



Monthly Newsletter

Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

October 2018

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org



FUNDRAISER TIME again

Popcorn Take Order Sales have started 14th
popcorn sales end October 31st
popcorn will be distributed November 15th
A chance to help earn \$\$ to pay for Scouting

Join Scouting Night was August 29th

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!

UPDATE on Girls in Scouting

Pack 208 is willing to host young ladies in Cub Scouts as long as we have interest and we will need parents willing to help lead the dens for these young ladies. We'll help the new leaders to be successful! Thanks

2018 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 20th - distribution of SFF bags/door hangers
pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday; Oct 27th

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!

October 18th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming

November 9th & 10th 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!

For those who did not get the information, on August 22nd, Mr John Wickizer of Swanton and our American Legion Post passed away. John was our Post Commander who spent countless hours for the benefit of our Post and was a great supporter of our Scouting Program.



We will greatly miss his friendship and humor and offer our deepest sympathies to his family on their

September 25th ~ 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 25th. 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!

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.
because of this there will be no Cub Family Camporee this year at Camp Miakonda

Due to the Fulton County Fair and Labor Day weekend there will be **no meeting on September 4th**. Good luck at the fair if any are participating in it this year.

The location for our **Troop's meeting on Nov 6th** will be rescheduled due to the fall elections... more to follow

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.

National Day of the Deployed

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-the-deployed-october-26/>

October 26 is annually designated as National Day of the Deployed. National Day of the Deployed honors all of the brave men and women who have been deployed, are sacrificing, or have sacrificed their lives to defend our country. The day also acknowledges their families who are separated from them during deployment and the sacrifices they make in order for their family members to serve our country.



Shelle Michaels Aberle founded National Day of the Deployed in 2006. Ms. Aberle approached then North Dakota Governor John Hoeven for support of a North Dakota Proclamation for the day. Governor Hoeven was the first governor in the United States to recognize deployed troops in a formal proclamation.

October 26 was chosen by Aberle's cousin, Bottineau, ND native LTC David Hosna who was deployed to Iraq from Kaiserslautern, Germany. October 26 is the date of Hosna's birthday.

Grand Forks, North Dakota hosted the first event. The first units honored by this proclamation were: NDARNG 1-188th ADA SECFOR and JLENS deployed to Afghanistan.

2011 - Senator John Hoeven led the efforts and co-sponsored S.RES.295 for a national day of honor. On October 18, 2011, the resolution passed unanimously for the first national day honoring deployed troops and their families.

2012 - All 50 states observed National Day of the Deployed.

Halloween Comes to America (a little whimsy)

<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>



Celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies.

As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups as well as the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties," public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing.

Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the nineteenth century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing the Irish Potato Famine, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally.

TRICK-OR-TREAT Borrowing from Irish and English traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's "trick-or-treat" tradition. Young women believed that on Halloween they could divine the name or appearance of their future husband by doing tricks with yarn, apple parings or mirrors.

In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season and festive costumes.

Upcoming Activities

FALL FOOTBALL EVENTS



SCOUT DAY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 | DOYT PERRY STADIUM

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Tickets discounted to just \$10
First 300 Scouts to purchase will receive a free scout patch
First 150 scouts to purchase will get to participate in the fan tunnel
Camping opportunity overnight outside of the Doyt

Call the BGSU Ticket Office today for more information or visit bgsufalcons.com/groups
877.BGSU.TICKET | ticket@bgsu.edu

September 22nd @ BG as they face Univ of Miami
University of Toledo Rocket Football

October 20th, 2018; UT vs Buffalo Bulls
\$18 per ticket, use Promo Code "SCOUT"



January 25th, 2019 - Boy Scout Sleepover
February 9th, 2019 - Boy Scout Sleepover
<http://www.toledowalleye.com/tickets/gameday-promotions>
Go to the specific date and click "TICKETS"

University of Scouting 2018 in Perrysburg, OH
The 2018 University of Scouting will be held again at the Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg.
November 3rd, 2018 the cost should be \$20
Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the registration information and schedule are available on our website!



Construction City 2018 Nov 17th
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:

Camp Miakonda's Halloween Trick or Treating
Saturday Oct 27th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm
Sunday Oct 28th from 2:00pm until 4:30pm
There will be an early bird pre-registration price
And a slightly higher price for later/walk-ins
A safe chance to Trick or Treat and have fun!



Cub Scout Programs
Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

- You need to look under the girl scout workshops... \$17/Scout
- Nov 4th, 2018 - Webelos: Adventures in Science
 - Nov 11th, 2018 - Bears: Make it Move
 - 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 at Camp Miakonda
Mom & Me and Dad & Lad overnights
Details and information available at:
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/momdad>

October Historical & Current Events

October 1st

The first World Series Baseball game put on display at the Library of Congress, 1944

October 2nd

Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile, 1908

"Peanuts" comic strip debuted, 1950



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 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765

The aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Saratoga*, the world's most powerful warship, was launched at the Brooklyn, New York Navy Yard, 1955

The Motion Picture Association of America adopted film ratings, 1968



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 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

"I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS-TV, 1951



October 19th

General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, 1781

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

Thomas Edison invented the working electric light, 1879

The first transatlantic radio telephone was made, 1915

October 24th

The first Pony Express ride ended, 1861

October 26th

The Erie Canal was opened, 1825

National Day of the Deployed, 2012



October 27th

Dupont developed Nylon, 1938



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