



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

November 2015

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

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

### October 15th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun does continue!

And for safe Trick or Treating fun... We have



Halloween Party, Trick or Treating!

October 24th & 25th at Camp Miakonda

Open to everyone, not just Scouts, lots to do; go to:

[www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/HP2015](http://www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/HP2015)

Online pre-sales tickets are \$6.00; \$8.00 at the door

Children under 2 and Adults are free

### 2015 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 24th we'll distribute the bags in Swanton

October 31st we'll pick up the bags from the homes

*All of the food items collected* remain in the Swanton community to help those in need and has been gratefully appreciated for the support in the past. A great service project for both our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and parents (our drivers and supervisors) who are needed to help too.

Thank you in advance!

**November 13th & 14th** is the **Pack's annual LOCK-IN** at the EPIC CENTER on Main Street. Who will stay awake longer, the Scouts or adults? The adults won last year.

But I am willing to concede now z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z

As a reminder -

### Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm

at the American Legion Hall

Interested in helping lead the Pack? We're more than happy to have you join us and help lead our Cub Scouts.



University of Scouting 2015

Saturday, November 7th

8:00am to 5:00pm

[Class Schedule \(download\)](#)

Ask if you have questions ....

[Registration Form \(download\)](#)

You'll need to turn this in, early ....

**November 5th** - Set up the Legion Hall @ 6pm Scouts

**November 8th** - Eagle Court of Honor for Logan Riling; try to plan on honoring him and his achievement please

**November 6th - 8th** campout at Camp Little Turtle in Indiana needs to be rescheduled to a later date.

**December's Campout** will be in the Adirondacks @ Camp Miakonda Dec 11th-13th. Never slept outdoors? This is a good, safe way to try your first outdoors (no tents) !

### A Brief History of Veteran's Day

[www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.html](http://www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.html)



**Veterans Day**, formerly known as **Armistice Day**, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the **Uniforms Holiday Bill** ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

# *A History of Thanksgiving*

## Thanksgiving at Plymouth

[www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving](http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving)

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

## Thanksgiving becomes an Official Holiday

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as well. During the [American Revolution](#), the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 [George Washington](#) issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors [John Adams](#) and [James Madison](#) also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, [New York](#) became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. [Abraham Lincoln](#) finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

# Upcoming Activities



Nov 21st Construction City 2015  
All new this year, open to Webelos I and Webelos II. It is being held at the 180th Air National Guard base.



**Disney on Ice "Dare to Dream"**  
at the Huntington Center December 3rd to 6th  
There are 7 shows and these are great for the whole family to spend some time together too.  
<http://www.ticketmaster.com/> look under FAMILY

*Now this is always great family entertainment!*

**25% Off Great Seats!**

Use Offer Code **EARLY**

Sunday, December 27 at 3 p.m.  
Huntington Center  
Toledo, OH



**Cub Scout Programs**  
Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

<http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-programs/>

- November 15th - Webelos: Adventures in Space
- November 22nd - Webelos: Engineer
- December 6th - Bears: Forensics
- January 3rd, 2016 - Bears: Super Science
- January 17th, 2016 - Bears: Make it Move
- January 31st, 2016 - Wolf: Digging in the Past
- February 21st, 2015 - Tigers: Sky is the Limit
- March 6th, 2016 - Tigers: Floats and Boats
- March 13th, 2016 - Wolf: Air of the Wolf

Registration is open in August - great den

## Scout Nights with the Detroit Red Wings

Sunday November 29, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

### Event Details



Purchase tickets at <http://www.detroitredwings.com>.

Florida Panthers vs. DETROIT RED WINGS  
Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m.  
FREE Scout Night Patch and Entry to Post-Game  
Scout Night Tickets: \$37

[www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/2015RWSN.pdf](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/2015RWSN.pdf)

[www.detroitredwings.com/scoutnight](http://www.detroitredwings.com/scoutnight)



## Cub Scout Leader Training

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

For our NEW Cub Scout Den Leaders...

- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (Live) classes
- 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.



<http://www.toledowalleye.com/tickets/recognition-game-days>

- Dec 19th - Star Wars Night
- Jan 22nd - Sleepover Night
- Feb 20th - Scout Night

For more information  
see either link...

[www.toledowalleye.com/tickets/recognition-game-days/scout-experience](http://www.toledowalleye.com/tickets/recognition-game-days/scout-experience)



## Boy Scout Leader Training

Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

Friday March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th

# November Historical & Current Events

November 1st

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel paintings were first exhibited, 1512  
 The new 950-foot Rainbow Bridge opened to traffic across the Niagara River, just below the falls. In January 1938, an ice jam destroyed the old bridge, 1941



November 3rd

The artificial leg was patented, 1846



November 4th

The entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered, 1922



November 5th

John Hanson was elected the "President of the United States in Congress Assembled," 1781  
 Armistice Day, November 11, was proclaimed a legal holiday by President Warren G. Harding, 1921



November 6th

The first animated electric sign in the United States was mounted by the New York Times around the top of the Times Building, Times Square, New York City. It was used to report the presidential election returns, and was called the "zipper" because of the way it circled the building, 1928

November 7th

A suspension bridge over the Narrows at Tacoma, Washington collapsed, caused by wind vibration, tumbling the bridge into Puget Sound, 1941



November 9th

Robert White flew the X-15 to a record speed of 4093 mph, 1961

November 10th

The United States Marines were established by the Continental Congress, 1775  
 The last Battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought, 1782  
 The American Legion Auxiliary was founded, 1919



November 11th

World War I ended, 1918 (Armistice Day)  
 The Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, after lying in state at the Capitol rotunda in Washington, D.C., 1921

November 12th

Ellis Island received its last immigrant, 1954



November 13th

The minimum draft age was lowered from 21 to 18, 1942  
 The Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., 1982



November 18th

A system of standard time was adopted by the railroads of the US and Canada to eliminate problems in printed schedules caused by the unsystematic setting of local times. In 1884, a worldwide system was adopted. The prime meridian was assigned to the meridian passing through the British Royal Observatory at Greenwich, England, 1883

November 19th

President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address, on the bloodstained battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during a ceremony to dedicate the cemetery, 1863



November 26th

Thanksgiving was first celebrated as a national holiday, 1789



November 27th

The first successful Boeing 707 flight occurred, 1962

November 30th

The first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York. Navy won 24-0, 1891  
 Lieutenant Commander Richard Byrd made his first flight over the South Pole, 1929  
 Coffee rationing started in the United States during WWII, 1942

