



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

February 9th ~ Scout Sunday

A Scout is REVERENT. If you don't have a church that you regularly attend, you're always welcome to join Mr Raven at St Richard's or ask Mr Waterstradt for Churches in the area.



If you're interested in working on any of the religious awards please see Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information and help.

February 20th ~ Pack Meeting; pre-Pinewood Derby!!

We'll pass out awards, recognitions and check cars for size & weight requirements.

Winter Weekend @ Camp Perry

February 28th - March 1st is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Perry themed around military training and leadership activities... sleep in the barracks

February 22nd ~ Pack 208's Annual Pinewood Derby

Location to be announced. The schedule will be posted in January. Please let Mr Raven know of any schedule issues you may have. Like last year we will run with the Sterns method of racing which is about 8 races for each Scout... busy!
Cub Scouts... start your engines!

March 10th (or 24th) will be our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys and Friends of Scouting presentation. Let's wrap up our advancements and other awards guys.

Spring Camporee @ Adams Conservation Club

April 24th - 26th, 2020 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. SHOOTING SPORTS !!

PPSA... Pinewood Public Service Announcement for the families of our Cub Scouts

For any families new to Pack 208, our non-Cub Scouts (family members like Mom, Dad, brother or sister) can share the fun too. Pack 208 also has races for non-Cub Scouts to participate in at the end of the day. After the Cub Scouts have raced, of course, we'll open the track up to let all others race too. We don't want everyone to think we're a NASCAR race, but we'll spend all morning racing so everyone can share the fun.

PSR - Summer Camp 2020

June 28th through July 4th

Nessle Campsite just past Ecology

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp and Merit Badges.

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.



March 14th District Pinewood Derby @ Springfield High School Field House. We will provide the details to the Pack winners



March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 19th

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)

6pm at the Legion Hall; more details soon

This year's theme is going to be..... ???

Happy Birthday Boy Scouts!

In 1909, according to legend, Mr William D.

Boyce was visiting London and became lost in the dense London fog. He was guided back to

his destination by a young boy who was merely doing "his duty" as a Boy that he started Boy Scouts on February 8th, 1910 in the US. Scout. Mr Boyce was so impressed that he started Boy Scouts on February 8th, 1910 in the US. Like Lord Robert Baden-Powell, he too focused on a program meant to help teach young men nonmilitary nature skills.



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."

Something Special out of History... *Food & Drink*

What was the first liquid & food consumed on the moon? (This is prompted by Scout Sunday....)

On July 20th, 1969 Astronauts Buzz Aldrin & Neil Armstrong ate the first meal on the Moon and it was communion! Later, after their return, Buzz Aldrin wrote about it in Guideposts magazine. Eric Metaxas wrote an article about this... taken from the site: <http://www.ericmetaxas.com/blog/communion-on-the-moon-july-20th-1969/>

And a few years ago I had the privilege of meeting him myself. I asked him (Buzz Aldrin) about it and he confirmed the story to me, and I wrote about it in my book, *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (But Were Afraid to Ask)*.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit... Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements." And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

How many of you knew of this historic event even if you were born before 1969 as a few of us (just a few of us it seems) were?

Buzz Aldrin is not an Eagle Scout, but he was a Boy Scout as a youth.

The picture to the right is of Buzz Aldrin in the Lunar Module copied from Eric Metaxas' website/blog provided above.



A Scout is Reverent: "All your life you will be associated with people of different faiths. In America we believe in religious freedom. That is why we respect others whose religions may differ from ours, although for reason of conscience we do not agree with them." Taken from the 6th Edition Boy Scout Handbook (1959 printing)

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

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

2020 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 2020 ~ a Free Open House, Model Train displays and more... FUN!



TENTATIVE For the young (and more senior) train enthusiast this is a great way to spend your Saturday.

Parent & Pal Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

For our Cub Scouts & Parents ~ May 2nd/3rd, 2020 this is a great, fun overnight time for the Scout and parent. More details when they are available.

Camping: Miakonda Cub Day Camp

	<p>Save the Dates Cub Scout Day Camp 2020</p> <p>Week 1 June 15-19 Week 2 June 22-26 Week 3 July 6-10 Week 4 July 13-17</p> <p>Tiger Overnighter June 26-27 (for current Lion Scouts & parents)</p> <p>Webelos Overnighter July 10-11 (for current Bear Scouts & parents)</p>

Questions? email cmcampdirector@erishores.org



2020 Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers

the 2020 Scout Experience Schedule is not available yet for us to look at.

we'll let you know ASAP when it's available and maybe we'll have a Pack/Troop outing?

Tale of the Unknown Scout

As we celebrate the 109th birthday of our program, let me take a moment to share with you the full legend (origin) of the Boy Scouts of America and how it came to be back in 1910....

One day in 1909 in London, England, an American visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the scouting movement to our country.

In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown scout. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American Boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.

And now you not only know what may very well be the origin of our own "Do A Good Turn Daily" slogan, but you can see that being helpful can have a very long lasting impact on more than just the person you're helping!

Happy Birthday to the Boy Scouts of America! (I'm constantly amazed at how many Scouts don't know this story)

February Historical & Current Events

February 1st

Underground Railroad was established, 1838



February 2nd

National League of Professional Baseball Clubs was formed in New York, 1876



February 4th

George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782

February 7th

The Baltimore Fire destroyed 80 blocks/2600 buildings, 1904



February 8th

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910

February 14th

American ship "Ranger" carried the Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France, 1778

February 15th

The first adhesive postage stamps were introduced, 1842



February 16th

Tomb of King Tutankhamen unsealed in Egypt, 1923



Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba, 1959

The nation's first 911 system went into effect, 1968



February 19th

Thomas Edison received his patent for the phonograph, 1878

Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919

Diathermy machine first used, 1929 [electrically induced heat for medical therapy/treatment]

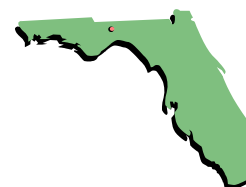
February 20th

President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792

Astronaut John Glenn, became the first American to orbit the Earth aboard the *Friendship VII* Mercury capsule, 1962

February 21st

The Washington Monument was dedicated, 1885



February 22nd

Spain ceded Florida to the United States, 1819

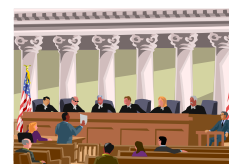
Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a 5-cent store in Utica, New York, 1879



February 24th

Supreme Court overturned United States law for first time, 1803

The Voice of America first went on the airwaves, 1942



February 26th

The 22nd Amendment to United States Constitution was ratified, 1951 As a reminder, the 22nd Amendment was passed after Franklin D Roosevelt served almost 4 full terms as President during World War II. It was proposed and passed in honor of our First President, George Washington, who only served 2 terms in office.

February 27th

The District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress, 1801



February 28th

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the first United States Railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight was incorporated, 1827

Republican Party formed in Ripon, Wisconsin, 1854