



Pack 208

Monthly Newsletter

Troop 208



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

March 2013

Pack News

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208

March 1st ~ God & Country Banquet

Friday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Moline United Methodist Church on East
Broadway in Moline, OH (just south of 795)



District Pinewood Derby 2013

Pack winners will be able to race/show in the Swan
Creek District Pinewood Derby
March 16th at St Francis High School
Details will be provided for our winners



March Pack Meeting

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)
March 21st at the Legion
Mr Raven will provide more details at the pack
meeting as we prepare for our Cubs to advance!



CUB DAY CAMP 2013

There are 4 weeks of Cub Day Camp again this year;
the dates are listed on page 3 (Upcoming Events).

As Gary has said, we'd like someone to step up
and coordinate any Cub Scouts who are going with
car pools to minize our efforts and maximize their
fun and camp experience. Please see Gary or Alan if
you would be interested in helping.

Help can be as the coordinator or as a driver.
On behalf of the Cub Scouts ~ Thank you!

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

or simply, BALOO - A one day training session to
help Cub Scout and Webelos Leaders prepare for
taking their Cub Scouts Camping. Adults can have
fun while giving the Cub Scouts a fun time too!

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UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...



February 22nd - 23rd: Troop Leadership Training
at Grace United Methodist Church in Perrysburg
A great overnight (Lock In) training event for our
young leaders to help understand their leadership
roles in the troop better.

February 27th: Camp Frontier Groundhog Dinner
@ Camp Miakonda for the SPL and Adult Leaders

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Broadway in Moline, OH (just south of 795)



March 8th thru 10th ~ God & Country

Camporee to be held at Camp Miakonda
we will be staying in First Reformed Cabin
The theme is *One Nation Under God*



March 12th ~ Troop Court of Honor

Tuesday at 7pm at the American Legion
We've got some long overdue recognitions



April 26th thru 28th is the Spring Camporee
details & planning are still in the works



June 30th - July 6th

Summer Camp in Pioneer, Ohio
A week in the woods & sun!
This is week of fun and new challenges



A comparison of the Scout Oath over time...

To Keep Myself Mentally Awake,

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutOath.pdf

A comparison of the Scout Law over time...

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutLaw.pdf

Awards & Recognitions & Training Info



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BSA Family Award

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Some packs, through a volunteer family program chair, actively encourage and support families pursuing this award. If your pack does not promote and support the family program, your family may still participate on its own. The *BSA Family Activity Book* (available at your local council service center) gives all the requirements as well as step-by-step instructions for earning the BSA Family Award.

To earn the award, a family must complete 10 activities within a 12-month period. The family chooses one activity in two topics in each of the following categories:

1. Learning Through Fun and Adventure

- Enjoying Family Fun*
- Knowing It's Make-Believe*
- Cultivating Talents*
- Being Patriotic*

2. Strengthening Family Relationships

- Making Mealtimes Meaningful*
- Strengthening Family Traditions*
- Understanding Siblings*
- Showing Love*
- Communicating*
- Sharing*

3. Developing Personal Strengths

- Learning Duty to God*
- Fostering Self-Esteem*
- Accepting Success*
- Trusting*
- Giving*
- Accepting*



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4. Teaching Responsibility

- Developing Responsibility*
- Being Prepared*
- Planning and Organizing*
- Managing Money*

5. Handling Difficult Situations

- Overcoming Obstacles*
- Adjusting to a Move*
- Coping with Long-Term Illness*
- Loss of Loved Ones*



When a family has completed the requirements, all family members are eligible to receive an award certificate, patches for uniform wear, and/or pins for non-uniform wear.

Family members may earn the **BSA Family Award** several times. A family may choose the same or different activities as they work on the award for another 12-month period.

The family receives an award certificate and each member of the family who participated in the activities earn their choice of a patch or pin. Patches are worn in the temporary patch position on the uniform. Pins may be worn on civilian wear.

Council & District TRAINING events



TRAINING

Cub Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

- As we wrap up training this year; just a few more
- March 2nd ~ BALOO for overnight camping
- March 20th ~ Part 1 of Cub Scout Leader Trng
- March 27th ~ Part 2 of Cub Scout Leader Trng



TRAINING

Boy Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

- April 19th - 21st @ Camp Miakonda
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills and Scout Leader Training... Good training and fun for anyone considering being an SM or Assistant SM

Upcoming Activities

Dad & Lad Overnight Mom & Me Overnight



The best info available (Council Website) is:

Dad & Lad will be April 27th & 28th, 2013

To be held at Camp Miaknoda

Dad & Lad will be May 4th & 5th, 2013

To be held at Camp Miaknoda

Flyers (details) posted on the Pack Website Admin Page



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 2013.

June 17th - 21st CDC Week #1

June 24th - 28th CDC Week #2

No CDC this week due to the 4th of July Holiday

July 8th - 12th CDC Week #3

July 15th - 19th CDC Week #4



Toledo Mud Hens 2013 Scout Sleepovers



Mudhens' Sleepovers @ 5th/3rd Field

Watch a game, see fireworks, a movie and campout in the outfield for the night - WOW!

Friday, May 31st

Saturday, June 1st

Friday, June 21st

Saturday, June 22nd

Friday, July 26th

Saturday, August 3rd

Brochure & details are posted on the Pack & Troop websites or you can go to the Mud Hens site (look under PROMOTIONS and SCOUT EXPERIENCE)

Word of caution (for first time participants....)

Sleeping on the outfield is like sleeping on a carpet.

No rocks, roots or ruts.... It's like setting up your tent in the living room. One of my most unusual camping experiences ever!



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

Upcoming LODGE Events

www.tindeuchen.com

2013 Events

March 23rd ~ Service Day @ Camp Miaknoda

May 3rd - 5th ~ Spring Ordeal @ PSR

May 17th thru 19th

OA Section C6-B Conclave @ PSR

details will be posted as soon as made available

ANY Arrowman can attend & participate at the Ordeals (plenty of work to get done) and many hands make it go faster! Please sign up guys.

If you've been called out for membership in the

OA - make sure you sign up for your Ordeal

May 31st - June 2nd ~ Spring Ordeal II @ PSR



Shrine Circus

March 21st thru March 24th

Scouts save 20% off each ticket

www.zenobiashrinecircus.com

Call Ashley Cichocki @ 419.321.5030

A little Trivia...

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath.

It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof.

When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof.

Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings

Could mess up your nice clean bed.

Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection.

That's how canopy beds came into existence.

March Historical & Current Events

March 1st

- Congress authorized the first United States Census, 1790
- Ohio entered the Union, 1803 (17th)
- Congress authorized the creation of Yellowstone National Park, 1872



March 2nd

- Puerto Ricans granted United States Citizenship, 1917
- King Kong, the motion picture, premiered in New York, 1933



March 3rd

- Star Spangled Banner adopted as National Anthem of the United States, 1931

March 6th

- The Battle of the Alamo ended after 13-day siege, 1836



March 7th

- Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone, 1876
- Army Distinguished Service Medal was authorized, 1918

March 9th

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

March 10th

- Alexander Graham Bell's first telephone call, 1876



March 12th

- General Ulysses S. Grant was named general in chief of Federal Army, 1863
- The Girl Scouts of America were founded, 1912

March 13th

- The planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel, 1781



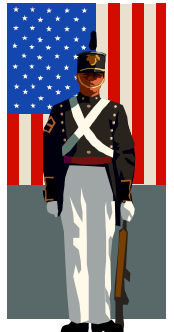
March 14th

- Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, 1793

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March 16th

- Congress authorized the establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., 1802
- Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" was published, 1850



March 17th

- The Camp Fire Girls created, 1912



March 19th

- Congress approved daylight-savings time, 1918



March 23rd

- Patrick Henry's Give me Liberty speech occurred, 1775
- The United States Mint produced its first coins made by a press, 1836



March 25th

- RCA first produced color televisions, 1954



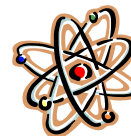
March 27th

- Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida, 1513
- President George Washington and Congress created United States Navy, 1794
- First long distance telephone call made from Boston to New York, 1884



March 28th

- Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented the washing machine, 1797
- Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, Nuclear Reactor accident, 1979



March 29th

- Alaska sold to United States by Russia, 1867



March 31st

- Wabash, Indiana was the first town to be illuminated by electric lights, 1880