



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



AUGUST 19TH IS THE SWANTON CORNFEST !!

"Rivals in the Corn" Who Ya Rootin' For?

A PARADE to start the day off with at 10:30

We will be participating in the parade



Put it down on your calendars and plan to join us!



October 1st & 2nd

Swan Creek District Cub Family Camp

Check in is from noon to 2pm with flags at 2 and the stations start right after until 6pm and then dinner.

This will be held @ Camp Miakonda again this year we'll post the flyer and details as soon as we get them

October 13th thru 15th District Fall Camporee

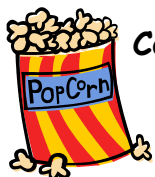
We'll be going back to the Operating Engineers in Cygnet. Scouts can try their hand at a skid steer, crane or even a backhoe! More details when they are available.



Join Scouting Night

Our "annual" Join Scouting Night will be September 13th

We'll meet at the Legion Hall at 6:00pm (Rain or Shine) to introduce Scouting to other young men and their families. If you can, please come out and let the young men know how much fun they can have in Scouting with us!



Coming in September....

Popcorn Take Order Sales begin

popcorn sales end in November

popcorn will be distributed afterwards

We'll make sure everyone gets updated as fast as our Popcorn "Kernal" gets the marching orders for this year.

Show & Sell Popcorn will be available on Sept 15th

2017 Scouting for Food Campaign

Mid-October - distribution of SFF bags; Oct 21st

pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday; Oct 28th

All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need in our community; they gratefully appreciate our efforts.

Fall Pack Meetings will start again in September

September 21st at the American Legion Hall

Starting at 7pm and with the surprise of....???

Upcoming Fall Events for Families

Camp Miakonda Halloween Party 2017

Saturday Oct 29th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm

Sunday Oct 30th from 2:00pm until 4:30pm

\$6 per youth (online price) until Oct 22nd

\$8 per youth after the 22nd (or at the door)

A safe chance to Trick or Treat and have fun!



6th Annual Troops & Packs

Invitational Pool Party

Rolf Park Swimming Pool

August 3rd in Maumee

7:30pm to 9:30pm

Troop 210 is, once again, hosting an open Pool Party for local Troops & Packs. Details are in the flyer.

Anyone interested PLEASE contact our Cubmaster / Scoutmaster (Mr Raven) so he can do one registration for us

Toledo Mud Hens 2017 Scout Sleepovers



Last call for 2017:

Friday August 11th

Friday July 28th

Saturday August 26th

Last chance for 2017.... Then it's Walleye time!

September 7th, 2017

FIRST DAY of the 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

and not a moment too soon....

Well, for the parents anyways....

The History of the Purple Heart

<http://www.purpleheart.org/DownLoads/Bank/MOPHInformationalBrochures/HistoryOfThePurpleHeart.pdf>

The Badge of Military Merit is the oldest known United States military decoration still in use. However, there was one other decoration awarded to members of the Continental Army that pre-dated even the Badge of Military Merit.



The Fidelity Medallion or "Andre Capture Medal," was created by act of the Continental Congress in 1780. It was awarded to Privates John Paulding, David Williams and Isaac Van Wart of the New York State Militia.

On the obverse is what appears to be a heart, flanked by leafed stalks, with "Fidelity" above. The reverse contains the Latin phrase, *Amor Patriae Vincit*, "Love of Country Conquers." It never was awarded again, so the award created two years later by General George Washington is often considered the oldest.

WHY THE ANDRE CAPTURE MEDAL ?

Major John Andre was a British army officer hanged as a spy during the American Revolutionary War for assisting Benedict Arnold to surrender the fort at West Point, New York to the British Army.

On September 23, 1780, after meeting with Benedict Arnold, Andre passed near Tarrytown, New York, where three militiamen stopped and arrested him, finding plans of West Point and letters from Arnold hidden on his person. André appealed to George Washington to be executed by firing squad, but by the rules of war he was hung as a spy at Tappan, New York on October 2, 1780.

The names of André's captors were **John Paulding, David Williams, and Isaac Van Wart**. The United States Congress gave each of them a pension of \$200 a year and a silver medal, known as the Fidelity Medallion. *All were later honored in the names of counties in Ohio*, and in 1853 a monument was erected to their memory on the place where they captured André. No other soldiers were ever awarded the Fidelity Medallion.

By April 1782, General Washington had established his Head Quarters at Newburgh, New York to keep watch on British forces in New York. He also needed to consolidate the 7,000 man Continental Army and quell a threatened mutiny over pay and pensions. For his soldiers, he wanted to continue efforts to improve their condition and morale.



General Washington's personal writings indicate that three badges, two Honorary Badges of Distinction and a Badge of Military Merit, were created on August 7, 1782.

The practice in Europe was to honor high-ranking officers who had achieved victory, rather than common soldiers. But in America, as General Washington said, the "road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is...open to all.

Of the Badge of Military Merit, Washington wrote:

"The General ever desirous to cherish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military Merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward".

General George Washington

On August 31, 1782 the Providence Gazette & Country Journal made the first public reporting of George Washington's General Order creating the "Honorary Badge of Distinction and the Badge of Military Merit."

One of only two known surviving original and complete historical heirloom newspapers is in the possession of James Klug, MOPH Department Commander and Stephanie Klug, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 147, Medford, Oregon.

for our new Scouts and their Families - we not only try to promote Scouting and Family activities, but we also try to provide some historical information on our country and the men and women who served her throughout our nation's history.

Upcoming Activities

University of Scouting 2017 - New Location

The 2017 University of Scouting will be held at the Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg. November 4th, 2017 with the cost being \$20 Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the registration information and schedule are available on our website!

www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/UofS2017.pdf



The Walleye usually offer 3 games for "SCOUT EXPERIENCE" dates to go to each season.

The 2017 - 2018 dates are not available as of yet, but we'll let you know when they are ASAP because these games sell out pretty fast!

There is also an opportunity for Sleepovers after the games too... MORE FUN!

Lots of events still not scheduled or promoted yet such as the Annual Construction City for the Cub Scouts in November. We'll keep watching for these events and provide the information to everyone as soon as we can. Some other (tentative September) events:

PSR Fall Star Party (usually late September) - a great opportunity to view the stars under the guidance of some true astronomy buffs

Clean Your Streams (usually mid-September) - a half day service (conservation) opportunity to help our environment and those who enjoy it

Bowling Green State University Falcon Football
Usually mid-September at Doyt Perry Stadium
Tickets were only \$8 and some surprises too

University of Toledo Rocket Football
Usually mid-October at the Glass Bowl

Bowling Green State University Falcon Hockey
Yes -hockey games and maybe volleyball too

Christmas time... more Basketball

Usually we get the opportunity to go to see the Harlem Globetrotters too!

And as a reminder *The Camp Miakonda 100th Anniversary Scout Family Event*

August 12th from 9am until 10pm

At Camp Miakonda on West Sylvania Avenue

The Council will celebrate the Camp's 100th year Activities and events will include

enjoying the traditions and history of the camp Scouts will be able to try tomahawk throwing, shooting, cooking, carving, playing Ga-Ga ball, or slack lining, experiencing the new Nature & Wildlife Center, an Order of the Arrow Ceremony and may just a relaxing tour of the camp.

There will be a campfire foil dinner, vespers. A root beer cantina and much to fill the day.

Truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to enjoy ~ 100 years won't happen again for... 100 years?



Leave No Trace Trainer Course

September 16th - 18th, 2016



It's a weekend long training session for anyone 14 years old, or older, interested in being an LNT Trainer.

swantonscouts.org/flyers/2016-09-16LNTTraner.pdf

details in the flyer, you must register, in advance



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

(their website is listed below.... Long address)

November 5th - Webelos: Engineer

November 12th - Webelos: Adventures in Science

December 3rd - Bears: Super Science

January 7th, 2018 - Bears: Make it Move

February 4th, 2018 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

February 11th, 2018 - Tigers: Sky is the Limit

March 4th, 2018 - Bears: Forensics

March 11th, 2018 - Bears: Lego Robotics (Ohhhh !)

April 8th, 2018 - Wolf: GERMS Alive! (new)

April 22nd, 2018 - Webelos: Adventures in Science

April 29th, 2018 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

Registration is open NOW - great den activities!

And a couple new programs this year too!

www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/workshops-camps/scout-workshops/cub-scouts-workshops

August Historical & Current Events

August 1st

The first article proposing women's rights in America was written by Thomas Paine for the Pennsylvania Magazine, of which he was the editor, 1775.

August 2nd

The Persian Gulf War began, 1990

August 3rd

This day, Congress designated June 14 as Flag Day, 1949
The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty was passed, 1972

August 4th

The United States Department of Energy was created, 1977

August 5th

The first Atlantic cable was completed, 1858
The first federal income tax was levied, 1861

August 6th

The first major allotment of public land for education was made by the city of Newport, Rhode Island. Income from the tract was to be used to educate the poor children of the town, 1640
The United States dropped an Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, 1945

August 7th

George Washington created the "Purple Heart," decoration medal, 1782
The United States War Department was established by Congress, with Henry Knox as the first secretary of war, 1789
The United States entered the Vietnam War, authorized by the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, 1964
United States troops sent to the Persian Gulf, 1990.

August 10th

The term Old Glory, referring to the U.S. flag, was first used by William Driver of Salem, Massachusetts, who was the captain of the ship, Charles Daggett. When presented with an American flag, Driver raised it to the masthead and said, "I name thee Old Glory." 1831

August 11th

Robert Fulton's steamboat Clermont made its first run from Albany to New York City in 32 hours, traveling five miles per hour, 1807

August 16th

American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington, Vermont, 1777
"Sports Illustrated" was first published, 1954

August 18th

The Copyright law was created by Congress, 1856.

August 20th

The first licensed radio broadcast occurred, 1920

August 22nd

The record player was patented, 1906
The world's first nuclear-powered ship, the Savannah, made its maiden voyage from Yorktown, Virginia to Savannah, Georgia, 1962.

August 28th

The last day of the Roman Empire, 476
The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was created to design and print financial papers for the federal government. It began with five employees, 1862.

August 31st

Lady Diana, Princess of Wales and her companion Dodi Al Fayed died tragically in a car crash in Paris, France, 1997

August 29th

The Beatles concluded their 4th American tour with their last public concert at Candlestick Park, San Francisco, 1966

