – Troop Leadership Council
• 06/08	Monday, 7:00-8:30pm	Troop Meeting
• 06/15	Monday, 7:00-8:30pm	Troop Meeting
• 06/16	Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm	Committee Meeting, Adult Leaders and Parents
• 06/21-27	Sunday – Saturday	Summer Camp

### WHEATON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>:

Scouts will meet at the church at 7:30 AM to prepare for the morning parade, which will conclude at Wheaton Cemetery and be followed by a ceremony. A family picnic at the church will take place immediately afterward.

All Scouts are expected to participate in the parade unless they have a conflicting commitment, such as participation in a marching band. Nearby parking is available, including at Edison Middle School, for those who plan to drive or arrange carpools for return transportation.

*\*\*Please Note: Troop 23's standard is that everyone marching in the parade should wear long pants\*\**

### WHEATON MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Our annual Memorial Day picnic will immediately follow the parade, at First Presbyterian Church, on the lawn outside the parish house (on Carlton Ave.), weather permitting, or inside in Stewart Hall.

### MANDATORY BEAR (SAFETY) TRAINING - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>:

Any Scouts attending summer camp that are **not** at this meeting must read through the training individually, and notify the Troop. (<https://camptomahawk.org/resources>) Not following the rules can get you (or the entire Troop) sent home.

### LIEUTENANT DAN BAND CONCERT - JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>:

Cantigny is honored to host the West Suburban Foundation for Disabled Veterans' ROCKIN' FOR OUR VETS concert featuring Gary Sinise & The Lt. Dan Band on Saturday, July 11. This special event supports WSFDV's mission to provide housing and other living needs to disabled veterans and their families. See the attached flyer and link for tickets and information. <https://cantigny.org/event/lieutenant-dan-band-concert/>

### HEALTH FORMS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP

All Scouts and adults attending Camp Tomahawk must submit current health forms and copies of both sides of their health insurance card to the Troop. Forms must be dated after June 1, 2025. Access the forms here: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf) Everyone needs parts, A, B1, and B1. Anyone staying three or more nights must complete Part C, which requires a physician's signature - please schedule appointments early. We ask that you submit three single-sided copies of the completed forms and three copies of both sides of the insurance card at a Monday night Troop Meeting as soon as possible. If you are unsure of the status of your Scout's forms or yours, please reach out to Ashley Young at [AshleyYoung.T23@troopmaster.email](mailto:AshleyYoung.T23@troopmaster.email).

### 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>.

### SERVICE UPDATE - CAMDEN MACKINNON EAGLE PROJECT:

I am currently working on my Eagle Project and partnering with DuPage Pads and their Interim Housing Center (IHC). I am working with them to create a multipurpose family room where IHC volunteers can facilitate art activities and game

and movie nights with the many children that DuPage Pads serves. My project is twofold. I am facilitating a drive for games and art supplies and building shelving units to store and organize the supplies for the multipurpose room. I am completing the project in two phases and would appreciate scout support. You will earn service hours toward your scouting ranks and learn about the Eagle Project process! Please contact me directly if you are able to help at a Monday meeting or on my cell phone at 630-520-2028.

- May 31, 2026 at 10:00 AM at my home (26W490 Churchill Road, Winfield). We will be sanding and staining the shelving pieces and sorting donations.
- June 2, 2026 time TBD (most likely late afternoon, early evening) at the IHC located at 1113 Butterfield Frontage Road, Downers Grove (repurposed Red Roof Inn). We will be assembling the shelving units and organizing the art supplies and games on them.

I will be collecting gently used games, Legos, and puzzles at our monthly meetings beginning Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure the items have all of the pieces and are in good condition. You can also donate items using this [Amazon Wish List Link](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39V6LOH4Q4W10?ref=wl_share) - ([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39V6LOH4Q4W10?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39V6LOH4Q4W10?ref=wl_share)).

Please reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

**SERVICE UPDATE - ON YOUR OWN SERVICE:**

With the weather getting nicer, now is the perfect time to earn some volunteer hours at our many DuPage County forest preserves! See below for locations and dates. You can register using this link: [DuPage Forest Preserve Calendar](https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/calendar-of-events) - <https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/calendar-of-events>

- May 30, 2026 Churchill Glacial Ridge 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**SERVICE UPDATE - ON YOUR OWN SERVICE - RUN FOR THE ANIMALS 5K/10K 6-6-26:**

Volunteers needed for the annual Run For the Animals 5K/10K on Saturday, June 6, 2026 - earn volunteer hours as a Course Marshal or Water Station helper at the annual Run for the Animals 5K/10K in downtown Wheaton. This fun community-oriented morning benefits Cosley Zoo and relies on volunteers for safe operation. Parent or adult supervision (including access to a car to possibly drive to assigned race corner) is required for volunteers under age 16 years old.

To sign up visit - <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/IL/Wheaton/CosleyZooRunfortheAnimals>

Questions - contact Sherlock's mom Mrs. Varcak: [susan.varcak@gmail.com](mailto:susan.varcak@gmail.com)

**2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE:**

There are two openings available for Scouts interested in attending the 2026 National Jamboree. Scouts who are interested should contact Marty Broderick at 224-339-0562 for more information.

**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](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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