



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



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

May 2011

Pack News

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208

April 30th thru May 1st is the INAUGURAL (yep, first year) PARENT-n-PAL overnight at Camp Miakonda. In the past Erie Shores conducted Mom & Me and Dad & Lad overnight campouts, but this year it will be Parent-n-Pal when the Cub Scout can come out with Mom *OR* Dad... or both of his parents! GOOD TIMES! Details are available on the flyer:

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/Parent-n-Pal.pdf



Cub Scout Day Camp 2011

We're still awaiting the information to share with you.... Keep an eye on the website for the flyer.

Happy Mother's Day Troop News

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208

Swan Creek District Spring Camporee

April 29th thru May 1st: It will be held at Camp Frontier (PSR) and it has a PIONEERING theme



U.S. AIR FORCE

The National Museum of the US Air

at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton

May 13th - 15th we're tentatively going to camp out at WPAFB with Troop 207 and visit the USAF museum.

www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/

MAY 30th - Swanton's Memorial Day Parade. Both the Pack and the Troop will be participating in this annual event as we honor those who have sacrificed for us.



Cub Family Camp 2011 October 1st & 2nd, 2011 at Camp Miakonda

YEP... you're being invited

2011 promises to be another great weekend for the Cubs and their families this fall. We'll have more details for you over the summer.

WOODVILLE SURPLUS Scout Appreciation Night

Their annual Scout Night is Wednesday May 4th this year from 4pm to 9pm with good deals for Scouts

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

The annual District Dinner is May 12th, 2011

[FLYER & Registration Form](#)

at the ELKS LODGE on Holland-Sylvania Road just around the corner from Camp Miakonda and is being hosted by Troop 207 and the District Recognition & Dinner Committee. GREAT FOOD... GREAT (burp)!

It's a great time with recognition of our Leadership at the District, Pack and Troop levels.



June 16th departure returning on June 30th - We'll miss you guys; come back in one piece!



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

Week: **#7 July 31 thru August 6th**

Site: **Navarre Campsite**

Camperships - Everyone has trouble at times and if there is a problem with paying for Camp this may help. See Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt if you have any questions.

Early Bird payments are due to the Scoutmaster by May 10th; it will save you \$20 off your Scout as an Early Bird.

Memorial Day

In 1865 Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May creating a three-day holiday weekend.

Awards & Recognitions & Training Info



National Outdoor Badges for
Camping, Hiking, Aquatics,
Riding and Adventure

The National Medal for Outdoor

Achievement next month



RIDING. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class Rank
2. Complete at least one of the following:
 - a. Cycling merit badge and 100 miles of cycling; or
 - b. Horsemanship merit badge and 50 miles of horseback riding.
3. Complete 200 miles of riding activities, either on a nonmotorized bike or a stock animal, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding. A silver device is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current

ADVENTURE. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class Rank
2. Complete either the Wilderness Survival or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.
3. Complete 10 of any combination or repetition of the following adventure activities under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America:
 - a. A backpacking trip lasting 3 or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
 - b. A canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip lasting 3 or more days and covering more than 50 miles without food resupply.
 - c. A whitewater trip lasting 2 or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food
 - d. A climbing activity on open rock, following Climb On Safely principles, that includes camping overnight.
 - e. Earn the National Historic Trails Award.
 - f. Earn the 50 Miler Award.
 - g. Attend any national high-adventure base or any nationally recognized local high adventure or specialty adventure program.

Items 3a through 3g may be repeated as desired. A single activity that satisfies multiple items in 3a through 3g may be counted as separate activities at the discretion of the unit leader. Similarly, a single activity that doubles an item in 3a through 3g may be counted as two activities at the discretion of the unit leader. A gold device is earned for each additional 20 activities. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of activities.

AQUATICS: Gold & Silver Device requirements
(we never got to these last month, remember?)

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatic activity. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatic activity. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of hours of aquatic activity.

Council & District TRAINING events



Cub Scout TRAINING

Cub Scout Leader
Specific Training



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

fall dates will be posted as soon as Lee schedules the 2011 ~ 2012 program year. Thanks again Lee.



Boy Scout TRAINING

Boy Scout Leader
Specific Training

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

April 30th Scout Leader Specific Training

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

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE TRAINING !

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>

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

National Outdoor Badge Application Form

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/430-309NOB.pdf

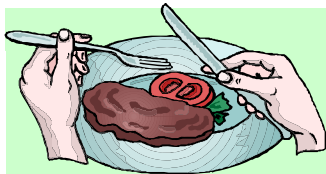
Upcoming Activities

Parent-n-PAL overnight campouts

Location is Camp Miakonda

April 30th & May 1st

www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/Parent-n-Pal.pdf



2011 District Dinner

May 12th, 2011

Location is the Elks

[FLYER & Registration Form](#)



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

the next Camporee will probably be Spring 2012

Boy Scouts of America - Erie Shores Council
2nd. Annual

10 Commandment Hike

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/10CommandmentHike2011.pdf

May 21st @ Camp Miakonda



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

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/YAA2011.pdf

at the Toledo Express Airport

Who knows... this could be the reason for your son (or daughter) works harder in school... to be a pilot!

The editor apologies for not always having a lot (or any) of the 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.

WOODVILLE Surplus Scout Appreciation Night

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2011WoodvilleSurplus.pdf

TOLEDO MUDHENS 2011 SLEEPOVERS

The 2011 Mudhens Sleepover Schedule for families who LOVE Baseball & Camping both

www.swancreedistrict.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](#)

Imagination Station

Back when I was a kid...well when my son was a kid anyway we went to COSI for workshops & sleep ins. May 1st (weberus engineering) and May 22nd (Cub Scouts Science) are the last dates available for spring

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



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

May 13th - 15th SHOOTING WEEKEND @ PSR

June 3rd - 5th ORDEAL @ PSR

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

You can have fun and provide service too!

Tour Plans have replaced Permits!

www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf

Tour Plans have replaced the traditional Tour Permits many of us are accustomed to. They are used for local, national and international travel AND are supposed to be submitted 21 days prior to an event. Please keep an eye on events & planning so we can get our Tour Plans turned in on time. Thanks!

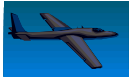
May Historical & Current Events

May 1st

1707 Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland

1888 Patent #382,280 was granted to Nikola Tesla for the "electrical transmission of power"

1960 An American U-2 spy plane (pilot Gary Powers) flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over central Russia



May 5th

1865 Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S. and became better known as Memorial Day.

1961 Astronaut Alan Shepard went on the first manned American space flight in the Freedom 7



May 6th

1915 Babe Ruth hit his first home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox at the Polo Grounds in NYC



May 8th

1919 The first Transatlantic flight

May 9th

1869 The Transcontinental Railroad was completed



May 10th

1908 The first Mother's Day observance took place in Pennsylvania & West Virginia (thanks Mom)



May 11th

1947 The BF Goodrich Company developed the tubeless tire

May 13th

1607 The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia

May 18th

1933 The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) was created

1970 The Beatles US Album "*Let It Be*" was released

1980 Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky



May 20th

1927 Charles Lindbergh began his historic solo flight in the *Spirit of St Louis* and arrived in Paris on May 21st

1932 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic



May 21st

1881 Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross



American Red Cross

May 24th

1844 Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened



May 25th

1887 The Constitutional Convention opened

1844 The first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington to Baltimore appeared in the Baltimore Patriot

1935 Babe Ruth hit his 714th (and final) home run at Forbes Field in Pittsburg, PA **In memory of those**

May 30th

1911 the first Indianapolis 500 road race was held

1922 The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated



who have sacrificed



May 31st

1927 The last Ford Model T automobile was made