



Monthly Newsletter

Pack 208 TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

February 2015

NEW WEBSITE (for both Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts):

www.swantonscouts.org



Scout Sunday Feb 8th

We strongly encourage our Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts to wear their uniforms and attend their Church on Scout Sunday in February. We just had 4 Cub Scouts work on their religious award, the God & Me program. If you don't regularly attend a church, you're welcome to join other Scouts at their church or you can join either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt also if you'd like.

A little history on Scout Sunday: The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8th, unless the 8th is a Sunday, in which case the 8th would be Scout Sunday. The Saturday following February 8th is Scout Sabbath.

February Pack Meeting = Thursday February 19th

We'll meet at test & check Derby Cars
We're scheduling this for a Saturday this year
February 21st 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 19th

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

March 14th District Pinewood Derby @ St Francis de Sales High School



God & Country Banquet ~ March 6th, 2015

The banquet will be held at the Moline United Methodist Church on East Broadway starting at 6:30pm



UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

January 17th & 18th Camp Alaska

to be held IN THE FIELD with shelters you make
A chance to test yourself against the cold!



February 6th thru 8th SCD Winter Weekend

to be held at Camp Miakonda
Cabin is reserved guys... WINTER TIME!



March 13th thru 15th God & Country Camporee

Cabin reserved; at Camp Miakonda



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.



A Scout is Reverent.

P.R.A.Y. offers each Scout the opportunity to explore their own faith in age

appropriate programs. The Boy Scouts of America recognizes these efforts and we (Pack & Troop leaders) whole heartedly encourage each Scout to consider enhancing their faith through these excellent programs. For more

details go to: www.praypub.org

Check out **P.R.A.Y.** at their site (above) or ask one of the leaders for help. Boy Scouts is, without any question, a great opportunity for youth, but "faith" is far greater and more important throughout your lives.



13th Annual Youth Patch Day Workshop

The Partners for Clean Streams workshop will be on Sunday, March 8th from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. The cost is \$5 and will be held in the Ingman Room, #2520, (UT Student Union). Parking is FREE, but registration is required; we'll get the form for you.



Something out of our History...

the POW/MIA Table set for One

<http://www.legion.org/magazine/1523/table-set-one>

We've just celebrated Christmas and New Years; most of us with family; but others aren't so fortunate. "They" are unable to be with their loved ones and families tonight, so we join together to pay our humble tribute to them, and bear witness to their continued absence.



We call your attention to this small table which occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith, while awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase represents an unyielding determination for a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty. They are NOT here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return - and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Let us pray to the supreme commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.



September 18th, 2015 will be this year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day; the 3rd Friday of September.

A little trivia... did you know that... An "IRON CLAD CONTRACT" came from the ironclad ships of the Civil War? It means something so strong that it could not be broken.

Or that being "OVER A BARREL" was not a good thing? In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

"BUYING THE FARM" is synonymous with dying. It came about because during WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors. This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

Council & District TRAINING events



TRAINING

Cub Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

March 7th ~ BALOO for overnight camping

March 20th ~ Cub Scout Leader Training

flyers posted on the Pack's website or ask Mr Raven

Upcoming Activities



www.imaginationstationtoledo.org

Cub Scouts - Academic Pins & Belt Loops
 Science Belt Loop & Pin = January 18 & March 15
 Webelos
 Scientist Badge = January 25th

Registration information & on line registration at:
<http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-programs/>

2014 - 2015 Walleye Boy Scout Adventures

January 24th, 2015 SLEEPOVER

February 21st, 2015

HOCKEY TIME !!



www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/Walleye14.pdf



Bowling Green State University Scout
 Hockey Night vs Ferris State
 February 7th, 2015

Tickets are \$8.00 per person
 call Kelsey @ 419.372.4019 or use the flyer:

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/BGHockey15.pdf



Kamp KaBoooooom!!!

2015's Dad & Lad overnighter @ Miakonda
 Saturday , April 25th through Sunday, April

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/MMDL15.pdf



Incredible Flying Machines!

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

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

Toledo Mud Hens 2015 Scout Sleepovers



we'll publish the flyer and registration information ASAP
 in 2014 there were 6 games especially for the Scouts
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!

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



Your Scout wants to attend Camp, but some problems
 in paying for it? Erie Shores does have help available -
 Camperships. These aren't unlimited and you must
 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 Boy 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 \$20 if paid after the Early Bird (early May)



the 2014 Mud Hens Sleepover on 5/3rd Field

February Historical & Current Events

February 1st

- Underground Railroad was established, 1838

February 2nd

- New Amsterdam, now New York City, was incorporated, 1653
- National League of Professional Baseball Clubs was formed in New York, 1876



February 4th

- George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782

February 7th

- The Baltimore Fire destroyed 80 blocks/2600 buildings, 1904



February 8th

- The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910

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 15th

- The first adhesive postage stamps were introduced, 1842



February 16th

- Tomb of King Tutankhamen unsealed in Egypt, 1923
- Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba, 1959
- The nation's first 911 system went into effect, 1968



February 19th

- Thomas Edison received his patent for the phonograph, 1878
- Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919
- Diathermy machine first used, 1929 [electrically induced heat for medical therapy/treatment]

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

- The Washington Monument was dedicated, 1885



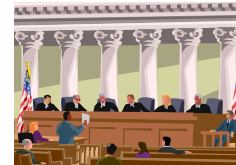
February 22nd

- Spain ceded Florida to the United States, 1819
- Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a 5-cent store in Utica, New York, 1879



February 24th

- Supreme Court overturned United States law for first time, 1803
- The Voice of America first went on the airwaves, 1942



February 26th

- The 22nd Amendment to United States Constitution was ratified, 1951 As a reminder, the 22nd Amendment was passed after Franklin D Roosevelt served almost 4 full terms as President during World War II. It was proposed and passed in honor of our First President, George Washington, who only served 2 terms in office.

February 27th

- The District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress, 1801



February 28th

- The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the first United States Railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight was incorporated, 1827
- Republican Party formed in Ripon, Wisconsin, 1854



February 29th

- The Panama Canal Commission was founded, 1904