



# Galaxy 23

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District 23 Bridge

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Things are happening quickly! It just seems like yesterday we were having the spring conference and now it's time for the spring picnic. As a reminder to everyone there will be no Summer Council Meeting. We voted to cancel this meeting at the last Winter Council.

We have a few changes to the spring picnic this year. If you haven't seen the flyers, the picnic will be held at Fox Lake Park in Titusville because the pavilion at Sand Point Park is being refurbished. No cardboard boat race this year due to the gators in Fox Lake but we will be having horse shoes, fishing (with a license), badminton, canoeing/kayaking and croquet.

A few changes are also being made to the food. Entrées and sides are being supplied by the District – pulled pork, burgers and chicken fillets, corn on the cob, baked beans, cold slaw and potato salad, lemonade and water. We are asking everyone to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and adult beverages as desired!

We will also be doing the "Wear It" campaign photo again this year. We had around 112 members in the photo last year. Let's try to top that number this year! You do not have to power inflate your PFD for the photo. Everyone just needs to don a "legal" life jacket.

To submit the photo to the Ensign we are asking that everyone sign in on the colored sheets. We will again challenge the other districts, to "beat" our number of members wearing PFD's-we might even set some sort of record! Don't forget to bring a life jacket to the Picnic. Toss a spare in your car, and you could even help those that may forget.

The fun continues with our Craziest 100th Birthday Hat Contest- bring your best birthday hat to the picnic! Please RSVP your squadron commander so that we can get a head count so we don't buy too much food or "heaven forbid" too little food. I am sending out my personal challenge to all of the squadrons to have someone from every squadron in District 23 at the picnic this year! Please see the picnic flyer for more details and directions.

Safe Boating Week will also soon be here. It starts May 18th and runs through May 24th. I hope everyone has plans in place for getting the word out to the boating public about your Safe Boating Week events. If you don't know what your squadron has planned please check with your squadron executive officer, chief vessel examiner or your squadron safety officer. I have heard from most of the District 23 squadron executive officers and know that there are many great events planned around the District.

See you on the water soon!

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