



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 2020

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 21st

7pm at the American Legion Hall

Meeting is tentative based on current State guidance

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

Spring Camporee April 24th thru 26th

The Camporee has been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 situation unfortunately



Don't forget your mother Scouts - at least not today please give her a homemade card with your love.

June 1st - PSR Summer Camp Early Bird payments are due and we will continue to update everyone as this progresses. Same as the Camporee - your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

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 been extended to June 1st due to current events.

Camp fees paid after June 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.

We are still planning on going to PSR this summer, but we'll need to be flexible and adapt too.

As a reminder for the Troop's Scouts - we normally put out American Flags at the grave sites of our veterans before Memorial Day. This activity is not currently scheduled, but we may be doing it at a later date. Our desire is to respect those who served, we just don't have a schedule yet.

COVID-19 is a rather tragic event that has happened to not only our Council, state & nation, but to the world all over. This is a good time to work on your advancements when you're bored with schoolwork guys - hang tough!



TENTATIVE...Not CONFIRMED
May 25th ~ Swanton's Annual 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.



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 Kroger's 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.



Clara Barton & the Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/National/history-full-history.pdf>



Clara Barton and a circle of her acquaintances founded the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881. Barton first heard of the Swiss-inspired global Red Cross network while visiting Europe following the Civil War. Returning home, she campaigned for an American Red Cross and for ratification of the Geneva Convention protecting the war-injured, which the United States ratified in 1882.



Barton led the Red Cross for 23 years, during which time we conducted our first domestic and overseas disaster relief efforts, aided the United States military during the Spanish-American War, and campaigned successfully for the inclusion of peacetime relief work as part of the global Red Cross network—the so-called “American Amendment” that initially met with some resistance in Europe.

The Red Cross received our first congressional charter in 1900 and a second in 1905, the year after Barton resigned from the organization. The most recent version of the charter, which was adopted in May 2007, restates the traditional purposes of the organization which include giving relief to and serving as a medium of communication between members of the American armed forces and their families and providing national and international disaster relief and mitigation.

Prior to the First World War, the Red Cross introduced its first aid, water safety, and public health nursing programs. With the outbreak of war, the organization experienced phenomenal growth. The number of local chapters jumped from 107 in 1914 to 3,864 in 1918 and membership grew from 17,000 to over 20 million adult and 11 million Junior Red Cross members. The public contributed \$400 million in funds and material to support Red Cross programs, including those for American and Allied forces and civilian refugees. The Red Cross staffed hospitals and ambulance companies and recruited 20,000 registered nurses to serve the military. Additional Red Cross nurses came forward to combat the worldwide influenza epidemic of 1918

After the war, the Red Cross focused on service to veterans and enhanced our programs in safety training, accident prevention, home care for the sick, and nutrition education. We also provided relief for victims of such major disasters as the Mississippi River floods in 1927 and severe drought and the Depression during the 1930s.

The Second World War called upon the Red Cross to provide extensive services once again to the U.S. military, Allies, and civilian war victims. We enrolled more than 104,000 nurses for military service, prepared 27 million packages for American and Allied prisoners of war, and shipped over 300,000 tons of supplies overseas. At the military's request, the Red Cross also initiated a national blood program that collected 13.3 million pints of blood for use by the armed forces.

After World War II, the Red Cross introduced the first nationwide civilian blood program that now supplies more than 40 percent of the blood and blood products in this country. During the 1990s, we engineered a massive modernization of our blood services operations to improve the safety of our blood products. We continued to provide services to members of the armed forces and their families, including during the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf wars. The Red Cross also expanded our services into such fields as civil defense, CPR/AED training, HIV/AIDS education, and the provision of emotional care and support in the wake of disasters. Since 2006, A Brief History of the American Red Cross • 4 the Red Cross and FEMA have worked together helping government agencies and community organizations plan, coordinate and provide feeding, sheltering and family reunification services for people affected by disasters.

Today, the supporters, volunteers and employees of the American Red Cross provide compassionate care in five critical areas:

- Support for members of the military and their families
- People affected by disasters in America
- Blood collection, processing and distribution
- Health and safety education and training
- International relief and development



Passing out "free" doughnuts to servicemen during the war...

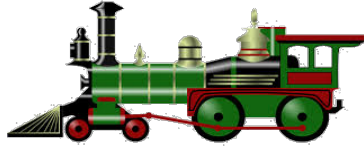
Please give blood if you can to save lives

Upcoming Activities

AS A REMINDER... ALMOST ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD PENDING THE COVID-19 SITUATION
these are just tentative dates at this time, we'll update you when things are confirmed

2020 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 9th 2020 ~ 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. Fun & history both. Sound interesting? Want more details? Check <https://www.facebook.com/NationalTrainDayToledo/>

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


**Save the Dates
Cub Scout
Day Camp 2020**

Week 1	June 15-19
Week 2	June 22-26
Week 3	July 6-10
Week 4	July 13-17

**Tiger Overnighter
June 26-27**
(for current Lion Scouts & parents)

**Webelos Overnighter
July 10-11**
(for current Bear Scouts & parents)

Questions? email cmcampdirector@erishores.org
<https://www.erishorescouncil.org/cdc>

 2020 Mud Hens Scout Days & Sleepovers the 2020 Scout Experience Schedule is not available yet, we'll keep checking lots of activities and fun for the family Pregame - meet the Mascots and a Parade Postgame... More fun *AFTER* the ball game Hopefully we'll have ball games this summer everyone 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.



a little bit more historic trivia... Aviation history May 20th

May 20, 1927 - Charles Lindbergh, a 25-year-old aviator, took off at 7:52 a.m. from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in the *Spirit of St. Louis* attempting to win a \$25,000 prize for the first solo nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. Thirty-three hours later, after a 3,600 mile journey, he landed at Le Bourget, Paris, earning the nickname "Lucky Lindy" and becoming an instant worldwide hero.



May 20, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours. Five years later, along with her navigator Fred Noonan, she disappeared while trying to fly her twin-engine plane around the equator.



Interested in anyone in our history for me to report?

again please stay safe and plan with flexibility

May Historical & Current Events

May 1st

- The Empire State Building opened, 1931

May 4th

- Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island, 1626

May 5th

- John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution, 1925
- Astronaut Alan Shepard went on the first manned space flight, 1961

May 7th

- A German torpedo sank the British liner *Lusitania* off the coast of Ireland, 1915
- Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945

May 8th

- First transatlantic flight, 1919
- V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), 1945

May 9th

- The Transcontinental Railroad was completed, 1869

May 10th

- Benedict Arnold was tried for treason, 1779

May 12th

- Last technical day of American Revolutionary War, 1784

May 14th

- The first vaccination against smallpox was administered by English doctor Edward Jenner, 1796
- The first Olympic Games were held in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri, 1904

May 16th

- Annie Get Your Gun* opened on Broadway, 1946

May 17th

- The New York Stock Exchange was established, 1792
- The first Kentucky Derby was held; the winner was "Aristides" 1875

May 21st

- Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, 1881

May 24th

- Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened, 1844

May 25th

- Memorial Day 2015** celebrated (the last Monday in May); previously known as Decoration Day, is a day of <http://www.usmemorialday.org> remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Artificial POPPIES are sold by service organizations to help our disabled veterans every year.

May 26th

- Confederate forces west of the Mississippi River made surrender arrangements, 1865

May 27th

- The Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public, 1937
- The German battleship *Bismarck* sank off France, 1941

May 28th

- The first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War, 1863

May 30th

- The first Indianapolis 500 road race was held, 1911
- The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, 1922

May 31st

- The last Ford Model T automobile was made, 1927

