



Monthly Newsletter
Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

May 2015

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

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

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 21st
7pm at the American Legion Hall

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

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.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

to the new Arrow of Light Cub Scouts (now in the Troop)

Alexander	Jacob (Pack 41)
Qynten	Antonio
Kameron	Ethan
Blake	



Congrats to these young men



Welcome to our new Boy Scout, Jacob, from Pack 41 and his family too! WELCOME to 208



May 10th, 2015
Happy Mother's Day Moms



In the fall, we're already planning guys....

October 9th thru 11th for a educational weekend!

The Fall Davis-Bessie Atomic Energy Camporee

this is a great weekend

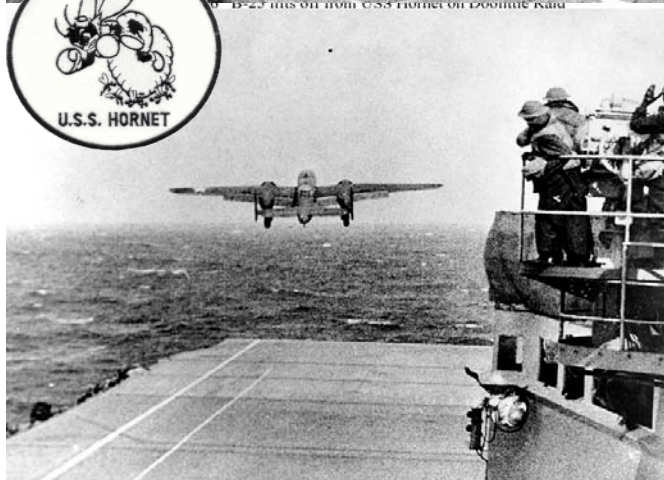
www.dbaec.org

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



Army Air Forces & the Navy ~ LtCol Doolittle, B-25B's and the USS HORNET (CV8)

Photo # 80-G-41194 B-25 takes off from USS Hornet to attack Japan, 18 April 1942



It's April 18th, 1942 and LtCol James Doolittle leads an air raid with 16 B-25B bombers off of the flight deck of the USS HORNET (CV8) which was 650 miles east of Japan.

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/doolittle-leads-air-raid-on-tokyo>

The B-25B Mitchell was a "medium" bomber flown during World War II. Built by North American Aviation, it started its service in February 1941. It was chosen for this mission because it had the required range, bomb capacity and (most especially) it had a short takeoff distance. These aircraft, which were fully loaded with fuel and bombs, had to be able to take off within 300 feet. There was only 300 feet available on the HORNET for them to use; 1 football field!

The wing span on the B25B Mitchell was 67 1/2 feet wide. The widest part of the ship (the flight deck) was only 114 feet wide, which includes the ship's "island" on the starboard (right) side. Unlike aircraft carriers of today these pilots had to literally "thread the needle" (see the top picture) as there was almost no spare room on the left side or right side of the bomber when they flew aboard. And there was no catapult to help them get up to speed on their launch.

The air crews "cheated" by timing their launches with the ship's pitching up and down to help them on take off. They launched when the bow was going up ... anything to help them get an extra jump/push on their take off. Imagine

how the crews must have felt having never (even in practice) flown on or off of an aircraft carrier! They were probably saying they would have joined the Navy if that was their desire; to fly off a ship.

For his leadership and daring, LtCol James H Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and eventually promoted to the rank of General (4 stars) while in the Air Force Reserve Force. For those who are not aware, the US Air Force did not come into existence until 1947. Originally they started out as...

August 1907 to July 1914	United States Army Signal Corps Aeronautical Division
July 1914 to May 20th, 1918	United States Army Signal Corps Aviation Section (note MAY 20th)
May 20th, 1918 to May 24th, 1918	United States Army Division of Military Aeronautics (only 5 days!)
May 24th, 1918 to July 1926	United States Army Air Service
July 1926 to June 1941	United States Army Air Corps
June 1941 to September 1947	United States Army Air Forces
September 18th, 1947 to today	United States Air Force



U.S. AIR FORCE



Lt Col James Doolittle

After the US Army Air Forces came into existence, the Army Ground Forces retained the use of light aircraft to support their efforts. In 1947 the Army developed light planes and rotary wing aircraft to support ground operations. Flying the H13 Sioux Helicopter, O-1 Bird Dog airplane all the way to the forming the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in 1961 to support combat in the Vietnam conflict flying the UH-1 Iroquois (or Huey) helicopters starting in 1964. Today the UH-1 still flies along with many other faster and lighter attack helicopters like the AH64 Apache.

Upcoming Activities



Kamp KaBoooooom!!!

2015's Dad & Lad overnighter @ Miakonda
Saturday, April 25th thru Sunday, April 26th.

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



Incredible Flying Machines!

2015's Mom & Me overnighter @ Miakonda
Saturday, May 2nd thru 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):

still time to get your Early Bird payment and save some \$\$
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

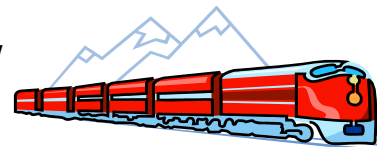
9am to 4pm

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!



May Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

May 1st

- The Empire State Building opened, 1931

May 4th

- Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island, 1626

May 5th

- John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution, 1925
- Astronaut Alan Shepard went on the first manned space flight, 1961

May 7th

- A German torpedo sank the British liner *Lusitania* off the coast of Ireland, 1915
- Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945

May 8th

- First transatlantic flight, 1919
- V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), 1945

May 9th

- The Transcontinental Railroad was completed, 1869

May 10th

- Benedict Arnold was tried for treason, 1779

May 12th

- Last technical day of American Revolutionary War, 1784

May 14th

- The first vaccination against smallpox was administered by English doctor Edward Jenner, 1796
- The first Olympic Games were held in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri, 1904

May 16th

- Annie Get Your Gun* opened on Broadway, 1946

May 17th

- The New York Stock Exchange was established, 1792
- The first Kentucky Derby was held; the winner was "Aristides" 1875

May 21st

- Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, 1881

May 24th

- Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened, 1844

May 25th

- Memorial Day 2015** celebrated (the last Monday in May); previously known as Decoration Day, is a <http://www.usmemorialday.org> day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Artificial POPPIES are sold by service organizations to help our disabled veterans every year.

May 26th

- Confederate forces west of the Mississippi River made surrender arrangements, 1865
- The first legal casino opened in Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1978

May 27th

- The Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public, 1937
- The German battleship *Bismarck* sank off France, 1941

May 28th

- The first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War, 1863

May 30th

- The first Indianapolis 500 road race was held, 1911
- The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, 1922

May 31st

- The last Ford Model T automobile was made, 1927

