



Pack 208

Monthly Newsletter

Troop 208



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Pack News

Troop News

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Thanksgiving & Christmas Two holidays in which we give thanks

Thanksgiving is a time our country remembers...

Christmas is a time our entire world remembers
Let us not get so involved with meals or football games as to forget why we should give thanks for

a history that is still very young and a gift given unto us as a sign of God's love for us.



2014 Pinewood Derby



Pack 208 Pinewood Derby

Scheduled for Saturday Feb 22nd, 2014

Swan Creek District Pinewood Derby

March 15th; Location to be determined



God & Country Banquet ~ March 7th, 2014

God & Country Camporee ~ Mar 14th-16th, 2014

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/G&C2014.pdf

2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

May 3rd - 4th @ Camp Miakonda

2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

May 10th - 11th @ Camp Miakonda

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/&Me2014.pdf



A little engineering.... Santa's Speed

Although little is known about Santa's annual Christmas Eve late-night shift, except that it requires lots of cookies, aerospace engineers at North Carolina State University are piecing together the logistics. To deliver presents to all the girls and boys in the world (200 million, with an average of 3 per household – we'll leave aside the naughty ones for now), Santa has to visit 75 million homes covering an estimated 122 million miles. Even allotting 24 hours for delivery, Santa's sleigh would have to travel 5,083,000 mph. Flying at those speeds, it's no surprise he's so rarely spotted in the night sky. But feel free to tease younger relatives by shouting "There he goes! Awww, you missed him."

UPCOMING EVENTS...

November 26th - No Troop Meeting (no School guys)

2014 (all dates are tentative)



February 7th - 9th ~ Winter Weekend Camporee

TENTATIVE - not confirmed yet

If we go, we'd plan on staying in a cabin



March 14th - 16th ~ God & Country Camporee

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April 25th - 27th ~ District Spring Camporee



TENTATIVE - not confirmed yet



Just a reminder
Starting January 1st,
2014 we change the
border on COOKING!



Cooking Merit Badge will be required for Eagle Scout

Toy Story

Run by U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots began in 1947, when 5,000 toys were collected outside Warner Bros. Studios in Los Angeles and given to local children. Since the nonprofit's launch, more than 500 million holiday gifts have been donated and distributed to underprivileged kids throughout the country.



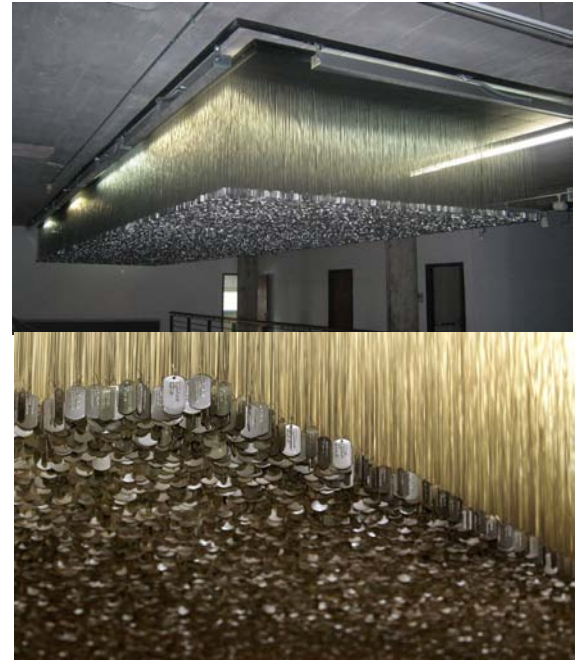
Something Special out of History...

A tribute, memorial, to our veterans who were killed in the Vietnam War hangs in the National Veteran's Art Museum in Chicago, IL. A rare memorial, Thanks to our Vets!

When visitors first enter the museum, they will hear a sound like wind chimes coming from above them and their attention will be drawn upward 24 feet to the ceiling of the two-story high atrium.

Dog tags of the more than 58,000 service men and women who died in the Vietnam War hang from the ceiling of the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum in Chicago on Veterans Day, November 11, 2010. The 10-by-40-foot sculpture, entitled Above and Beyond, was designed by Ned Broderick and Richard Stein.

The tens of thousands of metal dog tags are suspended 24 feet in the air, 1 inch apart, from fine lines that allow them to move and chime with shifting air currents. Museum employees using a kiosk and laser pointer help visitors locate the exact dog tag with the imprinted name of their lost friend or relative.



Did you know.... Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer ?

The story of Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer was written in 1939 by Robert L. May, a copywriter for the Chicago-based Montgomery Ward department stores, as a promotional gift for the store's customers. The stores had bought and distributed coloring books every Christmas and saw writing their own story as a way to save money. Montgomery Ward distributed 2.4 million copies of the Rudolph booklet in 1939. A total of 6 million copies had been given out by the end of 1946, even though wartime paper shortages restricted printing.

The story reflects May's own childhood difficulties as the smallest boy in his class. He was taunted for being a frail, scrawny misfit.

The reindeer was almost named Rollo or Reginald. May considered both these names before settling on Rudolph.

Rudolph's story was made into a song when May's brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, developed the lyrics and melody for it. Marks' musical version was first recorded by Gene Autry in 1949, selling 2 million copies that year.

Autry didn't want anything to do with this song. It was his wife who talked him into recording it, and it went on to become the second biggest-selling Christmas song of all time, next to Bing Crosby's "White Christmas." (thanks, Jeff - Boston, MA)

A little footnote to this story is that Gene had 3 songs he wanted to record on the old "45's" some of us listened to. He needed a 4th song and that's when his wife convinced him to record this song. Due to recording time and scheduling he only had the time left to record this song just once and it was a hit!... Perhaps a true "ONE HIT WONDER" and the one song he recorded that day which went down in history.

Autry was known as "The Singing Cowboy." He teamed up with Roy Rogers in the 1930's and 40's to make movies in a new genre called "Musical Westerns." Autry had his own TV show in the 1950's and was the owner of the California Angels baseball team, now known as the Anaheim Angels. Autry, who died in 1998, is the only person with 5 stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which he earned for motion pictures, radio, music recording, television, and live theater.

This song was the basis for a children's TV Special made in 1964. It was narrated by Burl Ives, and became a Christmas classic. The Chipmunks did a version of this that was a hit in 1960.

<http://www.songfacts.com/detail.php?id=2417>

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/quotrudolph-the-red-nosed-reindeerquot-is-the-351-song-on-the-us-pop-charts>

Upcoming Activities

Construction City 2014

November 30th (Saturday after Thanksgiving)
at the University of Toledo Main Campus Health
Education Center

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/CCity2014.pdf

TRAINING !!



Cub Scout Leader Training (CSLT)

Jan 4th, 2014 ~ CSLT I & II (all day)

March 1st, 2014 ~ BALOO (all day)

March 19th & 20th, 2014 ~ CSLT Sessions I & II

Flyers are posted on the websites and everyone is
welcome to attend; please register in advance.

Things to look forward to

WALLEYE Sleepovers.... Just need the schedule
usually a game and sleepover after the game

Mudhen Sleepovers.... Just need the schedule
a game, movie and sleep out in the outfield



Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camps 2014

Week 1	June 16th - 20th	Estimated cost is
Week 2	June 23rd - 27th	\$150 for the week
Week 3	July 7th - 11th	each additional week
Week 4	July 14th - 18th	is \$100

Thursday night is Family Night from 4:30 to 8:00pm

Early register by May 16th, 2014 and save \$10

Mini-Cub Day Camp June 30th - July 2nd

Come out for one, two or three days; \$30/day

Have some fun with all the same activities

Webelos I Overnights @ Miakonda

June 21st and 22nd or July 12th and 13th

\$35 per Webelos and \$35 per Adult Partner

Webelos II Resident Camp @ Camp Frontier

\$127 for the Webelos Scout & \$66 for the Adult

3 days out at Camp Frontier during the last week of
the regular Boy Scout Camp in the summer

A lot of opportunities for FUN



ORDER OF THE ARROW

www.tindeuchen.org

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

Lodge Leadership & Development Training

December 14th @ Camp Miakonda

followed by Holiday Party



December 4th - 8th at the Huntington Center

Normally there is a promotion through the Boy
Scouts to let you get tickets a little cheaper than
the normal prices. Something you may want to
consider and look for. A great family event!



FOOTBALL TIME!



Sunday, December 1st ~ Pro Football

Jacksonville Jaguars vs Cleveland Browns

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

tickets must be ordered by Friday, November 29th



The Original Harlem Globetrotters

2014 "FANS RULE" World Tour

Sunday, December 29th, 2013 @ 2pm

At the Huntington Center

Scouts EXCLUSIVE Discount Offer!!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2013Globetrotters.pdf

At the BGSU Stroh Center December 30th @ 7pm

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/HGTBG2013.pdf

If you've never seen them these are great !

December Historical & Current Events

December 2nd

The first successful artificial heart transplant was completed at the University of Utah Medical Center. The recipient was Barney C. Clark, age 61, 1982



December 3rd

The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS *Alfred*," 1775

The treason trial of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, began in Richmond, Virginia. Before Circuit Court Judges Salmon P. Chase and John C. Underwood. The charges were dropped on February 15, 1869 after President Andrew Johnson's amnesty proclamation, 1868
"Camelot" opened on Broadway, 1960



December 4th

General Washington bade farewell to his troops, 1783



December 5th

National Prohibition ended, 1933

December 6th

Construction of Washington Monument was completed, 1884

The first broadcast of an official presidential address occurred when President Calvin Coolidge gave his second annual address to Congress. The transmission was so clear that technicians in St. Louis, Missouri telephoned Washington, D.C., to ask about the occasional rustling noise, which turned out to be caused by the president turning the pages of his address, 1923

December 7th

Japanese warplanes attacked United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1941



December 8th

United States entered World War II, 1941

A treaty was enacted which prohibited nuclear weapons in space, 1966

December 11th

Incandescent stage lighting was first used in the U.S. at the Bijou Theater in Boston at a performance of *Iolanthe*, by Gilbert and Sullivan, 1883

December 12th

Joseph Rainey became the first black in the House of Representatives, 1870



December 15th

The Bill of Rights went into effect, 1791

December 16th

The first patent for a process of shaping brass into bowls was issued to Hiram Hayden of Waterbury, Connecticut. Dishes of brass, fastened to spinning dies, were pressed to the shape of the die, 1852

December 18th

The first celestial photograph was taken, 1839



December 21st

A bill authorizing a federal bailout for Chrysler Corporation by providing \$1,500,000,000 in federal loan guarantees was passed by Congress, 1980. (Signed into law on January 7, 1980 by President James Carter).

December 23rd

"*A Visit From St. Nicholas*" (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement C. Moore, was published in New York, 1823

December 25th

The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D. 336

"*Silent Night*" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria, 1818