



# Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

May 2016

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

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

**April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 21st**  
7pm at the American Legion Hall

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

### May 30th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

More details on when and where the Pack and Troop will meet so we can join in the annual parade. We can show our pride in being Scouts and have a good time too.

Usually we meet at 10:15am at Crestwood School  
Let's honor those veterans who have sacrificed some, or all, of their lives so that we may have liberty.



### UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...



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

Shooting Sports at the Adams Conservation Club...

You **MUST** be a member of the Troop (Boy Scout, sorry Cub Scouts) to participate because the District must follow the Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines.

#### Summer Camping / Program

#### 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.

- \* 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 Mr Raven !!!



#### Order of the Arrow Election 2016

April 19th Troop Meeting

#### What is required to be elected to the OA?

- ▶ Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts
- ▶ Must have 15 nights of camping within the past 2 years prior to the election, including 5 nights of summer camp (only 1 week counts)... April 2014 thru April 2016
- ▶ Must be under the age of 21 (still considered a youth)
- ▶ Must be a First Class Scout (or higher)
- ▶ Must have the recommendation of the Scoutmaster
- ▶ Must be elected by your fellow Scouts (even those who are not in the OA vote on your membership guys)

We need at least half the troop here to even hold the election so everyone's attendance is important guys.

#### **BUT I'm OLDER THAN 21... Can't I join too?**

Yes you can, but Adults have to be nominated by the Troop Committee. Are you interested? The Camping requirements are the same as they youth and a few other details... see Mr Waterstradt for information if interested.



**WELCOME TO BOY SCOUTS!**  
For those Cub Scouts who are crossing over into Boy Scouts we say **WELCOME!!**



Your personal challenges will continue as you grow into young men; we'll help you grow.

May 8th this year



*Hey Scouts (and dads too) - Don't forget your mother (wife) next month. A Thank You, Hug and Card (homemade works) are appreciated!*



## The History of Memorial Day

[http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page\\_id=2](http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page_id=2)

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.



Gen'l John Logan

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

### Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

*" We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led.  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That Blood of heroes never dies."*



She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.



### National Moment of Remembrance

The "[National Moment of Remembrance](#)" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

*Our grateful thanks to those who served so that we may have the freedoms we have today.*

# 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](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/2016DadMom.pdf)

## 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](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 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)

**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.

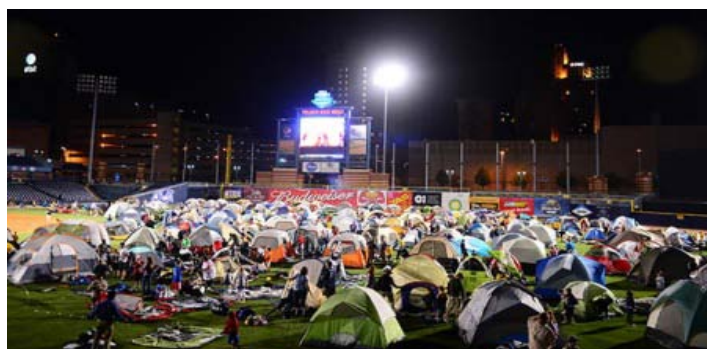
It's time to start planning for the "boys of summer"



## Toledo Mud Hens 2015 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 !!*

## National Train Day

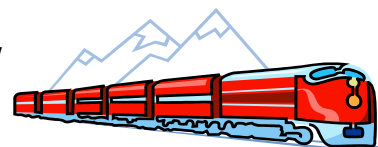
May 7th, 2015

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](http://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

# May Historical & Current Events

May 3rd

- Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city, 1802
- Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister, 1979



May 6th

- Babe Ruth hit his first home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox, 1915

May 7th

- The first inaugural ball was held in New York to honor President and Mrs. George Washington, 1789
- Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945

May 8th

- V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), 1945

May 9th

- First United States newspaper cartoon published in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania
- The 17th amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, 1913  
The 17th Amendment was proposed in 1912, ratified in 1913 and determined that The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, *elected by the people* thereof, for six years...

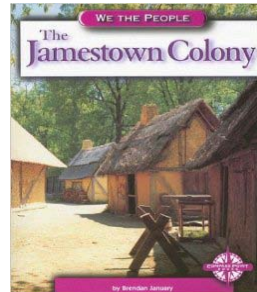


May 10th

- The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908

May 11th

- B.F. Goodrich Company developed the tubeless tire, 1947



BF Goodrich

May 13th

- The English Colony at Jamestown, Virginia, was settled, 1607

May 15th

- The Truman Doctrine was approved, 1947

May 16th

- Issuance of the nickel coin was authorized by Congress, 1866
- Astronaut Cooper orbited the Earth 22 times, 1963



May 17th

- The Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal, 1973

May 18th

- The Tennessee Valley Authority was created, 1933
- Mt. St. Helen's volcano in Washington state erupted, 1980



May 20th

- The first railroad timetable was published in the newspaper the *Baltimore American*, 1830
- Charles Lindbergh began his historic solo flight, 1927



May 22nd

- The first life insurance policy in the United States was issued, in Philadelphia, 1761

May 25th

- The Constitutional Convention opened, 1787
- Babe Ruth hit his 714th and last home run, 1935



May 30th

- Memorial Day 2016** celebrated (the last Monday in May); previously known as Decoration Day, is a <http://www.usmemorialday.org> day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Artificial POPPIES are sold by service organizations to help our disabled veterans every year.

May 31st

- The 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution was declared in effect, 1913