



Pack 208

Newsletter

Troop 208



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

May 2012

Pack News

www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208



Happy Mother's Day Moms

May 13th, 2012

TROOP NEWS

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208

Spring Camporee

April 27th thru 29th @ Oak Openings. T21 weekend and some service time to help the park out.

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2012Spring.pdf

A Scout is.... **BRAVE**

See what BRAVE has meant to others before

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/ScoutLaw.pdf

Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts

Swanton Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.

Tentative start time is 10am meeting at the Crestwood Elementary School; more details soon.



Cub Scout Day Camp 2012

www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/CDC2012.pdf

There are 4 weeks of Cub Day Camp

Week 1 is June 18th - 22nd

Week 2 is June 25th - 29th

NO Day Camp the week of July 4th!

Week 4 is July 9th - 13th

Week 5 is July 15th - 20th

Early Bird discount of \$15 if registered by May 21st

Dad & Lad Overnight

April 29th & 29th @ Camp Miakonda

Saturday morning thru Sunday morning

Cabin or Tent Camping... A GREAT TIME !!!

www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/Dad-n-Lad.pdf

sign up & register early to get the discount!

Mom & Me Overnight

May 5th & 6th @ Camp Miakonda

Saturday morning thru Sunday morning

Cabin or Tent Camping... A GREAT TIME ALSO!

www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/Mom&Me.pdf

SUMMER CAMP 2012

Week of July 1st thru July 7th

We are sharing **CODY** Campsite



Well Scouts... know what Merit Badges you want?

Meal Plan... we have 3 options to pick from guys...

Plan "A" - eat in the dining hall \$295

Plan "B" - cook our own food (from camp) \$247

Plan "C" - plan our own meals, buy and cook our own food \$195

Early Bird payments are due to the Scoutmaster by May 11th; it will save you \$20 off the prices above.

You will need (Scout or Adult) a completed physical if you're going to be going out for the week. Plan ahead to get it done in time everyone! The form is at

www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/forms/MedicalForm34605.pdf

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html

Awards & Recognitions & Training Info

Historic Trails Award



Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer units. A unit should establish a close relationship a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity - most communities have such societies.

To Earn this award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity.

A unit historic activity requires members to:

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or the site.)
2. Hike or camp 2 days and 1 night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site -- such event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
4. Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your council service center.



National Summertime Pack Award

All the pack must do is plan and conduct a monthly pack activity for June, July, and August. The whole idea is to keep your pack together and to do things during the summer when boys have plenty of free time. After conducting these three activities, the pack qualifies for the pack award.

As a reminder for our Boy Scouts.... Earning "Badges of Merit" or Merit Badges as we refer to them today...

When working on a Merit Badge, it is the responsibility of the Scout to do the following:

1. Obtain the Blue Card from the Scoutmaster and get information on the Merit Badge Counselor so you can contact him or her to begin the Merit Badge.
2. Contact the Merit Badge Counselor prior to starting the Merit Badge and to track your own progress.
3. Complete the requirements and arrange with the Counselor to review them for approval and completion.
4. Turn in the completed Blue Card to the Scoutmaster so you can get credit for the Merit Badge.

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

We'll post the 2012 - 2013 schedule when it's available



Boy Scout TRAINING

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

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

SM/ASM Specific Leader Training in Eagle Bay May 12th

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/SMnASMMay2012.pdf

There are 7 principles to the "Leave No Trace" training program. They take the Outdoor Code and help explain not only what it is about, but how we are supposed to actually practice it in our lives.

You must be 14 or older to participate in this course



Leave No Trace Trainer Course

@ Camp Miakonda

May 4th - 6th

Learn more about outdoor ethics

For Boy Scouts who want to be Troop LNT Trainers this is a great program and educational too.

[Leave No Trace Trainer Course May 4th - 6th](#)

Upcoming Activities



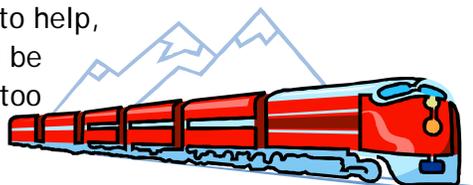
National Train Day 2012
Toledo's Amtrak Station
on Saturday, May 5th
9:30am to 4:00pm



www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2012NTD.pdf

FREE OPEN HOUSE event for everyone to come see!
Model trains, displays, and more!

And if you want to help,
volunteers will be
appreciated too



Boy Scouts of America - Erie Shores Council
3rd Annual

10 Commandment Hike

Saturday, May 19th @ Camp Miakonda
Come out and have fun hiking and learning about the
different faiths in our area and see the beautiful
Historical Camp Miakonda. Details on the flyer.

[10CommandmentHikeFlyer2012.pdf](#)

this has been a great program to attend!



2012 District Dinner

May 10th, 2012 at Providence
Lutheran Church
only \$15 per person

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/SCDinner051012.pdf

The meal is going to be catered by Carrabas with
some very fine italian cuisine! Please register early!!



PICNIC



2012 Swan Creek District Picnic

NEW DATE!!

Thursday June 14th, 2012

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/SCDPicnic060712.pdf

Side Cut Metropark's Maumee Rotary Centennial Pavilion



2012 Erie Shores Council
Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner

Thursday June 7th, 2012 @ Camp Miakonda

Get your reservations in soon !!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2012RD.pdf

Come out to see Scouters get their recognition for
achievements ... like the Cubmaster Award of Merit.



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen
www.tindeuchen.com

LODGE Events

April 13th - 15th is the Spring Ordeal @ Miakonda
CONGRATS to Dan, Scott & Logan on becoming
Arrowmen! Only 10 months to Brotherhood.

June 1st - 3rd is the Spring Ordeal @ PSR



Randy Burke at Davis-Besse is heading up
another Atomic Energy Camporee this fall;
September 14th - 16th. This is a great
opportunity to learn about the atom,
how we generate electrical power which we use
every day and what is done to assure safety. This is
one of the best camporees your editor ever went on!
details can be found at: www.DBAEC.org

Mudhens' Sleepovers @ 5th/3rd Field

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/mudhens2012.pdf

Watch a game, see fireworks, a movie and
campout in the outfield for the night - WOW!

Friday, June 1st	Saturday, June 2nd
Friday, June 22nd	Saturday, June 23rd
Friday, July 20th	Saturday, July 21st



Erie Shores Council Centennial Camporee

October 12th - 14th @ Pioneer Scout Reservation
Details still being worked out for events & programs
As always, as soon as we know what is on the
schedule we'll let you know to. ESC is 100 years old!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/Centennial3.pdf

Scout Shop reminder & info

Just a reminder that the summer hours will start
after Memorial Day if you want to go shopping.

SUMMER HOURS are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:	8:30am to 5:30pm
Thursday:	10am to 7:30pm
Friday:	8:30am to 1:30pm
Saturday:	Closed

May Historical & Current Events

May 1st

The Empire State Building opened, 1931
The first United States Series "E" Savings Bond was issued, 1941



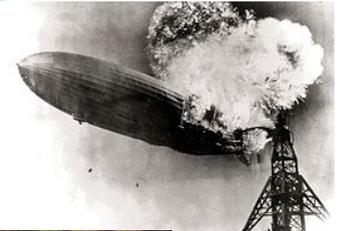
May 3rd

Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city, 1802
Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister, 1979



May 5th

John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution, 1925



May 6th

The Hindenburg crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., 1937

May 7th

A German torpedo sank the British liner *Lusitania* off the coast of Ireland, 1915
Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945



May 8th

V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), 1945

May 10th

Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, 1775
The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908



May 14th

Lewis & Clark's expedition began, 1804
The first Olympic Games were held in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri, 1904



May 16th

Issuance of the nickel coin was authorized by Congress, 1866
Astronaut Cooper orbited the Earth 22 times, 1963



May 17th

The New York Stock Exchange was established, 1792
The first Kentucky Derby was held; the winner was "Aristides" 1875
The Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal, 1973



May 24th

The first passenger railroad in the United States began service in Maryland, between Baltimore & Elliott's Mills, 1830

May 25th

The Gateway Arch was dedicated in St. Louis, 1968



May 27th

The Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public, 1937
The German battleship *Bismarck* sank off France, 1941



May 28th

The first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War, 1863



May 30th

Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in France, 1431



May 31st

Two Thousand people perished when a dam break created a flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 1889