



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



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

November 2012

Pack News Troop News

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POPCORN Sales

POPCORN Sales go until October 30th

Please keep taking orders and turn them in before October 30th so we can help fund our programs



Erie Shores Halloween Party at Camp Miakonda October 27th and 28th
Trick or Treat @ our own Camp!

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/HCM12.pdf

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



We're thanking all of our Scouts and their families, in advance, for their time and help with the Scouting for Food collection. The food gathered will be used to help needy families in Swanton during the holidays. We're putting out the bags on Saturday morning, Oct 20th. Everyone helping will meet at the Legion at 10am We're collecting the bags (& food) on the following Saturday morning, October 27th. Everyone helping will meet at the Legion at 10am again and we'll "git'r done!"



2013 PINWOOD DERBY

Time to start thinking about it and planning for it now!

If you need help the ANDERSONS has been holding an annual Pinewood Derby Clinic in early January. All you will need to do is draw you car design on the block (when you get it this winter) and bring it in to the ANDERSONS for their help. More details as soon as we find out ourselves.

A comparison of the Scout Oath over time...

And to Obey the Scout Law...

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutOath.pdf

A comparison of the Scout Law over time...

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

December 7th - 9th @ Camp Miakonda

Camping in the Adirondacks

Let's experience cold weather camping in a safe and fun way!

January 2013 is still in the planning....

February 8th - 10th ~ Winter Weekend Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda

we will be staying in a Cabin

I think the theme may be a mystery where we all try to find out 'Who blew the Fuse'. (just kidding Mr Scoutmaster.... Just kidding, right guys?)

March 9th thru 11th ~ God & Country Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda

we will be staying in a Cabin

April 2013 is the District Spring Camporee

details & planning are still in the works

And Finally....

June 30th - July 6th

Summer Camp in Pioneer, Ohio

A week in the woods & sun!

This is week of fun and new challenges



ELECTION DAY 2012

Every 4 years on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November the United States of America elects the President of the United States and many other public officials.

As citizens of the United States it is our right to vote. Please exercise your right and vote next month!

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and those who stand guard



Normally each month we dedicate this space to awards & recognitions, this is an exception in honor of our military.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and , if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are:

President Taft, Joe Lewis {the boxer}, and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC Evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the Hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!'

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding The Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be Afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. May God Bless and keep them.



Council & District TRAINING events



TRAINING

Cub Scout
Leader Specific Training
[Lee Schultz @ cubtraining@swancreekdistrict.org](mailto:Lee_Schultz@swancreekdistrict.org)

January 5th, 2013 ~ Parts 1 & 2 CSLT (both)
March 2nd ~ BALOO for overnight camping
March 20th ~ Part 1 of Cub Scout Leader Trng
March 27th ~ Part 2 of Cub Scout Leader Trng

**University
of Scouting**



TRAINING

Boy Scout
Leader Specific Training
[Mike Pierson @ bstraining@swancreekdistrict.org](mailto:Mike_Pierson@swancreekdistrict.org)

University of Scouting - Adult Edition
[University of Scouting 2012](#) pdf download
University of Scouting - Youth Edition
[U of Scouting Youth Edition 2012](#) pdf download

Upcoming Activities



HALLOWEEN @ CAMP MIAKONDA
October 27th and October 28th are the dates for this year's event

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/HCM12.pdf

Saturday October 27th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm
Sunday October 28th from 2:00pm to 4:30pm
Open both days for Scouts and the public
Only \$7.00 per child and the whole family is welcome to come and have a great time

Cub Scouts Construction City 2012

Ever build a City before? How about (for the Webelos) building a bridge that will actually be tested to see how much load it will bear? This is your chance guys... but you won't be allowed to use the "handyman's secret weapon" though... Materials will be provided, you just bring the design and manpower.

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/2012C-

November 24th, 2012 at the UT Main Campus Health Education Center

Bridge Builders - arrive @ 7:45am and build at 8
City Builders - arrive at 8:30am and build at 9:15
we'll stop briefly for an opening ceremony @ 9
1pm is knock down / demolition and clean up
3pm (tentatively) is closing and a RAFFLE!!!

Imagination Station

There will most likely be special programs again this year at Imagination Station for the Cub Scouts and sleepovers with the Walleye (catch a game and sleepover afterwards). As soon as we get any information on these we'll post them for

www.imaginationstationtoledo.org

These events have always been a great time of fun and learning for the Cub Scouts and their families (even younger brothers and sisters).

check the Pack & Troop websites every couple weeks for updates and new information !



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

Upcoming LODGE Events

www.tindeuchen.com

October 27th ~ Halloween Party

October 28th ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda

November 17th ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda

December 15th ~ Lodge Bowling

2013 Events

April 12th - 14th ~ Spring Ordeal @ Miakonda

Thanksgiving

taken from www.HISTORY.com



In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving" — although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

November Historical & Current Events

November 1
The United States Weather Bureau began its operation, 1870



November 2
General George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army," 1783



November 3
The artificial leg was patented, 1846
The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty was negotiated, which gave the U.S. full control of a ten-mile-wide canal zone in Panama, in return for \$10 million in gold plus a yearly payment of \$250,000, 1903

November 4
The entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered, 1922



November 5
John Hanson was elected the "President of the United States in Congress Assembled," 1781
The American Society of Engineers was established in New York City, 1853

November 8
Mount Holyoke Seminary opened for classes. This was the first college in the United States intended specifically for women, and was founded in 1836 by Mary Lyon, 1837
The first electric lamps were placed in trains on the Chicago and North Western's Overland Limited, which ran from Chicago to California, 1906

November 10
The United States Marines were established by the Continental Congress, 1775
The first long distance telephone service without operator assistance occurred, 1951



November 11
1921 The Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery



November 13
The Holland Tunnel, the first underwater motor vehicle tunnel in the United States, opened to commercial traffic. The tunnel, which linked Manhattan with New Jersey had two tubes, each large enough to accommodate two lanes of traffic, 1928
The Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., 1982



November 14
Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick" was published, 1851

November 16
General William T. Sherman with a force of about 62,000 men left Atlanta, Georgia in flames and began his "March to the Sea," 1864

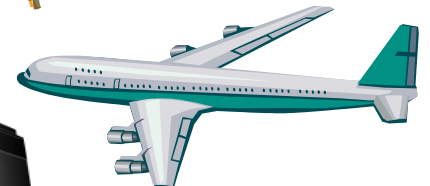
November 21
The Mayflower Compact was signed, 1620
Inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph, 1877



November 22
A twenty-two-year ban on travel to China was lifted, 1972

November 26
1789 Thanksgiving was first celebrated as a national holiday

November 27
The first successful Boeing 707 flight occurred, 1962



November 29
Coffee rationing started in the United States during WWII, 1942



November 30
The United States 42nd "Rainbow" Division, consisting of troops from every state in the Union, arrived in France, 1917