



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 2019

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org



FUNDRAISER TIME again

Popcorn Take Order Sales have started 13th
popcorn sales end October 29th
popcorn will be distributed November 21st
A chance to help earn \$\$ to pay for Scouting

Join Scouting Night was September 7th

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!

October 17th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming

Cub Scout Pack "OUTING" Day in our backyard!!!

September 28th at Oak Openings Metro Park
Spring Brook Park area where there is plenty of parking, room to run, rest rooms and more for us

For our Cub Scouts we'll have a fun day outside
We'll work on each den's advancement needs too
More details will be available in early September

November 8th & 9th is the **Pack's annual LOCK-IN** is being planned. We do need help locating a place for this year; any suggestions are welcome. There's a lot of fun for the Cub Scouts. Parents are welcome to join us.
Got a buddy who isn't in Scouts? Bring him to join!

Reminder 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

September 24th ~ Troop Court of Honor

Gentlemen - it's that time of the year again to recognize you for your efforts! Our fall Court of Honor is September 24th. Congratulations on your work and please moving along for recognition at the next Court of Honor.
Please invite your family to join us that evening!

September 21st - Oak Openings Hike @ Springbrook

The weather predicts a great day of hiking to get some miles under your boots for your advancement requirements.

2019 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 19th - distribution of SFF bags/door hangers
pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday; Oct 26th
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!

Due to the **Elections on November 5th**, the regular Troop meeting will not be held in the American Legion Hall as it is used for elections. An alternate location will be announced in October.

For the Troop - Merit Badges of Miakonda 2019
December 28th from 9am to 4pm; more to follow

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Reminder !!

Our Account Number was changed last year to AS052. 81834 will still be associated with the Troop

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.

A Brief History of the United States Naval Academy

<https://www.usna.edu/USNAHistory/index.php>



When the founders of the United States Naval Academy were looking for a suitable location, it was reported that then Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft decided to move the naval school to "the healthy and secluded" location of Annapolis in order to rescue midshipmen from "the temptations and distractions that necessarily connect with a large and populous city." The Philadelphia Naval Asylum School was its predecessor. Four of the original seven faculty members came from Philadelphia. Other small naval schools in New York City, Norfolk, Va., and Boston, Mass. also existed in the early days of the United States.

The United States Navy was born during the American Revolution when the need for a naval force to match the Royal Navy became clear. But during the period immediately following the Revolution, the Continental Navy was demobilized in 1785 by an economy-minded Congress.

The dormancy of American seapower lasted barely a decade when, in 1794, President George Washington persuaded the Congress to authorize a new naval force to combat the growing menace of piracy on the high seas.

The first vessels of the new U.S. Navy were launched in 1797; among them were the *United States*, the *Constellation*, and the *Constitution*. In 1825, President John Quincy Adams urged Congress to establish a Naval Academy "for the formation of scientific and accomplished officers." His proposal, however, was not acted upon until 20 years later.

On September 13, 1842, the American Brig *Somers* set sail from the Brooklyn Navy Yard on one of the most significant cruises in American naval history. It was a school ship for the training of teenage naval apprentice volunteers who would hopefully be inspired to make the Navy a career.

However, discipline deteriorated on the *Somers* and it was determined by a court of inquiry aboard ship that Midshipman Philip Spencer and his two chief confederates, Boatswains Mate Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small, were guilty of a "determined attempt to commit a mutiny."

The three were hanged at the yardarm and the incident cast doubt over the wisdom of sending midshipmen directly aboard ship to learn by doing. News of the *Somers* mutiny shocked the country.

Through the efforts of the Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft, the Naval School was established without Congressional funding, at a 10-acre Army post named Fort Severn in Annapolis, Maryland, on October 10, 1845, with a class of 50 midshipmen and seven professors. The curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French.

In 1850 the Naval School became the United States Naval Academy. A new curriculum went into effect requiring midshipmen to study at the Academy for four years and to train aboard ships each summer. That format is the basis of a far more advanced and sophisticated curriculum at the Naval Academy today. As the U.S. Navy grew over the years, the Academy expanded. The campus of 10 acres increased to 338. The original student body of 50 midshipmen grew to a brigade size of 4,000. Modern granite buildings replaced the old wooden structures of Fort Severn.

Congress authorized the Naval Academy to begin awarding bachelor of science degrees in 1933. The Academy later replaced a fixed curriculum taken by all midshipmen with the present core curriculum plus 18 major fields of study, a wide variety of elective courses and advanced study and research opportunities.

Since then, the development of the United States Naval Academy has reflected the history of the country. As America has changed culturally and technologically so has the Naval Academy. In just a few decades, the Navy moved from a fleet of sail and steam-powered ships to a high-tech fleet with nuclear-powered submarines and surface ships and supersonic aircraft. The academy has changed, too, giving midshipmen state-of-the-art academic and professional training they need to be effective naval officers in their future careers.

The Naval Academy first accepted women as midshipmen in 1976, when Congress authorized the admission of women to all of the service academies. Women comprise over 20 percent of entering plebes --or freshmen-- and they pursue the same academic and professional training as do their male classmates

Upcoming Activities

University of Scouting 2019 Update

The 2019 University of Scouting will be held in the Perrysburg area (Hull Prairie School or Penta) November 2nd, 2019 with the cost being \$20 Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the schedule will be posted as soon as we have one available to share.

A literal buffet of Scout Training to enjoy!



2019 - 2020 Season Dates are OUT !

<https://www.toledowalleye.com/en/tickets/scout-experience>

Friday January 10th

Friday January 31st = SCOUT SLEEPOVER NIGHT

Prices and reservation site are available at the link above. GOOD TIMES, especially if you like hockey and the Walleye.

BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
March 6th & 7th, 2020 at Camp Miakonda
Interested in learning some tricks and requirements for camping with Cub Scouts? This is a fast paced, but fun overnight time to learn.

Outdoor Ethics / LNT Awareness

Next Spring - a one morning round robin on the 7 principles of LNT or Outdoor Ethics, tba



Construction City 2019... tba

Open to Webelos I and Webelos II.

This year it is being held, again, in the fall, still being planned.

More info when we get it everyone

Camp Miakonda's Halloween Trick or Treating

Saturday Oct 26th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm

Sunday Oct 27th from 1:00pm until 3:30pm

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!

The program is new this year where the Cub Scouts schedule the program they want with Imagination Station; it can be at your site or theirs. In some cases, it will be required to be there due to materials needed for the program.

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>



Scout tickets \$12.00 each on Scout Night Only (Invalid on premium seating)

Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7pm (Scout Night)

*Groups may attend other performances and receive \$4.00 off per ticket, please contact the Group Sales Manager at (419) 321-5030 to coordinate your outing!

Groups Discounts Available for the following performances of Disney On Ice: Dream Big

Saturday, DEC 21, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Sunday, DEC 22, 2019 @ 1:00pm and 5:00pm

Bowling Green State University Falcon Football

Saturday Oct 19th hosting Central Michigan

Bowling Green State University Falcon Hockey

Sunday Dec 15th hosting Minnesota State

Christmas time... Harlem Globetrotters

should be here again... we're watching for them

In the Spring at Camp Miakonda

Mom & Me and Dad & Lad overnights

Details and information available at:

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/DadMe2020>

October Historical & Current Events

October 1st

The Declaration of Independence, and other historic documents that had been sent away from Washington, D.C. in December 1941 for safekeeping during World War II and was back in its place of honor at the Library for display, 1943
World War II began with the Nazi invasion of Poland, 1939



October 2nd

The five-day work week was officially sanctioned by the American Federation of Labor, 1933

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 5th

The first radio broadcast of the World Series occurred, 1921

October 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765
Cats, a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber opened on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theater in New York City, 1982

October 9th

Leif Ericson discovered Vinland, 1000



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

October 11th

The first steam-powered ferryboat, "Juliana" began operation, 1811

October 12th

Columbus arrived with expedition in the present-day Bahamas, (Old Style calendar; Oct.21, New Style), 1492
The first celebration of Columbus Day in America was held in New York City, 1792

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

October 15th

The first American fishing journal, the *American Angler*, was published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1881

October 19th

General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, 1781

October 21st

A new typewriting speed record was established by Margaret B. Owen in New York City, when she typed 170 words a minute with no errors, 1918



October 24th

Nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time in Wilmington, Delaware, 1939
The 40-hour workweek, part of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, went into effect, 1940
The United Nations came into existence, 1945



October 28th

The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland, 1886

October 29th

The New York Stock Market crash occurred, 1929



October 30th

George Washington established the U.S. Cavalry, 1776
Orson Welles performed his, "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast, based on the novel by H.G. Wells, which caused widespread panic when listeners took as true the realistically performed news reports of an invasion from Mars, 1938