



Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923

TROOP 208



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

February 12th ~ Scout Sunday

A Scout is REVERENT. If you don't have a church that you regularly attend, you're always welcome to join either Mr Waterstradt



or Mr Raven (St Richard's) for mass and you will always welcome you at the Swanton Church of the Nazarene too. IF you're interested in working on any of the religious awards please see Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information and help.

Wright-Patterson AFB Museum Trip

On January 21st the troop will travel to Dayton and visit the WPAFB Museum !! A day trip with a great chance to our aviation history.

Winter Weekend @

February 10th-12th, 2023 is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... The theme is FIRE everyone. Webelos II are welcome to come out with us (parents too)

March 21st is our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys and Friends of Scouting presentation. Let's wrap up our advancements and other awards we're working on. We're always looking forward to recognizing your efforts.



2023 Pinewood Derby Time Rev those engines Scouts!

February 16th ~ Pack Meeting; pre-Pinewood Derby!!

We'll pass out awards, recognitions and check cars!

February 19th ~ Pack 208's Annual Pinewood Derby
Due to School & Legion scheduling, our Pinewood Derby will be on Sunday starting at 1pm until we're finished, it will be great!

March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 16th

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)

6pm at the Legion Hall; more details soon

Our normal plan is the Pack provides the meat and then each Den provides something to go along with it.

One Den brings Deserts?

One Den (you want to stop at DESERT??)

PLEASE LET YOUR DEN LEADER / CUBMASTER

KNOW if there are any food allergies we need to take into consideration. We don't want anyone not eating because nothing is available to them. Thank you!

March 11th District Pinewood Derby @ Grace United Church in Perrysburg, We'll provide all the details to our winners wishing to



Spring Camporee @ Camp Frontier (PSR)

April 21st - 23rd, 2023 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. Theme and location are not yet known.

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.



For the parents of our Scouts - if your family needs some help to send your son to camp please let us know. There are discrete ways to help you and your son so he doesn't miss out on camp.

BSA is celebrating its 113th anniversary... some famous Scouts in the history of the program (Eagle Scout year):

George W. Bush, 43rd U.S. president

Thomas Norris, Navy SEAL who received Medal of Honor for his actions during the Vietnam War (Eagle Scout, Class of 1959)

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft

more Eagle Scouts are listed on page 3

As we have already seen this year the weather isn't always pleasant. We 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."



Scout Sunday/Sabbath & Our Duty to God

www.scoutingnewsroom.org/blog/scouts-celebrate-duty-god-scout-sunday-scout-sabbath/



A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.
– Scout Law, Scout Handbook

Scout Sunday / Sabbath from the Scouting Blog (above)

As Scouting prepares to celebrate Scout Sunday, which is soon after the BSA’s birthday (Feb. 8th), and Scout Sabbath (Feb. 12), Scouts across the country can prepare for a busy week (edited for 2020) of tradition.

Uniformed Scouts will greet congregations and the Scout Oath will be recited in churches and synagogues nationwide. Some units will participate in service projects. Others may celebrate on different days in February as designated by their faith-based organizations.

No matter how Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath, all Scouters unite in lifelong religious reverence this month.

“From the Scout’s perspective, in the Scout Oath and Law, one of the first things emphasized is God,” BSA Team Leader for National Alliances Lee Shaw said.

Shaw and his team work with faith-based charter organizations to help identify how these organizations can highlight God in the units they host and serve. He emphasizes the importance of the BSA’s continuing mission to support Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell’s focus on God in Scouting.

How Scouts choose to follow this charge varies from unit to unit. Some faith-based organizations allow Scouts to participate in the worship service itself. Some Scouts may help facilitate the offering. Other organizations find time to highlight individuals in the troop or pack, recognizing good things Scouts are doing in the community.

“Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath observances are perfect opportunities to remind the faith community as well as Scouts and Scouters that reverence for God is a foundational principle of the organization,” BSA Religious Relationships Committee Chair Chip Turner said. “The fact that more than 70% of all Scout units are chartered to faith-based organizations gives further testimony to the importance of this principle.”

Duty to God from the US Scouting Service Project:

<http://usscouts.org/scoutduty/sd2gc05.asp>

From the very beginning, the Scouting movement has encouraged its members to be faithful in the practice of their religious beliefs. The Tiger Cub Promise asks young boys to love God. The Cub Scout Promise, the Scout Oath, and the Explorer Code each call upon Scouts to pledge themselves to do their duty to God. At the same time, Scouting espouses no creed and favors no single faith over another faith. Rather, Scouting provides programs and ideals that complement the aims of all religions.

The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America maintain that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God. Scouting is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. **The Boy Scouts of America does not define what constitutes belief in God or the practice of religion. Membership in a religious organization is not required.**

Scouting respects the convictions of those who exercise their constitutional freedom to practice religion as individuals without formal membership in organized religious groups. In all cases religious instruction is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the Scout and the religious institution to which a Scout belongs. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the religious organization or institution with which a Scout is connected shall give definitive attention to his religious life.

Currently the Pack and Troop have *one vacant Committee Position* open that we hopefully have filled, the Chaplain. Our Committee Chairman, Mr Waterstradt, may have that position finally filled to help us provide better guidance and support to our Scouts....Next month we hope to announce him!



Upcoming Activities

Upcoming Cub Scout Activities

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

May 6th & 7th @ Camp Miakonda

The activities will focus on the combined skills of the Scout & parents, with lots of fun for everyone!

Details available at:

<https://www.erieshorecouncil.org/parentpal>

Cub Scout Day Camp 2023 @ Camp Miakonda

Week 1: June 12 - 16

Week 2: June 19 - 23

Week 3: June 26 - 30

Week 4: Closed to public (not sure what/why yet)

Week 5: July 10 - 14

Details available at:

<https://www.erieshorecouncil.org/cdc>

Webelos I Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

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

July 7th & 8th, 2023

Details available at:

<https://www.erieshorecouncil.org/webover>

Arrow of Light Resident Camp @ Pioneer

Details are available for Summer 2023!!

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

BSA is celebrating its 113th anniversary... some famous Scouts in the history of the program (Eagle Scout year):

Don Garlits, engineer who is considered the father of drag racing (Eagle Scout, Class of 1946)

Tommy Lasorda, former baseball manager and Hall of Famer

Jim Mora, former head coach of the New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts (Eagle Scout, Class of 1950)

Walter Cronkite, journalist, *CBS Evening News* anchor

Jon Bon Jovi, Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter

Ernest Green, civil rights activist and member of the Little Rock Nine (Eagle Scout, Class of 1956)

Jay Leno, former host of NBC's *The Tonight Show*

Stephen Breyer, Supreme Court justice (Eagle Scout, Class of 1952)



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 And just around the corner with Spring we'll bring you the dates and times for:



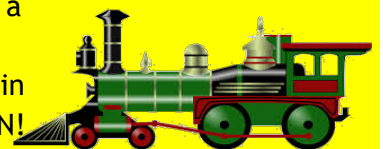
Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers

The Mudhens usually offer different games in June, July & August for a game and sleeping in the outfield.

Have you ever slept on an outfield before? No rocks or roots under your back to interrupt your sleep? This is an experience! And the Scouts get to stay up after the fireworks and watch a movie on the screen plus run around the outfield having fun.

2023 National Train Day at the Toledo Amtrak Station

Usually in early May on a Saturday with a Free Open House, Model Train displays and more... FUN! Good time!



For the young (and more senior) train enthusiast this is a great way to spend your Saturday

February Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

February 4th

George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782



February 6th

The Beatles US album Hey Jude was released, 1970

February 7th

The Baltimore Fire destroyed 80 blocks/2600 buildings, 1904



February 8th

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910

February 10th

Peace treaty with Spain signed by President McKinley, 1899

The National Executive Board approves the Cub program "controlled experiment"; Packs can register with the BSA starting April 1, 1930 (5,102 boys, 1,433 pack leaders and 243 packs are registered in 1930 the first year), 1930

February 11th

Department of Agriculture raised to Cabinet status by Congress, 1889



February 14th

American ship "Ranger" carried the Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France, 1778

February 16th

General Ulysses S. Grant earned his nickname of "Unconditional Surrender Grant," following the surrender of Confederates at Ft. Donelson, 1862

The nation's first 911 system went into effect, 1968



February 17th

A Baltimore street was first to be lighted with gas, from the America's first gas company, 1817

February 19th

Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919



February 20th

President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792

February 21st

The Washington Monument was dedicated, 1885



February 24th

Supreme Court overturned United States law for first time, 1803

President Andrew Johnson was impeached by United States House of Representative and was later acquitted by the Senate, 1868

The Voice of America first went on the airwaves, 1942

February 26th

The 22nd Amendment to United States Constitution was ratified, 1951 (2 terms/10 years for the US President)

February 27th

The District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress, 1801

United States Supreme Court upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees the right of women to vote, 1922

