



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



Chartered by the Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479 in Swanton, OH

February 2011



Scout Sunday

We strongly encourage our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to wear their uniforms and attend their (or a) Church on Scout Sunday in February. This is also a great time to consider starting work on a religious award program for your faith if the Scout has not started working on one yet. He can see either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt for help getting started or if you would like to join them for Scout Sunday services.

Council & District events



Cub Scout TRAINING

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training



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

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation = BALOO

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

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

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

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

Reservations must be made through the Council and paid for at the Council for all classes.



Boy Scout TRAINING

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

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

February 25th - 26th Troop Leadership Training

Lockin @ Grace UMC in Perrysburg

February 26th EDGE Training @ Grace UMC

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>

2011 Pinewood Derby



The District Pinewood Derby is Saturday March 12th, at St Francis De Sales High School. They are looking for volunteers to help run the races again. Please let Alan know if you can help out so he can get your name in to the District. The PACK Pinewood Derby is February 17th; time to get the finishing touches on your cars guys so we can RACE!!



Winter weekend

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

February 11th - 13th, 2011 @ Camp Miakonda

The theme is going to be COOKING (who knows how to burn water in the Troop?) and microwaves probably won't be allowed... sorry guys.

We have 1st Reformed cabin reserved for the weekend.



God & Country Camporee

March 11th - 13th, 2011 @ Camp Miakonda

Mr Waterstradt helping to plan this year's weekend, be ready for something different.

We have 1st Reformed cabin reserved for the weekend.

Spring Camporee.... April 29th - May 1st, 2011

No details yet on the theme or location



WHY are these CUB SCOUTS SO HAPPY?

It's because they heard that Clif Vaughn and his team have already scheduled the 2011 Cub Family Camp for them next fall

We're putting it on our unit calendar and you should too... OCTOBER 1st & 2nd, 2011 at Camp Miakonda. If you have never come out for this fantastic (and very busy) overnight event then next year is for you. It's a lot of fun, activities and a GREAT CAMPFIRE.

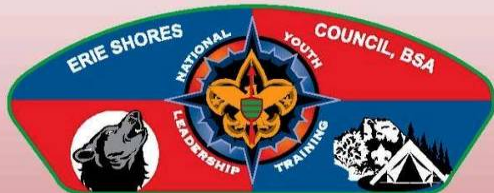
We'll keep you posted as we learn more.

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

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. Please wear your uniform to the service today Scouts.

February 17th: PACK MEETING

The PACK's Pinewood Derby

Bring your parents and family to share the fun.

Winners advance to the District Derby in March.



March: District Pinewood Derby - March 12th

Location: St Francis DeSales High School

Details available on the Pack's ADMIN page

March 17th: PACK MEETING ~ BLUE & GOLD Banquet

can you believe the year is half over???

WEBELOS II

get to cross over into Boy Scouts when the Pack has the Blue & Gold Banquet. At that time we hope you would join the Boy Scouts in Troop 208 and continue your experiences in Boy Scouts with our monthly campouts and week long Summer Camp.

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

Awards &



Recognitions



A Scout is Reverent.

P.R.A.Y. offers each Scout the opportunity to explore their own faith in age



appropriate programs. The Boy Scouts of America recognizes these efforts and we (Pack & Troop leaders) whole heartedly encourage each Scout to consider enhancing their faith through these excellent programs. For more

details go to: www.praypub.org

Check out P.R.A.Y. at their site (above) or ask one of the leaders for help. Boy Scouts is, without any question, a great opportunity for youth, but "faith" is far greater and more important throughout your lives.

Troop News

February 11th - 13th Swan Creek District Winter Weekend

February 23rd: Camp Frontier Groundhog Dinner @ Camp Miakonda for the SPL and Adult Leaders

February 25th / 26th: TLT Lock In at Grace United Methodist Church in Perrysburg A great overnight training event for our young leaders to help understand their leadership roles in the troop better.

March 11th - 13th: God & Country Campout

Swan Creek District Spring Camporee: End of April

Summer Camp: Week 7, Navarre Campsite



The Boy Scout Handbook explains a Scouts' "duty to God" as "Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and

the ways you can serve. You do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings every day and by respecting and defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs."

The Handbook explains "reverent" as "A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others."

All levels of advancement in the Scouting program have requirements recognizing "duty to God":

Pack & Troop 208 are not dictating a Scout's faith, but encourage it in any of the established religions.

www.bsalegal.org/duty-to-god-cases-224.asp



Cub Day Camp 2011 information will be posted as soon as we have it to share for our Cubs.



The Troop still has a few open spaces for the 2011 Crew going to Philmont with Crew 210. If you know any Scouts who could be interested, invite them to see, for themselves, what Philmont is all about.



We'll still be going to spend a week of Summer Camp @ Camp Frontier!!

Week: #7 July 31 thru August 6th

Site: Navarre Campsite

Early Bird payment will be due in early May and you'll save \$20 off the cost of Summer Camp.

2011 Camp Alaska @ the Weston Winter Weekend



more pictures are available on the Troop's website

February Historical & Current Events

February 6th: Scout Sunday, but it is worshipped on other Sundays also - read the history of Scout Sunday

February 8th: Boy Scouts of America was officially chartered by Congress, 1910

February 20th: Astronaut John Glenn, became the first American to orbit the Earth aboard the Friendship VII Mercury capsule, 1962

February 20th: President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792



The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (the Scouting Anniversary Day) as **Scout Sunday**, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of other options to celebrate this special day. An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

The first week of February is often referred to as Scouting Anniversary Week and the first Sunday in February is called Scout Sunday. This commemorates the founding of the Boy Scouts of America via a National Charter Congress on February 8, 1910. Sunday is celebrated by thousands of scouts each year at Churches and Synagogues across the United States.



The Archery Merit Badge is being offered by the Mudjaw Bowmen on Saturday, March 26th for 30 Scouts. Details posted:

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/March_20110_Archery_MB.pdf



2011 Youth Aviation Adventure
May 21st in Swanton

Sponsored by the Toledo Public Schools
If you're interested in a possible career in aviation this is a great opportunity to check it out for yourself.

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/208ADMIN.htm



Toledo Mudhens Sleepover Info

The 2011 Mudhens Sleepover Schedule & Information is out

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2011MudHensSleepovers.pdf

It's a great family activity even if you only go to watch the game and don't sleepover. Take a look.

Imagination Station

Back when I was a kid....well when my son was a kid anyway we went to COSI for workshops & sleep ins. Imagination Station (formerly COSI) has a schedule of programs for 2011 for Cub Scouts to take advantage of and have a good (& educational) time.

The dates are posted on the calendar (with links to the flyer). You will need to register for this and the flyer has that information/form for you.

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/ISScoutProgramBrochure.pdf

Dad & Lad / Mom & Me overnight campouts

Location is Camp Miakonda

Dad & Lad is April 16th & 17th

Mom & Me is April 30th & May 1st



more information will be provided for you as soon as we get it ourselves, but it's a fun and busy day for Cub Scouts and their parent.

The cabins are used to sleep in, but you can use a tent if you really wanted to I'm sure.

Websites

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.