



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

May 2018

*Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website*

[www.swantonscouts.org](http://www.swantonscouts.org)

## May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 17th

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 28th ~ 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.



Don't forget your mothers !!  
Scouts ~ make their day special



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 Camp.

<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 20th - 22nd District Spring Camporee

At the Blue Creek MetroPark in Whitehouse

Themed around MetroPark opportunities we can use

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

**May 19th** - LNT AWARENESS (LNT 101) morning program (free) at Camp Miakonda 9am to 12:30pm; more details on page 3

### PSR - Summer Camp 2018

July 1st through July 7th

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 - \$286 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.

Early Bird Registration Deadline is May 1st at 5pm

Camp fees are discounted \$20 before May 1st

*If there are any questions about the price of summer camp or how to pay for it PLEASE see either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt and we'll try to help your Scout.*

**May's District Meeting on May 10th is the annual District Recognition Dinner.** All of the Leaders are welcome to come out & share the evening's fun, friendship and awards presentations to Scout Leaders within the District.

## Council Centennial Camporee

Coming in the fall of 2018... it's been 6 years, but we'll ALL have a Camporee (Cubs & Boy Scouts) activities for all of the Scouts will be planned! Fun for everyone and PSR's 50th Anniversary too.

May Troop Campout - Fishing trip guys....

# The History of Memorial Day

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2018 occurs on Monday, May 28. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



## EARLY OBSERVANCES OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national holiday. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

## DECORATION DAY

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.



## HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



*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 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
Session 2	July 7th & 8th	Regular fee: \$55

Early Bird means payment due by May 11th

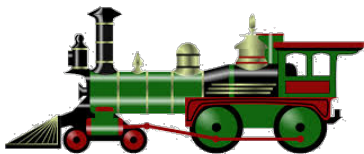
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/webover>

## Webelos II Resident Camp (sessions 1 & 2)

Weekend #1 is July 29th - August 1st  
Weekend #2 is August 1st - August 4th

## 2018 National Train Day at the Toledo Amtrak Station

May 5th 9:30 to 4pm  
Free Open House, Model  
Train displays, activities  
and lots more... FUN!



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



## Leave No Trace Awareness Course (LNT101)

May 19th, 2018 @ Camp Miakonda (free)

from 9am until 12:30pm back by Raymer Cabin/OA Lodge;  
a round robin teaching all 7 principles

A team of volunteers are providing this LNT Awareness course will introduce you to the principles of Leave No Trace. We will (briefly) explain how to apply them to the BSA Outdoor Ethics Program also. Most Scouts require this for advancement at all ages now although it is also called OUTDOOR ETHICS. It is the same information and with the same goal - to help preserve our world for future generations so they can enjoy nature too.



## Toledo Mud Hens 2018 Scout Sleepovers

This Year's schedule is:

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Saturday May 19th

Saturday June 9th



Saturday June 16th



\* **WARNING** - Sleeping on the outfield of 5/3rd Field can be extremely difficult for the experienced camper. It's so smooth with no rocks, ruts or tree roots.... like a nice carpeted floor. It's a challenge! You're WARNED!

## Volunteer Leaders

What does it take to be a Volunteer Scout Leader? Someone who is willing to spend a little bit of their time to help young lads (and soon, young ladies) to learn new things, some social skills and some self-confidence. A willingness to try is important too. The Scouting program is always in need of help; the more adults willing to help these young adults, the more we can help them expand their horizons. Any help you will offer is valuable to all.

- \* Some help as Den Leaders or Assistant Den
- \* Some help by finding us a Cowboy who will come to the Pack Meeting to educate and entertain the Cubs (that was fun) ~ Thank you for that help!!!
- \* Some help by showing our young Scouts how to learn new skills at Den Meetings or Campouts.
- \* Think about what you've seen this year and ask if there is anything you can add to the program for the benefit of these young Scouts. You may not think it is much, but it may be a lot more than you thought it was; especially to our Scouts, You don't have to register as an "official" Scout Leader, just be willing to help us help these youth. If you think you have something to offer please talk to Mr Raven or Mr Waterstadt so we can include you.

# May Historical & Current Events

[www.aboutfamouspeople.com](http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com)

May 2nd

- Good Housekeeping magazine first published in Holyoke, Massachusetts, 1885

May 3rd

- West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax, 1921
- Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for "*Gone With The Wind*," 1937
- Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister, 1979

May 4th

- Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, 1776

May 6th

- Babe Ruth hit his first home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox, 1915

May 8th

- Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River, 1541
- First transatlantic flight, 1919
- The Beatles UK album *Let It Be*, was released, 1970

May 10th

- Benedict Arnold was tried for treason, 1779
- The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908

May 17th

- The New York Stock Exchange was established, 1792
- *Godspell* opened on Broadway, 1971

May 18th

- The Tennessee Valley Authority was created, 1933
- The Beatles US Album, "*Let It Be*," was released, 1970

May 20th

- Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain, 1506
- The first railroad timetable was published in the newspaper the Baltimore American, 1830

May 21st

- *Gypsy* opened on Broadway, 1959
- The Beatles released their German version of "*She Loves You - Sie Liebt Dich*," 1964
- *A Chorus Line* opened on Broadway, 1975

May 24th

- Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened, 1844
- *Mame* opened on Broadway, 1966

May 25th

- The Constitutional Convention opened, 1787
- The first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington to Baltimore appeared in the *Baltimore Patriot*, 1844
- Babe Ruth hit his 714th and last home run, 1935

May 28th

- United States Customs Court created, 1926
- **Memorial Day 2018** 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 29th

- Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution, 1790

May 30th

- The 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution was declared in effect, 1913
- The last Ford Model T automobile was made, 1927

