



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

Happy 243rd Birthday to our home, the

United States of America



AUGUST 17TH IS THE SWANTON CORNFEST !!

A PARADE to start the day off with and fun We will be participating in the parade and the Troop will be selling those awesome milkshakes afterwards too!

Memorial Day Parade 2019



Thank you to all the Scouts who participated and helped recognize those who have sacrificed for us.

Summer Camping / Program PSR - Summer Camp 2019

June 30th through July 6th
Nestle Campsite



Wednesday is Family Night when the families can come out and see the Scouts. Just a reminder to the parents if you do come out to see your Scout, please leave him at Camp when you leave and (please) take your wallets (money) with you!

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June 14th, 2019



8th Annual Troops & Packs
Invitational Pool Party
Rolf Park Swimming Pool
July 28th in Maumee
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Troop 210 is, once again, hosting an open Pool Party for local Troops & Packs. Details are in the flyer.

The History of the Fourth of July

<https://www.military.com/independence-day/history-of-independence-day.html>

On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on the fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.



Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State

House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence.

Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts; Roger Sherman of Connecticut; Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania; Robert R. Livingston of New York; and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting.

Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?

Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"



Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.



We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4th of July this year.

Please don't forget we have our freedoms because others were willing to sacrifice for us.

Upcoming Activities



Leave No Trace Trainer Course

September 13th thru 15th, 2019

It's a weekend long training session for anyone 14 years old, or older, interested in being an LNT Trainer. If anyone is interested, see Mr Quick for details.



University of Scouting 2019

The 2019 University of Scouting is currently being planned for November 2nd; location is ?? Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the schedule will be posted as soon as we have one available to share.

A little more Boy Scout History for that which proceeded us today in Scouting:

Green Bar Bill and his impact on Scouting

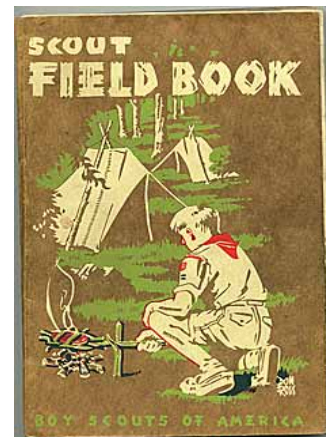
<https://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0610/d-wwas.html>

Seventy years ago, a special unit of Boy Scouts was organized in central New Jersey for Scouting legend William (Green Bar Bill) Hillcourt to test his ideas about leadership and Scoutcraft.

William (Green Bar Bill) Hillcourt had a major influence on the development of the Boy Scouts of America program. His achievements have been well documented, including his writing of the first patrol leader's handbook, two editions of *The Scoutmaster Handbook*, two editions of *The Boy Scout Handbook*, and countless articles for *Boys' Life* and *Scouting* magazines.

What is less known is that many of his ideas were field-tested on a special troop organized in central New Jersey specifically for that purpose.

A native of Denmark, Hillcourt was visiting the United States in the mid-1920's when his ideas about the patrol system so impressed BSA Chief Scout Executive James E. West that the young Dane was asked to write the BSA's first handbook for patrol leaders.



A NEW TROOP

Following the success of that manual, Hillcourt began producing a monthly column for patrol leaders under the name "Green Bar Bill." The first column appeared in the October 1932 issue of *Boys' Life*, the BSA magazine for young readers.

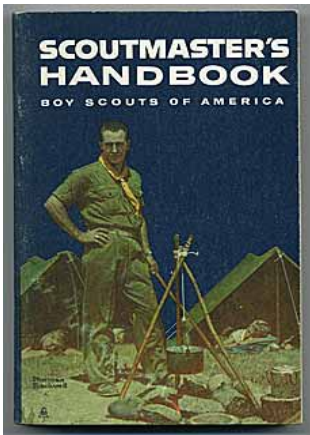
As the BSA's leading expert on Scoutcraft and troop leadership, he was next given the task of developing a new Scoutmaster's handbook. In 1934, determined to write a manual that promoted the patrol method of Scouting, he and his wife, Grace, moved to a remodeled stone sheep barn on the grounds of the BSA national training center in rural Mendham Township, N.J.

To improve his ability to write an effective manual, Hillcourt decided to organize a troop from the local population to test out his ideas.

With a flare for the dramatic, Hillcourt founded Troop 1 in Mendham Township in February 1935 on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the BSA. The troop was the first nationally chartered unit, which gave Hillcourt the freedom to experiment with different Scouting concepts and techniques without involvement from a local council.

Green Bar Bill retired from the BSA as national director for Scoutcraft in 1965. However, he returned for a year in the late 1970's to write the 9th edition of *The Official Boy Scout Handbook*. In November 1992, on a tour to visit Scout groups in many countries, Hillcourt died in Sweden at age 92.

The Scouts continue to proudly wear the Number 1 on their uniforms, in honor of Green Bar Bill.



July Historical & Current Events

July 1st

The Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, began, 1863
 United States Post Office started 5-digit zip codes, 1963



July 3rd

The Battle of Gettysburg ended, with a Union victory, 1863

July 4th

The Declaration of Independence was approved, 1776

July 6th

Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog, 1885
 The first All-Star baseball game was played in Chicago, 1933



July 7th

The Reader's Digest was founded, 1922

July 8th

Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, 1776

July 9th

The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York, 1776

July 10th

The US frigate "United States" was launched, 1797



July 11th

Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton was mortally wounded by in a pistol duel, by Vice President Aaron Burr 1804
 United States Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base, Colorado, 1955



July 12th

Congress authorized the Medal of Honor, 1862
 (there are 3 different Medals of Honor; Navy & Marine, Army & Air Force)

July 15th

The Boeing Company, was founded in Seattle, 1916

July 17th

Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California, 1955

July 18th

Elias Howe invented the sewing machine, 1847



NAVY



ARMY



Air Force



July 20th

The Beatles US album, *Something New*, was released, 1964

July 22nd

Katharine Bates wrote *America the Beautiful*, 1893
 Bank robber John Dillinger was shot and killed by F.B.I. agents outside a Chicago theatre, 1934

July 23rd

The ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches, during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, 1904

July 25th

Ulysses S. Grant named General of the Army, 1866



July 27th

United States State Department was established, 1789
 Bugs Bunny made his cartoon debut, 1940



July 29th

First telephone conversation occurred from New York to San Francisco, 1914

July 30th

First color motion pictures were exhibited, 1928