



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 2017

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 18th

7pm at the American Legion Hall



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

May 29th ~ 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.



Army personnel are placing flags at the gravesites of veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery for Memorial Day.



For those who don't know it, the Kroger Community Rewards program allows you to help yourself to pay for your Scout's expenses like Summer Camp or Day

<http://www.swantonscouts.org/KrogerCommunityRewards2015.pdf>

How does it work? You sign up for 208 Kroger Community Rewards with Troop 208 and just go shopping. Every 3 months Krogers will tell you how much "rewards" your shopping has helped Troop 208 earn and print that off for Mr Raven and he'll credit that amount to an account for your son to spend on camping or other Scouting activities. Get your relatives or neighbors on board and get more rewards for your son the same way. Help yourself while shopping.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...



April 21st - 23rd District Spring Camporee

Mountain Biking theme

The camporee will be held at the Oak Openings Park

May 1st - PSR Summer Camp Early Bird payments are due

May 27th - LNT AWARENESS (LNT 101)

morning program (free) at Camp Miakonda

www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/2017LNTAwareness.pdf

9am to 12:30pm; more details on page 3

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.



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May 14th this year ~ take a moment to wish your mothers (and/or spouses) a Happy Mother's Day everyone

the 24 Notes that 'Tap' deep emotions

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm>



Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune, borrowed from the French, called Lights Out. In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men.

Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story, "...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, (he) asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874 It was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became standard at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

The origin of the word "Taps" is thought to have come from the Dutch word for "Tattoo" - "Taptoe." More than likely, "Taps" comes from the three drum taps that were played as a signal for "Extinguish Lights" when a bugle was not used. As with many other customs, the twenty-four notes that comprise this solemn tradition began long ago and continue to this day. While there are no official lyrics for Taps, the following unofficial verse (author unknown) is often used:

*Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh -- Falls the night.*

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright;
God is near, do not fear -- Friend, good night.*



[Above Information Courtesy of United States Army Center for Military History](http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm)

Side note: Many of us have heard/read the version of TAPS being about Captain Ellicombe finding his son on the field of battle one night wounded. The son had been studying music in the South when the war broke out and he had enlisted in the Confederate Army. The son died and his father was allowed one musician who played the series of musical notes that were in the son's pocket; TAPS. This story is good, but a myth according to both:

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm> and www.usmemorialday.org/taps.html

A good story full of emotion, but not true.

All gave some and some gave all; we owe grateful thanks to all who have served throughout the years

Upcoming Activities

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

Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

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

Webelos II Resident Camping at PSR in 2017

2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #1
July 30th thru August 2nd @ PSR
2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #2
August 2nd thru August 5th @ PSR



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!

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

May 6th, 2017
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

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Leave No Trace Awareness Course (LNT101)

May 27th, 2017 @ Camp Miakonda (free)
from 9am until 12:30pm back by Raymer Cabin/OA Lodge;
a round robin teaching all 7 principles

Training Opportunities

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

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

100th Anniversary of Camp Miakonda



Camp Miakonda is celebrating 100 years of service to local youth this year; May 20th, 2017

Everyone is welcome to come out for the day to enjoy the camp programs and facilities from 9am to 5pm

For those who are not aware of it - Camp Miakonda was established on May 23rd, 1917 and this is its Centennial year. There will more activities and festivities throughout the summer with a "Scout Family Event" day in August. Camp Miakonda at the DeVilbiss Scout Reservation is 160 acres in a resident-type facility. The DeVilbiss Scout Reservation is the 6th oldest camp in the United States. 16 rustic cabins (which we use ourselves) are available for rental, 4 adirondack sites (3-sided buildings), tent camping sites, a pool, a lake, chapel, dining hall (with food service operation), Trading Post, Historical Museum, a marked historical trail, and a Frontier Fort.

The Scout Family Event day (Scouts and their families only) will be August 12th from 9am to 10pm

If you're interested in what be happening that day (or how to get a commemorative patch) go to:

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/cm100scout>

May Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

May 1st

- The first United States Postal Card was issued, 1873
- The first United States Series "E" Savings Bond was issued, 1941



May 3rd

- West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax, 1921

May 5th

- Astronaut Alan Shepard went on the first manned space flight, 1961



May 7th

- A German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the coast of Ireland, 1915
- Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945

May 8th

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



May 9th

- The Transcontinental Railroad was completed, 1869

May 10th

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

May 14th

- The first vaccination against smallpox was administered by English doctor Edward Jenner, 1796
- Lewis & Clark's expedition began, 1804
- The first Olympic Games were held in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri, 1904



May 16th

- Astronaut Cooper orbited the Earth 22 times, 1963

May 17th

- The first Kentucky Derby was held; the winner was "Aristides" 1875



May 20th

- Charles Lindbergh began his historic solo flight, 1927

May 21st

- Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, 1881
- Charles Lindbergh arrived in Paris, 1927



"I may sometimes be willing to teach for nothing, but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay."
- Clara Barton
American Red Cross

May 24th

- The Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, opened to traffic, 1883

May 25th

- The first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington to Baltimore appeared in the *Baltimore Patriot*, 1844

May 27th

- The German battleship *Bismarck* sank off France, 1941



May 29th

- Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act, 1765
- Memorial Day 2017** 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 30th

- The first Indianapolis 500 road race was held, 1911
- The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, 1922

