



Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

May 2019

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 16th

7pm at the American Legion Hall



WELCOME TO BOY SCOUTS!

We welcome Collin as he crosses over into Boy Scouts and a new adventure for him.



Your personal challenges will continue as you grow into young men; we'll help you

May 27th ~ 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 (hand make her a card!)



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...

Spring Camporee April 26th thru 29th

Electricity Merit Badge the Skill Trades Facility in Rossford (Lime City Road).

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

May 18th - LNT AWARENESS (LNT 101)

morning program (free) at Camp Miakonda 9am to 12:30pm - Ask Mr Quick if you have questions
Leave No Trace is actually a separate organization that provides training and help to anyone (not just Boy Scouts) to help improve everyone's outdoor experiences. Everyone is welcome to participate; bring your family, neighbors, friends, and son on if interested.



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.



PSR Summer Camp Fees (camperships available too):

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.

May's District Meeting on May 9th is the annual District Recognition Dinner.

All of the Leaders are welcome to come out and share the evening's fun, friendship and awards presentations to Scout Leaders within the District for their efforts this past year.

On May 10th the Eye of Freedom will travel through Swanton going to the Fulton County Museum. Read on!

The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial

<https://www.limacompanymemorial.org/>

On May 10th the *Eyes of Freedom Traveling Tribute* will be traveling through Swanton on its way to the Museum & Welcome Center of Fulton County (our back yard). It is expected to be traveling through Swanton about 2pm in the afternoon and everyone is welcome to come out and line the streets as it comes through. 8848 OH-108 in Wauseon (by the fairgrounds).



Just what is this all about?

The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial is an interactive traveling tribute since 2008 whose mission is to "Honor the Service & Sacrifice of all who answer our Nation's Call." Through the life sized portraits of the fallen Marines and Navy Corpsman of Lima Company are accurate likenesses of 23 specific men, their eyes reflect the thousands of men and women who have given their lives and served our Nation. Their own boots stand at the base of their portraits, making even more personal the gift of their service. The Eyes of Freedom Memorial, painted by acclaimed artist, Anita Miller, and delivered to you by their official transportation provided, R&L Carriers, is a living traveling tribute that reminds us of the costs of freedom. Lima Company is a Marine reserve unit and remains one of the hardest hit units in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lima Company is a Marine reserve unit from Lima, Ohio



In addition to the oil paintings, they recently added a life sized bronze sculpture entitled "*Silent Battle*" to honor the losses due to post traumatic stress and veteran suicide. This powerful and emotional work illustrates the difficulty that many veterans experience as they navigate life after combat. The same artist worked with an army veteran who knows well the pain of post traumatic stress and who has lost many comrades-in-arms to suicide. He instructed the artist by saying, "*The first step in healing is to know we aren't alone.*"

The traveling memorial will be on display from May 11th through May 18th. There is no charge to visit and tour the memorial, but they will gratefully accept donations (which are tax deductible) if you desire. Please take time to look at their website and information and, if you can, go see the memorial yourself while it is in our backyard.

Decoration Day

<http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/may.htm>

May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

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

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.

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 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.

All gave some and some gave all; we owe grateful thanks to all who have served throughout the years

Upcoming Activities

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.



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 Have questions? Call the direct line at 419.725.8292 or email
 Friday, June 21st line at 419.725.8292 or email
 Friday, July 19th 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.



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.ERESHORESCOUNCIL.ORG/CAMPING



The FIRST Boy Scout World Jamboree <http://usscouts.org/history/jambo20.asp>

Olympia, London, England, 1920. The first World Jamboree. 8000 Scouts from 34 countries represented at the roll call. The site, a huge glass-roofed building covering six acres whose concrete floor had to be covered with earth for the competitions.

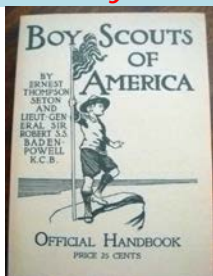
Some non-Scout participants: an alligator from Florida, a baby crocodile from Jamaica, a lioness cub from Rhodesia, monkeys South Africa, a baby elephant, a camel.....B-P. acclaimed Chief Scout of the World.....*"If it be your will, let us go forth from here fully determined that will we be develop among ourselves and our boys that comradeship, through the world-wide spirit of the Scout Brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and good will among men"*

In a brief thought, Lord Baden-Powell believed that if youth from all over the world could become united in a common goal and become friends while doing it that we could possibly eliminate wars. Friends would understand each other and would not want to fight. (from the editor)

The first Jamboree did not have an official badge, one of the few contingent badges was the one from South Africa.

This year will be the 24th World Scout Jamboree being held at Bechtel Summit in West Virginia

The Boy Scout Handbook http://historyofscouting.com/handbooks/boyscout_handbooks.htm



Why was the original handbook significant?

ORIGINAL EDITION – In 1910 the Boy Scouts of America created a temporary edition of the Scout Handbook while developing its first edition. Ernest Thompson Seton, BSA's Chief Scout, wrote "A Handbook of Woodcraft, Scouting, and Life-craft". It served as the official handbook of the BSA into its second year.

FIRST EDITION – 1911-1914. The "Official Handbook for Boys" became the official manual for Boy Scouts. The organization of material was somewhat weak and some basic skills were not presented in this printing.



It is a descendant of Robert Baden-Powell's original handbook, *Scouting for Boys*, which has been the basis for Scout handbooks in many countries. The handbook is not just a guide to the outdoors - but a guide for life that addresses issues such as alcohol and drug abuse, respecting others, and using the Internet appropriately. (And as of February 1st, 2019 we now have the *Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys* and *Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls* !!)

May Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

May 1st

- The first United States Postal Card was issued, 1873
- The first United States Series "E" Savings Bond was issued, 1941



May 2nd

- Captain John Smith landed at Jamestown, 1607

May 3rd

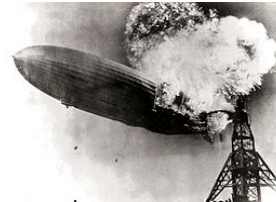
- Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city, 1802

May 4th

- Four student anti-war protesters were killed at Kent State University by Ohio National Guardsmen, 1970

May 5th

- Damn Yankees opened on Broadway, 1955



May 6th

- The Hindenburg crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., 1937

May 7th

- The first inaugural ball was held in New York to honor President and Mrs. George Washington, 1789

May 9th

- First United States newspaper cartoon published in Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 1754

May 10th

- Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, 1775
- The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908



May 14th

- Lewis & Clark's expedition began, 1804

May 15th

- Alabama Governor George Wallace was shot and wounded in Laurel, Maryland, 1972



May 16th

- Issuance of the nickel coin was authorized by Congress, 1866

May 17th

- The Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal, 1973



May 18th

- Mt. St. Helen's volcano in Washington state erupted, 1980

May 24th

- The first passenger railroad in the United States began service in Maryland, between Baltimore & Elliott's Mills, 1830
- The Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, opened to traffic, 1883

May 25th

- 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 27th

- The first recorded American execution of a witch took place in Massachusetts, 1647
- Memorial Day 2019** 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.



May 29th

- Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act, 1765

May 30th

- Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in France, 1431



May 31st

- Two Thousand people perished when a dam break created a flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 1889

