



# Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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



It's that time of the year again.... **POP, POP, POPCORN!**

We'll be taking orders for Popcorn and/or selling it through the first week of November. There are PRIZES!! We'll get our Popcorn, that was ordered, for the Pack meeting on November 17th so we can pass it out. Please encourage your sons and Scouts to help sell popcorn. It helps to fund the Pack and the Troop and also helps them to pay for their own Scouting through the profit sharing. Thanks everyone! Now go sell!

## Join Scouting Night was August 31st

**Welcome to our new Scouts; glad to have you onboard.**

Welcome to our new parents and leaders too! We're looking forward to a great year of fun and adventure. Whether you're new or been here already, we're always happy to have more help for the Scouts. Please see Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt to volunteer. **ANYTHING** you can do to help this year is appreciated! Thank you! Do you know someone who wanted to come out, but didn't? We are happy to have them join up at any time and, if your son brings them in he can get a RECRUITER Council Strip to wear on his uniform too!

Pack 208 OUTING @ Springbrook Metro Park  
September 24th from 9am until ending @ 3pm with a BANG!

We'll take hikes, cook our lunch and other activities that are both FUN and part of Cub Scout advancements for our Scouts. Ending at 3pm launching our ROCKETS!!  
The Council has a launch on Oct 15th also (if desired)

## Swan Creek District Cub Family Campout

October 8th & 9th @ Camp Miakonda

Check in from noon to 2pm with flags at 2 and the stations start right after until 6pm. Then Pizza Dinner and campfire

[www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/CFCFlyer2016.pdf](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/CFCFlyer2016.pdf)

[www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/CFCParentGuide2016.pdf](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/CFCParentGuide2016.pdf)



## October 20th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming

**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? There's a lot of fun for the Cub Scouts and for the adults too.



This is the 15th Anniversary of the "9/11 attack". Most of our Scouts weren't even alive 15 years ago when this happened. Many things are being said about this day by athletes and politicians, but Scouts should remember to, at least, respect our Emergency Services men and women and Servicemen (and women) who serve and sacrifice for our freedom and rights.

## September 27th ~ Troop Court of Honor

For the new Scouts, we don't have monthly pack meetings to pass out awards, we have Courts of Honor. Our fall Court of Honor is September 27th. Please wrap any advancement you're working on so we can present it to you. **And invite your family to join us that evening!**  
7pm Tuesday night, congratulations on your efforts!

## Sept 30th - Oct 2nd is the SCD Fall Camporee

Aviation Merit Badge at the 180th ANG Base  
this will be a great time and educational too!

[www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/SCDAviationFlyer2016.pdf](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/SCDAviationFlyer2016.pdf)

Sorry, only for the Boy Scouts, no Webelos this time.  
Check the flyer for the schedule and more information.

## 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 Pack and Scout Troop with great appreciation of the parents (drivers) who are needed to help too. Thank you in advance!



## Annual Halloween Party

October 29th & 30th at Camp Miakonda

Open to everyone, not just Scouts, lots to do and candy!



# "THE PRESIDENT'S OWN"

United States Marine Band

[www.marineband.marines.mil/About/Our-History/John-Philip-Sousa/](http://www.marineband.marines.mil/About/Our-History/John-Philip-Sousa/)

## JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA

October 1st, 1880 through July 30th, 1892

The Marine Corps' 17th Band Director



Sousa was born Nov. 6, 1854, at 636 G Street, SE, Washington, DC, near the Marine Barracks where his father, Antonio, was a musician in the Marine Band. He received his grammar school education in Washington and for several of his school years enrolled in a private conservatory of music operated by John Esputa, Jr. There he studied piano and most of the orchestral instruments, but his first love was the violin. John Philip Sousa gained great proficiency on the violin, and at the age of 13 he was almost persuaded to join a circus band. However, his father intervened and enlisted him as an apprentice musician in the Marine Band. Except for a period of six months, Sousa remained in the band until he was 20.

In addition to his musical training in the Marine Band, he studied music theory and composition with George Felix Benkert, a noted Washington orchestra leader and teacher.

After his discharge from the Marine Corps, Sousa remained in Washington for a time, conducting and playing the violin. He toured with several traveling theater orchestras and moved, in 1876, to Philadelphia. There he worked as a composer, arranger, and proofreader for publishing houses. Sousa was fascinated by the operetta form and toured with a company producing the musical *Our Flirtation*, for which he wrote the incidental music and the march. While on tour in St. Louis, he received a telegram offering him the leadership of the Marine Band in Washington. He accepted and reported for duty on Oct. 1, 1880, becoming the band's 17th Leader.

The Marine Band was Sousa's first experience conducting a military band, and he approached musical matters unlike most of his predecessors. He replaced much of the music in the library with symphonic transcriptions and changed the instrumentation to meet his needs. Rehearsals became exceptionally strict, and he shaped his musicians into the country's premier military band. Marine Band concerts began to attract discriminating audiences, and the band's reputation began to spread widely.

Sousa first received acclaim in military band circles with the writing of his march "The Gladiator" in 1886. From that time on he received ever-increasing attention and respect as a composer. In 1888, he wrote "Semper Fidelis." Dedicated to "the officers and men of the Marine Corps," it is traditionally known as the "official" march of the Marine Corps.

In 1889, Sousa wrote the "Washington Post" march to promote an essay contest sponsored by the newspaper; the march was soon adapted and identified with the new dance called the two-step. The "Washington Post" became the most popular tune in America and Europe, and critical response was overwhelming. A British band journalist remarked that since Johann Strauss, Jr., was called the "Waltz King" that American bandmaster Sousa should be called the "March King." With this, Sousa's regal title was coined and has remained ever since.

Under Sousa the Marine Band also made its first recordings. The phonograph was a relatively new invention, and the Columbia Phonograph Company sought an ensemble to record. The Marine Band was chosen, and 60 cylinders were released in the fall of 1890. By 1897, more than 400 different titles were available for sale, placing Sousa's marches among the first and most popular pieces ever recorded, and the Marine Band one of the world's first "recording stars."

The immense popularity of the Marine Band made Sousa anxious to take his Marine Band on tour, and in 1891 President Benjamin Harrison gave official sanction for the first Marine Band tour, a tradition which has continued annually since that time, except in times of war.

After the second Marine Band tour in 1892, Sousa was approached by his manager, David Blakely, to organize his own civilian concert band, and on July 30 of that year, John Philip Sousa resigned as Director of the Marine Band. At his farewell concert on the White House lawn Sousa was presented with a handsome engraved baton by members of the Marine Band as a token of their respect and esteem. This baton was returned to the Marine Band by Sousa's daughters, Jane Priscilla Sousa and Helen Sousa Abert, in 1953. The Sousa baton is now traditionally passed to the new Director of the Marine Band during change of command ceremonies.

In his 12 years as Leader of the Marine Band, he served under five Presidents, and the experience he gained with the Marine Band would be applied to his civilian band for the next 39 years. With his own band, Sousa's fame and reputation would grow to even greater heights.

# Upcoming Activities



## PSR Fall Star Party

October 17th & 18th

the flyer is posted on the Admin page

## FALL FOOTBALL EVENTS



### Bowling Green State University Falcon Football

September 17th, 2016; BGSU vs Middle Tennessee  
Tickets are \$8 each and first scouts there get deals!

### University of Toledo Rocket Football

October 22nd, 2016; UT vs Central Michigan  
Tickets are \$15 each, promotion code SCOUT



<http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/Walleye2016-17.pdf>

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



Construction City 2016 Nov 19th  
Open to Webelos I and Webelos II.  
This year it is being held, again, at the 180th Air National Guard Base.  
Details (links) are available on our website on the [ADMIN](#) page.

*and now, a comment from our Sponsor... Training!*



## Cub Scout Leader Training

[training@erieshores.org](mailto:training@erieshores.org)

For our NEW Cub Scout Den Leaders...

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (Live) classes  
Sept 14th @ Hayes Memorial UMC Fremont  
Sept 17th @ Hayes Memorial UMC Fremont  
October 1st @ Portage Methodist Church, Portage  
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.

## Disney on Ice "Dare to Dream"

at the Huntington Center December 3rd to 6th  
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

## MORE BG Sports???

Women's Volleyball on October 22nd

[www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/BGSUVB16.pdf](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/BGSUVB16.pdf)

Men's Ice Hockey on February 4th

[www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/BGSUHockey16.pdf](http://www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/BGSUHockey16.pdf)



## 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  
We'll provide more specific details ASAP!



## Boy Scout Leader Training

Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training  
Saturday October 10th @ Jadel Leadership Center  
Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Training  
Friday March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th

# October Historical & Current Events

October 1st

John Phillip Sousa became the 17th Director of the US Marine Band, 1880  
World War II began with the Nazi invasion of Poland, 1939



October 2nd

"Peanuts" comic strip debuted, 1950

October 3rd

George Washington proclaimed the first National Thanksgiving, 1789  
President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, 1863  
The "End" of the Berlin Wall occurred, 1990



October 4th

Construction of the ironclad ship, the *Monitor*, was authorized by the U.S. Navy, 1861



October 6th

The American Pharmaceutical Association, the first nationwide organization of its type, was founded in Philadelphia, 1853

October 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765  
The aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Saratoga*, the world's most powerful warship, was launched at the Brooklyn, New York Navy Yard, 1955



October 9th

The Washington Monument opened to the public, 1888



October 10th

The United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland. It combined at one site a group of schools previously located in the port cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk, 1845

October 12th

Columbus arrived with expedition in the present-day Bahamas, (Old Style calendar; Oct.21, New Style), 1492  
The first celebration of Columbus Day in America was held in New York City, 1792

October 11th

A naval force was established by the Continental Congress when it authorized construction of two warships, increasing the number to four on October 30; 1775  
The first supersonic bomber, the B58, was ordered into production by the U.S. Air Force, 1954



October 14th

The first mechanical switchboard was installed in the New York City telephone system, and the exchange was called "Pennsylvania," 1923

October 16th

The U.S. Senate confirmed Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, 1991



October 17th

Al Capone convicted of income-tax evasion, 1931  
A bill creating the Department of Education was signed by President James Carter, 1978

October 20th

The United States Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase, 1803



October 22nd

Airplanes were first used on battlegrounds, 1911

October 23rd

Twenty-five thousand women marched in New York City demanding the right to vote, 1915

October 28th

The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland, 1886

October 30th

George Washington established the U.S. Cavalry, 1776

