



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



It's that time of the year again.... **POP, POP, POPCORN!**

We'll be taking orders for Popcorn and/or selling it through the first week of November. There are PRIZES!! We'll get our Popcorn, that was ordered, for the Pack meeting on November 17th so we can pass it out. Please encourage your sons and Scouts to help sell popcorn. It helps to fund the Pack and the Troop and also helps them to pay for their own Scouting through the profit sharing. Thanks everyone! Now go sell!

Join Scouting Night was August 25th

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!

Pack 208 OUTING @ Springbrook Metro Park

We're pushing this back to next Spring, more after Christmas

We'll have many activities that are both FUN and part of Cub Scout advancements for our Scouts. Due to our rather busy fall, we'll schedule it for next Spring.

NEW TO CUB SCOUTS OR JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN?

Northwest & Swan Creek Districts Cub Family Camp

September 24th & 25th @ Camp Miakonda
\$20 per person registration
Camping arrangements separate
go to <https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/nwcf>
for more details and information

Cub Scout Adventure Day

October 1st @ Camp Miakonda
New one for me, but it's being promoted
go to <https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/CSAD22>

October 20th ~ October's Pack Meeting

7pm at the American Legion Hall
It's Halloween Time !

October 11th ~ Troop Court of Honor

For the new Scouts, we don't have monthly pack meetings to pass out awards, we have Courts of Honor. Our fall Court of Honor is October 11th. Please wrap any advancement you're working on so we can present it to you. **And invite your family to join us that evening!** 7pm Tuesday night, congratulations on your efforts!

October 7th thru 9th District Fall Camporee

We'll be going back to the Operating Engineers in Cygnet. Scouts can try their hand at a skid steer, crane or even a backhoe! More details when they are available.

2022 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 15th we'll distribute the bags in Swanton
October 22nd we'll pick up the bags from the homes
All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need and has been gratefully appreciated for the support in the past. A great service project for both our Cub Pack and Scout Troop with great appreciation of the parents (drivers) who are needed to help too. Thank you in advance!



Council Halloween Party @ Camp Miakonda

October 22nd from 5:30 to 9:00pm
October 23rd from 1:00 to 3:30pm

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

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.



Happy 247nd Birthday to the US NAVY

<http://www.military.com/navy-birthday>

The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet would be able to offset the uncontested exercise of British sea power.



The early Continental navy was not expected to take on the British navy for control of the seas. This small naval force was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships--frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs hunting British commerce ships and transports like prey, avoiding whenever possible fights with Royal Navy men-of-war.



The Continental navy faced several obstacles both during and after the revolution - mostly political and economic. Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance.

In the 1790's Europe began to relax many mercantile commercial restrictions and the U.S. trade and the shipping industry expanded accordingly. However, as the number of U.S. ships increased so did the possibility increased attacks by the European powers and pirates. In March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates. And, once again, the United States had a navy.

Although the Continental navy was later dismantled, October 13, 1775, remains the U.S. Navy's official birthday.

From these humble beginnings, the world's most powerful naval force was born. With thousands of ships and aircraft serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with. To learn more about the early years of the U.S. Navy, visit the U.S. Naval Historical Center website.



Some important firsts in Naval history:

1. First use of Submarines: While the Navy's first commissioned designs for a submarine were handed over in 1875, it wasn't until 1898 that the first Holland submarine launched successfully.
1. First use of modern battleships: While America had battleships before the 1908 South Carolina class dreadnought, which started with the USS Michigan and was based on British ships, these were the first in the new era of battleships.
3. First use of Naval aircraft: In 1911, the U.S. Navy bought its first airplane, the Curtiss A-1 Triad.

4. First aircraft carrier: The first flight from the deck of a U.S. Navy cruiser in 1910 led to the 1927 Lexington-class aircraft carriers, the first operational aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy.

5. First use of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat: Introduced in 1992, these rubber boats were originally meant for life boats in the 1960s, but the Navy now uses them for SEALs due to their lightweight, high speed, all-weather specifications.



NOVEMBER... US MARINES !

Upcoming Activities



Construction City 2022 Nov 19th
Open to Webelos and Arrow of Light
Scouts. This year it is being held at
the PENTA Career Center
Registration is available at:

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

Hopefully this fall we'll return to more fun events...
We're watching for the following (past) activities



The Walleye usually offers 2 to 3 games for "SCOUT EXPERIENCE" dates to go to each season.

The 2022 - 2023 dates are not available as of yet, but we'll let you know when they are ASAP because these games sell out pretty fast!

There was also an opportunity for Sleepovers after the games too... MORE FUN!

Lots of events still not scheduled or promoted. We'll keep watching for these events and provide the information to everyone as soon as we can. Some other (tentative September) events for your Scouts, and maybe families too:

PSR Fall Star Party (usually late September) - a great opportunity to view the stars under the guidance of some true astronomy buffs

Bowling Green State University Falcon Football
Usually mid-September at Doyt Perry Stadium

University of Toledo Rocket Football
Usually mid-October at the Glass Bowl

Bowling Green State University Falcon Hockey
Yes -hockey games and maybe volleyball too

Christmas time... more Basketball

Usually we get the opportunity for the family to go to see the Harlem Globetrotters too!

Imagination Station and the MetroParks also have some fantastic opportunities for the Scouts and their families to participate in also. Scouting isn't just for the young Scout, but can be family too.

Disney on Ice "INTO THE MAGIC"

Here are 7 shows and these are great for the whole family to spend some time together too.

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



For the Families of our Cub Scouts - A PROBLEM !!

Cub Scouts and their Pinewood Derby

Every year we have our February Pack Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month and that Saturday we have our Pack's Pinewood Derby. Every Cub Scout gets the opportunity to give their Pinewood Derby racer a test run down the track before the Derby.

This year we have a problem! There is no school on Thursday, Feb 16th as that is a long weekend for the school with Presidents Day being on the following Monday. So by our policy of "No School / No Meeting" we normally wouldn't have our meeting that Thursday and we wouldn't want to schedule the Pinewood Derby on a Saturday when many families may go out of town.

So we're asking our Cub Scout families to look at your calendars and please tell Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt what plan you prefer so your Cub Scouts can participate in the Annual Derby.

In past years we held a Friday night Lock In for the Cub Scouts to have fun... any suggestions on where we may be to restart this again? Just asking... We used to show family friendly movies all night and the Scouts could run around having fun. Good times!

October Historical & Current Events

October 1st

The Declaration of Independence, and other historic documents that had been sent away from Washington, D.C. in December 1941 for safekeeping during World War II and was back in its place of honor at the Library for display, 1943



October 2nd

Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile, 1908
The "Twilight Zone" first premiered on television, 1959

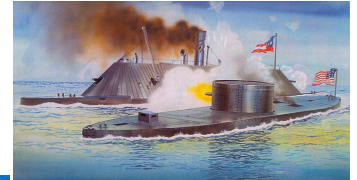


October 3rd

George Washington proclaimed the first National Thanksgiving, 1789
President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, 1863

October 4th

Construction of the ironclad ship, the *Monitor*, was authorized by the U.S. Navy, 1861



October 5th

The first radio broadcast of the World Series occurred, 1921

October 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765



October 9th

The Washington Monument opened to the public, 1888



October 10th

The United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland. It combined at one site a group of schools previously located in the port cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk, 1845
The waterway across the Isthmus of Panama was completed when the Gamboa Dike was blown up. President Woodrow Wilson set off the explosion by pressing an electric button at the White House, 1914



October 11th

Kathy Sullivan was the first woman to walk in space this day, 1984



October 12th

Columbus arrived with expedition in the present-day Bahamas, (Old Style calendar; Oct.21, New Style), 1492
The first celebration of Columbus Day in America was held in New York City, 1792

October 13th

A naval force was established by the Continental Congress when it authorized construction of two warships, increasing the number to four on October 30; 1775 ~ Happy Birthday!
The first supersonic bomber, the B58, was ordered into production by the U.S. Air Force, 1954



October 15th

The Edison Electric Light Company was founded at 65 Fifth Avenue, New York, 1878

October 17th

The Concorde SST made its first flight from France to Kennedy Airport in New York, 1978
(The Concorde SST had already begun flights to Washington, D.C., in May, 1978)

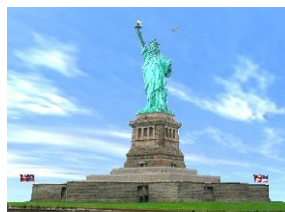


October 21st

A new typewriting speed record was established by Margaret B. Owen in New York City, when she typed 170

October 24th

A patent was issued for the safety match, 1826
The United Nations came into existence, 1945



October 26th

The Erie Canal was opened, 1825

October 28th

The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland, 1886



October 30th

George Washington established the U.S. Cavalry, 1776