



Monthly Newsletter

Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

April 2021

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

SWAN CREEK DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

We hope that those Cub Scouts participating in the District Pinewood Derby have a great time racing other Cub Scouts.



April 15th... Cross Over? Webelos can cross over earlier if they wish; the Troop will gladly welcome them.

May 20th - End of the (normal) program year and our last Pack Meeting for 2020-2021 and it will be our annual Cross Over of Webelos Scouts to Boy Scouts. Troop 208 is looking forward to our new members!

Memorial Day Parade - Not listed for this year so far

Pack Leaders/Parents' Committee Meeting will be on May 6th to plan and review the end of our program year; all are welcome!

June 14th (tentative) ~ Flag Day

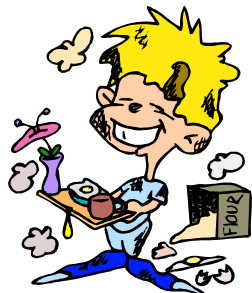
Each year the Legion sponsors an evening when we respectfully retire worn US Flags. Evening event.

Please come out and spend a little bit of time with members of our American Legion Post and Troop as we respectfully retire the flags that have been left with us over the year.



At this time there are plans for Swanton's Cornfest; August 7th. More details to follow as planning is announced... MILKSHAKES too!!!

**Happy
Mother's
Day Moms**
May 9th, 2021



May Outdoor Activity guys? Remember, if you're ever at a loss for something to do, Mr Waterstradt LOVES going on hikes! Just loves it so give him something else to do in May.

Mr Raven & Mr Waterstradt NEED SUMMER CAMP!!

PSR - Summer Camp 2021

Week of July 4th thru 10th

Nessle Campsite

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.

PLEASE NOTE that for PSR this summer things are not as "normal" as older Scouts remember so we're going to be doing a lot on the fly and short notice as rules & CDC policies change. We'll do our best to keep you on top of it all.



Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$332 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 by April 26th at 5pm

Camp fees paid after April 26th will be \$20 more

Early Bird also gets you a free Camp Ballcap too

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.

If there are any parents who are considering the opportunity to come out for a few days/nights with the Troop please let Mr Raven know so we can make sure you're able to join us.

ALL ADULTS will need a COVID Form signed...

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Reminder !!

Our Account Number was changed last year to AS052. 81834 will still be associated with the Troop if you're already signed up. Thank you

A little of our History

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm>

24 Notes that 'Tap' deep emotions



Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune, borrowed from the French, In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men.

Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story, "...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, (he) asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874 It was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became standard at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

The origin of the word "Taps" is thought to have come from the Dutch word for "Tattoo"- "Taptoe." More than likely, "Taps" comes from the the three drum taps that were played as a signal for "Extinguish Lights" when a bugle was not used. As with many other customs, the twenty-four notes that comprise this solemn tradition began long ago and continue to this day. While there are no official lyrics for Taps, the following unofficial verse (author unknown) is often used:

*Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh -- Falls the night.*

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright;
God is near, do not fear -- Friend, good night.*



[Above Information Courtesy of United States Army Center for Military History](#)

Side note: Many of us have heard/read the version of TAPS being about Captain Ellicombe finding his son on the field of battle one night wounded. The son had been studying music in the South when the war broke out and he had enlisted in the Confederate Army. The son died and his father was allowed one musician who played the series of musical noets that were in the son's pocket; TAPS. This story is good, but a myth according to <http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm> and www.usmemorialday.org/taps.html. A good story full of emotion, but not true.

Camping: Miakonda Cub Day Camp

\$185 per youth - Early Bird Registration Fee by May 6, 2021

\$205 per youth - Regular Registration Fee after May 6, 2021

Many discounts available this year, including Early Bird, Sibling, Multi-week, and Pack discount.

Please contact Samantha Andreas at 419-843-0107 prior to completing the online registration process to receive discounts.

Registration cost includes a unique Day Camp T-shirt, camp patch, lunch, and a week-long experience your Camper will never forget!

Pack Discount:

New this year is a Pack discount of \$20 per Scout for Packs signing up 8 or more Scouts for Day Camp the same week!

To Qualify:

1. **Registrations must be paid on or before May 6.**
2. Find at least 8 Cub Scouts to attend camp the same week NEW for 2021 - Lunch is included in the price!
3. Work with your Pack camping coordinator to fill out the registration for each Camper using the Pack account at www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdc and add the registrations to the cart but do not check out. (Paper forms can be brought to the Council Service Center if that is easier).
4. Collect the cost of Camp from each family or pack - \$165
5. Visit Samantha at the Council Service Center with the list of scouts and the total amount due (# of scouts x \$165) and pay the registration fees on or before May 6.

IF interested - more details available at:

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

Health Forms will be needed
Camperships are available

Parent and Pal Weekend

May 1st to May 2nd, 2021

IF interested - more details available at:

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

Miakonda Webelos Overnight

Session to be held July 9-10, 2021 for current Bears (to be Webelos Fall of 2021) and their den leaders or parents.

A minimum of two adults is required for each pack in attendance. Two adults can cover a total of eight youth. For each additional four youth or part thereof, an additional adult will be required.

Early Bird Registration Fee by May 6, 2021

\$50.00 per SCOUT

\$35.00 per ADULT

Regular Registration Fee after May 6, 2021

\$60.00 per SCOUT

\$45.00 per ADULT

IF interested - more details available at:

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

PSR: Arrow of Light Resident Camp

Arrow of Light Resident Camp is an excellent opportunity for your Arrow of Light Scouts to get a taste for what Camp Frontier has to offer to them in the following year as a Scout BSA. Activities will range from swimming, blobbing, and boating to stargazing with our telescopes and the Root Beer Cantina!

IF interested - more details available at:

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

Want a snack? The Troop is selling these Meat Sticks as a fundraiser to help the Scouts pay for themselves.

Hopefully we'll have a safer & more fun / outdoor summer this year everyone! I'm looking forward to it.

April Historical & Current Events

April 1st

- BSA registered the first Cub Scout Packs, 1930

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Parents/About/history.aspx>



April 2nd

- Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized the establishment of the United States Mint, 1792

April 4th

- Henry "Hank" Aaron tied Babe Ruth's Home Run record of 714, 1974

April 7th

- Lee and Grant discussed terms for surrender, 1865



April 8th

- Baseball's Henry "Hank" Aaron hit his 715 home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record, 1974
- Frank Robinson, major league baseball's first black manager, managed his first game for the Cleveland Indians, 1975

April 9th

- Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, 1865

April 11th

- Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War, 1783
- Jackie Robinson, entered Major League Baseball, 1947



April 12th

- The bombing of Fort Sumter began, starting the Civil War, 1861

April 13th

- Fort Sumter surrendered, 1861

April 14th

- President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth, at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C., 1865, while watching a performance of Our American Cousin.
- First motion picture public showing, 1894
- Air Force Reserve Birthday, 1948



April 15th

- President Lincoln died at 7:22 a.m., in Washington, D.C., 1865
- The Titanic struck an iceberg and sank, 1912

April 17th

- Ford Motor Company unveiled its Mustang automobile, 1964
- Apollo 13 astronauts splashed down safely, 1970



April 18th

- Midnight ride of Paul Revere & William Dawes in Boston, Massachusetts, 1775

April 19th

- The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord, 1775



April 23rd

- Army Reserve Birthday, 1908



April 24th

- Library of Congress was established, 1800



April 25th

- The ground was broken for the Suez Canal, 1859

April 30th

- George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, 1789