



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

March 2016

*Check our website periodically for updates & flyers:*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

### 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

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, Adle-Adle, .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):

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.



Your 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! The application is now available online (see the flyer)

Something for our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Families... everyone who enjoys the outdoors!



### Leave No Trace Awareness Course (LNT101)

May 21st, 2016 @ Camp Miakonda

from 9am until 12:30pm back by Raymer Cabin/OA Lodge

A team of volunteers are providing this **FREE** LNT Awareness course will introduce you to the principles of Leave No Trace. We will teach you the LNT principals and how to apply them to the BSA Outdoor Ethics Program.

Most Scouts require this for advancement at all ages now.

March 12th District Pinewood Derby @ the Springfield High School (near by). We'll give the District Derby information to our winners; **Good Luck** to all at both the Pack and District races !! As always, we'll post pictures on the website and the first names of our Winners in the newsletter for each group.



### 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?



### April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 21st

7pm at the Legion Hall and hopefully back to normal Our young scouts should be wrapping up their year's advancement and adventures, getting ready for their new challenges in Scouting.

The **National Summertime Award** ... Summer is close!



Tiger Cub Wolf Cub Scout Bear Cub Scout Webelos Scout

The purpose of the **National Summertime Award** is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during the time periods when school is out of session for several weeks or months. If a pack is in a "year-round school" (or is part of a home-school association), the pack could earn the Summertime Pack Award by having a special pack activity during those breaks. Something to consider for the Dens??

Boys who participate in three summertime pack events (one each in June, July, and August) are eligible for the pins.



### 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>

## **How "Monopoly®" helped win World War II** *excerpt from Mary Pilon*

<http://deadspin.com/how-monopoly-helped-win-world-war-ii-1686340304>

*By World War II, Monopoly was a blockbuster, with Magie already largely written out of the narrative. The game's legend only grew, as did stories of what role it played during the war. In this excerpt, we learn how the game intersected with prisoners of war.*

Bombs were dropping all around the London offices of MI6, the British Secret Intelligence Service. It was March 26, 1941, and earlier that month, Hitler had ordered an expansion of the concentration camps at Auschwitz. Blocking out the explosions, an agent took to his typewriter and wrote to Waddingtons, the British game company that was producing England's version of Monopoly. On the other side of the war, Germans had realized the potency of using games as a teaching tool for the Hitler Youth, including *Juden Raus* (or "Jews Out") and Bombers over England, a game that rewarded players for dropping bombs on the English countryside.

In his letter, the agent recapped the conversation he'd had with Waddingtons' top executive, Victor Watson, earlier that day and stressed the need for secrecy. Waddingtons had just been enlisted in one of the Allies' most peculiar missions. A similar effort involving game companies was under way across the Atlantic.

During World War II, the Allies used a variety of objects, including games, to smuggle goods in to prisoners of war. Radios were hidden in cribbage boards, silk maps in decks of playing cards, and compasses in buttons or in the lining of clothing. Table tennis sets proved to be particularly useful, as maps could be easily folded up and tucked into the handles of wooden paddles. Cigarette cases, cigars, books, cotton handkerchiefs that changed color with the aid of certain liquids, a pencil that held a map, a cigarette holder—telescope, games of Snakes and Ladders, and reversible uniforms that allowed soldiers to disguise themselves as German officers—all these came into play.

In America, military officers purchased Monopoly boards and steamed off their top layer to create a center cavity. Inside, they placed maps. The process was tricky—some boards steamed open more easily than others—and bypassed the direct involvement of Parker Brothers.

Other game companies participated in the war effort. Milton Bradley turned its game-making factories into ones that manufactured missiles, submachine guns, rifles, and joints used in aircraft landing gear. The company also continued to manufacture some games for soldiers—as their founder had done nearly a century earlier during the Civil War. Now under new management, Milton Bradley would become profitable in 1942 and remain successful for years.

The Geneva Conventions allowed POWs to receive some letters and goods, including games, to help them pass the time. But relief groups such as the Red Cross did not want to risk their integrity as aid organizations by participating in smuggling activities, so the Allies set up fictitious relief agencies, such as the British Local Ladies Comfort Society and the Lancashire Penny Fund. The addresses of blitzed buildings were sometimes used as well. Waddingtons knew how to manufacture some of the specialized smuggled goods and how to modify the Monopoly boards in which they could be hidden.

Clank, clank, clank went the keys of the agent's typewriter. In a letter addressed to Watson, the agent asked for games to be made up containing maps of Norway, Sweden, Germany, France and Italy.

The Germans were aware of what the Allies were up to and issued propaganda accordingly. They said that the English had "opened up a non-military form of gangster war" by violating the rules of the Hague Conventions. In order to safeguard the homeland, Germany would retaliate by opening up "death zones," and it warned that "escaping prisoners of war, entering such death zones, will certainly lose their lives."

Heartwarming as the tale of Monopoly saving the lives of soldiers may be, it's also unlikely that the games were used directly in aiding escapes. It would be virtually impossible to know the scope of the Allies' use of Monopoly boards or how many POWs were helped by the hidden maps and goods—if any at all. No sets explicitly used for this purpose have ever been found, a fact that gives some game historians pause. However, the mission was believed to have been entirely classified, and materials related to it were destroyed as World War II ended and the Cold War began, in case it became necessary to use such tactics again.

But the spread of this legend, as well as the United States' embrace of Monopoly after the war, spoke to the solidified place the game had in the American psyche. Monopoly was no longer just a popular pastime; it had become representative of what was good about America and a positive symbol of capitalism.

One theory has it that the secret service operatives smuggled maps to POWs so that they could escape in the event that the war ended in anarchy. Another holds that just the idea of plotting an escape helped prevent POWs from becoming submerged in the mental darkness that can plague wartime prisoners—giving them relief from the sense of hopelessness and stigma associated with being captured by the enemy. The board games with their smuggled compasses and maps also served as reminders to the prisoners that people on the outside were thinking of them and trying to get them out. Then, there were the actual games.

"The importance of providing amusement for the forces in their leisure hours and in long periods of waiting and monotony in out of the way places," Prime Minister Winston Churchill wrote to the president of the Board of Trade, the man in his cabinet tasked with economic affairs, in the summer of 1943, "and for the sailors penned up in their ships for months together, cannot be overstated."

"It made an enormous difference to one's esprit to know that there were people in England trying to help one," John Powell Davies, a navy flier, told a reporter, decades later, of the Monopoly mission. Davies was among those who spent time in Germany's Colditz Castle prison, a high-security facility for recaptured escapees and important prisoners.

Neither was the irony of the Get out of Jail card lost on the prisoners, among them Lieutenant Colonel James Yule, who worked as an army intelligence officer. Captured in Norway and sent to a prison camp there, he escaped. Captured a second time and sent to Colditz, the handsome mustachioed soldier aided in the escape of other prisoners.

"Without Monopoly," he later joked, "there wouldn't be an England."

# Upcoming Activities



## Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

March 6th, 2016 - Tigers: Floats and Boats

March 13th, 2016 - Wolf: Air of the Wolf



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



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## 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

## TRAINING

### Council & District TRAINING events

The Council (Lee Schultz) is revamping our Training efforts just a wee bit to try and be more available to volunteers AND this, as the saying goes, is a GOOD THING! I'll be posting a quarterly Training Newsletter so you can follow all efforts for both Leaders and Youth. What's this mean otherwise? I have to revise the website a little, but if the Scouts are expected to keep learning why should I get any slack? Watch the site.

It's time to start planning for 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:

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 !!*

### 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)

# March Historical & Current Events

March 1st  
Ohio entered the Union, 1803 the 17th state



March 2nd  
King Kong, the motion picture, premiered in New York, 1933



March 3rd  
The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect. 1789  
**Star Spangled Banner** adopted as National Anthem of the United States, 1931

March 7th  
Army Distinguished Service Medal was authorized, 1918  
Monopoly board game is invented 1933



March 9th  
The battle of "USS *Monitor*" & "CSS *Merrimack*" occurred at Hampton Roads, Virginia, 1862

March 10th  
The U.S. government issues paper money for the first time. 1862

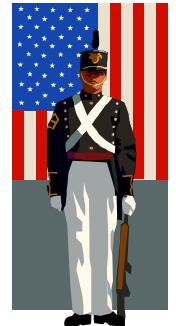


March 12th  
The Girl Scouts of America were founded, 1912



March 14th  
Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, 1793

March 16th  
Congress authorized the establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., 1802  
Hawthorne's "*The Scarlet Letter*" was published, 1850

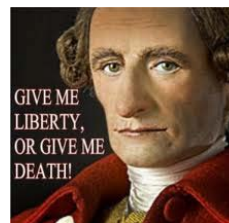


March 17th  
*On this day everyone is a little bit Irish- It's Saint Patrick's Day!*  
The Camp Fire Girls created, 1912



March 19th  
United States House of Representatives began televising day-to-day business, 1979

March 22nd  
The first movie shown to an audience occurred in Paris, 1895



March 23rd  
Patrick Henry's *Give me Liberty* speech occurred, 1775



March 24th  
Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army. 1958



March 25th  
RCA first produced color televisions, 1954

March 26th  
Dr. Jonas Salk invents a vaccine to fight polio. 1953



March 27th  
President George Washington and Congress created United States Navy, 1794

March 29th  
Ice jams stop the flow of water over Niagara Falls. 1848  
*Historical note: The "American" side of the Niagara Falls shut off in 1969 by the US Army.... And it may happen again soon!*



Meat, butter and cheese rationing began as a result of WWII, 1943

March 30th  
Alaska sold to United States by Russia, 1867  
The Queensboro Bridge, linking Manhattan and Queens opened, 1909