



# Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

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

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

## Scout Sunday Feb 7th



We strongly encourage our Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts to wear their uniforms and attend their Church on Scout Sunday in February. 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.

## Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda with our own

**Boy Scouts... FUN and Advancement !!**  
**Hey Cub Scouts** ~ Your Troop is having a Campout @ Camp Miakonda the weekend of February 5th-7th and you're INVITED! That's right, they want you to join them and they'll help you work on your advancements PLUS you're welcome to have fun with them too.

## February Pack Meeting = Thursday February 18th

We'll meet at test & check Derby Cars  
We're scheduling this for a Saturday, February 20th this year at the EPIC Center on Main St  
We'll post a schedule soon 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, family members too in the All Comers Race, to participate!

March 12th District Pinewood Derby @ the Springfield High School (close by this year). We'll have the details for the Pack's Winners

## March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 17th

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)  
**6pm** at the Legion Hall; **St Patrick's Day** Theme...  
Will we see Mr Waterstradt dance an Irish jig?

## Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm; February 4th is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall

## UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

### Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 5th-7th, 2016 is the Wood District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... We will have a better time because we're inviting our Cub Scouts to join us! We'll need our Boy Scouts to help with the Cubs.

### March 11th - 13th is a tentative weekend Campout

We'll update everyone when the Scouts tell us what they would like to do and where.

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

Theme will be shared when we get it.

### 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.



### 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](http://www.praypub.org)



### 14th Annual Youth Patch Day Workshop

The Partners for Clean Streams workshop will be on Sunday, March 6th from 1:00pm to 4:30pm (check in starts at 12:30). The cost is \$5 and will be held in the Ingman Room, #2520, (UT Student Union). Parking is FREE, but registration is required. The registration / information flyer is posted on our website:

<http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/PatchDayFlyer2016.pdf>

LAST CALL



Something out of our History... by Matt Grills

## The Bravery of four Chaplains

<http://www.legion.org/library/6245/bravery-four-chaplains>



On Feb. 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport Dorchester - a converted luxury liner - was crossing the North Atlantic, transporting more than 900 troops to an American base in Greenland. Aboard the ship were four chaplains of different faiths: Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic).

Around 12:55 a.m., a German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck Dorchester's starboard side, below the water line and near the engine room. The explosion instantly killed 100 men and knocked out power and radio communication with Dorchester's three escort ships. Within 20 minutes, the transport sank and more than 670 men died.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, the four chaplains spread out, comforting the wounded and directing others to safety. One survivor, Private William Bednar, later said, "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying. I could also hear the chaplains' preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another survivor, John Ladd, watched the chaplains' distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen, or hope to see, this side of heaven," he recalled.

As Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, and in 1948, Congress declared Feb. 3 to be Four Chaplains Day. The four chaplains were also honored with a U.S. postage stamp that year.

Because of the Medal of Honor's strict requirements of heroism under fire, Congress authorized a one-time Chaplain's Medal for Heroism on July 14, 1960. The award was presented to the chaplains' next of kin Jan. 18, 1961.

On Feb. 3, 1951, President Truman dedicated a chapel in the chaplains' honor at Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia. When the building was sold, the chapel fell into disrepair, and the foundation overseeing the chapel moved it to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in 2001. The chapel was repaired in 2004 and given the name Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

In 2006, at The American Legion's 88th National Convention in Salt Lake City, the National Executive Committee passed a resolution that supported awarding the Medal of Honor to Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington.

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services. To request information on how to conduct a Four Chaplains Memorial Service, contact Charles Graybiel ([cgraybiel@legion.org](mailto:cgraybiel@legion.org)) of the Americanism and Children & Youth Division at (317) 630-1212.

Learn more about the four chaplains by visiting The Immortal Chaplains Foundation ([www.immortalchaplains.org](http://www.immortalchaplains.org)) and The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation ([www.fourchaplains.org](http://www.fourchaplains.org)).

### Council & District TRAINING events



**TRAINING**

Cub Scout  
Leader Specific Training

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

March 5th ~ BALOO for Pack Camping @ the Jadel Center  
March 16th ~ Cub Scout Leader Training @ the Jadel Center  
flyers posted on the Pack's website or ask Mr Raven

# Upcoming Activities



## Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

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



Feb 20th - Scout Night ~ The Pack is going tonight

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



Bowling Green State University Scout Hockey Night vs Ferris State  
February 27th, 2016

Tickets are \$8.00 per person  
call Kelsey @ 419.372.4019 to buy tickets

## 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!

as soon as the Council posts a flyer, we'll get it for you

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



## Toledo Mud Hens 2016 Scout Sleepovers



This Year's schedule is:

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:

[http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?vmd=20100412&content\\_id=9247102&sid=t512&vkey=tickets](http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?vmd=20100412&content_id=9247102&sid=t512&vkey=tickets)

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.

## Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camps 2016

Week 1	June 20th - 24th	\$145 before May 13th
Week 2	June 27th - 30th *	\$165 after May 13th
Week 3	July 5th - 8th *	each additional
Week 4	July 11th - 15th	week is \$100
Week 5	July 18th - 22nd	more discounts too

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

## 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](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/WRC2016Flier.pdf)



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](http://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 - \$328 early bird fee

Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$271 early bird fee

The regular fee is \$20 more if paid after the Early Bird (May 4th); we'll keep providing details as we get them.



**TRAINING**

## Boy Scout Leader Training

Yes Scoutmaster & ASM training too!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Training

Friday March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th

See Bob Quick for information

# February Historical & Current Events

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

February 1st

- Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello" construction began, 1769



February 4th

- George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782
- The Confederate States of America formed, 1861

February 6th

- Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate Army, 1865



February 8th

- The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910; brought to the USA by Dr William Boyce.

February 10th

- The National Executive Board approves the Cub program "controlled experiment"; Packs can register with the BSA starting April 1, 1930 (5,102 boys, 1,433 pack leaders and 243 packs are registered in 1930 the first year), 1930

February 13th

- New Federal Ironclad "*Indianola*" began its journey, 1863



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 16th

- General Ulysses S. Grant earned his nickname of "Unconditional Surrender Grant" following the surrender of Confederates at Ft. Donelson, 1862



February 17th

- A Baltimore street was first to be lighted with gas, from the America's first gas company, 1817
- Provisional Confederate Congress held its last meeting, 1862
- The first ship passed through Suez Canal, 1867



February 18th

- Jefferson Davis was made the provisional President of the Confederacy, 1861

February 19th

- Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919

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

- Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederacy, 1862

February 23rd

- The Battle at the Alamo began, 1836



February 24th

- Supreme Court overturned United States law for first time, 1803
- United States soldiers liberated Manila from Japan, 1945



February 25th

- Samuel Colt, patented his revolver, 1836



February 27th

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



February 28th

- Republican Party formed in Ripon, Wisconsin, 1854