

## TROOP 23 BY THE NUMBERS

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**57**  
Active  
Scouts

Boys Ages  
**11-18**

**33**  
Adult  
Leaders

Troop 23 Scouts that are currently  
members of the Order of the Arrow, **7**  
Scouting's National Honor Society

**236** Total Eagle Scouts  
in Troop 23's 66 year history

**16/58/137**  
Merit Badge Counselors affiliated with  
Troop 23 representing 58 of  
the 137 total Merit Badges available

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## COURT OF HONOR:

A special occasion where Scouts are recognized  
for their achievements. Here are the achievements  
presented at the more recent Courts of Honor:

In October 2020, Scouts received:

- 47 Rank Advancements
- 129 Merit Badges and 4 Palm Awards
- 3 National Outdoor Camping Awards

In May 2021, Scouts received:

- 23 Rank Advancements
- 39 Merit Badges and 4 Palm Awards
- 4 National Outdoor Camping Awards

## TROOP 23 ABOUT US

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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  
current members of Troop 23:

*I joined Troop 23 for socializing and fun, but  
Troop 23 has provided me with 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, Eagle Scout

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## THANK YOU!

Troop 23 is extremely grateful to  
First Presbyterian Church and its members  
who have supported the Troop  
and its Scouts for 66 years.

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# BSA TROOP 23

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## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...

Despite restrictions in place due to the global pandemic, Troop 23 has participated in many safe outdoor activities this year with more planned:

- Winter Sports Outing: Blackwell (1/2021)
- Klondike Derby (2/2021)
- Spring Campout: LeRoy Oakes (4/2021)
- Shooting Sports Daytrip: St. Charles (5/2021)
- Canoeing & Spelunking Campout: Blue River, WI (5/2021)
- New Scout Skills Campout (5/2021)
- Memorial Day Commemoration (5/2021)
- Camp Freeland Leslie (6/2021)
- End of Summer Campout: Warren Dunes, MI (9/2021)
- Fall Campout: Blackwell (10/2021)
- Survival Campout: Elburn (11/2021)

## A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

### Service Projects

In 2020, the need for social distancing required Troop 23 to shift its many traditionally troop-wide service activities to individual Scout opportunities. Some of these included:

- Virtual Crop Walk—raised awareness and funds to fight hunger
- Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans—prepared meals for residents
- DuPage County Forest Preserves and the Elmhurst Great Western Prairie—removed trash and invasive species
- Additional hours spent at Feed My Starving Children; Wheaton Garden Club's community plant sale; local churches; and more.

In Fall 2021, the Troop resumed its monthly service project efforts which include service and conservation activities.

## 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 in our community. 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 on or near December 7.



## 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 donuts to its congregation.

In 2021, Scouts participated in the church's virtual service and coordinated a drive-thru event where church members received pre-packaged donuts from the Scouts as well as collection bags for a church-sponsored food drive.

## EAGLE SCOUTS

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. To achieve the rank of Eagle, eligible Scouts must complete an Eagle Project.

In its history, Troop 23 has 236 Eagle Scouts. Currently, 10 Scouts in Troop 23 have earned their Life Rank and are on track to complete their Eagle requirements. Several of those are currently working on their projects.

Current Eagle Projects underway:

- Constructing a bridge at Happy Hooves Therapeutic Farm
- Creating a pop tab collection bin at the Ronald McDonald House

Other recent Eagle Projects include:

- Building a weather station at Longfellow Elementary School
- Coordinating a pet supply drive for Starfish Animal Rescue
- Making masks for Wyndemere Senior Care nursing home and Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.
- Collecting new baby supplies for the Evangelical Child and Family Agency
- Creating shelving units for St. Michael Catholic Church
- Landscaping at Tammy's Trace, a home for female veterans
- Soundproofing a music recording studio at Monroe Middle School

## HIGH ADVENTURE

In March 2022, Troop 23 will be doing the Sea Base scuba adventure.