



Monthly Newsletter

# Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

September 2022

*Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website*

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

## September 15th - Our First Pack Meeting!

We start @ 7pm and should end before 8pm  
Held at the Murbach-Seifert American Legion Post



## Join Scouting Night

Our "annual" Join Scouting Night will be August 25th  
We'll meet at the Legion Hall at 7:00pm (Rain or Shine) to introduce Scouting to other young men and their families. If you can, please come out and let the young men know how much fun they can have in Scouting with us!

Our **Pack Committee Meetings** are held the normally held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:15pm following the Troop's meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us, sit in and offer ideas of suggestions. We're open minded and will welcome new ideas to benefit the Cub Scouts!

September's Pack Committee Meeting is Sept 13th due to the Fulton County Fair and not having a meeting the 6th

### 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>

#### Council Halloween Party @ Camp Miakonda

October 22nd from 5:30 to 9:00pm  
October 23rd from 1:00 to 3:30pm  
\$5 online price (advance) or \$7 at the door  
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/content/93520/Halloween-Party>

No additional details yet, but it's a fun time  
A safe chance to Trick or Treat and have fun!

Happy 103<sup>rd</sup>  
Birthday!

The American Legion  
was chartered on  
September 16, 1919



### October 11th ~ our Fall Court of Honor

For our new Boy Scout families, we hold a Court of Honor 3 times a year (that's our goal) to formally recognize the efforts and achievements of these young men.

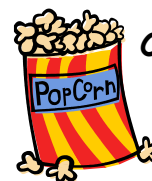
What have they done lately? We'll tell you....

Summer Camp & Merit Badges! We want our Scouts to tell you about their fun week also  
Rank Advancements and much more

The whole family is welcome to come out and recognize these young men for their achievements.

### October 7th thru 9th District Fall Camporee

We'll be going back to the Operating Engineers in Cygnet. Scouts may be able to try their hand at a skid steer, crane or even a backhoe! More details when they are available. It will depend on what equipment is available that weekend.



### Coming in September....

#### Popcorn Take Order Sales start on the 16th

popcorn sales end on November 1st  
popcorn will be distributed afterwards

We'll make sure everyone gets updated as fast as our Popcorn "Kernal" gets the marching orders for this year.

Show & Sell Popcorn will be available on Sept 14th

### 2022 Scouting for Food Campaign

Mid-October - distribution of SFF bags; Oct 15th  
pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday; Oct 22nd

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

If you're new to Pack 208 we will try to keep you informed of all the opportunities available to your Scouts & Families so everyone can have fun, not just the Scouts!



# The History of the American Legion

<http://www.legion.org/history>



The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth. Following is a chronology of significant dates in Legion history:

In 1919:

- March 15-17 Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.
- May 8-10 St. Louis Caucus. "The American Legion" is adopted as the organization's official name. The Legion's draft preamble and constitution are approved.
- June 9 The National Executive Committee adopts the Legion emblem.
- Sept 16 Congress charters The American Legion.
- Nov 10-12 First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. **A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.**

In 1919 the American Legion Auxiliary was founded

In the 1920s:

- August 1st, 1920** the American Legion Department of Ohio was Chartered now having been in operation for 96 years
- Aug 9, 1921 The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration. Today, the Legion continues to lobby for adequate funding to cover medical, disability, education and other benefits for veterans.
- June 15, 1923 The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a Legion conference in Washington. Congress adopts the code in 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.

## November 1924

**In November 1924 the Murbach-Seifert American Legion Post #479 was chartered in Swanton, OH**  
Post #479 has been in operation for 98 years now celebrating their 98th anniversary on Nov 3rd, 2022

In the 1930s:

- Sept 1932 The Sons of The American Legion is officially recognized during the 1932 National Convention in Portland, Ore.
- June 23, 1935 The first American Legion Boys State convenes in Springfield, Ill., to help youths gain an understanding of the structure and operation of the federal government. The first Boys Nation, bringing together youth leadership from all the Boys State programs, convenes in 1946. Today, more than 19,500 young men participate in Boys State, and 98 in Boys Nation, from 49 of the 50 states.

In the 1940s:

- Sept 19-21, 1942 Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word "War" is changed to "Wars."

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 yet such as the Annual Construction City for the Cub Scouts in November. 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

**Clean Your Streams (usually mid-September)** - a half day service (conservation) opportunity to help our environment and those who enjoy it

**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!

**Christmas time... Disney on Ice**

Ice skating & Disney at the Huntington Center  
Seriously, what more could you ask for?

Imagination Station and the MetroParks also have some fantastic opportunities for the Scouts and their families to participate in also.



Any Scout interested in working on their respective Religious Program and earning a medal/knot for their uniform is encouraged to talk to Mr Waterstradt!

For anyone who is reading this line, by line, you may have noticed that Troop 208 is going to be 100 years old next year. We have been chartered by the American Legion Post since 1926, almost every year of both our existence and theirs they have been supporting us and our program for youth.  
*How should we celebrate next year??*

## *A Grateful Thank You !*

We'd like to express our special thanks to both Bill Paben & Derek Zieter for being our "Guest Ice Cream Scoopers" at this year's Cornfest. Their time and assistance was very much appreciated and we're pretty confident we wouldn't have been able to take care of business without their help.

### **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.

3 Possible Options:

1. **Pull UP** our Pack Meeting and Pinewood Derby one week to Thursday evening, Feb 9th and Saturday morning, Feb 11th.
2. **Push BACK** our Pack Meeting and Pinewood Derby one week to Thursday evening, Feb 23rd and Saturday morning, Feb 25th.
3. **KEEP IT** the same normal schedule, Thursday evening Feb 16th and Saturday morning, Feb 18th.

a 4th option would be to entirely cancel the Pinewood Derby this year, but the Pack Committee doesn't accept that. We love to see the new car designs every year too much for that option to be considered. Never made it to a vote - VETOED!

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.

**Please let us know by the October Pack Meeting**

# September Historical & Current Events

September 1st

The Wreck of the Titanic found off the coast of Newfoundland, 1985



September 2nd

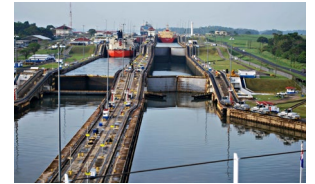
The United States Treasury Department was established, 1789



September 4th

George Eastman received patent for roll-film camera, 1888

Diplomatic relations with East Germany were established by the United States, 1974



September 5th

The First Continental Congress was established, 1774

The nation's first Labor Day Parade, sponsored by the Knights of Labor, as held in New York City, 1882

September 7th

The U.S. Frigate Constellation was launched, 1797

Two Panama Canal treaties that transferred control of the canal to Panama by the year 2000 were signed by President James Carter and Panama's head of state, Brigadier general Omar Torrijos Herrera, 1977

September 8th

The first Chicago to New York airmail trip to be completed in one day occurred. This transportation of mail took an overall time of 12 hours, 55 minutes. The flying time was 10 hours, 5 minutes, 1918



September 11th

George Washington and his army were defeated by the British at the Battle of Brandywine, 1777

Alexander Hamilton became the first United States Secretary of the Treasury, 1789



September 13th

The Battle of North Point or Baltimore occurred at Fort McHenry, 1814

September 14th

Francis Scott Key wrote his poem "Defense of Ft. McHenry," that was later re-named Star Spangled Banner, 1814

September 15th

The Battle of North Point or Baltimore at Fort McHenry ended, 1814



September 16th

Plymouth Pilgrims left England on the "Mayflower," 1620

The American Legion was incorporated by Congress, 1919



September 17th

The United States Constitution was signed, 1787

Construction began on the Hoover Dam, originally called Boulder Dam, at Las Vegas, Nevada, 1930

September 19th

Henry Hudson first sailed into the river, now known as the Hudson, 1609

During the Revolutionary War, US soldiers won their first battle at Saratoga, 1777



September 20th

The U.S. Frigate Constitution "Old Iron Sides" was launched, 1797

September 21st

Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed to the United States Supreme Court, 1981

September 24th

The Bill of Rights passed in US House of Representatives, 1791

September 25th

The Bill of Rights passed in the US Senate, 1791



September 26th

John Jay was appointed the first United States chief justice of the Supreme Court, 1789. He was appointed by President George Washington and served for six years.



September 29th

The United States regular army was established, 1789