



Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

March 2019

Check our website periodically for updates & flyers:

www.swantonscouts.org

Our **MARCH Pack Meeting** will be the **LAST Thursday** in March (28th) this year due to the School having spring break the normal week. Update your schedules please.

This is our **Annual BLUE & GOLD Banquet** which starts @ 6pm in the Legion Hall. The Pack will provide the meat and beverages; families are asked to bring a dish to pass (Pot Luck) and for our education we'll have RED BEAR. If you've never met or heard Red Bear you're in for a treat; he's really more entertaining than educational. He's truly OUTSTANDING.

We'll also have our annual Friends of Scouting presentation

March 28th - make sure it's on your calendars!



District Pinewood Derby Reminder for those advancing: The District Pinewood Derby is March 9th at the Springfield High School Field House. Please let Mr Raven know if you have any questions or last minute concerns if you are scheduled to go.

Looking a little further down the calendar... SPRING !!

May 27th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

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 so please join us for the parade if you're not of town (wear your uniforms please). More details when we get to May.

Cub Scouting does not have to stop for the summer ~ See page 3 for more opportunities to be active & have fun!



Happy Birthday to the American Legion

100 years old in March; please take an extra couple minutes to read about our

history on page 2. Today there is so much more that the American Legion tries to do for our communities and youth such as Boys & Girls State, helping with sponsorships in school programs and so much more which includes sponsoring Boy Scouts units across the country.

Even after they completed their service in the military, these are people who still continue to give back.

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."

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

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

March's Outdoor activity will be....???

Gentlemen, as always, what's your desire? Camping? Hiking? Day trip to a historical place? Your call!

Spring Camporee @ Camp Miakonda

April 26th - 28th, 2018 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. Due to unforeseen difficulties the plans for having it at the University of Toledo had to be changed... stay tuned for updates & more news as we get it.

PSR - Summer Camp 2019

June 30th through July 6th

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 and we do not want that to happen!

For our NEW Scouts (first time to Summer Camp):

Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$295 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 paid after May 1st will be \$20 more

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.

Another new requirement (for the adults) is if you plan on joining us for the week, you are welcome to, you must have completed the new *Youth Protection Training*. This is required for camping in excess of 72 hours now.



Happy 100th Birthday to the American Legion



<http://www.legion.org/history>

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth. Following is a chronology of significant dates in Legion history:

In 1919:

- March 15-17 Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.
- May 8-10 St. Louis Caucus. "The American Legion" is adopted as the organization's official name. The Legion's draft preamble and constitution are approved.
- June 9 The National Executive Committee adopts the Legion emblem.
- Sept 16 Congress charters The American Legion.
- Nov 10-12 First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. **A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.**

In 1919 the American Legion Auxiliary was founded

In the 1920s:

- August 1st, 1920** the American Legion Department of Ohio was Chartered now having been in operation for 96 years
- Aug 9, 1921 The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration. Today, the Legion continues to lobby for adequate funding to cover medical, disability, education and other benefits for veterans.
- June 15, 1923 The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a Legion conference in Washington. Congress adopts the code in 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.

November 1924



In November 1924 the Murbach-Seifert American Legion Post #479 was chartered in Swanton, OH

Post #479 has been in operation for 92 years now celebrating their 90th anniversary on Nov 3rd, 2014

In the 1930s:

- Sept 1932 The Sons of The American Legion is officially recognized during the 1932 National Convention in Portland, OR
- June 23, 1935 The first American Legion Boys State convenes in Springfield, Ill., to help youths gain an understanding of the structure and operation of the federal government. The first Boys Nation, bringing together youth leadership from all the Boys State programs, convenes in 1946. Today, more than 19,500 young men participate in Boys State, and 98 in Boys Nation, from 49 of the 50 states.

In the 1940s:

- Sept 19-21, 1942 Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word "War" is changed to "Wars."

Happy 108th Birthday to the Boy Scouts of America

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Founders.pdf>

On February 8th, 2019 the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 108th birthday! Did you ever wonder how it even started?



In 1909, Chicago publisher William D. Boyce lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and, after guiding the man, refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. He also created the Lone Scouts, which merged with the Boy Scouts of America in 1924.

The Tale of the Unknown Scout (a little more of the story)

Scouting was brought to America by William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, and the way Boyce discovered Scouting is one of the movement's most colorful stories. Boyce, it seems, was in London in the fall of 1909 and was out in a famed London fog looking for an office in the center of the city.

Nearly at his wit's end, Boyce stopped a young man and asked directions. Not only did the youth tell Boyce how to reach his destination, he actually led Boyce there to make certain the American found his way without becoming lost again.

Boyce, to show his gratitude, offered the youth a tip, but the youth would not accept it. When asked why, the young man told Boyce he was a Boy Scout and taking a tip would negate the good deed he had done and violate his Scouting code.

The youth's gesture impressed Boyce, who later visited with Lord Baden-Powell himself. Boyce was so taken with Baden-Powell and the Scouting idea that back in America he and other men interested in youth development founded the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D.C., on February 8th, 1910.

No one knows who the Scout was who performed his Good Turn for Boyce, but he has not been forgotten. In Gilwell Park in London, American Scouts had a statue erected in his honor. A large-scale representation of the Silver Buffalo Award, the statue bears the inscription, "To the Unknown Scout Whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the Daily Good Turn Brought the Scout Movement to the United States of America."



Let's back up a moment and understand how this unknown young man came to be a Boy Scout himself in England

Boy Scouts was founded in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell

<https://www.scout.org/bp>



As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. In Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for his military regiment. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it *Scouting for Boys*. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea

Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought Scouting to youth the world over.

Born on February 22nd 1857 in Paddington, London, England Robert Baden-Powell went on to join the British Army on February 20th, 1876 and was appointed as Sub-lieutenant for the 13th Hussars in Lucknow, India, and specialized in scouting, map-making and reconnaissance.

On February 22nd, 1899 he was declared a hero for his successful defense of Mafeking Town during the Boer War and was promoted to Major-General by Queen Victoria. [and After that he was willing to brave working with youth!]

Kate Smith, Irving Berlin & "God Bless America"

<https://www.truthorfiction.com/god-bless-america-scouting/>



Frank Sinatra considered Kate Smith the best singer of her time, and said that when he and a million other guys first heard her sing "God Bless America" on the radio, they all pretended to have dust in their eyes as they wiped away a tear or two and you should also know the story behind the first public showing of the song.

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV, when radio shows were HUGE, and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also large; plus size, as we now say, and the popular phrase still used today is in deference to her, "It ain't over till the fat lady sings". Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV, but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.



Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America, and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer, Irving Berlin (who also wrote "White Christmas") and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her. He went to his files and found a song that he had written, but never published, 22 years before - way back in 1918. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not take any profits from God would go to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Over the years, they have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song.

This video starts out with Kate Smith coming into the radio studio with the orchestra and an audience. She introduces the new song for the very first time, and starts singing. After the first couple verses, with her voice in the background still singing, scenes are shown from the 1940 movie, "You're In the Army Now." At the 4:20 mark of the video you see a young actor in the movie, sitting in an office, reading a paper; it's Ronald Reagan.

To this day, God Bless America stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith went looking for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, I doubt whether she realized just how successful the results would be for her fellow Americans during those years of hardship and worry..... And for many generations of Americans to follow.

Now that you know the story of the song, I hope you'll enjoy it.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/TnQDW-NMaRs?rel=0>

Additional note (<https://parade.com/60998/parade/6-things-you-didnt-know-about-the-song-god-bless-america/>)

"...Irving Berlin himself has never made money on the song; in 1940, he created the God Bless America Fund, through which all royalties have been donated to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (now focused on the scouts in the greater New York City area). The song will remain under copyright until the year 2034."

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

- 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 still open - great den activities! And a couple new programs this year too!

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

2019 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 4th, 2019 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.



17th Annual Workshop/Patch Day is Sunday March 3rd at the Lake Erie Center in Oregon from 1:30 to 4:30. \$5/person

Cub Scouts - Time to start planning your 2019 activities Cubs! Lots of you can do...

CUB SCOUT CAMPING DATES 2019

- Mom & Me – April 27-28, 2019
- Dad & Me – May 4-5, 2019
- Cub Scout Day Camp:
- Week 1 – June 17-21
- Week 2 – June 24-28
- Week 3 – July 8-12
- Week 4 – July 15-19
- Tiger Overnight – June 29-30
- Webelos Overnight – July 6-7

WWW.ERIESHORESCOUNCIL.ORG/CAMPING



2019 Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers

the 2019 Scout Experience Schedule is available for everyone to look at.

http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?sid=t512&ynd=20100412&content_id=9247102&vkey=tickets

Boy Scout Sleepover schedule:

- Saturday, June 8th
 - Friday, June 21st
 - Friday, July 19th
- Have questions? Call the direct line at 419.725.8292 or email scouts@mudhens.com

lots of activities and fun for the family Pregame - meet the Mascots and a Parade Postgame.. More fun *AFTER* the ball game Fireworks, Scouts can run the bases, Family movie night, sleep out on the outfield (no rocks or tree roots) and even a breakfast if you want.



Something for our everyone who enjoys the outdoors!



Leave No Trace Awareness Course (LNT101)

May 18th, 2019 @ Camp Miakonda

from 9am until 12:30pm back by Raymer Cabin/OA Lodge

A team of volunteers are providing this **FREE** LNT Awareness course will introduce you to the principles of Leave No Trace. We will teach you the LNT principals and how to apply them to the BSA Outdoor Ethics Program.

*Environmentally concerned?
But wait... there's MORE!*



LNT INSTRUCTOR course Sept 13th-15th

The course is held at Camp Miakonda starting at 7pm on the Friday (13th) ending about noon on Sunday (15th)

The cost is \$40 (fees & materials) Registration is due by 9/1 to ensure adequate supplies

This is a Boy Scout recognized program, but is actually provided by the Leave No Trace organization; Rodger Phillips is our (local) LNT Master Educator.

It's an engaging weekend learning about the 7 principals of Leave No Trace (Outdoor Ethics) and once complete you're on a national list as a Trainer too.

March Historical & Current Events

March 1st

Ohio entered the Union, 1803 the 17th state



March 3rd

The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect. 1789

Navy Reserve established, 1915

Star Spangled Banner adopted as National Anthem of the United States, 1931

March 5th

Navy SeaBees established, 1942



March 6th

Silly putty is invented. 1950

March 7th

Army Distinguished Service Medal was authorized, 1918

Monopoly board game is invented 1933



March 8th

President Ronald Reagan calls the USSR an "Evil Empire" 1983

March 9th

The battle of "USS *Monitor*" & "CSS *Merrimack*" occurred at Hampton Roads, Virginia, 1862

March 11th

The most famous storm in American history begins.... the Blizzard of 1888



March 12th

Baseball great Joe Dimaggio agrees to a new contract with the NY Yankees, and gets a \$6,250 raise. 1942

The Girl Scouts of America were founded, 1912

March 16th

Congress authorized the establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., 1802

March 17th

The rubber band was invented. Can you imagine life without them!?! 1845

The Camp Fire Girls created, 1912



March 18th

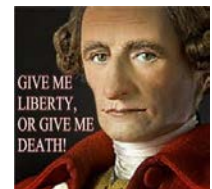
Soviet Union cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov becomes the first person to take a space walk. 1965

March 21st

Alcatraz prison emptied prisoners by the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, 1963

March 23rd

Patrick Henry's *Give me Liberty* speech occurred, 1775



March 24th

German scientist Robert Koch announces he has discovered the bacillus that causes Tuberculosis. 1882

March 26th

The Eastman Dry Plate and Chemical Company manufactures the first motion picture film. 1885

Dr. Jonas Salk invents a vaccine to fight polio. 1953



March 27th

President George Washington and Congress created United States Navy, 1794

March 29th

Ice jams stop the flow of water over Niagara Falls. 1848



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN WHEN NIAGARA FALLS WAS COMPLETELY FROZEN IN THE YEAR 1918. A VERY RARE PHOTO. at head of this but when take the photo before. Remember winter just how COLD and HOW LONG it was that cold

March 31st

The Eiffel Tower opens in Paris, France 1889