



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

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Check our website periodically for updates & flyers:

www.swantonscouts.org



Winter Weekend Camporee
WELCOME to our Webelos II who joined the Troop for the District's Winter Weekend. A few projects and the Search & Rescue Merit Badge keep us all busy the entire weekend.

March 11th 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 16th

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!) and our annual Friends of Scouting presentation.

6pm at the Legion Hall; and CARNIVAL Theme...
It's a family evening and we'll all have dinner first.

April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 20th

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.

CALLING ALL Cub Scouts !!!

Special Friends Clinic @ Promedica Flower Hospital

March 11th starting at 10am @ Flower Hospital
Very Limited space so you must register early
See the attached flyer - this is a GREAT opportunity!!!

Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm; March 2nd is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall and all adults are welcome to participate. Parents are welcome!



Your Scout wants to attend either Cub Day Camp or Pioneer Summer Camp, but there are some problems in paying for it? PLEASE talk to one of the leaders; there may be some help available through the Council Camping Committee.



Our **very sincere appreciate to Mayor Roth**, Swanton Village's Mayor, for giving our Troop an evening of her time to help us with our rank advancements this month. It was very educational and a nice tour of the Village Offices too.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

March 7th is our Spring Court of Honor & FOS

Awards & Recognition time for our Scouts. And our annual Friends of Scouting presentation.

March 10th - 12th Tentative campout Scouts....

What would you like to do? Where would you like to go?

April 27th - 29th is the District Spring Camporee

The theme is still in the planning stages

PSR - Summer Camp 2016

July 2nd thru July 8th

Nestle Campsite

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):

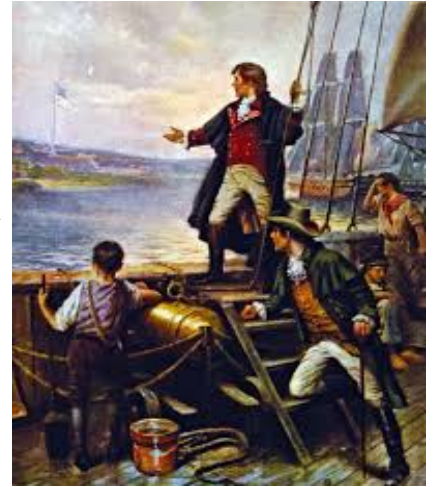
Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$271 early bird fee
Scouts (and adults staying more than 48 hours) **must have a physical** completed for Summer Camp - and if you Scout will be getting a Sports physical for school, get them both signed at the same time.



The Star Spangled Banner

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/key-pens-star-spangled-banner>

On September 13th, 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, originally titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written after Key witnessed the Maryland fort being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak, as reflected in the now-famous words of the "Star-Spangled Banner": "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."



September? What does a September topic have to do with March?...



Francis Scott Key was born on August 1, 1779, at Terra Rubra, his family's estate in Frederick County (now Carroll County), Maryland. He became a successful lawyer in Maryland and Washington, D.C., and was later appointed U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

On June 18, 1812, America declared war on Great Britain after a series of trade disagreements. In August 1814, British troops invaded Washington, D.C., and burned the White House, Capitol Building and Library of Congress. Their next target was Baltimore.

After one of Key's friends, Dr. William Beanes, was taken prisoner by the British, Key went to Baltimore, located the ship where Beanes was being held and negotiated his release. However, Key and Beanes weren't allowed to leave until after the British bombardment of Fort McHenry. Key watched the bombing campaign unfold from aboard a ship located about eight miles away. After a day, the British were unable to destroy the fort and gave up. Key was relieved to see the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry and quickly penned a few lines in tribute to what he had witnessed.

The poem was printed in newspapers and eventually set to the music of a popular English drinking tune called "To Anacreon in Heaven" by composer John Stafford Smith. People began referring to the song as "The Star-Spangled Banner" and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson announced that it should be played at all official events. ***It was adopted as the national anthem on March 3, 1931.***

Francis Scott Key died of pleurisy on January 11, 1843. Today, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry in 1814 is housed at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. and now you know what an event on September 13th, 1814 has to do with March!

Congratulations to our adults who have been dedicated to our youth and Boy Scouts for many years:

Ms Sharon Hankinson	45 years	The "Rookies"....		These are our current "veterans" who
Mr Robert Janes	35 years	Mr John Waterstradt	20 years	have given more than 10 years of their
Mr Gary Waterstradt	30 years	Mr Dan Riling	20 years	lives to the Scouting Program as either a
Mr Alan Raven	25 years	Dr Tim Walters	15 years	youth or adult. Thank you!

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

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



Saturday, Feb 25th (Sleepover)

Saturday Mar 25th - NEW Pinewood Derby

Showcase... wonder what they'll do that night?



Red Wing Hockey for Scouts
Sunday, March 26th vs Minnesota
Monday, April 3rd vs Ottawa

For information or to buy tickets:

<http://redwings.ice.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=114106>

<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1088038-S1whlNKunt>



Toledo Mud Hens 2017 Scout Sleepovers



This Year's schedule is:

Friday June 16th	Friday July 28th
Saturday June 17th	Friday August 11th
Saturday July 15th	Saturday August 26th

If you've never been to one of these, you've missed a great time of baseball & camping and.... FUN!

for more details - check the link below

Cub Scout Day Camp 2017 @ Camp Miakonda

Week 1	June 19th thru 23rd	Early Bird is \$149
Week 2	June 26th thru 30th	pay by 5/12/17
Week 3	July 10th thru 14th	Regular is \$169
Week 4	July 17th thru 21st	

Session 1 July 5th & 6th

Session 2 July 7th & 8th

You should be getting a flyer from the Council with more details and registration information

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2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #1

July 30th thru August 2nd @ PSR

2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #2

August 2nd thru August 5th @ PSR

A little more about Summer Camp:

The regular fee is \$20 more if paid after the Early Bird (May 4th); we'll keep providing details as we get them. Can't go the week of July 3rd, but still want to go? See us about going as a PROVISIONAL camper another week.



15th Annual Workshop

Sunday March 5th from 1:30 to 4:30
Being held at the University of Toledo
Cost is \$5.00 per person

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 although it is also called OUTDOOR ETHICS. Same information and with the same goal - to help preserve our world for future generations.

Training Opportunities

<http://swantonscouts.org/208training.html>

Interested in getting more training?
Ask the Janitor if you have questions!

March Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

March 1st

Congress authorized the first United States Census, 1790
Ohio entered the Union, 1803 the 17th state
Congress authorized the creation of Yellowstone National Park, 1872



March 2nd

Puerto Ricans granted United States Citizenship, 1917
Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors scores 100 points in a basketball game. 1962

March 3rd

The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect. 1789
Navy Reserve established, 1915
Star Spangled Banner adopted as National Anthem of the United States, 1931



March 5th

Navy SeaBees established, 1942



March 6th

Well known and loved Walter Cronkite signs off as anchorman off the CBS Evening News 1981

March 7th

Army Distinguished Service Medal was authorized, 1918



March 9th

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



March 11th

The most famous storm in American history begins.... the Blizzard of 1888

March 12th

General Ulysses S. Grant was named general in chief of Federal Army, 1863
The Girl Scouts of America were founded, 1912



March 16th

Congress authorized the establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., 1802

March 17th

The Camp Fire Girls created, 1912

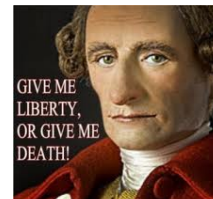


March 18th

Soviet Union cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov becomes the first person to take a space walk. 1965

March 19th

Congress approved daylight-savings time, 1918



March 23rd

Patrick Henry's *Give me Liberty* speech occurred, 1775
The United States Mint produced its first coins made by a press, 1836

March 26th

Corrugated lifeboat was patented, 1845
The Eastman Dry Plate and Chemical Company manufactures the first motion picture film. 1885

March 27th

President George Washington and Congress created United States Navy, 1794
First long distance telephone call made from Boston to New York, 1884



March 28th

Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented the washing machine, 1797
Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, Nuclear Reactor accident, 1979



March 31st

Wabash, Indiana was the first town to be illuminated by electric lights, 1880
"Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway, 1943