



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



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 September 14th

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 30th 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 7th & 8th @ 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 the campout flier (and details) is attached



October 19th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming

November 10th & 11th is the **Pack's annual LOCK-IN** at the EPIC CENTER on Main Street. Who will stay awake longer, the adults (yawnnn) or the Scouts? There's a lot of fun for the Cub Scouts and for the adults too.
Got a buddy who isn't in Scouts? Bring him to join!

September 26th ~ 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!

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.

2017 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 21st we'll distribute the bags in Swanton
October 28th 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 28th & 29th at Camp Miakonda

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

For our new Scouts and their parents, plus as a reminder to our older Scouts and families - if the Swanton School system cancels school for any reason (fog, snow, etc) we will not have the meeting that was scheduled for that evening. If you're not sure, you're welcome to check with us, but if there is no school then there will be no meeting. Safety is first; especially in bad weather.



Happy 242nd Birthday to the US NAVY

<http://www.military.com/navy-birthday>

The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet would be able to offset the uncontested exercise of British sea power.



The early Continental navy was not expected to take on the British navy for control of the seas. This small naval force was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships--frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs hunting British commerce ships and transports like prey, avoiding whenever possible fights with Royal Navy men-of-war.



The Continental navy faced several obstacles both during and after the revolution - mostly political and economic. Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance.

In the 1790's Europe began to relax many mercantile commercial restrictions and the U.S. trade and the shipping industry expanded accordingly. However, as the number of U.S. ships increased so did the possibility increased attacks by the European powers and pirates. In March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates. And, once again, the United States had a navy.

Although the Continental navy was later dismantled, October 13, 1775, remains the U.S. Navy's official birthday.

From these humble beginnings, the world's most powerful naval force was born. With thousands of ships and aircraft serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with. To learn more about the early years of the U.S. Navy, visit the U.S. Naval Historical Center website.



Some important firsts in Naval history:

1. First use of Submarines: While the Navy's first commissioned designs for a submarine were handed over in 1875, it wasn't until 1898 that the first Holland submarine launched successfully.
1. First use of modern battleships: While America had battleships before the 1908 South Carolina class dreadnought, which started with the USS Michigan and was based on British ships, these were the first in the new era of battleships.
3. First use of Naval aircraft: In 1911, the U.S. Navy bought its first airplane, the Curtiss A-1 Triad.

4. First aircraft carrier: The first flight from the deck of a U.S. Navy cruiser in 1910 led to the 1927 Lexington-class aircraft carriers, the first operational aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy.

5. First use of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat: Introduced in 1992, these rubber boats were originally meant for life boats in the 1960s, but the Navy now uses them for SEALs due to their lightweight, high speed, all-weather specifications.



NOVEMBER... US MARINES !

Upcoming Activities



PSR Fall Star Party
September 23rd & 24th
Not too late to sign up and go!

FALL FOOTBALL EVENTS



University of Toledo Rocket Football

October 21st, 2017; UT vs Akron Zips
Tickets are available at www.UTRockets.com



January 13th, 2018 - Boy Scout Jamboree
<http://www.toledowalleye.com/site/promo/4523>

February 10th, 2018 - Jamboree & Sleepover
<http://www.toledowalleye.com/site/promo/4525>

March 24th, 2018 - Boy Scout Jamboree AND
Pinewood Derby Showcase
<http://www.toledowalleye.com/site/promo/4508>

You can get tickets through these links and the whole family can have a fun time!



Construction City 2017 Nov 18th
Open to Webelos I and Webelos II.
This year it is being held, again, at the
180th Air National Guard Base.
Registration is available at:

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/CC2017>



Saturday
December 30th
2017
7:00pm

The Original
Harlem
Globetrotters



December 30th at the Huntington Center
Good fun and entertainment for the whole family!

In the Spring ~ For Cub Scouts & their parent(s)
Late April is the Dad & Lad Campout
Late April is the Mom & Me Campout
We'll provide more specific details ASAP!
We'll share the details as soon as Council posts them

Disney on Ice "Dream Big"

at the Huntington Center February 1st - 4th, 2018
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



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

Cub Scout Day Camp 2018@ Camp Miakonda

Week 1	June 18th thru 22nd	
Week 2	June 25th thru 29th	cost will be
Week 3	July 9th thru 13th	posted as soon as
Week 4	July 16th thru 20th	we have it

Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

Session 1	June 30th & July 1st
Session 2	July 7th & 8th

Webelos II Resident Camp (sessions 1 & 2)
Information (dates/prices) will be posted as soon as we have them for our Webelos I graduating to Webelos II

October Historical & Current Events

October 1st

The Declaration of Independence, and other historic documents that had been sent away from Washington, D.C. in December 1941 for safekeeping during World War II and was back in its place of honor at the Library for display, 1943



October 2nd

Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile, 1908
The "Twilight Zone" first premiered on television, 1959



October 3rd

George Washington proclaimed the first National Thanksgiving, 1789
President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, 1863

October 4th

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



October 5th

The first radio broadcast of the World Series occurred, 1921

October 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765



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
The waterway across the Isthmus of Panama was completed when the Gamboa Dike was blown up. President Woodrow Wilson set off the explosion by pressing an electric button at the White House, 1914



October 11th

Kathy Sullivan was the first woman to walk in space this day, 1984



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 13th

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 ~ Happy Birthday!
The first supersonic bomber, the B58, was ordered into production by the U.S. Air Force, 1954



October 15th

The Edison Electric Light Company was founded at 65 Fifth Avenue, New York, 1878

October 17th

The Concorde SST made its first flight from France to Kennedy Airport in New York, 1978
(The Concorde SST had already begun flights to Washington, D.C., in May, 1978)



October 21st

A new typewriting speed record was established by Margaret B. Owen in New York City, when she typed 170

October 24th

A patent was issued for the safety match, 1826
The United Nations came into existence, 1945



October 26th

The Erie Canal was opened, 1825

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