



Monthly Newsletter

# Pack 208 TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

August 2015

*Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website*

[www.swantonscouts.org](http://www.swantonscouts.org)



## August 22nd is the Swanton CORNFEST !!

A PARADE to start the day off with Classic Cars, games, rides, and more

We will participate in the parade and sell Mini-Donuts  
Put it down on your calendars and plan to join us!



### Coming in September....

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

We'll make sure everyone gets updated as fast as our Popcorn "Kernal" gets the marching orders for this year.



### October 3rd & 4th Erie Shores Cub Family Camp

Check in from noon to 2pm with flags at 2 and the stations start right after until 6pm. Then Pizza Dinner and campfire

This will be held @ Camp Miakonda again this year  
we'll post the flyer and details as soon as we get them

### 2015 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 and has been gratefully appreciated for the support.

### Fall Pack Meetings will start again in September

September 17th at the American Legion Hall

Starting at 7pm and with the surprise of....???

## Congratulations!

Leaders recently recognized from 208 are:

Assistant Scoutmaster Mickey Avalos with the:

District Award of Merit

The highest award our District can give an adult Scouter

The Swan Creek District Paddler's Award was given to:

Pack: Kristin Anderson for her efforts with the Pack

Troop: Lance Dickens for his efforts with the Troop

The website has pictures of our surprised Awardees!

The "Fall" Program will be starting up again soon! Meetings will be at the Scoutmaster's home so we can keep working on Scout skills (T-2-1). Check the Website for the calendar/schedule in case there are any changes, but the first meeting is August 4th at 7pm.

### October 9th thru 11th for a educational weekend!

The Fall Davis-Bessie Atomic Energy Camporee



this is a great weekend

[www.dbaec.org](http://www.dbaec.org)

Check out their website for what you'll see and do



### October 16th thru 18th District Fall Camporee

District Fall Camporee; disAbility Awareness theme

Details and Updates as they come in will be provided



## Join Scouting Night

Our "annual" Join Scouting Night will be September 2nd

We'll meet at the Legion Hall at 6:00pm (Rain or Shine) to introduce Scouting to other young men and their families. If you can, please come out and let the young men know how much fun they can have in Scouting with us!

**August 25th, 2015**

**FIRST DAY of the 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

**YEA, YIPPEE, HOORAY, SUPER !!!!**

*Well, for the parents anyways....*

## Thank You for your time

Scouters recognized for 15, or more, years of Scouting that are associated with Pack and Troop 208 are:

Years

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45 Mr John Young

15 Timothy Walters

40 Ms Sharon Hankinson

15 Mr Jeremy Sprow

35 Mr Robert Janes

15 Mr John Waterstradt

25 Mr Gary Waterstradt

15 Mr Russell Quick

25 Mr Alan Raven

15 Mr Scott Raven

15 Mr Daniel Riling

Many have more than this, but awards are every 5 years

15 Mr Mickey Avalos

## "Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP)" August 5th, 1943 thru December 20th, 1944

<http://www.afhso.af.mil/topics/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15244>

In September 1942, after several times rejecting proposals to use qualified women pilots for flying duties, Army Air Forces Commanding General Henry H. Arnold agreed to form two groups designed to help meet the need for pilots to ferry aircraft. The Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), led by Nancy Harkness Love, enlisted already-qualified women pilots to transport training aircraft from factories to training bases. Meanwhile, the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD), led by Jackie Cochran, oversaw an intensive training program to increase the number of women who could fly for the Ferrying Division. On 5 July 1943, Arnold put Cochran in charge of all women pilots, with Nancy Love as the Executive for women pilots in the Ferrying Command. A month later, on 5 August 1943, the WAFS and WFTD merged into a single unit for all women pilots, who were rapidly extending their qualifications to every type of aircraft in service. The new unified group called itself the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), with its pilots known as WASPs.



In its first few weeks, the WFTD required women pilots to have a private pilot license and 200 hours of flight time, and would then train them to fly "the Army way." But it soon began accepting women without any prior flying experience. The flight school at Avenger Field, in Sweetwater, Texas, ran most flight training for women pilots, who at first trained only on lighter or smaller planes. Eventually, however, women proved that they could fly almost every type of aircraft in the US military arsenal at the time, including the heaviest bombers and fastest fighters. Their pilot training therefore became the same as their male counterparts. The only aspect women's training did not cover remained combat acrobatics, since the Army Air Corps had from the start intended to use women pilots to free up male pilots for combat roles.

The WASP pilot training program graduated 1,074 graduates, who, combined with Nancy Love's "Originals," ferried over 50% of the combat aircraft within the United States during the war years. WASPs flew at 126 bases across the US, where they also towed targets for gunnery training and served as instrument instructors for the Eastern Flying Training Command. Thirty-eight of these women died in their service, 11 in training and 27 during missions.

Cochran and Love both eventually came to hope that as women proved their abilities and commitment to military aviation, the AAF would agree to militarize the program.

Militarization would mitigate a number of unequal policies in salary and repayment of expenses, and it almost came about in 1944 when General Arnold planned to commission women pilots as Second Lieutenants within the AAF. These plans, however, encountered great opposition in the media and in Congress, where high-profile hearings in the House Committee on Military Affairs questioned the continued need for women pilots. Ironically, just as the military situation of 1942 had argued for the use of women pilots, the military situation of 1944 generated increased opposition. With the air campaign having successfully crushed the German Luftwaffe and now enjoying the ability to bomb German cities almost at will, Allied leaders now planned a massive ground assault that would finally end Nazi Germany. As part of these preparations, the AAF cut back its training for male pilots and revoked male civilian flight instructors' exemptions from serving in combat ground units. The men affected by these policies began a letter-writing campaign to their Congress members and to the media, which accused Arnold of trying to supplant male pilots with women. In June 1944, the Ramspeck Committee report argued that training women pilots was a waste of resources and should be terminated, though it allowed that women already trained could continue to serve. Congress rejected a WASP militarization bill on 21 June 1944, and Arnold himself came to believe that the crisis that had created the need for women pilots had passed. On 5 August 1944, he announced that the current class of trainees would be the WASP program's last.



The last WASP training class graduated at Sweetwater on 7 December 1944, and the WASP program itself ended on 20 December. GEN Arnold told the last crop of pilots, "We of the AAF are proud of you; we will never forget our debt to you."

# Upcoming Activities

## 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 August 26th to August 29th  
Session 2 is August 29th to August 1st

## Some interesting things about the B-52 Stratofortress

- \* The B-52's first flight was April 15th, 1952; over 63 years ago and no Mr Janes was not the pilot!!
- \* The B-52 can carry up to 70,000 pounds of ordnance, or the equivalent of 30 fully loaded Cessna 172s.



- \* Production ended in 1962, which means the youngest B-52 is 53 years old.
- \* Currently, B-52s cost about \$70,000 per flight hour to operate. And while they might be big and ugly, they're still a pretty amazing and adaptable aircraft! Impressive to see flying over the horizon at you.



## Cub Scout Leader Training

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For our NEW Cub Scout Den Leaders...

- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (Live) classes
- August 22nd @ Providence Lutheran Church
- October 10th @ Providence Lutheran Church
- November 7th @ University of Scouting (tentative)
- January 9th, 2016 @ Jadel Leadership Center
- March 16th, 2016 @ Jadel Leadership Center

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)  
March 5th, 2016 @ Providence Lutheran Church

For new leaders to Scouting, the BALOO program is a very good one day introduction that applies not only to Cub Scouts, but also to Boy Scouts for information and to give you an idea (the tip of the iceberg) on what we do.

LAST CALL for this year....



## 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....

Saturday, August 15th

??? Did you know that the number "ZERO" is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman Numerals ???

## UNIT CALENDAR NEW ITEM !!

Starting this year we've added training that is available for our leaders in Black Swamp Council. Sometimes you need more options to get it all done. Hopefully these will help you get that training.



## Boy Scout Leader Training

- Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training
- Saturday October 10th @ Jadel Leadership Center
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Training
- Friday March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th

# August Historical & Current Events

[www.aboutfamouspeople.com](http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com)

August 3rd

This day, Congress designated June 14 as Flag Day, 1949  
 The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty was passed, 1972  
 The National Dance Hall of Fame, which includes the National Museum of Dance, was established in Saratoga, New York, 1984.



August 4th

The United States Department of Energy was created, 1977



August 5th

The first Atlantic cable was completed, 1858  
 The first federal income tax was levied, 1861



August 6th

The first electrocution took place at Auburn Prison, Auburn, New York. The executed person was William Kemmler of Buffalo, New York, who had been convicted of the hatchet murder of his common-law wife, 1890.

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

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 Glory." 1831



August 11th

Robert Fulton's steamboat Clermont made its first run from Albany to New York City in 32 hours, traveling at five miles per hour, 1807

August 12th

The United States Postal system became independent, 1970



August 13th

Al Capp's satirical comic strip Li'l Abner, made its debut, 1934

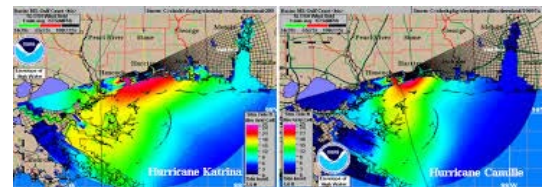
August 15th

The Berlin Wall was created, 1961.



August 16th

"Sports Illustrated" was first published, 1954



August 17th

Hurricane Camille killed more than 300 people and left 70,000 homeless in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, 1969.

August 18th

Mount Whitney, the second highest mountain in the United States, was scaled for the first time by an American team consisting of John Lucas, Charles D. Begole, and A.H. Johnson, 1873.



August 22nd

The record player was patented, 1906  
 The world's first nuclear-powered ship, the NS Savannah, made its maiden voyage from Yorktown, Virginia to Savannah, Georgia, 1962.



August 25th

Washington, D.C. was captured by British troops under General Robert Ross, during the War of 1812, 1814

August 26th

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, 1920.... The 19th is .... *Women's RIGHT to vote....*

August 27th

A filibuster record was set by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who held the floor arguing against civil rights legislation for 24 hours, 27 minutes, 1957. Senator Thurmond began his career in the Senate as a Democrat in 1954, in 1964 became a Republican changing his political affiliation while representing South Carolina until 2003.