

BY THE NUMBERS

33

Active
Scouts

Scouts Ages

11-17

27

Registered
Adult
Leaders

7

Current Troop 23 Scouts that are members of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society

264

Total Eagle Scouts from Troop 23 since 1955

MERIT BADGES

Troop 23 has a good number of merit badge counselors who are adults in our Troop, and always willing to help Scouts learn.

COURTS OF HONOR

A Court is a special occasion where Scouts are recognized for their achievements during the past half year. A separate Eagle Scout Court of Honor recognizes those earning Scouting's highest achievement.

ABOUT US

Troop 23 provides an active and engaging program of character and leadership development. This boy-led group has a strong affinity toward camping and service. No previous scouting experience is necessary. Here are comments from several members of Troop 23:

I joined Troop 23 for socializing and fun, but Troop 23 has provided me with more than that and so much more, teaching me life skills.

-MD, Life Scout

My favorite part about scouting is summer camp. I joined scouts to have fun and go camping more.

-TB, Second Class Scout

It's a great group of guys and a big group of guys. So you can always find someone who wants to do what you want to do!

-PZ, Star Scout

Scouts is not just camping and hiking. It teaches youth valuable leadership skills that can benefit them throughout school, college and the rest of their life.

-MH, Life Scout

THANK YOU!

Chartering Organization:

American Legion Cantigny Post 556
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Troop 23 is extremely grateful to First Presbyterian Church and its members for supporting the Troop and its Scouts since 1955.



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Founded 1955



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HIGHLIGHTS

Troop 23 maintains a robust schedule of programming developed by older Scouts at the Troop's Annual Planning Meeting in April. In 2025-2026, our planned events and activities included the following:

- Range and Target Activities day (August)
- Campout at Richard Bong Recreation Area, Kansasville, WI (September)
- Campout at Shabbona Lake State Park, Shabbona, IL (October)
- Halloween Party (October)
- Survival Campout at Johnson's Mound, Elburn, IL (November)
- Christmas Party (December)
- Lock-In/Overnight at First Presbyterian Church (December)
- Campout at USS Silversides/Luge/Owasippe, Muskegon, MI (January)
- Klondike Derby (February)
- Scout Sunday (February)
- Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Naperville, IL (March)
- Family Potluck Dinner (March)
- Campout at Starved Rock, Oglesby, IL (April)
- Scouting Excellence Campout (May)
- Memorial Day Parade & Picnic (May)
- Summer Camp at Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Birchwood, WI (June)
- Troop Meetings (August - June)
- Various service projects and other events

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

Service Projects

Troop 23 has ongoing service initiatives. These include both work in the community and conservation efforts. Recent efforts have included staffing the American Legion Pancake Breakfasts at Cantigny; removing trash and invasive species at DuPage County Forest Preserves and the Elmhurst Great Western Prairie; many person-hours spent at Feed My Starving Children, and more.

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

Wreath Sales

The primary fundraiser for Troop 23 is selling Christmas wreaths and holiday greenery. All Scouts are expected to participate in the wreath fundraiser and encouraged to set sales goals to fund their camping trips, summer camp, and other scouting experiences.

Since 2019, Troop 23 has been including a Fallen Hero wreath option as part of our wreath program. This created a new tradition for the Scouts to place greens purchased through this offering on the graves of veterans buried at Wheaton Cemetery in a ceremony held each year in early December.



A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Scout Sunday

Each year, in early February, Troop 23 celebrates Scout Sunday by participating in worship services at First Presbyterian Church and by serving Scout-made donuts to its congregation.



EAGLE SCOUTS

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. To become an Eagle Scout, eligible Scouts must complete an Eagle Project. In its history, Troop 23 has helped hundreds of young men earn the rank of Eagle Scout. We are very proud such a high percentage of our older Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Recent Eagle Projects have included:

- Clean and repair/re-set gravestones at St. Charles Cemetery
- Design and build a podium for use at school wrestling meets
- Design and build picnic tables at school
- Organize a diaper and baby supply drive
- Plan and execute a neighborhood seed repository at local library
- Creating a Dog Sensory Garden at the Naperville Humane Society
- Constructing a bridge at Happy Hooves Therapeutic Farm
- Building a weather station at Longfellow Elementary School

HIGH ADVENTURE

Troop 23 strives to offer older Scouts a challenging High Adventure Experience each year. These are longer 10- to 14-day camping trips that are physically and mentally challenging, packed with fun and activities. Recent High Adventure trips include: Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Boundary Waters canoeing in Minnesota, and Scouting's Sea Base in Florida.