



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



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Welcome to the Pack & Troop 208 Monthly Newsletter

Each month we'll try our best to provide our unit parents & leaders with a summary of the upcoming events in the Council, District and Pack/Troop for your information and to help plan your calendars. Please share this with others and let us know what we can do to provide better service.



May we all have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

As we approach another Christmas, let's not think of it being a time off from school or work. It celebrates an event far more profound.

Upcoming Events

Council & District events



Cub Scout TRAINING

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training



[Lee Schultz @ cubtraining@swancreekdistrict.org](mailto:Lee.Schultz@swancreekdistrict.org)

BACK! by popular demand... Lee's Crew of *Trained Trainers* are locked & loaded for another year.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

January 8th, 2011 (all day) from 10:15am to 3pm

March 23rd Part I session from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

March 30th Part II sessions from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation = BALOO

March 5th, 2011 (all day) from 8:30am to 4pm

Reservations must be made through the Council and paid for at the Council for all classes. Call Nancy and get your name on Lee's list for training.



Boy Scout TRAINING

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

[Mike Pierson @ bstraining@swancreekdistrict.org](mailto:Mike.Pierson@swancreekdistrict.org)

April 30th Scout Leader Specific Training

This is for Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters, but can be attended by any adult in the Troop.

May 20th - 22nd Outdoor Leader Orientation

This is also for Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters, but can be attended by any adult in the Troop. It's the weekend "hands on" training.

Want more information about the courses being offered or a schedule of when? We have that online:

<http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/Training.htm>

Please take a moment to think of those less fortunate or those serving our country who can't be with their families for Christmas.



Winter Weekend

Put it on your calendars - the Winter Weekend ...

February 11th - 13th, 2011 @ Camp Miakonda

The theme has yet to be announced (and the Camping guys are just smiling at us when we ask). We have reserved our Cabin already for a great time.



God & Country Camporee

March 11th - 13th, 2011 @ Camp Miakonda

This year our own Mr Waterstradt is going to help plan and run the weekend. Get ready.

We have reserved our Cabin already for extra adults.

2011 Pinewood Derby



The 2011 Pinewood Derby is tentatively scheduled for March. Times, locations and Derby Rules (for 2011) have not been published yet. We'll provide all that information as soon as we know ourselves.

2010 Popcorn sales went very good. ALL Popcorn monies are due to Mr Raven no later than December 16th so he can pay the council.

Training for our Scouts

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING



**Camp Miakonda
Toledo, Ohio
June 12-17, 2011**



For the older Scouts who may want additional training to help expand their leadership potential.

Pack News

December 16th: PACK MEETING at the Legion Hall
Awards & Recognitions to be passed out
The theme is Christmas.... be ready to be
FESTIVE everyone.... SINGING will happen
Popcorn money due tonight please
PLEASE Call Mr Raven if you have any questions.

January 20th: PACK MEETING at the Legion Hall

February 6th: SCOUT SUNDAY

Everyone is welcome to join Mr Waterstradt at the Swanton Alliance Church or Mr Raven at St Richard's Church if you would like to.

February 17th: PACK MEETING

The PACK's Pinewood Derby

Bring your parents and family to share the



March: District Pinewood Derby - TBA

March 17th: PACK MEETING ~ BLUE & GOLD Banquet

Awards & Recognitions



The National Camping Award is out...

and the (new) **BSA National Outdoor Challenge is in!**

Boy Scouts has evolved the Camping Award program into the National Outdoor Challenge to keep pace with our changing programs and activities. In the past Troop recognition was given for going camping and how many days & nights the Troop camped. With the increased emphasize on our environment and conservation efforts, the new program looks at units providing Leave No Trace training as part of "the Challenge." Camping with a Webelos Den and using the camping time to work on out-doors related Merit Badges are now included. BSA Form 430-016 is the new form and Mr Waterstradt is our local expert.

Troop News

December 7th: Troop meeting
Final planning for Miakonda's Adirondak's campout

December 10th thru 12th: Winter Campout
We'll depart the Legion Hall at 6pm on Friday
We'll return to the Legion around 9am on Sunday
Don't forget your permission slip!!

January: Camp Alaska
details to follow...

February: Swan Creek District Winter Weekend
details to follow...

March: God & Country Campout
details to follow...

Swan Creek District Spring Camporee
details to follow...

The editor apologies for not having a lot of information on these events yet, we'll post it as soon as we get it ourselves so everyone can plan their personal / family calendars appropriately.



For the Tigers, Wolves, Bears and First Year Webelos we'd like to remind you that Erie Shores Council will be offering Cub Day Camp again in 2011. Look for information in the spring.



February brings Scout Sunday to Boy Scouts; both Pack 208 and Troop 208. If your family has no specific Church that your family attends, you're more than welcome to join either Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven and their families for Scout Sunday on February 6th; any Sunday also.

P.R.A.Y. offers each Scout the opportunity to explore their own faith in age appropriate programs. Boy Scouts recognizes these efforts and we encourage each Scout to consider working on their faith through these programs.

http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm

Check out **P.R.A.Y.** at their site (above) or ask one of the leaders for help .



Youth Protection Training

In case you haven't heard by now, all adult Scout Leaders must be Youth Protection Trained if you want to recharter with the Troop, Pack or District. Even Merit Badge Counselors must be YP Trained.

Youth Protection Training is offered at Roundtables (2nd Thursday of the month) and at Camp Miakonda too. Check the schedule for Youth Protection Training on our Training Calendar available at:

<http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/Training.htm>



Whether you're staying at home or traveling to visit friends and/or family for the holidays, the leadership of

Pack & Troop 208 want to wish all of our Scouts and their families a safe, peaceful Christmas & New Year.

May God bless each of you and keep you all safe so we can all come back and have more fun and adventures in the new year. Merry Christmas!



The Troop is well on its way to a crew going to Philmont next summer with a crew from Crew 210. There are still a few more openings guys; so if you know another Scout who'd like to go...
INVITE THEM TO JOIN YOU.



We'll still be going to spend a week of Summer Camp @ Camp Frontier as soon as we can confirm summer schedules and leaders. Stay tuned, and parents, if you don't know what to do for a week this summer then contact the Scoutmaster and maybe a week of clear summer skies and clean country air may be your ticket for 2011!



What does a "**JANITOR**" have to do with Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts?

Nothing unless you'd like to help the Pack or the Troop and don't know what job you specifically want. That's why we think we pioneered the position of **JANITOR**.

What exactly does the **JANITOR** do? Well a **JANITOR** may have a job description as simple as being the second adult at a meeting (TWO deep leadership) or a **JANITOR** may help with publicity and provide a newsletter for the Pack and/or Troop. There's almost no limit as to what a **JANITOR** can do on the Committee and the more people willing to help just means the work can be shared and less for everyone.

If you think you may like this job, ask about it. It is nice to have someone help take care of the little things or just be there to support campouts. Lots of little things another committee member can do.

Websites

As you may have noticed, both the Pack and the Troop each have a website now. This is because Mr Raven & Mr Waterstradt recruited a JANITOR!!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208

If you don't see information or forms or anything else you need to support your Scout or your Den / Troop / etc, please let us know and we'll see what we can do to make it happen. You're that important too.

December Historical & Current Events

December 15, 1791 - The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia.

December 17, 1903 - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the longest lasting about a minute.

December 25th - Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the exact date of his birth is not known, it has been celebrated on December 25th by the Western (Roman Catholic) Church since 336 A.D.

December 25, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington took 2,400 of his men across the Delaware River. Washington then conducted a surprise raid on 1,500 British-Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians surrendered after an hour with nearly 1,000 taken prisoner by Washington who suffered only six wounded (including future president Lt. James Monroe). The victory provided a much needed boost to American morale.



The 25th Year! How can this not be historical?

November 19 - December 31, 2010

Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Gate Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Zoo closes at 9:00 p.m.)

Friday - Sunday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Zoo closes at 10:00 p.m.)

Each year, The Toledo Zoo is

transformed into a winter wonderland with *The Lights Before Christmas!* Featuring over one million lights, hundreds of lighted animal images, and all sorts of Yuletide fun, *The Lights Before Christmas* is a one-of-a-kind holiday tradition for countless families.



Exclusive Offer For Scouts & Their Families

\$12 TICKET

Includes FREE patch

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:00 PM



For more information or to order tickets, contact: ANGIE at

1-877-275-8211

* Discount offer does not apply to Opening Night. Scout offer is not available for any other performance. Handling fee per order will apply. No Double Discounts. All sales final - no refunds or exchanges.