



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



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

January 2011



We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The January Newsletter is being published before the end of the year so the editor can have the holidays off with his family.

Cub Scouts have a **BUSY** new year ahead!

Boy Scouts continue to keep moving along.

Upcoming Events

Council & District events



Cub Scout TRAINING

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training



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

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

January Training preregistration due by December 27th

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>

2011 Pinewood Derby



Saturday March 12th, at St Francis De Sales High School (again) and the District will be looking for volunteers to help run the program. Please let Alan (our Cubmaster) know if you can help out so he can get your name in to the District for helping.

The PACK Pinewood Derby will be February 17th and we follow the same rules provided by the District so our Cub Scouts prepare their cars for Districts!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/208ADMIN.htm

The ANDERSONS are hosting their annual Pinewood Derby Clinic on January 8th. Details on the flyer:

[Anderson's Pinewood Derby Workshop.pdf](#)



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.



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

January 8th: Andersons' Pinewood Derby Clinic

[Anderson's Pinewood Derby Workshop.pdf](#)

January 20th: PACK MEETING at the Legion Hall

January 29th: Tiger Cubs go to the Walleye Game

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 - 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???

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.

Awards & Recognitions



Journey to Excellence

In the past Packs and Troops would try to earn the Quality Unit Award or, for the past 4 years, the Centennial Quality Unit Award. Now we have the Journey to Excellence program. There are 3 levels of achievement in the new program: Bronze, Silver and Gold. What does this mean to our Scouts?

It means we keep being the same Pack and Troop we are now. We keep working on advancements and on having a great time and don't worry about it. If you're interested in all of the actual requirements for the program, you can get copies on the Forms page.

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/forms.htm

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms.htm

Troop News

January: Camp Alaska

details to follow...

January 23rd: Philmont Crew meeting @ 4pm

February 11th - 13th Swan Creek District Winter

Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

tentative theme is Cooking... more to follow

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. See the Scoutmaster if you are interested in participating in this training.

March: God & Country Campout.... TBA

Swan Creek District Spring Camporee.... TBA

Summer Camp: We're still working on scheduling it.



The TIGER CUBS are going to the WALLEYE game & sleep-in at the Huntington Center!! The January 29th game against the Florida Everblades. Anyone interesting in joining them for the event is welcome to come too.



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>

PACK / TROOP Calendar Updated

We've updated the calendar with lots of current events including the Youth Aviation Adventure in May. Keep checking back to see the current events we have scheduled or that are available to our Scouts. You'll find most of the events have flyers and you can get the flyer from the link in the calendar or find the flyer on the websites (admin pages).



Pinewood Derby Clinic
January 8th, 2011
from 9am to 4pm



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.



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!



The ORDER OF THE ARROW

For the younger Scouts or the Cub Scouts, have you ever wondered what the Order of the Arrow is or what the sashes are?

The Order of the Arrow (or OA) is a group of Scouts who have been

recognized by their fellow Scouts as being worth the extra recognition as great Scouts to camp with. There is a little more to it than that, but that sums it up.

The OA is present at Summer Camp and Cub Family Camp plus more events. They have an annual banquet and 3 ordeals each year for candidates to join & more.

If you're a Boy Scout and not a member, but you're interested, ask! If you're a member please check the Lodge's website regularly for updates & events.

www.tindeuchen.com

The OA's "WWW" was here before the WorldWide Web!

January Historical & Current Events

January 1st: Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened, 1892

January 14th: Henry Ford introduced assembly line, 1914

January 21st: First atomic submarine, the Nautilus, was launched, 1954

January 24th: First Boy Scout troop organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell, 1908



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.



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 our Cub Scouts to take advantage of and have a good 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

Scout Shop reminder: PLEASE remember that the Scout Shop will be closed for inventory during the Christmas / New Year's Holidays. We have posted the Shop hours on the calendar for you too.



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

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.