



Pack 208

Newsletter Troop 208



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

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Great effort & Congrats Brian & Luke! And Mom & Dad too.



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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UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

April 25th thru 27th District Spring Camporee

details & planning are still in the works

"Are you tougher than a Scout?" is the theme....



May 16th thru 18th

Possible Aviation Weekend event/campout

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!

Memorial Day

In 1865 Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May creating a three-day holiday weekend.

Happy

May 11th, 2014

Mother's Day

Memorial Day ~ some facts & information

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/LIVING/05/25/mf.holiday.memorial.day/>

It started with the Civil War

Memorial Day was a response to the unprecedented carnage of the Civil War, in which some 620,000 soldiers on both sides died. The loss of life and its effect on communities throughout the North and South led to spontaneous commemorations of the dead:

- In 1864, women from Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, put flowers on the graves of their dead from the just-fought Battle of Gettysburg. The next year, a group of women decorated the graves of soldiers buried in a Vicksburg, Mississippi, cemetery.
- In May 1866, women from Columbus, Mississippi, laid flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers. It was recognized at the time as an act of healing regional wounds. In the same month, up in Carbondale, Illinois, 219 Civil War veterans marched through town in memory of the fallen to Woodlawn Cemetery, where Union hero Maj. Gen. John A. Logan delivered the principal address. The ceremony gave Carbondale its claim to the first organized, community-wide Memorial Day observance.
- Waterloo, New York., began holding an annual community service on May 5, 1866. Although many towns claimed the title, it was Waterloo that won congressional recognition as the "birthplace of Memorial Day."

General Logan made it official

Gen. Logan, the speaker at the Carbondale gathering, also was commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Orders No. 11, which set aside May 30, 1868, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion...."

The orders expressed hope that the observance would be "kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

Not even the Unknown Soldier can avoid media scrutiny these days

Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God. That is the inscription on the Tomb of the Unknowns, established at Arlington National Cemetery to inter the remains of the first Unknown Soldier, a World War I fighter, on November 11, 1921. Unknown soldiers from World War II and the Korean War subsequently were interred in the tomb on Memorial Day 1958.

An emotional President Ronald Reagan presided over the interment of six bones, the remains of an unidentified Vietnam War soldier, on November 28, 1984. Fourteen years later, those remains were disinterred, no longer unknown. Spurred by an investigation by CBS News, the defense department removed the remains from the Tomb of the Unknowns for DNA testing.

The once-unknown fighter was Air Force pilot Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, whose jet crashed in South Vietnam in 1972. "The CBS investigation suggested that the military review board that had changed the designation on Lt. Blassie's remains to 'unknown' did so under pressure from veterans' groups to honor a casualty from the Vietnam War," The New York Times reported in 1998.

Lt. Blassie was reburied near his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. His crypt at Arlington remains permanently empty.

Vietnam vets go whole hog

On Memorial Day weekend in 1988, 2,500 motorcyclists rode into Washington, D.C., for the first Rolling Thunder rally to draw attention to Vietnam War soldiers still missing in action or prisoners of war. By 2002, the numbers had swelled to 300,000 bikers, many of them veterans. There may have been a half-million participants in 2005 in what organizers bluntly call "a demonstration -- not a parade."

A national veterans rights group, Rolling Thunder takes its name from the B-52 carpet-bombing runs during the war in Vietnam. Rolling Thunder XXII (and you thought only Super Bowls and Rocky movies used Roman numerals) is Sunday, May 24.

There is still a grey Memorial Day

Several Southern states continue to set aside a day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day: Alabama: fourth Monday in May; Georgia: May 26; Louisiana: June 3; Mississippi: last Monday in May; North Carolina: May 10; South Carolina: May 10; Tennessee (Confederate Decoration Day): June 3; Texas (Confederate Heroes Day): January 19; Virginia: last Monday in May.

Memorial Day has its customs

General Orders No. 11 stated that "in this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed," but over time several customs and symbols became associated with the holiday.

It is customary on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half staff until noon, and then raise it to the top of the staff until sunset.



Cub Scout
Leader Specific Training

May 17th ~ BALOO for overnight camping
BALOO is Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Upcoming Activities

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

Dates are:

Friday, May 30th

Friday, July 11th

Saturday, May 31st

Saturday, July 12th

Saturday, June 28th

Friday, August 8th

Outdoor Ethics Action Award for Cub Scouts (the next achievement)

[Outdoor Ethics Awards Homepage](#)

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. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award
 - b. Describe to your den leader or parent/guardian what the Leave No Trace front country guidelines mean to you
2. Boys in a Tiger Cub den complete the activities for Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors"; boys in a Wolf den complete Requirement 7, "Your Living World"; boys in a Bear den complete Requirement 12, "Family Outdoor Adventures"; boys in a Webelos den earn the Outdoorsman activity badge.
3. Complete one of the following:
 - a. With your family, put on a short activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at an outdoor activity or den meeting on a principle of LNT or Tread Lightly!
 - b. With your den, put on a short activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at an outdoor activity or pack meeting on a principle of LNT or Tread Lightly!
4. Follow the Leave No Trace principles or front country guidelines on three outings. Explain to your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course one thing you did on each outdoor activity to Leave No Trace.
5. On a pack or den outing, participate in a service project that reduces impact from our use of the outdoors. Examples might be collecting litter, cleaning fire rings or grills, or other activities approved by the landowner or land manager.
6. With your family or den, make a poster about the skill you learned in Requirement 3 or the project you did in Requirement 4 and display it at your pack meeting.

Adult Leader Action Award Requirements will be in next month's newsletter



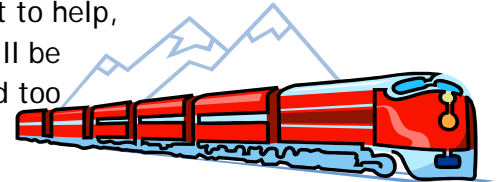
National Train Day 2013
Toledo's Amtrak Station
on Saturday, May 3rd
9:30am to 4:00pm



<https://www.facebook.com/NationalTrainDayToledo>

FREE OPEN HOUSE event for everyone to come see!
Model trains, displays, and more!

And if you want to help,
volunteers will be
appreciated too



Railroading Merit Badge Opportunity
Limited to 50 Scouts (due to space)

Details and registration information due out about May 1st. Cost estimated to be between \$5 and \$7 and will cover a pizza lunch. More details when available guys.



May Historical & Current Events

May 1st

- The first United States Postal Card was issued, 1873
- The first United States Series "E" Savings Bond was issued, 1941



May 2nd

- Captain John Smith landed at Jamestown, 1607



May 3rd

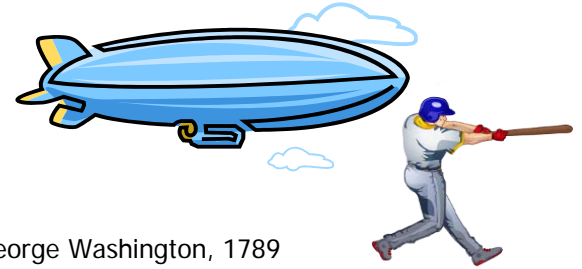
- Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city, 1802

May 4th

- Four student anti-war protesters were killed at Kent State University by Ohio National Guardsmen, 1970

May 5th

- Damn Yankees* opened on Broadway, 1955



May 6th

- Babe Ruth hit his first home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox, 1915
- The Hindenburg crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., 1937

May 7th

- The first inaugural ball was held in New York to honor President and Mrs. George Washington, 1789

May 9th

- First United States newspaper cartoon published in Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 1754

May 10th

- Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, 1775
- The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908



May 14th

- Lewis & Clark's expedition began, 1804

May 15th

- Alabama Governor George Wallace was shot and wounded in Laurel, Maryland, 1972

May 16th

- Issuance of the nickel coin was authorized by Congress, 1866



May 17th

- The Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal, 1973



May 18th

- Mt. St. Helen's volcano in Washington state erupted, 1980

May 24th

- The first passenger railroad in the United States began service in Maryland, between Baltimore & Elliott's Mills, 1830
- The Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, opened to traffic, 1883

May 25th

- The first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington to Baltimore appeared in the *Baltimore Patriot*, 1844
- Babe Ruth hit his 714th and last home run, 1935

May 27th

- The first recorded American execution of a witch took place in Massachusetts, 1647



May 29th

- Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act, 1765



May 30th

- Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in France, 1431

May 31st

- Two Thousand people perished when a dam break created a flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 1889