



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

Scouting for Food Campaign 2022

Our sincere "Thank You" to those who helped with the Scouting for Food drive this year. The results of our Scouting For Food was over 870 food items which will help feed some of our local families especially during the holidays we are approaching. They appreciate it as much as we do.



Camp Alaska starts on December 1st and runs through March 31st... will we go for it guys? If so, when/where?

District's Winter Weekend is now a Winter Event because the Camping Committee is trying to plan a real mind bender event! More details when we know them.

Tentative dates are: February 10th - 12th, 2023

District Spring Camporee is TBA

Tentative dates are: April 28th - 30th

And we'll share that information as it comes to us

It's not too early to look forward!

PSR - Summer Camp 2023

July 2nd through July 8th

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.

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.



Summer is coming faster than you may think!

As a reminder Scouts, when you go to Summer Camp @ Camp Frontier, Scouts of higher ranks will have a better choice for Merit Badge classes so let's keep it going!

Christmas in Swanton FYI for the Troop

December 3rd is Christmas in Swanton and the Troop will be selling Meat Sticks as a fundraiser. We're always looking for our Scouts to sign up to help sell them and, well, the families are welcome to come out and see the other exhibits too.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our new Rank Advancements!

Your hard work is paying off Scouts - Keep it up!

And we're at that magic time of year for RECHARTERING; remember if you need help with this, please ask.



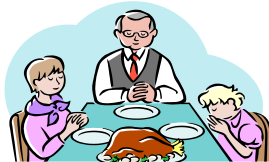
2022 Pinewood Derby

Time to start thinking about what you want to drive for the Derby this year and remember your family can race a car too! We have a race for family members. District rules & regulations will be posted soon, we'll make sure you get them for your cars.

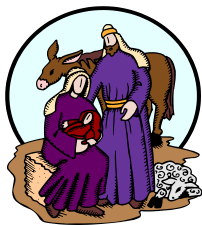
Thanksgiving & Christmas

Two holidays for us to give thanks...

On November 26th, 1789 was first celebrated as a national holiday by proclamation of President George Washington.



Christmas has been a sacred religious holiday for over two millennia, but officially a federal holiday in the United States since 1870. In both cases let us take a moment to remember the reason as we enjoy these days and be thankful for what we have.



Please take just a few moments to remember our deployed servicemen who can't be home with their families as we are. May they have a safe holiday also.

Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Tuesday each month at 8:15pm; December 6th is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall

As we approach the fall and winter again, our leadership 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."

National Wreaths Across America~ Our Story

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

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One man's annual tribute to our veterans inspired a legion of volunteers and gave rise to the Wreaths Across America of today



Morrill Worcester, Founder of Wreaths Across America, and his wife Karen Worcester, Executive Director (pictured at the right); the following is part of the story

Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the Bangor Daily News when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.



As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of local trucking company Blue Bird Ranch, Inc., generously provided transportation all the way to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion and VFW Posts gathered with members of the community to decorate each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped to organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. And that year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day".

The wreath-laying is still held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December. WAA's annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery has become known as the world's largest veterans' parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veterans' homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to **remember, honor and teach**.

WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms.

For more of the story and more about their efforts please read their webpage (above)

Upcoming Activities

(Tentative) Upcoming Cub Scout Activities

In the Spring ~ For Cub Scouts & their parent(s)

(usually late) April is the Parents & Pal Campout

Cub Scout Day Camp 2023 @ Camp Miakonda

4 or 5 weeks at Miakonda; fun & advancement!

Webelos I Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

Bear Scouts who will be Webelos I in the fall are welcome to come out and have fun!

We'll try to keep you informed of all the good stuff in the area you can go to as a Family or just as Scouts too. These are normal events, just no details yet... soon?

Arrow of Light Resident Camp @ Pioneer

Details are available for Summer 2023!!

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

Camping with your young Scouts is always fun when you join them and watch them having a good time.

EASY FUNDRAISER for the Troop... 2 Liter Bottles

The troop is currently collecting 2 Liter bottles as a side fundraiser with a local business. They have a use for them in their work and would rather pay us a small fee to collect/save bottles for them than go out and buy a lot of Soda that they don't want to drink anyways. If you have any, please consider giving them to the Troop instead of your recycle bins.

With the holidays coming up this should be fairly easy to save us a few bottles we hope.

Thank you very much in advance.



<https://huntingtoncentertoledo.com/events/globetrotters/>

7pm Game Time

6pm Doors Open

Tickets are on sale !

This is a great evening for the entire family and, if you watch carefully, they even play basketball!

Activities

Disney on Ice "INTO THE MAGIC"

Here are / shows and these are great for the whole family to spend some time together too.

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/>



We've contacted the Walleye to see if they are having any overnight Walleye Scout Experiences this year; more to follow



Boy Scout Night (Friday, February 3rd)

Marvel Night with character appearances and plenty of chances to get pictures with them! The team will be wearing Incredible Hulk jerseys. \$19 per ticket (includes a seat at the game and a **postgame** skate with a movie on the big screen!).

\$8 optional food voucher you can add on per ticket (includes a hot dog, chips, and a small soda).

Girl Scout Night (Sunday, April 2nd)

Warner Bros Night with character appearances and plenty of chances to get pictures with them! The team will be wearing Scooby Doo jerseys. Price / Options are the same for this night as they are for the Boy Scout Night

They may even let the Boy Scouts come tonight too

December Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

December 1st

The United States Government held its first draft lottery since WWII, 1969

December 2nd

The Thirteenth Amendment was adopted, prohibiting slavery when Alabama became the 27th state to ratify it, ensuring the necessary two-thirds vote, 1865

December 3rd

The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS Alfred," 1775

December 4th

General Washington bade farewell to his troops, 1783

December 5th

The first depiction of the United States flag in England was the work of John Singleton Copley, who painted the Stars and Stripes flying over a ship in the background of his portrait of Elkanah Watson, who was a well-known sponsor of agricultural fairs in



December 6th

The first broadcast of an official presidential address occurred when President Calvin Coolidge gave his second annual address to Congress. The transmission was so clear that technicians in St. Louis, Missouri telephoned Washington, D.C., to ask about the occasional rustling noise, which turned out to be caused by the president turning the pages of his address, 1923

December 9th

A bill was introduced to create the Congressional Medal of Honor (Navy), 1861

December 12th

The first motel opened in the United States, The Motel Inn, in San Luis Obispo, CA, 1925



December 15th

The Bill of Rights went into effect, 1791



December 17th

France recognized American independence, 1777

December 19th

George Washington and the Continental Army arrived at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777

December 21st

The (Navy) Congressional Medal of Honor medal was approved and authorized by Congress, 1861

December 22nd

The crew of the "USS Pueblo" was released, 1968

December 23rd

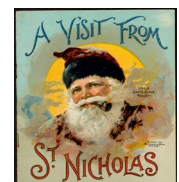
Washington resigned as commander-in-chief, at Old Senate Chamber, State House, Annapolis, Md, 1783

"A Visit From St. Nicholas" (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement C. Moore, was published in New York, 1823

The state of Maryland gave ten square miles for the District of Columbia, 1788

December 24th

Henry Ford completed his first successful gasoline engine, 1894

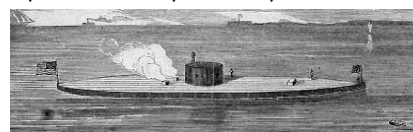


December 25th

The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D. 336

"Silent Night" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria, 1818

George Washington crossed the Delaware River, 1776



December 27th

"Howdy Doody" with host Bob Smith, made its TV debut on NBC, 1947

December 30th

The "USS Monitor" was lost off Cape Hatteras, 1862