



# 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)

## Scouting for Food Campaign 2018

Our sincere "Thank You" to those who helped with the Scouting for Food drive this year. The results of our Scouting For Food was over 800 food items which will help feed some of our local families especially during the holidays we are approaching. They appreciate it as much as we do.



## 2019 Pinewood Derby

Time to start thinking about what you want to drive for the Derby this year and remember your family can race a car too! We have a race for family members. District rules & regulations will be posted soon, we'll make sure you get them for your cars.



*Thanksgiving & Christmas  
Two holidays in which we  
give thanks and remember*

Thanksgiving is our country remembers  
Christmas the entire world remembers



Let us not get so involved with special meals or football games as to forget why we should give thanks for a history that is still very young and a gift given

unto us as a sign of God's love for us and those before us.

The leadership of the Pack and the Troop wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable holiday time; hopefully with people special to them in their lives. And we pray for the safe return of our service men & women defending us wherever they are along with our vigilant police & EMS personnel who are on duty protecting us during the holidays too.

## Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm; December 6th is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall

Parents are welcome to attend & participate also

As we approach the fall and winter again, our leadership would like to remind all of our parents and volunteer leaders that "If Swanton Schools close due to weather, then our meeting that night will be cancelled."

## TROOP NEWS & FUTURE FUN!!!

December Campout? Gentlemen, we need your input so we do what you'd like to do!

December 1st: Swanton Christmas Parade & Meat Stick Sales - a chance to earn some \$\$ funds \$\$ to help pay for your Scouting experience. Registration or Summer Camp?

### Camp Alaska 2018

January 19th & 20th is usually our overnight Camp Alaska with Troop 97 in Weston, OH if we're going again.

### Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 8th-10th, 2018 is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... The Theme is not yet announced, but probably has to do with cold weather?

**March 12th** (or 26th) will be our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys and Friends of Scouting presentation. Let's wrap up our advancements and other awards guys.

### Spring Camporee @ Camp Miakonda

April 26th - 28th, 2018 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. This will be at the University of Toledo.

### PSR - Summer Camp 2019

July 1st through July 7th

Nessle Campsite just past Ecology

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.

And time for any parents who'd like to go to plan for it too. Scouts, Summer Camp is a great chance to try things you can easily do here in Swanton. Choose well.



### *Summer is coming faster than you may think!*

As a reminder Scouts, when you go to Summer Camp @ Camp Frontier, Scouts of higher ranks will have a better choice for Merit Badge classes so let's keep it going!

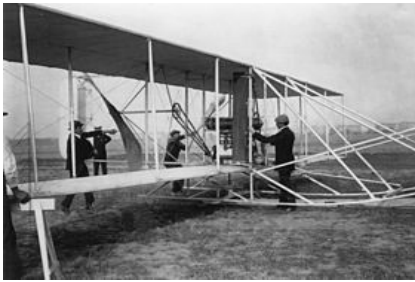
## 1903 The first Airplane Flies... the Wright Brothers+

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/first-airplane-flies>

Near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft. Orville piloted the gasoline-powered, propeller-driven biplane, which stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet on its inaugural flight.



Orville and Wilbur Wright grew up in Dayton, Ohio, and developed an interest in aviation after learning of the glider flights of the German engineer Otto Lilienthal in the 1890s. Unlike their older brothers, Orville and Wilbur did not attend college, but they possessed extraordinary technical ability and a sophisticated approach to solving problems in mechanical design. They built printing presses and in 1892 opened a bicycle sales and repair shop. Soon, they were building their own bicycles, and this experience, combined with profits from their various businesses, allowed them to pursue actively their dream of building the world's first airplane.



After exhaustively researching other engineers' efforts to build a heavier-than-air, controlled aircraft, the Wright brothers wrote the U.S. Weather Bureau inquiring about a suitable place to conduct glider tests. They settled on Kitty Hawk, an isolated village on North Carolina's Outer Banks, which offered steady winds and sand dunes from which to glide and land softly. Their first glider, tested in 1900, performed poorly, but a new design, tested in 1901, was more successful. Later that year, they built a wind tunnel where

they tested nearly 200 wings and airframes of different shapes and designs. The brothers' systematic experimentations paid off—they flew hundreds of successful flights in their 1902 glider at Kill Devils Hills near Kitty Hawk. Their biplane glider featured a steering system, based on a movable rudder, that solved the problem of controlled flight. They were now ready for powered flight.

In Dayton, they designed a 12-horsepower internal combustion engine with the assistance of machinist Charles Taylor and built a new aircraft to house it. They transported their aircraft in pieces to Kitty Hawk in the autumn of 1903, assembled it, made a few further tests, and on December 14 Orville made the first attempt at powered flight. The engine stalled during take-off and the plane was damaged, and they spent three days repairing it. Then at 10:35 a.m. on December 17, in front of five witnesses, the aircraft ran down a monorail track and into the air, staying aloft for 12 seconds and flying 120 feet. The modern aviation age was born. Three more tests were made that day, with Wilbur and Orville alternately flying the airplane. Wilbur flew the last flight, covering 852 feet in 59 seconds.

During the next few years, the Wright brothers further developed their airplanes but kept a low profile about their successes in order to secure patents and contracts for their flying machines. By 1905, their aircraft could perform complex maneuvers and remain aloft for up to 39 minutes at a time. In 1908, they traveled to France and made their first public flights, arousing widespread public excitement. In 1909, the U.S. Army's Signal Corps purchased a specially constructed plane, and the brothers founded the Wright Company to build and market their aircraft. Wilbur Wright died of typhoid fever in 1912; Orville lived until 1948.



The historic Wright brothers' aircraft of 1903 is on permanent display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

# Upcoming Activities



Construction City 2018 Nov 17th  
Open to Webelos I and Webelos II.  
It is being held at the 180th Air  
National Guard base. Register at:



## Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station  
providing great programs!

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

- Dec 2nd, 2018 - Tigers: Sky is the Limit
- Dec 9th, 2018 - Webelos: Engineering
- Jan 6th, 2019 - Bears: Forensics
- Jan 19th, 2019 - Wolf: Digging in the Past
- Jan 20th, 2019 - Wolf: Digging in the Past
- Feb 17th, 2019 - Bears: Lego Robotics (Ohhhh !)
- Mar 3rd, 2019 ~ Webelos: Game Design
- Mar 17th, 2019 - Webelos: Adventures in Science
- Mar 24th, 2019 - Bears: Forensics
- April 14th, 2019 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

Registration is open NOW - great den activities!

And a couple new programs this year too!

<https://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/workshops-camps/scout-workshops/girl-scouts-workshops>

In the Spring ~ For Cub Scouts & their parent(s)  
April 27th & 28th is the Mom & Me Campout  
May 3rd & 4th is the Dad & Lad Campout  
If you've never participated in either one of these,  
it's a great time to spend a day with your son and  
keep busy at Camp Miakonda... Details at:  
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/momdad>

## Cub Scout Day Camp 2019 @ Camp Miakonda

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in many fun outdoor opportunities. These opportunities may include swimming, archery, BB guns shooting, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), sports, games, Scout Skills, nature, fishing, and Family Night.

## Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

Camp Miakonda will offer two Overnight sessions

## For our Webelos II (Arrow of Light Cub Scouts)

The Council is planning on an Arrow of Light Recognition event (3rd annual) May 4th, 2019



January 25th, 2019 - Boy Scout Sleepover

February 9th, 2019 - Boy Scout Sleepover

<http://www.toledowalle.com/tickets/gameday-promotions>

Go to the specific date and click "TICKETS"

## For Our Older Scouts ~ Merit Badges

December 29th there will be a Merit Badge event at Camp Miakonda - As soon as we get more details we'll share them for our Boy Scouts.

## BOY SCOUTS - Merit Badges @ Camp Miakonda

Saturday December 29th

More details to follow as they are published  
The Merit Badges to be provided are still being identified with counselors lined up

The ARMY - NAVY Academy Football game ends the normal season for both teams. The rivalry actually is encompassed with the US Air Force Academy also and overall the winner of these 3 teams is awarded the Commander-in-Chief Trophy. Intra-Service rivalry for those who will serve our country.

# December Historical & Current Events

December 2nd

The first successful artificial heart transplant was completed at the University of Utah Medical Center. The recipient was Barney C. Clark, age 61, 1982

December 3rd

The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS *Alfred*," 1775

The treason trial of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, began in Richmond, Virginia. Before Circuit Court Judges Salmon P. Chase and John C. Underwood. The charges were dropped on February 15, 1869 after President Andrew Johnson's amnesty proclamation, 1868

"*Camelot*" opened on Broadway, 1960



December 4th

General Washington bade farewell to his troops, 1783

December 5th

National Prohibition ended, 1933

December 6th

Construction of Washington Monument was completed, 1884

The first broadcast of an official presidential address occurred when President Calvin Coolidge gave his second annual address to Congress. The transmission was so clear that technicians in St. Louis, Missouri telephoned Washington, D.C., to ask about the occasional rustling noise, which turned out to be caused by the president turning the pages of his address, 1923

December 7th

Japanese warplanes attacked United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1941



December 9th

A bill was introduced to create the Congressional Medal of Honor (Navy), 1861

December 11th

Incandescent stage lighting was first used in the U.S. at the Bijou Theater in Boston at a performance of *Iolanthe*, by

December 15th

The Bill of Rights went into effect, 1791

December 16th

The first patent for a process of shaping brass into bowls was issued to Hiram Hayden of Waterbury, Connecticut. Dishes of brass, fastened to spinning dies, were pressed to the shape of the die, 1852

December 17th

France recognized American independence, 1777



December 18th

The first celestial photograph was taken, 1839

December 21st

The (Navy) Congressional Medal of Honor medal was approved and authorized by Congress, 1861

A bill authorizing a federal bailout for Chrysler Corporation by providing \$1,500,000,000 in federal loan guarantees was passed by Congress, 1980. (Signed into law on January 7, 1980 by President James Carter).

December 23rd

"*A Visit From St. Nicholas*" (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement C. Moore, was published in New York, 1823

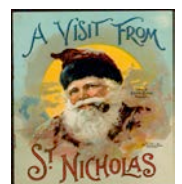
December 25th

The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D. 336

"*Silent Night*" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria, 1818

December 30th

The Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company, the first oil company in the United States was formed in New Haven, Connecticut, 1855



December 31st

The Manhattan Bridge, the third span across the East River in New York City was opened to traffic, 1910