



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

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!!!

June 20th, 2021 ~ Happy Father's Day to all those great gentlemen who help us out and help take care of us throughout the year.



In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



in commemoration of the fallen in World War I

Mr Raven & Mr Waterstradt are going CAMPING !!
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 and a background check by Michigan; see Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information and the appropriate form that will need filled out and submitted.

Memorial Day 2021 will be, unfortunately, like it was last year with no parade due the current state of the COVID-19 conditions. The Troop will, however, be putting out American Flags in the local cemeteries along with members of the American Legion Post on the 22nd at 10am. All Boy Scouts are welcome to participate.

Memorial Day & The Red Poppies



My grandparents. Would always get them or sell them. They would tell us the history of why what where and when. Like a lot of other older things it has drifted off and many do not know about much of the past things like that.

A military man selling poppies stopped me today and asked if he could re position mine - while doing so he told me that women should wear their poppy on their right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much.

The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War One formally ended.

He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them.

Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

*" We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor
It seems to signal to the skies
That Blood of heroes never dies."*



She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

National Moment of Remembrance

The "[National Moment of Remembrance](#)" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."



Camping: Miakonda Cub Day Camp

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2021
CAMP MIAKONDA

SKY'S THE LIMIT

ERIE SHORES COUNCIL

2021 DATES
WEEK 1: JUNE 14-18
WEEK 2: JUNE 21-25
WEEK 3: JUNE 28- JULY 2
WEEK 4: JULY 6-9 (4 days)
WEEK 5: JULY 12-16

\$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:

Parent and Pal Weekend

Rescheduled to August 28th & 29th due to COVID issues
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>

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May Historical & Current Events

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May 3rd

- Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city, 1802
- Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister, 1979



May 6th

- Babe Ruth hit his first home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox, 1915

May 7th

- The first inaugural ball was held in New York to honor President and Mrs. George Washington, 1789
- Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945



May 8th

- V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), 1945

May 9th

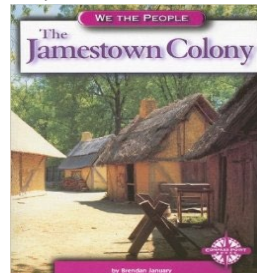
- First United States newspaper cartoon published in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania
- The 17th amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, 1913
The 17th Amendment was proposed in 1912, ratified in 1913 and determined that The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, *elected by the people* thereof, for six years...

May 10th

- The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908

May 11th

- B.F. Goodrich Company developed the tubeless tire, 1947



BF Goodrich

May 13th

- The English Colony at Jamestown, Virginia, was settled, 1607

May 15th

- The Truman Doctrine was approved, 1947

May 16th

- Issuance of the nickel coin was authorized by Congress, 1866
- Astronaut Cooper orbited the Earth 22 times, 1963

May 17th

- The Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal, 1973



May 18th

- The Tennessee Valley Authority was created, 1933
- Mt. St. Helen's volcano in Washington state erupted, 1980



May 20th

- The first railroad timetable was published in the newspaper the *Baltimore American*, 1830
- Charles Lindbergh began his historic solo flight, 1927



May 22nd

- The first life insurance policy in the United States was issued, in Philadelphia, 1761

May 25th

- The Constitutional Convention opened, 1787
- Babe Ruth hit his 714th and last home run, 1935



May 30th

- Memorial Day 2016** celebrated (the last Monday in May); previously known as Decoration Day, is a <http://www.usmemorialday.org> day of 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 31st

- The 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution was declared in effect, 1913