



Monthly Newsletter
Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

February 2018

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

February 4th ~ Scout Sunday

A Scout is REVERENT. If you don't have a church that you regularly attend, you're always welcome to join either Mr Waterstradt (Swanton Alliance Church) or Mr Raven (St Richard's) for mass and Pastor Ratcliff will always welcome you at the Swanton Church of the Nazarene too. IF you're interested in working on any of the religious awards please see Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information and help.



**2018 Pinewood Derby Time
Rev those engines Scouts!**

February 15th ~ Pack Meeting; pre-Pinewood Derby!!

We'll pass out awards, recognitions and check cars!

February 17th ~ Pack 208's Annual Pinewood Derby

We'll hold it at the EPIC Center on Main Street again. The schedule will be posted in February. Please let Mr Raven know of any schedule issues

March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 15th

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)

6pm at the Legion Hall; more details soon

March 17th District Pinewood Derby @ Springfield High School Field House. We will provide the details to the winners



2018 Mom & Me Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

April 21st & 22nd; cabins or tent camping

2018 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

May 5th & 6th; cabins or tent camping



Parents: If your schedules are not very flexible and you still want to go with your son, either weekend works. Just register in advance. This has not been a problem before.

For those who did not get the information, on December 30th, our own Mr Young passed away. He held many leadership positions in Scouting, especially with both our Troop and Pack His devotion was extensive and appreciated. Please keep his family in your prayers.



John was working on his 50th year with Scouting, all as an adult - an accomplishment by any means.

Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 9th-11th is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... The theme is Iron Chef Cooking.... More to follow and food to eat!

March 20th is our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys and Friends of Scouting presentation. Let's wrap up our advancements and other awards we're working on.

Spring Camporee @ Camp Miakonda

April 27th - 29th, 2018 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. The theme looks like a Survival weekend and all the challenges that come with survival! Are you Scouts going to be ready for the challenge?

PSR - Summer Camp 2018

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.



For the parents of our Scouts - if your family needs some help to send your son to camp please let us know. There are discrete ways to help you and your son so he doesn't miss out on camp.

FUNDRAISER Opportunity: We can get some \$\$ for empty, rinsed 2L Soda Bottles (with caps). Please help

As we have already seen this year the weather isn't always pleasant. We 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."



Scout Sunday/Sabbath & Our Duty to God



www.scoutingnewsroom.org/blog/scouts-celebrate-duty-god-scout-sunday-scout-sabbath/

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.
– Scout Law, Scout Handbook

Scout Sunday / Sabbath from the Scouting Blog (above)

As Scouting prepares to celebrate Scout Sunday, which falls on the same day as the BSA’s birthday (Feb. 4, 2018), and Scout Sabbath (Feb. 11), Scouts across the country prepare for two busy weekends. [dates edited for 2018 use]

Uniformed Scouts will greet congregations and the Scout Oath will be recited in churches and synagogues nationwide. Some units will participate in service projects. Others may celebrate on different days in February as designated by their faith-based organizations.

No matter how Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath, all Scouters unite in lifelong religious reverence this month.

“From the Scout’s perspective, in the Scout Oath and Law, one of the first things emphasized is God,” BSA Team Leader for National Alliances Lee Shaw said.

Shaw and his team work with faith-based charter organizations to help identify how these organizations can highlight God in the units they host and serve. He emphasizes the importance of the BSA’s continuing mission to support Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell’s focus on God in Scouting.

How Scouts choose to follow this charge varies from unit to unit. Some faith-based organizations allow Scouts to participate in the worship service itself. Some Scouts may help facilitate the offering. Other organizations find time to highlight individuals in the troop or pack, recognizing good things Scouts are doing in the community.

“Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath observances are perfect opportunities to remind the faith community as well as Scouts and Scouters that reverence for God is a foundational principle of the organization,” BSA Religious Relationships Committee Chair Chip Turner said. “The fact that more than 70% of all Scout units are chartered to faith-based organizations gives further testimony to the importance of this principle.”

Duty to God from the US Scouting Service Project:

<http://usscouts.org/scoutduty/sd2gc05.asp>

From the very beginning, the Scouting movement has encouraged its members to be faithful in the practice of their religious beliefs. The Tiger Cub Promise asks young boys to love God. The Cub Scout Promise, the Scout Oath, and the Explorer Code each call upon Scouts to pledge themselves to do their duty to God. At the same time, Scouting espouses no creed and favors no single faith over another faith. Rather, Scouting provides programs and ideals that complement the aims of all religions.

The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America maintain that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God. Scouting is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. **The Boy Scouts of America does not define what constitutes belief in God or the practice of religion. Membership in a religious organization is not required.**

Scouting respects the convictions of those who exercise their constitutional freedom to practice religion as individuals without formal membership in organized religious groups. In all cases religious instruction is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the Scout and the religious institution to which a Scout belongs. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the religious organization or institution with which a Scout is connected shall give definitive attention to his religious life.

Currently the Pack and Troop have *one vacant Committee Position* open that we hopefully have filled, the Chaplain. Our Committee Chairman, Mr Waterstradt, may have that position finally filled to help us provide better guidance and support to our Scouts....Next month we hope to announce him!



Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

- 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

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

Cub Scout Day Camp 2018@ Camp Miakonda The Cub Scout Awakens!

Week 1	June 18th thru 22nd	Sibling Discount: \$20 discount
Week 2	June 25th thru 29th	
Week 3	July 9th thru 13th	Go a 2nd week? \$20 discount too
Week 4	July 16th thru 20th	

Cost? Early Bird is \$154 (due by May 11th)
Regular Fee (after May 11th) is \$174
Camperships are available (must apply soon!)
see Mr Raven, Mr Waterstradt or Mr Quick
if you have questions about Day Camp
A BSA Physical (pars A&B) are required
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdc>

Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

Session 1	June 30th & July 1st	Early Bird: \$45 Regular fee: \$55
Session 2	July 7th & 8th	

Early Bird means payment due by May 11th

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

Webelos II Resident Camp (sessions 1 & 2)

Weekend #1 is July 29th - August 1st
Weekend #2 is August 1st - August 4th
....still waiting for details... soon.

Council Centennial Camporee

Coming in the fall of 2018... it's been 6 years, but we'll ALL have a Camporee (Cubs & Boy Scouts)

Disney on Ice

"Dream Big"



at the Huntington Center Jan 31st - Feb 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



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!

And just around the corner with Spring we'll bring you the dates and times for:



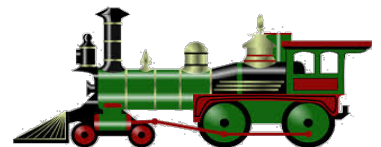
2018 Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers

The Mudhens usually offer 6 different games in June, July & August for a game and sleeping in the outfield.

Have you ever slept on an outfield before? No rocks or roots under your back to interrupt your sleep? This is an experience! And the Scouts get to stay up after the fireworks and watch a movie on the screen plus run around the outfield having fun.

2018 National Train Day at the Toledo Amtrak Station

Usually the first Saturday in May with a Free Open House, Model Train displays and more... FUN!



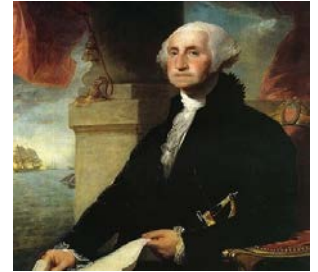
For the young (and more senior) train enthusiast this is a great way to spend your Saturday

February Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

February 4th

George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782



February 6th

The Beatles US album Hey Jude was released, 1970

February 7th

The Baltimore Fire destroyed 80 blocks/2600 buildings, 1904



February 8th

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910

February 10th

Peace treaty with Spain signed by President McKinley, 1899

The National Executive Board approves the Cub program "controlled experiment"; Packs can register with the BSA starting April 1, 1930 (5,102 boys, 1,433 pack leaders and 243 packs are registered in 1930 the first year), 1930

February 11th

Department of Agriculture raised to Cabinet status by Congress, 1889



February 14th

American ship "Ranger" carried the Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France, 1778

February 16th

General Ulysses S. Grant earned his nickname of "Unconditional Surrender Grant," following the surrender of Confederates at Ft. Donelson, 1862



The nation's first 911 system went into effect, 1968

February 17th

A Baltimore street was first to be lighted with gas, from the America's first gas company, 1817

February 19th

Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919



February 20th

President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792

February 21st

The Washington Monument was dedicated, 1885

February 24th

Supreme Court overturned United States law for first time, 1803

President Andrew Johnson was impeached by United States House of Representative and was later acquitted by the Senate, 1868

The Voice of America first went on the airwaves, 1942



February 26th

The 22nd Amendment to United States Constitution was ratified, 1951 (2 terms/10 years for the US President)

February 27th

The District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress, 1801

United States Supreme Court upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees the right of women to vote, 1922

