



# Pack 208

# Newsletter

# Troop 208



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

March 2011



## 2011 Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby is Saturday March 12th, at St Francis De Sales High School. They are still looking for volunteers to help run the races on the 12th. Please let Alan know if you can help out so he can get your name in to the District.

*CONGRATS to the Winners from the Pack!!*



## National Summertime Pack Award

3 summertime activities like a MUDHENS game, picnic, etc can qualify our Pack for this award in 2011!

### Council & District TRAINING 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)

### 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>



## God & Country Camporee

March 11th - 13th, 2011 @ Camp Miakonda

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

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

No details yet on the theme or location



U.S. AIR FORCE

## The National Museum of the US Air

at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton

May 20th - 22nd we're tentatively going to camp out at WPAFB with Troop 207 and visit the USAF museum.

[www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/)

Check out the museum yourself! If you've never been there it is a great experience and a proud history.

(the NAVY is still a greater tradition, but....)



## Groundhog Dinner and Summer Camp Kick Off meeting

That's right, if our Groundhogs (troop leaders including the SPL) show up they may not see their shadow, but they will see what is happening this year at Camp Frontier (Pioneer Scout Reservation).

Summer Camp is not far away for our Boy Scouts and that means they need to be looking at what Merit Badges they want to take and what activities they want to do... February 23rd @ Camp Miakonda.

## SCOUT SHOP reminder

Just a gentle reminder that if you are planning on going to the Scout Shop for something unique, please call ahead (419.241.7293) and make sure Sara has it in stock or orders it for you and gets it in first. And when your items come in, she'll let you know so you can come and get them at that time. You can possibly save a trip, especially with winter weather!



# Awards & Recognitions



## Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award (shown above), which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin (also shown above) may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year. The Cub Scout must attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp and complete rank specific requirements from their handbooks plus some outdoor activities with their den, pack or family.



## National Summertime Pack Award

All the pack must do is plan and conduct a monthly pack activity for June, July, and August. The whole idea is to keep your pack together and to do things during the summer when boys have plenty of free time. After conducting these three activities, the pack qualifies for the pack award.

**Tiger Cub**  
Neckerchief No. 80871  
Slide No. 80870  
Pin No. 14332

**Wolf Cub Scout**  
Neckerchief No. 00802  
Slide No. 80000  
Pin No. 14333

**Bear Cub Scout**  
Neckerchief No. 00801  
Slide No. 80001  
Pin No. 14334

**Webelos Scout**  
Neckerchief No. 80890  
Slide No. 00891  
Pin No. 14335

# Pack News

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.



Cub Day Camp 2011 information will be posted as soon as we have it to share for our Cubs. we expect the information in late March



**These CUB SCOUTS EXCITED** 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.

# Troop News

March 8th.... **BIG NIGHT** for EVERYONE !!

Tonight we have a lot for **EVERYONE**

- ▶ Our Winter (spring) Court of Honor to recognize the efforts of the Scouts
- ▶ Camp Pioneer / Summer Camp Information
- ▶ Annual Friends of Scouting presentation

March 11th - 13th: God & Country Camporee  
At Camp Miakonda using First Reformed Cabin  
[God & Country Camporee Flyer](#)

Swan Creek District Spring Camporee: End of April  
April 29th thru May 1st; Location & Theme are still to be announced; more to follow guys

May 20th thru May 22nd **TENTATIVE** Campout at Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum with Troop



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.

*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.*

# Upcoming Activities



March 6th, 2011 Archery Merit Badge  
Sponsored by the Mudjaw Bowmen  
reservations due by March 10th

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/March\\_20110\\_Archery\\_MB.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/March_20110_Archery_MB.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.



## Toledo Mudhens Sleepover Info

The 2011 Mudhens Sleepover Schedule & Information is out

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2011MudHensSleepovers.pdf](http://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.



Scuba Diving Merit Badge & Scuba BSA Award opportunity @ Aqua Hut Dive Center

[SCUBA Diving Programs Flyer](#)



## Leave No Trace Trainer Course

@ Camp Miakonda

May 13th - 15th

Learn more about outdoor ethics

For Boy Scouts who want to be Troop LNT Trainers this is a great program and educational too.

[Leave No Trace Trainer Course May 13 - 15](#)



Randy Burke at Davis-Besse is heading up another Atomic Energy Camporee in May; the 13th thru 15th. You may even recognize other Swan Creek Leaders helping out!

details can be found at: [www.DBAEC.org](http://www.DBAEC.org)

Can't go to Wright-Patterson, but want something to do?



[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/10CommandmentHike2011.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/10CommandmentHike2011.pdf)

May 21st @ Camp Miakonda



Toledo Public Schools Youth Aviation Adventure Program May 21st 9am to 3pm

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/YAA2011.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/YAA2011.pdf)

at the Toledo Express Airport

## 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](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/ISScoutProgramBrochure.pdf)



## ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

REMINDER: FEBRUARY 27th @ 5pm Annual Banquet

There's still time to register and come out

April 15th - 17th SPRING ORDEAL @ Camp Miakonda

Ordeal Candidates can fulfill their requirements to join the Order of the Arrow & Tindeuchen Lodge

April 29th - May 1st SECTION CONCLAVE tba

May 13th - 15th SHOOTING WEEKEND tba

June 3rd - 5th SPRING ORDEAL @ Camp Pioneer

Ordeal Candidates can fulfill their requirements to join the Order of the Arrow & Tindeuchen Lodge

You can have fun and provide service too!

# March Historical & Current Events

March 1st

1803 Ohio entered the Union as a State



March 3rd

1931 The *Star Spangled Banner* was adopted as the National Anthem of the United States of America

March 7th

1876 Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone



March 9th

1862 The battle of "USS Monitor" & "CSS Merrimack" occurred at Hampton Roads, Virginia

ACTUALLY... the USS Monitor fought the **CSS VIRGINIA** (it was previously known as the USS Merrimack until it was burned to the waterline and captured [www.history.navy.mil/photos/sh-us-cs/csa-sh/csash-sz/virginia.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/sh-us-cs/csa-sh/csash-sz/virginia.htm))

March 11th

1876 Alexander Graham Bell's first telephone call (rumor is that he got a busy signal... just a rumor)



March 16th

1802 Congress authorized the establishment of the United States Military at West Point, NY

March 23rd

1775 Patrick Henry's *Give me Liberty* speech occurred

1836 The United States Mint produced its first coins made by a press



March 24th

1989 The largest oil spill (Exxon Valdez) in United States history happened in Alaska



March 27th

1794 President George Washington and Congress created the United States Navy  
*"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of all those who threaten them"*

1884 First long distance telephone call made from Boston to New York



March 28th

1979 Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, Nuclear Reactor #2 accident began

March 29th

1943 Meat, butter and cheese rationing began as a result of World War II

March 30th

1867 Alaska was sold to the United States by Russia



# Websites

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208)

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208)

## Philmont 2011

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.

Philmont isn't just a hike.... It's a true adventure!



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.