



Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

February 2019

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org



Congratulations to our young Cub Scout Kenneth for his act of Heroism saving his brother last summer! Thanks to the training he received at Cub Day Camp last summer he was able to help his brother from possibly drowning.



Kenneth was presented the award by our Scout Executive, Ed Caldwell, at the December Pack meeting.

February 3rd ~ 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 (Swanton Alliance Church) or Mr Raven (St Richard's) for mass and Pastor Ratcliff 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.



January Campout

January 18th thru 20th is our scheduled January Campout. Start planning guys, meals, activities...

Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 8th-10th, 2019 is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... The Theme is a Squatch-hunt this weekend... Bigfoot is the ultimate LNT GURU!



2019 Pinewood Derby Time Rev those engines Scouts!

February 21st ~ Pack Meeting; pre-Pinewood Derby!! We'll pass out awards, recognitions and check cars!

February 23rd ~ Pack 208's Annual Pinewood Derby

We'll hold it at the EPIC Center on Main Street again. The schedule will be posted in February. Please let Mr Raven know of any schedule issues you may have.

March 9th District Pinewood Derby @ Springfield High School Field House. We will provide the details to the Pack winners



Spring Camporee @ Camp Miakonda

April 26th - 28th, 2018 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. This will be at the University of Toledo.

PSR - Summer Camp 2018

June 30th through July 6th
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.



March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 28th

[moved due to Swanton's Spring Break...]
Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)

6pm at the Legion Hall; more details soon

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.

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."



Our "Duty To God"

A Scout is Reverent Scout Sunday Observance

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

The first week of February is often referred to as Scouting Anniversary Week and the first Sunday in February is called Scout Sunday. This commemorates the founding of the Boy Scouts of America via a National Charter from Congress on February 8, 1910. Sunday is celebrated by thousands of scouts each year at Churches and Synagogues across the United States.

The Boy Scout movement was founded in England by British Lord Robert Baden-Powell and Scouting's first manual was both written and illustrated by Baden-Powell in 1908. During a visit to London in 1909, millionaire Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce became lost and was approached by a boy of about 12 carrying a lantern who offered to guide him to the address he was seeking. When Boyce produced a shilling, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for Good Turns."

After finishing his errands, Boyce and the unknown scout went to British Scout headquarters where they met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. From that moment forward, Boyce's interest in Scouting grew and Boyce came home determined to start Boy Scouting in America. He apparently knew nothing of the troops already operating or of the YMCA's promotion of Scouting.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia. The purpose, he said, "Shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."

Today Scouting has served millions of young men and young women ages 6-18 in a variety of programs including Cub Scouting and Scouting. Additionally, young men and women ages 14 - 21 can also participate in program such as Exploring, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Earning Scouting's highest award--the Eagle Scout award--is only achieved by 5% of boys registered. Famous Eagle Scouts include Willie Banks, J. Willard Marriot, Gerald Ford, James Lovell, Richard Lugar, Alan Raven, Gary Waterstradt, and Donald Rumsfeld.

Troop & Pack 208 will honor Scout Sunday on February 3rd this year. Each Scout is encouraged to participate in the religious service at his church regardless of what Sunday they recognize the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. You're welcome to join them if you want to on the 3rd also.

GOD AND COUNTRY



While Scouting does not, itself, have specific religious programs of its own it does recognize the P.R.A.Y. program's efforts to provide additional religious opportunities for both youth and adults which they can be recognized for their efforts.



If you, parents or Scouts, have any questions about the religious programs available to you through P.R.A.Y. please see either Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information. These programs are not limited to just Scouts; participation is open to everyone; Girl Scouts and family members also. Please ask!

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

<http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-programs/>

Feb 17th, 2019 - Bears: Lego Robotics (Ohhhh !)

Mar 3rd, 2019 ~ Webelos: Game Design

Mar 17th, 2019 - Webelos: Adventures in Science

Mar 24th, 2019 - Bears: Forensics

April 14th, 2019 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

Registration is open NOW - great den activities! And a couple new programs this year too!

www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/workshops-camps/scout-workshops/cub-scouts-workshops

2019 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 4th, 2019 with a Free Open House, Model Train displays and more... FUN!



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

Time to start planning your 2019 activities Cubs! Lots



January 25th, 2019 - Boy Scout Sleepover

February 9th, 2019 - Boy Scout Sleepover

<http://www.toledowalleye.com/tickets/gameday-promotions>

Go to the specific date and click "TICKETS"



2019 Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers

the 2019 Scout Experience Schedule is available for everyone to look at.

http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?sid=t512&ynd=20100412&content_id=9247102&vkey=tickets

Boy Scout Sleepover schedule:

Saturday, June 8th	Have questions? Call the direct
Friday, June 21st	line at 419.725.8292 or email
Friday, July 19th	scouts@mudhens.com

lots of activities and fun for the family
 Pregame - meet the Mascots and a Parade
 Postgame.. More fun *AFTER* the ball game
 Fireworks, Scouts can run the bases, Family movie night, sleep out on the outfield (no rocks or tree roots) and even a breakfast if you want.

CUB SCOUT CAMPING DATES 2019

Mom & Me – April 27-28, 2019
 Dad & Me – May 4-5, 2019
 Cub Scout Day Camp:
 Week 1 – June 17-21
 Week 2 – June 24-28
 Week 3 – July 8-12
 Week 4 – July 15-19
 Tiger Overnight – June 29-30
 Webelos Overnight – July 6-7

WWW.ERIESHORESCOUNCIL.ORG/CAMPING

PPSA... Pinewood Public Service Announcement for our Pack

Just a reminder for our non-Cub Scouts (family members like Mom, Dad, brother or sister) that the Pack also has races for non-Cub Scouts to participate in too. After the Cub Scouts have raced, of course, but we'll open the track up to let all others race too. AND after that we even have an opportunity for the Cub Scouts to race all comers for a King of the Hill competition.

and if any adults wish to help, we can always use "guest judges" for races not involving your son. We appreciate the help.



February Historical & Current Events

February 4th

George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782



February 1st

Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello" construction began, 1769

February 4th

George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782
The Confederate States of America formed, 1861

February 5th

The first double-feature theatrical performance held, 1819

February 6th

Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate Army, 1865



February 7th

The Beatles first United States visit began in New York, 1964

February 8th

The Confederate Constitution adopted (provisional), 1861
The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910



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 17th

A Baltimore street was first to be lighted with gas, from the America's first gas company, 1817
The first ship passed through Suez Canal, 1867



February 18th

Jefferson Davis was made the provisional President of the Confederacy, 1861



February 19th

Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919

February 20th

President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792
Astronaut John Glenn, became the first American to orbit the Earth aboard the *Friendship VII* Mercury capsule, 1962

February 21st

President Nixon visited Peking, China, 1972

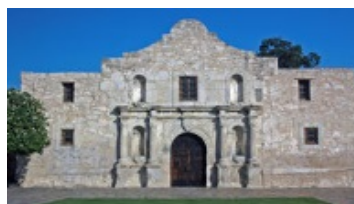


February 22nd

Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederacy, 1862

February 23rd

The Battle at the Alamo began, 1836



February 25th

Samuel Colt, patented his revolver, 1836



February 29th

The Panama Canal Commission was founded, 1904