



2016 Pack 208 PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS!

Winners and Best Design go to:

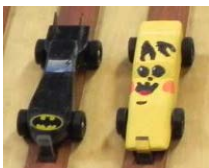
Tigers 1st Cole
 2nd Aaron
 Best Design Cole



Wolfs 1st Jackson
 2nd Charlie
 Best Design Ty



Bears 1st Asa
 2nd Henry
 Best Design Jacob



Webelos I 1st Andrew
 2nd Luke
 Best Design Shane



Webelos II 1st Richie
 2nd Xander
 Best Design Xander

Congratulations to everyone on your cars and racing. We want to thank our Judges and volunteer photographer (Mr Pierson) for their efforts Saturday also.

April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 21st
7pm at the Legion Hall Wrapping up the year?

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 19th
7pm at the American Legion Hall

May 30th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade
Details as soon as we confirm starting time, etc

April's Pack Committee Meeting will be on April 7th at 7pm
We'll be meeting at the American Legion Hall

April 29th - May 1st is the District Spring Camporee

The theme is SHOOTING SPORTS @ the Adams Conservation Club in Holland, OH. The entire facility will be the Scouts' for the weekend. More details soon.

I expect you'll see Bow & Arrow, Atlatl, .22 rifle and a few more opportunities to shoot some targets.

PSR - Summer Camp 2016

July 3rd thru July 9th

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.

PSR Summer Camp Fees (camperships available too):

We will be going with Meal Plan "B" where we cook our meals in our camp (good for their cooking advancement requirements too). The price is \$288 with a \$20 discount if paid by May 4th (to the Council). Discounts on T-Shirts & Hats too. Must talk to the Scoutmaster!!



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The application is now available online (see the flyer)

Congrats to our Newest Eagle Scout!



Troop 208's newest Eagle Scout is Conor Maguire who held his Eagle Court of Honor on March 6th. Congrats to Conor and his Family for this great achievement.
CONGRATS!!





<http://www.afreserve.com/about>

April 14th, 1948

Since President Harry S. Truman called for the formation of the Air Force Reserve in 1948, it has been a critical part of the nation's defense. Its mission is to provide combat ready forces to Fly, Fight and Win.

Operating in various locations around the world, the Air Force Reserve has evolved from a "stand by" force for emergencies into a Major Command (MAJCOM) of the Active Duty Air Force.

The Air Force Reserve currently performs about 20 percent of the work of the Air Force, including traditional flying missions and other more specialized missions, such as Weather Reconnaissance (Hurricane Hunters), Modular Aerial Fire Fighting (MAFFs) and Personnel Recovery (Pararescuemen).

BIRTHDAYS



www.military.com

April 23rd, 1908

The Army Reserve of today can trace its roots as a national Citizen-Soldier force as far back as the French and Indian War (1756-1763) on through the Civil War (1861-1865) to the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection (1898-1902). From its birth in 1776 through the nineteenth century, the United States remained a regional power, protected from invasion by the vast expanses of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. A large standing army was not required, and the nation's defense was based primarily on the militias of individual states.

The United States Congress created an official Army Reserve in order to place a large portion of American Citizen-Soldiers under federal control during times of peace and war. Financially, this was the best option for maintaining and projecting a land force that rivaled those of other world powers. This decision came into play during World War I (1917-1919) when the Army mobilized nearly 90,000 Reserve officers, one-third of which were medical doctors. More than 80,000 enlisted Army Reserve Soldiers served. The individual Army Reserve Soldiers were placed into newly organized units, trained, and then deployed.

Between World War I and World War II, the Army planned for an Organized Reserve force of thirty-three divisions. When the United States entered the Second World War in December 1941, the number of Army Reserve officers on active duty rose from less than 3,000 to more than 57,000. World War II signified the beginning of a new era in national security, and from that point on the United States became the "arsenal of democracy" and "world guardian," a new mission in which the Army Reserve would play a major role. To defray the cost of maintaining such a large military force, Congress relied heavily on establishing and sustaining a more combat ready Army Reserve meant to deploy with the Active Army worldwide.

Recognizing the importance of the Organized Reserve to American success during World War II, Congress authorized retirement and drill pay for the first time in 1948. The Korean War (1950-1953) saw more than 240,000 Army Reserve Soldiers called to active duty. That large number reflected the Army's need for organized, trained personnel in a short period of time. While the Korean Conflict was still underway, Congress began making significant changes in the structure and role of the Army Reserve. These changes transformed the Organized Reserve Corps into the United States Army Reserve (USAR).

National Summertime Pack Award



All the pack must do is plan and conduct a monthly pack activity for June, July, and August. The whole idea is to keep your pack together and to do things during the summer when boys have plenty of free time. After conducting these three activities, the pack qualifies for the pack award.



Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award


Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. Scouts can build on skills and their experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year. The Cub Scout must attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp and complete rank specific requirements from their handbooks plus some outdoor activities with their den, pack or family.

Upcoming Activities

A Weekend with your Son @ Camp Miakonda

Dad & Lad ~ DINOSAURS ~ April 23rd & April 24th
 Mom & Me ~ UNDER THE BIG TOP ~ April 30th/May 1st
 Archery, BB Guns, Branding, BMX Bike riding....
 This is a full day of fun for you and your son and we do mean a full day on the go!

www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/2016DadMom.pdf

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Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camps 2016

- Week 1 June 20th - 24th
- Week 2 June 27th - 30th *
- Week 3 July 5th - 8th *
- Week 4 July 11th - 15th
- Week 5 July 18th - 22nd



Thursday night is Family Night from 4:30 to 8:00pm
 Weeks 2 and 3 are only 4 days long due to the holiday weekend (July 4th); prices should include a T-Shirt & patch. Check the flyers for details

\$145 before May 13th \$165 after May 13th
 each additional week is \$100

Webelos I Overnights @ Miakonda

July 16th & 17th, \$43/participant; more to follow.

Webelos II Resident Camp @ Camp Frontier

\$144 for the Webelos Scout & \$74 for the Adults
 July 31st - August 3rd or August 3rd - 6th
 3 days out at Camp Frontier during the last week of the regular Boy Scout Camp in the summer

www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/WRC2016Flier.pdf

May's District Meeting on May 12th is the annual District Recognition Dinner. All of the Leaders are welcome to come out and share the evening's fun, friendship and awards presentations to Scout Leaders within the District for their efforts this past year.

The "boys of summer"



Toledo Mud Hens 2016 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!

This Year's schedule is:

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| Saturday June 4th | Saturday July 16th |
| Friday June 17th | Friday July 29th |
| Saturday July 9th | Saturday July 30th |

If you've never been to one of these, you've missed a great time of baseball & camping and.... FUN! See the link: CALL 419-725-9292 TO ORDER SCOUT TICKETS

The WHOLE family is welcome to sleepover too !!

National Train Day

May 7th, 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!

www.dotoledo.org/Events/National-Train-Day-Toledo



Leave No Trace Awareness Course (LNT101)

May 21st, 2016 @ Camp Miakonda (free)
 from 9am until 12:30pm back by Raymer Cabin/OA Lodge

April Historical & Current Events

April 1st

- BSA registered the first Cub Scout Packs, 1930
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Parents/About/history.aspx>

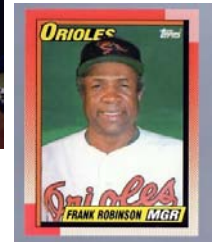


April 2nd

- Juan Ponce de Leon discovered Florida, 1513
- Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized the establishment of the United States Mint, 1792

April 4th

- Henry "Hank" Aaron tied Babe Ruth's Home Run record of 714, 1974



April 7th

- Lee and Grant discussed terms for surrender, 1865
- "South Pacific" opened on Broadway, 1949

April 8th

- Baseball's Henry "Hank" Aaron hit his 715 home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record, 1974
- Frank Robinson, major league baseball's first black manager, managed his first game for the Cleveland Indians, 1975

April 9th

- Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, 1865



April 11th

- Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War, 1783
- Jackie Robinson, entered Major League Baseball, 1947
- Apollo 13 mission began, 1970



April 12th

- The bombing of Fort Sumter began, starting the Civil War, 1861

April 13th

- Fort Sumter surrendered, 1861

April 14th

- President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth, at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C., 1865, while watching a performance of Our American Cousin.
- First motion picture public showing, 1894
- Air Force Reserve Birthday, 1948



April 15th

- President Lincoln died at 7:22 a.m., in Washington, D.C., 1865
- The Titanic struck an iceberg and sank, 1912



April 17th

- Ford Motor Company unveiled its Mustang automobile, 1964
- Apollo 13 astronauts splashed down safely, 1970



April 21st

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

April 23rd

- Army Reserve Birthday, 1908



April 24th

- Library of Congress was established, 1800



April 25th

- The ground was broken for the Suez Canal, 1859



April 29th

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

April 30th

- George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, 1789