



# Pack 208

# Newsletter

# Troop 208



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# Pack News Troop News

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## Thanksgiving & Christmas Two holidays in which we give thanks

Thanksgiving is a time our country remembers...  
Christmas is a time our entire world remembers  
Let us not get so involved with meals or football games as to forget why we should give thanks for a history that is still very young and a gift given unto us as a sign of God's love for us.



December 15th: PACK MEETING at the Legion Hall  
Awards & Recognitions to be passed out  
The theme is Christmas.... be ready to be  
FESTIVE everyone.... SINGING will happen  
Popcorn money due tonight please  
PLEASE Call Mr Raven if you have any questions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

December 9th thru 11th ~ Camp Miakonda Winter Chill

Adirondacks #2 @ Camp Miakonda  
A chance to prepare for Camp Alaska  
Winter camping in outdoor shelters!!!

February 10th thru 12th ~ Winter Weekend Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda  
we will be staying in First Reformed Cabin  
The theme is being devised & planned by that  
devious and imaginative master... Mr Waterstradt!

March 9th thru 11th ~ God & Country Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda  
we will be staying in First Reformed Cabin  
If you have to ask what the theme is or who is  
behind the weekend's activities then you deserve  
the surprise you will get.



### 2012 PINWOOD DERBY

Time to start thinking about it and planning for it now! If you need you can always go to the ANDERSONS on January 7th for their annual Pinewood Derby Clinic. All you need to do is draw you car design on the block (when you get it this winter) and bring it in to the ANDERSONS for their help. Details available at:

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/Andersons.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/Andersons.pdf)



### Harlem Globetrotter Basketball in Toledo

Interested? December 28th, 2011 with discounts for Scouts & their families

All the information is on our Website Admin page

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/HGT122811.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/HGT122811.pdf)

Who doesn't enjoy a great basketball game??



### WALLEYE HOCKEY Sleepovers in 2012

January 27th, 28th & February 25th

Brochure on the website, Dec 23rd deadline

<http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/208ADMIN.htm>

*Our 3 Generations of the Boy Scout Law continues*

**A Scout is.... Courteous**

12th edition, 2009 printing:

A Scout is polite to people of all ages & positions.

8th edition, 1972 printing:

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier

6th edition, 1959 printing

This is just another way of saying that a Scout is a gentleman. You will have many opportunities

*See what else COURTEOUS has meant to others before*

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutLaw.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutLaw.pdf)

# Awards & Recognitions & Training Info



The Emergency Preparedness Award is part of a new BSA program of emphasis for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders, in cooperation with the Federal Department of Homeland Security. Details of the program are on-line, on the official BSA web site, and can be seen visiting the BSA Website

## Bear Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Bear Cub Scout Achievement 11\* – Be Ready. The focus of this achievement is the best way to handle emergencies.
2. Make a small display or give a presentation for your family or den on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf Cub Scout:

\* Take American Red Cross *Basic Aid Training* (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more..

\* Put together a family emergency kit for use in the home.

\* Organize a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

\* Achievement and elective numbers could change; the achievement or elective title determines what the requirement is.

## Webelos Scout Requirements

1. Earn the Readyman activity badge from the community badge group.
2. Build a family emergency kit, with an adult family member participating in the project.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf or Bear Cub Scout:

\* Take a first aid course conducted by your local American Red Cross chapter.

\* Give a presentation to your den on preparing for emergencies.

### Council & District TRAINING events



### Cub Scout TRAINING

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

[Lee Schultz @ cubtraining@swancreekdistrict.org](mailto:Lee.Schultz@swancreekdistrict.org)

Cub Scout Leader Training (one day session):

January 14th, 2012 - Parts 1 & 2

### BALOO Training

March 3rd, 2012 (want to have fun like a kid again?)

### Cub Scout Leader Training

March 21st ~ Part 1 of Cub Scout Leader Trng

March 28th ~ Part 2 of Cub Scout Leader Trng



### Boy Scout TRAINING

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

[Mike Pierson @ bstraining@swancreekdistrict.org](mailto:Mike.Pierson@bstraining@swancreekdistrict.org)

Scoutmaster (α ΑΩΜ) Leader Training (ΣΛΙ) and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) will be scheduled for the spring 2012; more details to follow

\* Organize a training program for your Webelos den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

## Boy Scout Requirements

1. Participate in creating an emergency plan for your home and for your troop or team's Scouting activities. Be sure you know the details of both emergency plans

2. Earn the First Aid or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.

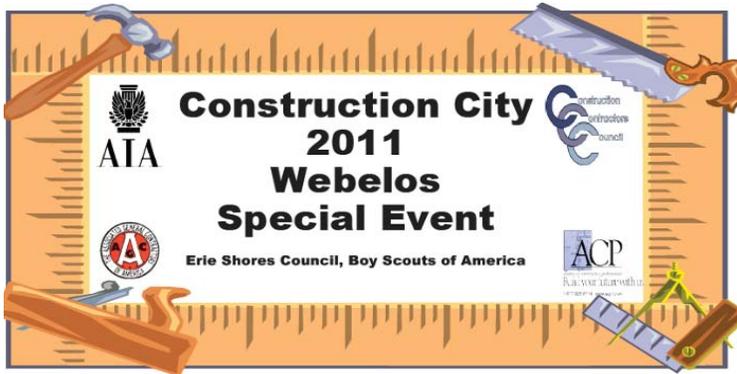
3. With your troop or team, including its adult leaders, participate in emergency preparedness training conducted by community emergency preparedness agencies.

## Unit Volunteer Scouter Requirements

This award is available to all registered Scouters who serve a unit, including all leaders and committee members.

Adult volunteers see the editor for details

# Upcoming Activities



Interested? Details & registration form are at:  
[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/2011C-CityRegistrationForm.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/2011C-CityRegistrationForm.pdf)

This is a fun time to just build and be creative

For the Tigers, Wolves, Bears and First Year Webelos we'd like to remind you that Erie Shores Council will be offering Cub Day Camp again in 2012. Look for information in the spring.



February brings Scout Sunday to Boy Scouts; both Pack 208 and Troop 208. If your family has no specific Church that you attend, you're more

than welcome to join either Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven and their families for Scout Sunday on February 5th; any Sunday also.

**P.R.A.Y.** offers each Scout the opportunity to explore their own faith in age appropriate programs. Boy Scouts recognizes these efforts and we encourage each Scout to consider working on their faith through these programs.

[http://www.praypub.org/main\\_frameset.htm](http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm)

Check out **P.R.A.Y.** at their site (above).

OR you can also ask Mr Waterstradt for information and guidance on this program. With his many (many, many) years of experience he is more than capable and willing to help your son (or daughter) participate in this worthwhile program. After all,

*"A Scout is Reverent"*

*"...to do my duty to GOD and my country."*

*The editor apologies for not always having a lot (or any) of the information on some of these events yet, we'll post it as soon as we get it ourselves so everyone can plan their personal / family calendars appropriately.*



## ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen  
[www.tindeuchen.com](http://www.tindeuchen.com)

### LODGE Events

**December 18th** Lodge Workday 9am until ??

EC Meeting (4pm) & Lodge Meeting (5pm)

**January 22nd** Lodge Workday 9am until ??

EC Meeting (4pm) & Lodge Meeting (5pm)

**February 19th** Lodge Workday 9am until ??

EC Meeting (4pm) & Lodge Meeting (5pm)

**February 26th** Lodge Banquet & Meeting

2012 is the 556h anniversary of Tindeuchen Lodge...

Expect some exciting and memorable things !

## What is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)?

Beginning July 30, 2012, over 7000 arrowmen, including a contingent from Erie Shores Council, converge on Michigan State University for the 31st NOAC. What is NOAC? Here is the official description from the NOAC website:

In the summer of 2012, arrowmen from around the country have the unique opportunity to gather together for the National Order of the Arrow Conference commonly referred to as NOAC. NOACs generally have over 7,000 Arrowmen in attendance that are seeking many of the aspects you are looking for: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, activities, and ceremonies as well as participate in a large variety of competitions. This six day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting and is unique to just members of the Order of the Arrow. NOAC is comprised of all aspects of the Order, which include ceremonial evaluations to learning about the latest in metalsmithing capabilities.

# December Historical & Current Events

[www.aboutfamouspeople.com](http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com)

December 1

- 1955 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus
- 1969 The United States Government held its first draft lottery since WWII



December 2

- 1982 The first successful artificial heart transplant was completed at the University of Utah Medical Center. The recipient was Barney C. Clark, age 61



December 6

- 1884 Construction of Washington Monument was completed

December 7

- 1941 Japanese warplanes attacked United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

December 8

- 1941 United States entered World War II
- 1966 A treaty was enacted which prohibited nuclear weapons in space

December 14

- 1774 The first military encounter of the American Revolution occurred, when on the report of news carried by Paul Revere that the British intended to station a garrison at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Major John Sullivan led a band of militia to Fort William and Mary, broke into its arsenal, and carried off arms and ammunition

December 15

- 1791 The Bill of Rights went into effect
- 1939 The movie, "Gone With The Wind" premiered
- 1944 The plane carrying Bandleader Glenn Miller was lost



December 16

- 1773 The Boston Tea Party occurred

December 17

- 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright's first successful manned powered flight occurred near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

December 19

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

December 21

- 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts



December 22

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

December 23

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

December 25

- 336AD The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D.
- 1818 "Silent Night" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria
- 1776 George Washington crossed the Delaware River



December 26

- 1991 The end of the Soviet Union began

December 27

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



December 31

- 1879 Thomas Edison gave his first public demonstration of the incandescent lamp

