



Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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www.swantonscouts.org

TROOP NEWS & FUTURE FUN!!!



2021 Pinewood Derby

Time to start thinking about what you want to drive for the Derby this year and remember your family can race a car too! We have a race for family members. District rules & regulations will be posted soon, we'll make sure you get them for your cars. We are making this more of an aviation event as we are flying by winds of what we'll be allowed to do so please bear with us and we'll keep you informed of intentions and plans.

Our March will tentatively have the Pinewood Derby on one of the first 2 Saturdays of the month and the regular Pack Meeting on the 3rd Thursday. Due to the COVID situation, we'll have to wait on where we can have the Derby, but we want to race! Please check your engines and tires and be ready to race out of your pits to get onto the track to roll!

For our Scouts - please think about spending a few extra minutes calling your relatives to let them know they are special during this time of the year; especially this year.



Let us not get so involved with special meals or football games as to forget why we should give thanks for a history that is still very young and a gift given

unto us as a sign of God's love for us and those before us.

The leadership of the Pack and the Troop wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable holiday time; hopefully with people special to them in their lives. And we pray for the safe return of our service men & women defending us wherever they are along with our vigilant police & EMS personnel who are on duty protecting us during the holidays too.

STAY SAFE EVERYONE

Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm; January 7th, 2021 is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall
Parents are welcome to attend & participate also

As we approach the fall and winter again, our leadership 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."

January Campout? Gentlemen, we need your input so we do what you'd like to do!

Camp Alaska 2021

January 15th & 16th is usually our overnight Camp Alaska with Troop 97 in Weston, OH if we're going again. We have to continue to be flexible with the COVID Virus requirements, but do you want to go?

Swan Creek District Winter Weekend

February 12th - 14th is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend on the calendar... we'll have to be patient with this camp out to guys... but we can plan for it!

March will tentatively be our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys and Friends of Scouting presentation. What are you working on that we can finish for your advancements and other awards guys? We're here to help.

Swan Creek District Spring Camporee

Unfortunately this one is not even on the books yet for the District so really have to play this one by ear.

Mr Raven & Mr Waterstradt NEED SUMMER CAMP!!

PSR - Summer Camp 2021

Week to be determined

Campsite to be determined

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.

And time for any parents who'd like to go to plan for it too. Scouts, Summer Camp is a great chance to try things you can easily do here in Swanton. Choose well.



2021 Member Registration Fees

Much as already been said about the new fees for 2021 being so high. If this could be a financial concern for these young men PLEASE talk to either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstadt and we'll try to get help for this.

December Historical & Current Events

December 1st

Theodore Roosevelt was the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize, 1906



December 2nd

The Monroe Doctrine was announced, 1823



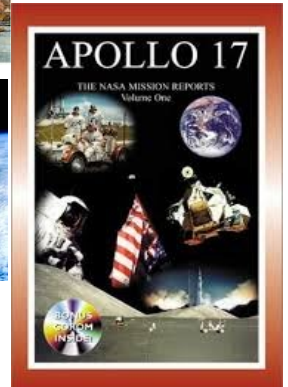
December 3rd

The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS Alfred," 1775

December 4th

General Washington bade farewell to his troops, 1783

United States *Gemini 7* was launched from Cape Kennedy on a 14-day, 206 orbit mission and rendezvous in space with *Gemini 6*, 1965



December 7th

United States Apollo 17 launched, 1972

December 7th

Noah Webster established New York's first daily newspaper, 1793

A bill was introduced to create the Congressional Medal of Honor (Navy), 19961

December 14th

The first military encounter of the American Revolution occurred, when on the report of news carried by Paul Revere that the British intended to station a garrison at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Major John Sullivan led a band of militia to Fort William and Mary, broke into its arsenal, and carried off arms and ammunition, 1774

December 15th

The Bill of Rights went into effect, 1791

The movie, "*Gone With The Wind*" premiered, 1939



December 16th

The Boston Tea Party occurred, 1773

World War II Battle of the Bulge, which was the last major German offensive of the war began, when German forces broke through Allied defenses in the Ardennes. 1944



December 17th

France recognized American independence, 1777

December 19th

Benjamin Franklin first published his "*Poor Richard's Almanac*" 1732

December 20th

Louisiana Purchase was formally completed, 1803



December 21st

Mayflower Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620

The (Navy) Congressional Medal of Honor medal was approved and authorized by Congress, 1861

Reduction of the voting age in national elections to 18 years was ruled constitutional by the Supreme Court, 1970

December 24th

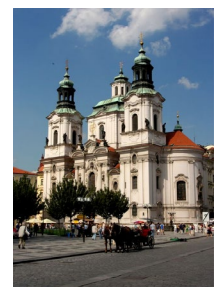
General Dwight D. Eisenhower was named Supreme Commander of Allied forces for the invasions of Europe, 1943

December 25th

The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D. 336

"*Silent Night*" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria, 1818

George Washington crossed the Delaware River, 1776



December 26th

New York City was blanketed with 25.8 inches of snow, 1947

The end of the Soviet Union began, 1991



December 27th

The World War II Battle of the Bulge ended, 1944