# Troop 23 – Hot News
# November 16, 2026

**TROOP CALENDAR:**
For the full calendar, visit http://troop23wheaton.org/calendar/

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| • 11/16 | Monday, 7:00-8:30pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 11/17 | Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm | Committee Meeting, Adult Leaders and Parents |
| • 11/18-21 | Wednesday-Saturday | Wreath Pickup |
| • 11/21-22 | Saturday-Sunday | Campout - Johnson's Mount (Tentative) |
| • 11/23 | Monday | No Troop Meeting |
| • 11/30 | Monday, 7:00-8:30pm | Troop Meeting |
| • 11/30 | Monday | Luge Ticket Money Due for January Campout |
| • 12/3 | Thursday, 7:00-9:00pm | Troop Leadership Council |
| • 12/5 | Saturday, 9:00am | Fallen Heros Wreath Laying |
| • 12/7 | Monday, 7:00-8:30pm | Troop Meeting |

**WREATH PICKUP:**
Location: One Line Church, 1300 S President St, Wheaton (map). This is 3 short blocks south of Roosevelt Rd on the west side of President. Huge parking lot. Pull all the way back and around past the white garage. There is plenty of loading space.

Pickup times:
Wednesday Nov. 18, 3 - 8pm (assuming all wreaths arrive on time -- we will send out another message if not)
Thursday Nov. 19, 3 - 8pm
Friday Nov. 20, 3 - 8pm
Saturday Nov. 21, 9am – 12pm

All wreaths **must** be picked up **by Saturday**! If you go on the campout or you cannot make any days, arrange with a fellow Scout to get them for you.
There is no way for them to be stored to wait for you to be back in town.
REMEMBER: THE WREATHS WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT MOIST SO THEY WILL STAY FRESH.

**WREATH UNLOADING HELP:**
Mrs. Yates would really like help:

- Unloading the truck Wednesday morning/afternoon. Time depends on the delivery driver, we will send out updates. (the driver will not unload)
- Filling orders during any and all pickup times.

Please email susan@jeyates.com or call 630-469-2339.

**SERVICE PROJECT – CONSERVATION SERVICE HOURS:**
Scouts needing conservation service hours, please check out the DuPage County Restoration Workday calendar using this link: Fall Restoration Work Days. Due to the nature of the work, a parent will need to attend the workday with the Scout. If you take part in a workday, please give Mrs. MacKinnon the following information to be recorded into Troopmaster: date, location, and brief description of work completed.

**JANUARY CAMPOUT:**
Luge ticket money is due Monday, November 30th for January campout for those who want to luge. Please see separate email send Oct. 22nd for additional information.

January 16-18 (Saturday to Monday/MLK Day) the Troop will cabin camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation, in Michigan, for our Winter Sports campout. Sunday, we will go to the nearby Muskegon Adventure Park which

includes one of the four ice luge tracks in the US.

Tickets to luge are **optional** and include training, sled, helmet, and pads. There are also "day" passes to buy on site, to ski, skate, and/or snowshoe ($10-40), or a free sledding hill (sled rental $3, or bring one).

Park Luge Rules:
*All participants must have a health insurance policy and sign a waiver upon purchasing tickets. Participants under 18 must have a waiver signed by a legal guardian and must be accompanied by an adult. All participants will be asked to weigh in on scale that will privately confirm your body weight to our check-on staff. The ticket purchase is responsible for confirming all participants comply with our weight and height guidelines. Refunds will* ***not be offered*** *if a participant does not meet weight or height requirements.*

*Size Requirements*
- *Minimum height: 48"*
- *Minimum weight: 65 lbs*
- *No maximum height or weight limit*

The online waiver link will be provided after the Troop purchases the luge tickets, so parents can sign before the trip.

Payment of **$79.50 per person** is due in advance, by **Monday November 30**, to our Treasurer, Mr. Smith, via cash, check, or Scout Account. First come, first served, since the park has a limited number of tickets in each time slot. The Troop will purchase tickets ASAP after that meeting. This fee includes their per-ticket processing fee. We may need to use more than one 2.5-hour window on Sunday Jan. 17, depending on the group size and available tickets.
It is **not required to purchase a luge ticket**. Scouts who don't wish to luge can participate in any other activity there, including the sledding hill, or observe the luge run.

The park refund policy after ticket purchase:
- Over 21 days in advance: 75% refund
- Under 21 days: 50% refund *if* they resell your ticket

Alternatively, a Scout may sell their spot to another Scout.

**INSURANCE CHANGE:**
If your Scout's health insurance changed, please provide a copy of the new card for our records. Please include images of the front and back, and send in three copies if it will continue through summer camp.

**HIGH ADVENTURE - SUMMER 2027:**
Save the date – Troop 23 High Adventure planning for sometime after July 11, 2027.

**DEN CHIEFS NEEDED:**
Cub dens of all levels can benefit from having a Den Chief! Scouts can develop leadership skills while earning requirements toward Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. Interested Scouts should speak with their Patrol Leader (PL) or contact Mr. Yates for more information.

**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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