



Pack 208

Newsletter Troop 208



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

August 2014



Cub Family Camp 2014

October 4th & 5th, 2014
at Camp Miakonda

Swan Creek's fun filled event has grown into the Council event with Northwest District and Commodore Perry District joining us and our Cub Scouts. More details will be forthcoming, but for now - put it in your calendars!

Swan Creek District Fall Camporee

rumor is it will be a repeat of the old "SURVIVOR SCOUT" October 10th thru 12th @ PSR (that's the rumor) we'll post the details when we get them, but.... get ready to hike & cross country navigate!

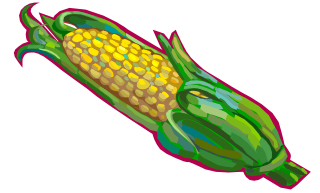
University of Scouting - a smorgasbord of training

Saturday, November 1st; location TBA



August 16th is the Swanton CORNFEST!!

Lots of fun, activities, a PARADE.... What more can you ask for? And there's also the antique cars on display....these are classics! Put it on your calendars and come on out to enjoy the day with us!



Coming in September....

Popcorn Take Order Sales begin
popcorn sales end in November
popcorn will be distributed afterwards



Scout Offices & Scout Shop

The Scout Shop & Scout offices will be closed on July 26th and 28th in order for the staff to pack up and move to the new Jadel Leadership Center (northwest corner of the parking lot). Please be patient during the move and for a short time after the move while they get re-settled!

2014 Scouting for Food Campaign

Mid-October - distribution of SFF bags
pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday
All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need.



Join Scouting Night

Our "annual" Join Scouting Night will be September 10th

We'll meet at the Park at 6:00pm to introduce Scouting to other young men and their families. Come out and help!



Kamp KaBoooooom!!!

2015's Dad & Lad overnighter @ Miakonda
Saturday, April 25th through Sunday, April 26th.
something else to add to your calendar....

Troop Meetings will start again in August

Tuesday, August 5th we'll start up again
7:00pm at Mr Raven's house
Lots to plan and look forward to this fall
Looking forward to seeing all our Scouts again



Incredible Flying Machines!

2015's Mom & Me overnighter @ Miakonda
Saturday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 3rd

Fall Pack Meetings will start again in September

September 18th at the American Legion Hall
Starting at 7pm and with the surprise of....???

September 3rd, 2014
FIRST DAY of the 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR
YEA, YIPPEE, HOORAY, SUPER !!!!

Some AUGUST Holidays & Special Events....

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/>

August 7th is NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

National Lighthouse Day honors and commemorates a beacon of light that symbolizes safety and security for boats at sea.

On August 7, 1789, through an Act of Congress, the Federal Government took over responsibility for building and operating our nation's lighthouses. The government recognized the importance to ships at sea to find safe harbor during fog and storms. Over the years, lighthouses have saved many ships, and an untold number of lives.

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Throughout maritime history, Lighthouses have shined their powerful, sweeping lights through the fog and storms, allowing ships of all kinds to find their way back to port during inclement weather. With the advent of radar and GPS technology, lighthouses have taken a back seat in guiding ships to port. However, they remain the universal symbol of safe harbor to ships and communities that rely upon the sea for their livelihood.

There are numerous local and national lighthouse preservation societies and lighthouse organizations. They serve to preserve and promote lighthouses, and their historical significance to communities, and to the nation.

Enjoy *National Lighthouse Day* by visiting a lighthouse, or learning more about your local lighthouse preservation society. Or, read a book about lighthouses.

Origin of National Lighthouse Day:

On this day in 1789, the U.S. Congress enacted legislation allowing the federal government control over the creation and maintenance of lighthouses. This special day evolved out of this event, and in recent years, through efforts to preserve lighthouses as a important historical symbol in America.

August 16th is..... National TELL A JOKE DAY (no, really & seriously....)

Let's get serious now. We are not kidding. Today is *National Tell a Joke Day* . We hope your day is filled with chuckles and laughs.

No doubt about it. Today, will be a fun-filled day, with lots of laughter. To fully participate and enjoy this day, just tell some jokes. You can do it in person, or pass along a few humorous emails. That's easy enough to do. The more jokes you tell, the more fun this day will be. We also encourage you to listen to many jokes today. Everybody is getting into the act, and in order to "tell a joke", someone has to be present to "listen to a joke".

Origin of National Tell a Joke Day:

HolidayInsights.com's research did not find the creator, or the origin of this day.

We did not find any documentation confirming this to be a "National" day. We found no congressional records or presidential proclamation

August 19th is NATIONAL AVIATION DAY

National Aviation Day is in honor of the birthday of aviator Orville Wright.

The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, were pioneer aviators in the United States. Orville was the first person to successfully fly an airplane. His first flight was December 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. This inaugural flight was soon to change the skies forever.

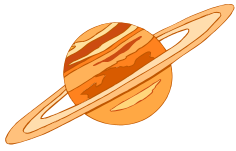
It's heavier than air, and it flies! *National Aviation Day* honors the accomplishments of Orville and Wilbur Wright. It is sometimes called Wright Brother's Day. To a lesser degree, *National Aviation Day* sometimes honors other early aviation and space pioneers. This day was selected, as it is Orville Wright's birthday. (August 19, 1871)

Origin of National Aviation Day:

This special day was created by a presidential proclamation by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939.



Upcoming Activities



PSR Fall Star Party
September 27th & 28th
details to follow - but is fun!

October 25th & 26th
Camp Miakonda's annual Halloween Party
details & flyer to follow as soon as we get them



18th Annual Event
September 20th, 2014
Interested in helping?
8:30am to noon

Miakonda Trade-O-Ree
August 15th & 16th @ Camp Miakonda
Free event and can be very interesting to come visit

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award for Boy Scouter (requirements)

[Outdoor Ethics Awards Homepage](#)

Boy Scouts and Scouters interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace should begin by exploring the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. The requirements are as follows:

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace video. (It's on the right side of the page)
3. Complete the Leave No Trace online youth course . Print the certificate.
4. Earn the Tread Lightly! online course certificate. Print the certificate when you are done.
5. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master

<https://int.org/learn/7-principles>

<http://treadlightly.org/education/learn/tread-principles-2/>



National Park Service's
LNT Video

[VIDEO LINK](#)

Outdoor Ethics Action Award for Boy Scouter (requirements)

The Outdoor Ethics Action Award challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills. The requirements for the Outdoor Ethics Action Award are as follows:

1. Do the following:
 - a. Unless already completed, earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
 - b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course
 - c. Discuss with your troop how each of the four parts of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.
2. Read the North American Skills & Ethics booklet to learn about the principles of Leave No Trace. Review the principles of Tread Lightly! Review Chapter 7 of the Boy Scout Handbook and Field book chapters about Leave No Trace, using stoves and campfires, hygiene and waste disposal, and traveling and camping in special environments.
3. Facilitate your troop's leadership in planning and leading an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use outdoor ethics and the specific skills to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Help plan and participate in at least three outings where your troop can follow the Outdoor Code and practice the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Facilitate a discussion at the end of the outings.
5. Assist your unit in arranging for a service project emphasizing outdoor ethics with a local landowner or land manager. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Participate in that project. The project should lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Make, or facilitate youth in making, a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your troop did for Requirement 4.
7. Help at least three Boy Scouts earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.



Varsity Scout/Scouter and Venturer/Scouter requirements can be found on national page if interested.

August Historical & Current Events

August 1st

The first Olympic games opened in Berlin, Germany, 1936



August 2nd

"Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, South Dakota, 1876

The naval ship, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank off the Solomon Islands, 1943



August 3rd

This day, Congress designated June 14 as Flag Day, 1949

The first telephone conversation in which voices were bounced off the moon was accomplished by U.S. scientists, 1960.

August 4th

A world air speed record of 2196 mph was set by the X-15 experimental U.S. rocket plane, piloted by Joseph A. Walker, a civilian test pilot, 1960.



August 5th

The Statue of Liberty cornerstone was laid, 1884

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was established, 1985.



August 6th

The United States dropped an Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, 1945



August 7th

George Washington created the "Purple Heart," decoration medal, 1782

The United States War Department was established by Congress, with Henry Knox as the first secretary of war, 1789

The Refugee Act was signed by President Eisenhower, 1953.

August 9th

The United States dropped an Atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, 1945

Japan surrendered to the United States, ending WWII in the Pacific, 1945



August 10th

The term *Old Glory*, referring to the U.S. flag, was first used by William Driver of Salem, Massachusetts, who was the captain of the ship, *Charles Daggett*. When presented with an American flag, Driver raised it to the masthead and said, "I name thee Old Glorv." 1831

August 12th

The first public police force was formed in New Amsterdam. It consisted of ten watchmen who were paid 24 stuyvers (about fifty cents) per night. Their salaries were collected from the townspeople each month, 1658.

August 13th

The coin operated telephone was patented, 1889



August 18th

The Copyright law was created by Congress, 1856.

The Bureau of Immigration was created, 1894.



August 24th

The North Atlantic Treaty went into effect, 1949

August 25th

The National Park Service was established, 1916



August 28th

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was created to design and print financial papers for the federal government. It began with five employees, 1862.

August 31st

The first professional football game was played in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. For Latrobe's team, he hired a substitute quarterback named John Brallier for \$10 in expense money, making him the game's first professional player, 1895.