



Monthly Newsletter
Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

November 2016

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

October 20th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming



Halloween Party, Trick or Treating!

October 29th & 30th at Camp Miakonda

Open to everyone, not just Scouts, lots to do; go to:

Online pre-sales tickets are \$6.00; \$8.00 at the door

Children under 2 and Adults are free

November 11th & 12th is the **Pack's annual LOCK-IN** at the EPIC CENTER on Main Street. Who will stay awake longer, the Scouts or adults? Details in the flyer - Another fun night is ahead for everyone one more time.



POPCORN REMINDER

POPCORN Orders are DUE to

Mr Raven **by November 1st** and must be turned in so he can get our order in to Council on time.



University of Scouting 2015

Saturday, November 7th

8:00am to 5:00pm

Class Schedule (download)

Ask if you have questions

Registration Form (download)

Have some fun and learn too

Veteran's Day - November 11th

Please take a moment to be thankful for the sacrifices made by our veterans so we can have the freedoms we have. Also, the editor could not find a National Day to recognize our Emergency Services / Responders. Our men and women who risk their lives (police, firefighters, etc.). Let's not forget them and use November 11th to also thank them for their sacrifices and for risking their lives for us too.

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."

Tuesday, November 8th, is Elections Day in the United States. This is the one time, every 4 years, when we elect a President and Vice President for our Country. We hope that all adults exercise their right to vote for the persons of their choice and for any issues brought forth in their community such as funding levies. Many citizens in other countries do not have this right; please don't take it lightly. Scouts - remind your parents to learn the issues and then to **GO VOTE!**

Because voting is held at the American Legion Hall, our meeting will be moved for that night. We will meet at the EPIC Center on Main Street instead.

November Outing... Gentlemen, what do you want to do and where? **LEAD ON!**

December's Campout will be in the Adirondacks @ Camp Miakonda Dec 9th-11th. These are great for fall campouts.



2016 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 22nd we'll distribute the bags in Swanton

October 29th we'll pick up the bags from the homes

All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need and has been gratefully appreciated for the support in the past. A great service project for both our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and parents (our drivers and supervisors) who are needed to help too.

Thank you in advance!

PSR - Summer Camp 2017

July 2nd through July 8th

Nessle Campsite just past Ecology

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.

And time for any parents who'd like to go to plan for it too. Scouts, Summer Camp is a great chance to try things you can easily do here in Swanton. Choose well.





The History of Halloween (a brief excerpt)

<http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>



Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats. Halloween's origins date back an ancient Celtic festival about 2,000 years ago!

HALLOWEEN COMES TO AMERICA

Celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies. As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups as well as the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties," public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing. Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the nineteenth century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

TODAY'S HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

The American Halloween tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. The distribution of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling" was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood and be given ale, food, and money.

The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has both European and Celtic roots. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an uncertain and frightening time. Food supplies often ran low and, for the many people afraid of the dark, the short days of winter were full of constant worry. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. On Halloween, to keep ghosts away from their houses, people would place bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter.

HALLOWEEN SUPERSTITIONS

Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. ... And around Halloween, especially, we try to avoid breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in the road or spilling salt.

But what about the Halloween traditions and beliefs that today's trick-or-treaters have forgotten all about? Many of these obsolete rituals focused on the future instead of the past and the living instead of the dead. In particular, many had to do with helping young women identify their future husbands and reassuring them that they would someday—with luck, by next Halloween—be married. [And there are many more listed in the article too.]

REGARDLESS of your own traditions or superstitions, we hope all of you have an enjoyable Halloween and a great experience Trick or Treating around your neighborhoods. Travel in groups and in well lit areas to help keep safe.

Upcoming Activities



Nov 19th Construction City 2016
All new this year, open to Webelos I and Webelos II. It is being held at the 180th Air National Guard base.



Disney on Ice "Dare to Dream"
at the Huntington Center December 8th thru 11th
There are 7 shows and these are great for the whole family to spend some time together too.
<http://www.ticketmaster.com/> look under FAMILY

Men's Ice Hockey on February 4th
www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/BGSUHockey16.pdf

the Harlem Globetrotters

<http://eventful.com/toledo/events/harlem-globetrotters-/E0-001-095241875-0>

at the Huntington Center December 28th at 7pm
Do you like Basketball? Comedy and laughing? This is an evening you'll never forget. The Globetrotters have a long history of fun, entertainment and, at least a few times playing basketball too. A good evening for the family to spend together.



Information to register (phone/email) is in the flyer (link above); Scout Experience nights are:
Saturday Jan 7th Saturday, Feb 25th (Sleepover)
Saturday Mar 25th - NEW Pinewood Derby Showcase
<http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/Walleye2016-17.pdf>



Boy Scout Leader Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Training
Friday March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

- November 6th - Webelos: Engineer
- November 13th - Webelos: Adventures in Science
- December 4th - Bears: Forensics
- January 8th, 2017 - Bears: Super Science
- January 22nd, 2017 - Bears: Make it Move
- February 5th, 2017 - Wolf: Digging in the Past
- February 12th, 2017 - Tigers: Sky is the Limit
- March 5th, 2017 - Wolf: Digging in the Past
- March 12th, 2017 - Wolf: Air of the Wolf
- April 2nd - Webelos: Engineer
- April 9th - Webelos: Adventures in Science

In the Spring ~ For Cub Scouts & their parent(s)
April 22nd & 23rd is the Dad & Lad Campout
April 29th & 30th is the Mom & Me Campout
If you've never participated in either one of these, it's a great time to spend a day with your son and keep busy at Camp Miakonda... and a quiet night sleeping in a cabin is also in the deal too.



Cub Scout Leader Training

Training flyers are on our 208 Training page
For our NEW Cub Scout Den Leaders...
Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (Live) classes
November 5th @ University of Scouting (tentative)
January 14th, 2017 @ Jadel Leadership Center
March 15th, 2017 @ Jadel Leadership Center
BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)
March 4th, 2017 @ Providence Lutheran Church

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.

November Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

November 2nd

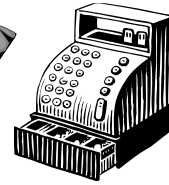
General George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army," 1783



November 4th

The first cash register patented, 1880

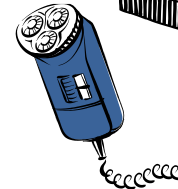
63 Americans were taken hostage by Iran, 1979



November 5th

The American Society of Engineers was established in New York City, 1853

The stereo radio was introduced, 1955



November 6th

Lincoln defeated three candidates for president of the U.S., 1860

Jacob Schick patented the first electric shaver, 1923



November 7th

The Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly. Entitled "Third Term Panic," the cartoon showed Republican concern that President Ulysses S. Grant would be elected to a third term on the Democratic ticket, 1874

November 8th

The first woman governor of Kentucky, Martha Layne Collins, was elected, 1983

The first black mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, W. Wilson Goode, was elected, 1983

November 9th

The first foreign trip by a U.S. president was made by Theodore Roosevelt, who sailed on the battleship USS Oregon to visit the Isthmus of Panama and inspect the canal, 1906



November 10th

The United States Marines were established by the Continental Congress, 1775

The last Battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought, 1782

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded, 1919



November 11th

World War I ended, 1918 (Armistice Day)

The Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, after lying in state at the Capitol rotunda in Washington, D.C., 1921

November 12th

General George McClellan said farewell to the Army of the Potomac, 1862

November 13th

The Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., 1982



November 16th

General William T. Sherman with a force of about 62,000 men left Atlanta, Georgia in flames and began his "March to the Sea," 1864

November 23rd

The color photograph process was patented, 1863

November 26th

Thanksgiving was first celebrated as a national holiday, 1789



November 28th

The first skywriting display occurred, 1922

November 29th

The first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York. Navy won 24-0, 1891

Lieutenant Commander Richard Byrd made his first flight over the South Pole, 1929



November 29th

The United States 42nd "Rainbow" Division, consisting of troops from every state in the Union, arrived in France, 1917