



# 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](http://www.swantonscouts.org)



## FUNDRAISER TIME again

**Popcorn Take Order Sales have started**

popcorn sales end October 26th

popcorn will be distributed Nov 18th

A chance to help earn \$\$ to pay for Scouting

## Join Scouting was September 15th

*Welcome to our new Scouts; glad to have you onboard.*

Welcome to our new parents and leaders too! We're looking forward to a great year of fun and adventure. Whether you're new or been here already, we're always happy to have more help for the Scouts. Please see Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt to volunteer. **ANYTHING** you can do to help this year is appreciated! Thank you! Do you know someone who wanted to come out, but didn't? We are happy to have them join up at any time and, if your son brings them in he can get a RECRUITER Council Strip to wear on his uniform too!

## November 18th @ 7pm ~ November Pack Meeting

If you had a good time at the October Pack meeting then we'll challenge Mr Waterstradt to come up with a fun activity for that meeting too!

## Halloween @ Camp Miakonda

October 23rd & 24th

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/content/93520/Halloween-Party>

this is a safe environment for the young (at heart) to go Trick or Treating and have a good time.

Our Cub Scout/Pack Outing this month was a lot of fun for those who attended and the adults had a great time too! What can we do next year? Wait and see!

## Reminder on Girls in Scouting

*Pack 208 is not only willing, but actually is hosting young ladies in Cub Scouts this year. We will need parents willing to help with the dens for these young ladies to also enjoy the program. We'll help the new volunteers/leaders to be successful. Thanks!!*

Due to the **Elections on November 2nd**, the regular Troop meeting will be held at an alternate location; we'll let you know next week where. In the meantime guys - remind your parents to go and VOTE !

## 2021 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 23rd @ 9:30am - pick up the Donations

All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need in our community; they gratefully appreciate our efforts.

Our thanks to everyone who helped distribute the door hangers on the 16th - we passed out over 800 hangers this year (last year was only about 600).

## Christmas in Swanton

December 4th ... Meat Sticks sales opportunity for our Troop to earn more \$\$ for your Scouting endeavors

November Campout - Tentatively set for Nov 12th - 14th

December Campout - Tentatively set for Dec 10th - 12th

District's Winter Camporee is not scheduled yet, we will keep watching for it and pass that along as soon as we have the information

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Reminder !!

**Our Account Number was changed last year to AS052. 81834 will still be associated with the Troop. How to get some \$\$ for normal spending.**

For our new Scouts and their parents, plus as a reminder to our older Scouts and families - if the Swanton School system cancels school for any reason (fog, snow, etc) we will not have the meeting that was scheduled for that evening. If you're not sure, you're welcome to check with us, but if there is no school then there will be no meeting. Safety is first; especially in bad weather.



## *The History of Halloween (a brief excerpt)*

<http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>



Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats. Halloween's origins date back an ancient Celtic festival about 2,000 years ago!

### **HALLOWEEN COMES TO AMERICA**

Celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies. As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups as well as the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties," public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing. Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the nineteenth century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

### **TODAY'S HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS**

The American Halloween tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. The distribution of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling" was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood and be given ale, food, and money.

The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has both European and Celtic roots. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an uncertain and frightening time. Food supplies often ran low and, for the many people afraid of the dark, the short days of winter were full of constant worry. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. On Halloween, to keep ghosts away from their houses, people would place bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter.

### **HALLOWEEN SUPERSTITIONS**

Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. ... And around Halloween, especially, we try to avoid breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in the road or spilling salt.

But what about the Halloween traditions and beliefs that today's trick-or-treaters have forgotten all about? Many of these obsolete rituals focused on the future instead of the past and the living instead of the dead. In particular, many had to do with helping young women identify their future husbands and reassuring them that they would someday—with luck, by next Halloween—be married. [And there are many more listed in the article too.]

***REGARDLESS of your own traditions or superstitions, we hope all of you have an enjoyable Halloween and a great experience Trick or Treating around your neighborhoods. Travel in groups and in well lit areas to help keep safe.***

# Upcoming Activities



Nov 20th Construction City 2021  
Construction City will be held this year at PENTA for those WEBELOS & Arrow of Light Scouts interested.

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/C-City>

The Harlem Globetrotters are back in town!  
December 27th @ 7pm

Do you like Basketball? Comedy and laughing? This is an evening you'll never forget. The Globetrotters have a long history of fun, entertainment and, at least a few times playing basketball too. A good evening for the family to spend together.

The Harlem Globetrotters at  
the Huntington Center



## Veteran's Day ~ Armistice Day ~ Remembrance Day

<https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”



Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of **Armistice Day** with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "**Armistice**" and inserting in its place the word "**Veterans**." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, **November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.**

In the United States we started out with Armistice Day and changed it to Veterans Day

In Brittan and Canada it is know as Remembrance Day <http://www.projectbritain.com/Remembrance.html>

Britain: A day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts

Canada: A day set aside to commemorates the sacrifices of people in all armed conflicts.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/remembrance-day>

In France it is still known as Armistice Day

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/france/armistice-day>

A day set aside to remember those who died or were injured in World War I and other wars.

# November Historical & Current Events

[www.aboutfamouspeople.com](http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com)

November 2nd

General George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army," 1783



November 4th

The first cash register patented, 1880

63 Americans were taken hostage by Iran, 1979



November 5th

The American Society of Engineers was established in New York City, 1853

The stereo radio was introduced, 1955



November 6th

Lincoln defeated three candidates for president of the U.S., 1860

Jacob Schick patented the first electric shaver, 1923



November 7th

The Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly. Entitled "Third Term Panic," the cartoon showed Republican concern that President Ulysses S. Grant would be elected to a third term on the Democratic ticket, 1874

November 8th

The first woman governor of Kentucky, Martha Layne Collins, was elected, 1983

The first black mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, W. Wilson Goode, was elected, 1983



November 9th

The first foreign trip by a U.S. president was made by Theodore Roosevelt, who sailed on the battleship

Louisiana to visit the Isthmus of Panama and inspect the canal, 1906

November 10th

The United States Marines were established by the Continental Congress, 1775

The last Battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought, 1782

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded, 1919



November 11th

World War I ended, 1918 (Armistice Day)

The Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, after lying in state at the Capitol rotunda in Washington, D.C., 1921

November 12th

General George McClellan said farewell to the Army of the Potomac, 1862

November 13th

The Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., 1982



November 16th

General William T. Sherman with a force of about 62,000 men left Atlanta, Georgia in flames and began his "March to the Sea," 1864

November 23rd

The color photograph process was patented, 1863

November 26th

Thanksgiving was first celebrated as a national holiday, 1789



November 28th

The first skywriting display occurred, 1922

November 29th

The first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York. Navy won 24-0, 1891

Lieutenant Commander Richard Byrd made his first flight over the South Pole, 1929



November 29th

The United States 42<sup>nd</sup> "Rainbow" Division, consisting of troops from every state in the Union, arrived in France, 1917