



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



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

December 2012

Pack News

Troop News

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Thanksgiving & Christmas Two holidays for us to give thanks...

On November 26th, 1789 was first celebrated as a national holiday by proclamation of President George Washington. Christmas has been a sacred religious holiday for over two millennia, but officially a federal holiday in the United States since 1870. In both cases let us take a moment to remember the reason we celebrate these days and be thankful.



Thank You!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD Success!

Thank you to those who helped. The results of our Scouting For Food was 794 food items and \$9.00 which will help feed needy families especially during the holidays we are approaching. THANK YOU!

December Pack Meeting (Dec 20th) at the Legion Hall will be AWARDS to pass out (YEA!!) and some FESTIVE CHRISTMAS Carols (Cubmaster SINGING with



2013 PINEWOOD DERBY

Time to start thinking about it and planning for it now!

If you need help the ANDERSONS has been holding an annual Pinewood Derby Clinic in early January. All you will need to do is draw your car design on the block (when you get it this winter) and bring it in to the ANDERSONS for their help. More details as soon as we find out ourselves.

A comparison of the Scout Oath over time...

To Help Other People at All Times...

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutOath.pdf

A comparison of the Scout Law over time...

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutLaw.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS...

December 7th - 9th @ Camp Miakonda

Camping in Streadman Cabin

Let's experience cold weather camping in a safe and fun way!

January 2013 is still in the planning....

February 8th - 10th ~ Winter Weekend Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda

we will be staying in a Cabin

I think the theme may be a mystery where we all try to find out 'Who blew the Fuse'. (just kidding Mr Scoutmaster....

Just kidding, right guys?)

March 9th thru 11th ~ God & Country Camporee

to be held at Camp Miakonda

we will be staying in a Cabin

April 2013 is the District Spring Camporee

details & planning are still in the works

And Finally....

June 30th - July 6th



Summer Camp in Pioneer, Ohio

A week in the woods & sun!

This is week of fun and new challenges



WALLEYE HOCKEY & Sleepovers in 2013

Pick from any of 4 nights in December,

January or February to participate

Information & Brochure is available online

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/Walleye2013.pdf

Awards & Recognitions & Training Info

James M Stewart Good Citizenship Award

The James M. Stewart Museum Foundation and The Boy Scouts of America announce a new award for Boy Scouts, The James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award. John Alline (Associate Director of the Boy Scouts of America) presented the first awards during the campfire at the Indiana County Bicentennial Boy Scout Camporee on Saturday, May 17, 2003. A four-inch full color embroidered patch featuring Brigadier General James Stewart was awarded to members of Troop 11 from Indiana, PA. A bronze medal is also available.



jimmy.org/scoutaward

This award has been established by the James M. Stewart Museum Foundation with the consent and cooperation of the Boy Scouts of America, Penn's Woods Council and the family of James M. Stewart. The purpose of this award is to introduce Boy Scouts to the life of a great American, James Maitland Stewart. The Jimmy Stewart Museum is offering this award to a Boy Scout or Scouter who has exemplified the characteristics necessary to live the life of a Good Citizen. To earn the award, Scouts are required to complete the Jimmy Stewart Museum quiz, write an essay of not less than 500 words, and do a good citizenship project in their community in honor of James M. Stewart.

Interested Scouts or Scouters should contact The Jimmy Stewart Museum to receive a copy of the workbook. The price of the workbook is \$6.00 which includes shipping. Scouts can send a check in that amount to:

The Jimmy Stewart Museum
P. O. Box 1
Indiana PA 15701



Once the required work has been done, the application form from the workbook, the quiz and the 500 word essay should be sent to the Museum. The patch and /or medal will then be sent. The price of the patch is \$4.00, and the medal is \$7.50. Please add \$1.00 for each item ordered to cover shipping. Again, a check may be sent to the Museum.

Jimmy Stewart was born in Indiana, PA and grew up with a background in scouting. He remained involved with scouting throughout his adult life. It is hoped that the values of the Boy Scouts that were shared by Jimmy Stewart will become ingrained in each recipient of The James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award.

On March 22, 1941, Stewart enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He became an Air Corps pilot and a squadron commander. By the end of the war, Stewart was chief of staff of Second Combat Wing, Second Division, Eighth Air Force. He would continue his connection to the military, maintaining his membership in the Air Force Reserves. In 1959, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier (one- star) General. This in addition to his many years of acting. Fittingly for this time of the year many of us will once again watch his timeless movie *It's a Wonderful Life* which he filmed in 1946.



Last month we provided some history and little known knowledge about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier including how the guards did not desert their post during Hurricane Isabelle in 2003. True to form, these same men carried on their tradition of dedication and service during Hurricane Sandy and maintained their



Council & District TRAINING events



TRAINING

Cub Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

January 5th, 2013 ~ Parts 1 & 2 CSLT (both)

March 2nd ~ BALOO for overnight camping

March 20th ~ Part 1 of Cub Scout Leader Trng

March 27th ~ Part 2 of Cub Scout Leader Trng



TRAINING

Boy Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

April 19th - 21st @ Camp Miakonda

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills and Scout Leader Training.... Good training and fun for anyone considering being an SM or Assistant SM

Upcoming Activities



100 Years of Magic

Scout Tickets are only \$14 and you'll get a patch!
 Friday December 21st at the Huntington Center
www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/DisneyOnIce.pdf



Bowling Green State University hosts Notre Dame in HOCKEY @ the BGSU Arena
 \$10 per ticket December 15th @ 7:05pm
www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/BGND.pdf



WALLEYE HOCKEY & SLEEPOVER
 Watch a game and, if you want, sleepover at the Huntington Center

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/Walleye2013.pdf

- December 1st Pregame Jamboree (see flyer)
- January 5th Pregame Jamboree (see flyer)
- January 26th Postgame Sleepover (see flyer)
- February 23rd Postgame Sleepover (see flyer)
- March 23rd is a game saved for Girl Scouts



www.imaginationstationtoledo.org

Cub Scout Events for Tigers, Cubs & Webelos

[Registration & Info Flyer](#)

Camp-Ins 2013

[Registration & Info Flyer](#)

These are great experiences for both your Cub Scouts and for your families too! Think about it.

More details and information can also be found on their website if you look under PROGRAMS you'll find their Scout Programs link (Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts).

Cub Scouts!



Don't forget that your Pinewood Derby will be in February. We'll let you know the date and time as we get closer. Get ready to get your cars



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

Upcoming LODGE Events

www.tindeuchen.com

- November 17th ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda
- December 16th ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda

2013 Events

- January 20th ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda
- February 10th ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda
- February 17th ~ Lodge Banquet & Meeting
- April 12th - 14th ~ Spring Ordeal @ Miakonda

Christmas



taken from www.HISTORY.com

Christmas is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25 - Christmas Day - has been a federal holiday in the United States since

An Outlaw Christmas

The pilgrims, English separatists that came to America in 1620, were even more orthodox in their Puritan beliefs than Cromwell. As a result, Christmas was not a holiday in early America. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually outlawed in Boston. Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. By contrast, in the Jamestown settlement, Captain John Smith reported that Christmas was enjoyed by all and passed without incident.

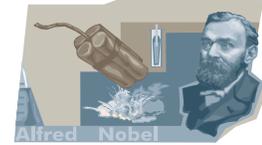
check the Pack & Troop websites every couple weeks for updates and new information !

December Historical & Current Events

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

December 1

Theodore Roosevelt was the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize, 1906



December 2

The Monroe Doctrine was announced, 1823

The Thirteenth Amendment was adopted, prohibiting slavery when Alabama became the 27th state to ratify it, ensuring the necessary two-thirds vote, 1865

December 3

The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS *Alfred*," 1775

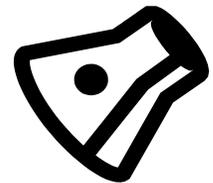
The treason trial of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, began in Richmond, Virginia. Before Circuit Court Judges Salmon P. Chase and John C. Underwood. The charges were dropped on February 15, 1869 after President Andrew Johnson's amnesty proclamation, 1868

December 4

United States *Gemini 7* was launched from Cape Kennedy on a 14-day, 206-orbit mission and rendezvous in space with *Gemini 6*, 1965

December 6

Gerald Ford sworn in as vice president, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew, 1973



December 7

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

United States Apollo 17 launched, 1972

December 8

John Winston Yoko Lennon, former member of the *Beatles*, was shot and killed outside his Dakota apartment in New York by a deranged man, 1980

December 9

Noah Webster established New York's first daily newspaper, 1793

The first Red Cross Christmas seals were sold for a campaign against tuberculosis, raising \$135,000, 1907

December 10

The first college basketball game was held, 1896



December 13

The first savings bank in the United States was organized in Boston as The Provident Institution for Savings, 1817

December 15

The Bill of Rights went into effect, 1791

December 17

France recognized American independence, 1777

December 19

Benjamin Franklin first published his "*Poor Richard's Almanac*" 1732



December 21

Reduction of the voting age in national elections to 18 years was ruled constitutional by the Supreme Court, 1970



December 24

The Methodist Church was organized in America at a conference in Baltimore, Maryland, 1784

Henry Ford completed his first successful gasoline engine, 1894

December 25

"*Silent Night*" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria, 1818

December 27

Radio City Music Hall opened in New York, 1932

December 30

The "USS *Monitor*" was lost off Cape Hatteras, 1862

