



# Pack 208

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



## Scout Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

We strongly encourage our Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts to wear their uniforms and attend their Church on Scout Sunday in February. This is also a great time to consider starting work on a religious award program for your faith if the Scout has not started working on one yet. He can see either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt for help getting started or if you would like to join them for Scout Sunday services. If you don't regularly attend a church, you're welcome to join other Scouts at their church too.

## February Pack Meeting = Thursday February 20th

We'll meet at test & check Derby Cars  
We're scheduling this for a Saturday this year  
February 22nd at the EPIC Center on Main St  
Why? There are so many Cub Scouts to run the Derby this year that we'll need more time.


**LAST CALL** We'll post a schedule in January for the time slots so if you have any conflicts for that morning and have not told Mr Raven yet, please do so we can plan the Derby's Schedule for the dens. We want everyone to participate!

## March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 20th

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)  
6pm at the Legion Hall; more details soon

March 15th District Pinewood Derby @ St Francis de Sales High School



 God & Country Banquet ~ March 7th, 2014  
God & Country Camporee ~ Mar 14th-16th, 2014  
[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/G&C2014.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/G&C2014.pdf)

2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda  
May 3rd - 4th @ Camp Miakonda  
2014 Mom & Me Overnight @ Camp Miakonda  
May 10th - 11th @ Camp Miakonda



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# Troop 208



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February 2014

## UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

### March 14th thru 16th God & Country Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda  
tentative campout, no details available yet



### April 25th thru 27th District Spring Camporee

details & planning are still in the works  
tentative campout, no details available yet



## Summer Camping / Program

We're still planning on our summer program for the Troop and Scouts. Besides going to Pioneer for Summer Camp, there are other possible activities we can do. As a Youth led program, we're asking our Scouts to tell us what they'd like to do this summer. Any ideas are welcome!

## ALSO... For our Boy Scouts ....

As asked at our Court of Honor - Is Tuesday night good? We all have busy schedules and, periodically, it is good to ask ourselves the simple question of "what night should we meet?" We will be there for you guys...is Tuesday the best night for you guys or do we need to change for you? Please let us know; we are here for you after all. Thanks!

## Happy Birthday Boy Scouts!

In 1909, according to legend, Mr William D. Boyce was visiting London and became lost in the dense London fog. He was guided back to his destination by a young boy who was merely doing "his duty" as a Boy Scout. Mr Boyce was so impressed that he started Boy Scouts on February 8th, 1910 in the US.



Following up on the work started in 1907 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, he too focused on a program meant to help teach young men nonmilitary nature skills. Ernest Thompson Seton was the first Chief Scout of the BSA and James E West was appointed the first Chief Scout Executive in 1911 to help lead the program.

## Something Special out of History... *Food & Drink*

*What was the first liquid & food consumed on the moon? This is prompted by Scout Sunday...*

On July 20th, 1969 Astronauts Buzz Aldrin & Neil Armstrong ate the first meal on the Moon and it was communion! Later, after their return, Buzz Alrin wrote about it in Guideposts magazine. Eric Metaxas wrote an article about this... taken from the site: <http://www.ericmetaxas.com/blog/communion-on-the-moon-july-20th-1969/>

And a few years ago I had the privilege of meeting him myself. I asked him (Buzz Aldrin) about it and he confirmed the story to me , and I wrote about in my book , *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (But Were Afraid to Ask)*.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life , and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history , he felt he should mark the occasion somehow , and he asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there , on the silent surface of the moon , 250 , 000 miles from home , he read a verse from the Gospel of John , and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ..Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth , but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare , the celebrated opponent of religion , over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility . It was interesting for me to think the very first liquid ever poured on the moon , and the very first food eaten there , were the communion elements." And of course , it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ , who made the Earth and the moon - and Who , in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

How many of you knew of this historic event even if you were born before 1969 as a few of us (just a few of us it seems) were?

Buzz Aldrin is not an Eagle Scout, but he was a Boy Scout as a youth.

The picture to the right is of Buzz Aldrin in the Lunar Module copied from Eric Metaxas' website/blog provided above.



### Council & District TRAINING events



**TRAINING**

Cub Scout  
Leader Specific Training

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

March 1st ~ BALOO for overnight camping  
March 19th ~ Part 1 of Cub Scout Leader Trng  
March 20th ~ Part 2 of Cub Scout Leader Trng

# Upcoming Activities

**imagination station** in Toledo

[www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-programs/](http://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-programs/)

\$15 per participant (includes Simulator Theater ride)

\$ 7 per adult chaperone (includes the ride too)

Go online (the above link) to register

or call 419.244.2674 ext 250 to sign up

## Cub Scouts

March 9th 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Astronomy Belt Loop & Pin

These are great experiences for both your Cub Scouts and for your families too! Think about it.

ps: they have programs for Girl Scouts too



## 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 is
Week 4	July 14th - 18th	\$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



## Toledo Mud Hens 2014 Scout Sleepovers



Get the Scout flyer on our website:

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014Mudhens.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014Mudhens.pdf)

Dates are:

Friday, May 30th

Friday, July 11th

Saturday, May 31st

Saturday, July 12th

Saturday, June 28th

Friday, August 8th

## Tale of the Unknown Scout

One day in 1909 in London, England, An American Visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the scouting movement to our country.

In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown scout. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American Boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.

And now you not only know what may very well be the origin of our own "Do A Good Turn Daily" slogan, but you can see that being helpful can have a very long lasting impact on more than just the person you're helping!

# February Historical & Current Events

February 1st

- Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello" construction began, 1769

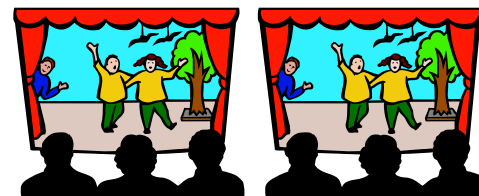


February 4th

- George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782
- The Confederate States of America formed, 1861

February 5th

- The first double-feature theatrical performance held, 1819



February 6th

- Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate Army, 1865

February 7th

- The Beatles first United States visit began in New York, 1964

February 8th

- The Confederate Constitution adopted (provisional), 1861
- The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910



February 11th

- Department of Agriculture raised to Cabinet status by Congress, 1889

February 14th

- American ship "Ranger" carried the Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France, 1778

February 17th

- A Baltimore street was first to be lighted with gas, from the America's first gas company, 1817
- The first ship passed through Suez Canal, 1867

February 18th

- Jefferson Davis was made the provisional President of the Confederacy, 1861

February 19th

- Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919



February 20th

- President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792
- Astronaut John Glenn, became the first American to orbit the Earth aboard the *Friendship VII* Mercury capsule, 1962

February 21st

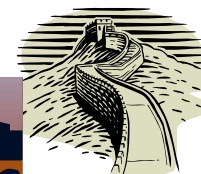
- President Nixon visited Peking, China, 1972

February 22nd

- Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederacy, 1862

February 23rd

- The Battle at the Alamo began, 1836



February 24th

- President Andrew Johnson was impeached by US House of Representatives; and was later acquitted by the Senate, 1868

February 25th

- Samuel Colt, patented his revolver, 1836

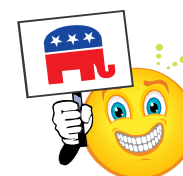


February 27th

- The United States Supreme Court upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees the right of women to vote, 1922

February 28th

- Republican Party formed in Ripon, Wisconsin, 1854



February 29th

- The Panama Canal Commission was founded, 1904