



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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Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org



The Leaders of Pack 208 and Troop 208 hopes that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe & Happy New Year!

...and please keep in mind those who are not able to be home with their families; that they may be kept safe so they can come home to them.



January 9th (Saturday) is the annual Andersons' Pinewood Derby Workshop from 9am to 4pm at the Andersons'

There will be no Troop meetings during the Swanton Schools Christmas break December 22nd or 29th.

January 21st ~ First Pack Meeting in 2016

February 7th ~ Scout Sunday



Camp Alaska

A Scout is REVERENT. If you don't have a church that you regularly attend, you're always welcome to join either Mr Waterstradt (Swanton Alliance Church) or Mr Raven (St Richard's) for mass.

January 16th & 17th is our overnight Camp Alaska with Troop 97 in Weston, OH... The Weston Winter Weekend.



IF you're interested in working on any of the religious awards please see Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information and help.

Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 5th-7th, 2016 is the Wood District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... Just in case we would like to participate in their weekend or plan our own events.

February 18th ~ Pack Meeting; pre-Pinewood Derby!!

We'll pass out awards, recognitions and check cars!

February 20th ~ Pack 208's Annual Pinewood Derby

We'll hold it at the EPIC Center on Main Street again. The schedule will be posted in January, WEBELOS II will be 1st again.



Cub Scouts... start your engines!

The Swan Creek District Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 12th at the Springfield HS. Same rules as last year, only BSA approved parts!

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.

March 17th ~ Blue & Gold Banquet; St Patrick's Day

What will St Patrick's Day bring? The plans are in motion to make it both FUN and GREEN! Green & Fun?

May 21st - Tentative Wright-Patterson AFB day trip?

more details to follow; great experience to visit there

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.



Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

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

Just a reminder that in Boy Scouts we want the young men to plan their activities, with the help of the adults.

As we approach the fall and winter again, our leadership would like to remind all of our parents and volunteer leaders that "If Swanton Schools close due to weather, then our meeting that night will be cancelled."

Christmas in our History

<http://www.businessinsider.com/5-military-events-that-took-place-on-christmas-day-2014-12>

Christmas is one of the most celebrated holidays on earth. But that doesn't mean that conflicts simply freeze every December 25th.

Here's a look at some of the major military events that have fallen on Christmas, a date with a surprisingly rich history.

1776 — George Washington Crosses The Delaware River

Important events in both of America's most formative wars — the Revolutionary War and the Civil War — took place on Christmas.

Washington led his troops across a 300-yard stretch of the Delaware River in the dead of night between December 25 and 26, 1776. The surprise move would put Washington's men a 19-mile march away from a garrison of Hessians (German mercenaries hired by the British to help them in their effort to retain a hold on the rebelling colonies) that the Continental Army took completely by surprise.

The Hessians' quick surrender at the Battle of Trenton would be the first of two rebel victories in New Jersey (the other being the Battle of Princeton a week later) as the Continental Army regained control of the colony. This effectively reversed the British drive that had pushed the rebels across New Jersey in the previous months. The daring crossing of the Delaware ended up being one of the turning points of the war.



1868 — US President Andrew Johnson pardons former Confederate soldiers

On Christmas Day of 1868, US president Andrew Johnson extended a full pardon and amnesty "to all and to every person who, directly or indirectly, participated in the late insurrection or rebellion".

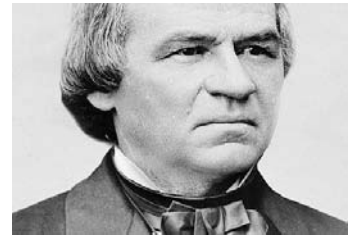
The internecine war had ended more than three years earlier, taking more American lives than any other conflict in history. But Union general Ulysses S. Grant's scorched earth tactics late in the war left much of the south in ruins, and the country emerged from the war in a state of deep division.

Johnson had been a Tennessee congressman, senator, and governor before joining Lincoln's presidential ticket. He was tipped in part to attract southern votes. Yet at war's end he seemed bent on imposing harsh conditions on the defeated half of the country.

The day after being sworn in as the nation's president, he asserted that "treason must be made infamous, and traitors must be impoverished."

But according to the History Department at North Carolina State University, Attorney General James Speed tempered Johnson's punitive intentions: "Mercy must be largely extended. Some of the great leaders and offenders only must be made to feel the extreme rigor of the law," Speed advised.

Southerners enjoyed only conditional and limited pardoning (depending on their station during the war) — at least until this blanket amnesty on "the 25th day of December, A. D. 1868."



German, British, and French soldiers make temporary peace to celebrate Christmas together

On Christmas Day in 1914, the first Christmas of World War I, soldiers left their trenches to observe the holiday in peace.

In the midst of war, soldiers laid down their arms to sing Christmas carols, play soccer, and barter with the cigarettes and sweets they'd received in care packages from the nations they served.

In some places, the truce was limited to an occasion for each side to bury their dead strewn in no man's land, the stretch of earth between opposing trenches that too often served as a killing field. In others, the skirmishing continued.

But some made the Christmas Truce of 1914 what it was:

An odd yet heartening case study in how people react to the pressures of war.



We hope that all of our service men and women are kept safe this Christmas so they may return home.

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

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

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

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

and now a word from our sponsor.... TRAINING!



Cub Scout Leader Training

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

For our NEW Cub Scout Den Leaders....

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (Live) classes

January 9th, 2016 @ Jadel Leadership Center

March 16th, 2016 @ Jadel Leadership Center

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

March 5th, 2016 @ Camp Miakonda

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.

25% Off Great Seats!

Use Offer Code **EARLY**

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

WALLEYE SCOUT EXPERIENCE

<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

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



Boy Scout Leader Training

Yes Scoutmaster & ASM training too!

Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

A one day session either January 9th or 16th at the Jadel Center (Camp Miakonda)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Training

Friday March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th

See Bob Quick for details, flyers are on our website

January Historical & Current Events

January 1st

Roman Emperor Julius Caesar first established January 1 as New Year's day, 46 B.C.E.



January 7th

The first presidential election was held, 1789



January 8th

United States forces led by General Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, ending the War of 1812, 1814

January 10th

London's Metropolitan; World's first underground railway, opened to the public, 1863

The League of Nations established 1920

The Holocaust began, 1933



January 12th

The first public museum in United States (South Carolina) established, 1773

January 7th

The first constitution of Connecticut "The Fundamental Orders" was adopted, 1639

Henry Ford introduced assembly line, 1914



January 15th

First Super Bowl held, 1967



January 14th

United States Civil Service was established, 1883

General Eisenhower took command of Allied Invasion Force in London, 1944

"Hello Dolly!" opened on Broadway, 1964



January 18th

White males, age 18-50 (later changed to 17-50), conscripted into Southern Army, 1864

January 20th

Pearl Harbor leased by the United States from Hawaii for naval station, 1887

Iran released 52 American hostages, 1981

Martin Luther King Day first observed, 1986



January 21st

First atomic submarine, the *Nautilus*, was launched, 1954

January 22nd

Vietnam peace agreement signed by United States, North and South Vietnam, and the Vietcong, 1973

January 24th

Gold was discovered in California, 1848

First United States Congressional Medal of Honor awarded, 1894, to Assistant Surgeon Bernard J.D. Irwin who actually earned over 30 years earlier (February 13-14, 1861)

First Boy Scout troop organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell, 1908



January 26th

First American expeditionary force to go to Europe during WWII went ashore in Northern Ireland, 1942

January 27th

Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp, 1880

Apollo 1 Crew Astronauts Grissom, White & Chaffee killed in aircraft accident, 1967

End of Military Draft announced, 1973

The Vietnam War ended, 1973



January 31st

13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, abolishing slavery was submitted, 1865

General Robert E. Lee named general-in-chief of all Confederate armies, 1865

During WWII, Pvt. Eddie Slovik was the only American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion, 1945

