



Monthly Newsletter
Pack 208

TROOP 208
providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

April 2015

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

2015 Pack 208
PINWOOD DERBY WINNERS!



Winners and Best Design go to:

Tigers 1st Brennen
 2nd Dylan
Best Design Dylan

Wolfs 1st Asa
 2nd David
Best Design Henry

Bears 1st Luke
 2nd Shane
Best Design Andrew

Webelos I 1st Xander
 2nd Richard
Best Design Xander

Webelos II 1st Qynten
 2nd Blake
Best Design Kameron

Congratulations to everyone on your cars and racing. We had some **really, really close finishes** and even the camera didn't want to make a decision on those races!

Unfortunately, the race results for the District Pinewood Derby were not available at print time so we can't report the results of our Cub Scouts.

April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 16th
7pm at the American Legion Hall

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 15th
7pm at the American Legion Hall

May 26th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade
Details as soon as we confirm starting time, etc



Thanks to John for 45 years of service to Scouting!

Thanks to Bob for his service to Scouts and American Legion

For those who do not know him very well, John is the Executive Officer and COR (or Chartering Organization Representative) for both the Pack and the Troop. John has provided service to young men and adults for 45 years of his life. All 45 of these years have been as an adult which is an astounding effort! Thank You sir.

We are very honored to also have Robert who has dedicated not only many years of his life to serving our country (US Army helicopter pilot), but many years serving both the Scouting Program and the American Legion. He and John are the only two Scouters and members of the American Legion so recognized in Erie Shores Council with the BSA/American Legion Community Service Knot (award). A very heartfelt Thank You too sir.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

April 24th thru 26th District Spring Camporee
to be at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, a Hysterical event!



Summer Camping / Program
PSR - Summer Camp 2015

June 28th thru July 4th
Cody Campsite (back by Ecology)



Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and those who stand guard



3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard); well worth repeating again

During February's & March's recent snowfalls in the National Capital Region that shut down the area before the snow even arrived, Soldiers of The Old Guard render Final Honors to our Nation's Fallen. Our Soldiers still carry on with their duties in Arlington National Cemetery with precision and dedication regardless of weather condition. In honor of these soldiers, here's a little information about them.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and , if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. *They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.*

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn (as of 2012). *The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.*

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid To rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are:

President Taft, Joe Lewis {the boxer}, and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC Evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the Hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!'

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding The Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be Afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. And the winter storms that recently shut down the entire Washington DC region failed to stay these soldiers from their duties.

May God Bless and keep them.



Upcoming Activities



Kamp KaBoooooom!!!

2015's Dad & Lad overnighter @ Miakonda
Saturday, April 25th through Sunday, April 26th
www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/MMDL15.pdf

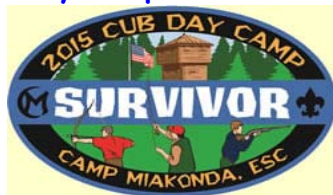


Incredible Flying Machines!

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

Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camps 2015

- Week 1 June 15th - 19th
- Week 2 June 22nd - 26th
- Week 3 June 29th - July 3rd
- Week 4 July 6th - 10th
- Week 5 July 13th - 17th



Thursday night is Family Night from 4:30 to 8:00pm
Early bird register before May 16th, 2014 and save \$20
The cost is \$159 for the week and you can get discounts;
\$100 for each additional week is one discount available

Webelos I Overnights @ Miakonda

June 20th and 21st or July 11th and 12th
\$42 per Webelos or Adult Partner this year

Webelos II Resident Camp @ Camp Frontier

\$140 for the Webelos Scout & \$72 for the Adult
3 days out at Camp Frontier during the last week of the
regular Boy Scout Camp in the summer
Session 1 is July 26th to July 29th
Session 2 is July 29th to August 1st



Our Scout wants to attend Camp, but some problems in paying for it? Erie Shores does have help available - Camperships. These aren't apply early for consideration, but help may be available. Ask Mr Waterstradt if you have any questions; he'll help!
www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/admin/CampershipApp.pdf

For the Scouts and Summer Camp:

PSR Summer Camp Fees (camperships available too):

- Meal Plan A - eat in the dinning hall - \$315 early bird fee
- Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$260 early bird fee
- Regular fee is \$280 if paid after the Early Bird (May 6th)

It's time to start planning for the "boys of summer"



Toledo Mud Hens 2015 Scout Sleepovers



Activities included an On Field Parade before the game, meet the mascots, post game fireworks, Scouts can run the bases, a Family (friendly) movie, the sleepover*, an all you can eat breakfast and, of course, the game too!



the 2014 Mud Hens Sleepover on 5/3rd Field

* **WARNING** - Sleeping on the outfield of 5/3rd Field can be extremely difficult for the experienced camper. It's so smooth with no rocks, ruts or tree roots.... like a nice carpeted floor. It's a challenge! You're WARNED!

Boy/Cub Scout Sleepover Schedule for 2015 is....

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| Saturday, May 23rd | Friday, July 17th |
| Saturday, June 6th | Saturday, July 18th |
| Friday, June 19th | Saturday, August 15th |

Pricing for the experience is:

- \$10 for the game ticket
- \$18 for the entire sleepover and activities

CALL 419-725-9292 TO ORDER SCOUT TICKETS

The WHOLE family is welcome to sleepover too !!

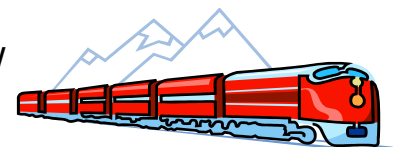
or Order your tickets online at

https://web-secure.milb.com/campaign/gfi/?dir=t512_sleepover&sid=t512

Let's try to go as a Pack if we do go so we can order at the same time, sit together, etc.

National Train Day

May 2nd, 2015
9am to 4pm



Toledo Amtrak Station/Dr Martin Luther King, Jr Plaza
415 Emerald Ave / 300 Martin Luther King, Jr Drive
Opening Ceremony is at 9:30am
FREE OPEN HOUSE event for everyone to come see!
Model trains, displays, and more!

April Historical & Current Events

April 1st

- BSA registered the first Cub Scout Packs, 1930
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Parents/About/history.aspx>
- Nazi Germany began its persecution of Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses, 1933
- United States launched its first weather satellite, 1960



April 2nd

- First Easter egg roll at the White House, 1877

April 3rd

- First Pony Express began its route between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, 1860
- American's Creed accepted, 1918

April 4th

- Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, 1968

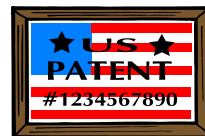
April 6th

- Robert Perry & Matthew Hensen became the first men to reach the North Pole, 1909
- United States declared war on Germany, 1917



April 9th

- Sir Winston Churchill was made an honorary United States citizen, 1963

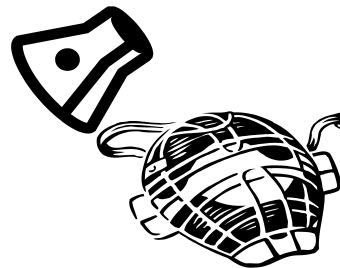


April 10th

- The first patent law was passed, 1790
- The Beatles US album, The Beatles Second Album, was released, 1964

April 11th

- Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War, 1783
- Apollo 13 mission began, 1970



April 12th

- The bombing of Fort Sumter began, starting the Civil War, 1861
- The catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game, 1877

April 13th

- Fort Sumter surrendered, 1861
- President Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial, 1943



April 18th

- Midnight ride of Paul Revere & William Dawes in Boston, Massachusetts, 1775
- San Francisco earthquake & fire, 1906

April 19th

- The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord, 1775



April 22nd

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum dedicated in Washington, 1993

April 24th

- Space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Telescope, 1990

April 25th

- St. Lawrence Seaway opened, 1959



April 26th

- The world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union, 1986



April 27th

- The nation's first Social Security checks were distributed, 1937



April 29th

- United States forces freed 32,000 at Dachau Concentration Camp, 1945

April 30th

- The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France, 1803
- George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, 1789