



# Pack 208

# Monthly Newsletter

# Troop 208



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

July 2013

## Pack News

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### July 4th ~ 237 years of independence

## Happy Birthday to the United State of America!

*We are a nation of many rights and with those rights are responsibilities we learn about in Scouting*



### Cub Family Camp 2013

### October 5th & 6th, 2013

at Camp Miakonda  
YEP... you're being invited

Another great weekend event with Commodore Perry District joining Swan Creek District and, shhhh, there's a rumor Northwest District will be joining too. More details as they are made available.



God & Country Banquet ~ Feb 28th, 2014  
God & Country Camporee ~ Mar 7th - 9th, 2014  
details to be provided as soon as we get them.



### 2014 Pinewood Derby



**Pack 208 Pinewood Derby**

Tentatively Thursday Feb 20th or Saturday Feb 22nd

**Swan Creek District Pinewood Derby**

March 15th; Location to be determined

The **Pack's 2013 ~ 2014 Pack Meeting** schedule will be published later this summer for everyone.

2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda  
May 3rd - 4th @ Camp Miakonda  
2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda  
May 10th - 11th @ Camp Miakonda



[www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/&Me2014.pdf](http://www.swancreedistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/&Me2014.pdf)



### June 30th - July 6th

Summer Camp in Pioneer, Ohio  
A week in the woods & sun!



### Swan Creek District Fall Camporee

October 11th - 13th, 2013 in Cygnet, OH  
The Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship & Training Center in Cygnet, OH. Flyer available:  
[www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2013FallCamp.pdf](http://www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2013FallCamp.pdf)



### Swan Creek District Winter Weekend

February 7th - 9th, 2014 at Camp Miakonda  
details to be provided as soon as we get them.



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2014 Catholic Boy Scout & Girl Scout  
Retreat & Camporee ~ Come & See; Go & Do  
April 11th - 13th, 2014 @ Camp Miakonda

[www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014CR.pdf](http://www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014CR.pdf)

[www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014CRFAQ.pdf](http://www.swancreedistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014CRFAQ.pdf)



### Swan Creek District Spring Camporee

April 25th - 27th, 2014  
details to be provided as soon as we get them.

*Hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer everyone !*

# Awards & Recognitions & Training Info

## 4th of July

A rare award, did you know that there are actually THREE *Congressional Medals of Honor*?

On Dec 9, 1861 Iowa Senator James W. Grimes introduced S. No 82 in the US Senate, a bill designed to "promote the efficiency of the Navy" by the production and distribution of "medals of honor". On December 21st the bill was passed, authorizing 200 such medals be produced "which upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen and marines as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war (Civil War)." President Lincoln signed the bill and the (Navy) Medal of Honor was born.

### The 3 Present Day Variations of the Medal Of Honor



US Army

US Navy/Marines

US Air Force

Two months later on Feb 17, 1862 Massachusetts Senator Henry Wilson introduced a similar bill, this one to authorize "the President to distribute medals to privates in the Army of the United States who shall distinguish themselves in battle." Over the following months wording changed slightly as the bill way through Congress. When President Abraham Lincoln signed S.J.R. No. 82 on July 12, 1862, the Army Medal of Honor was born.



For more history on the Medal of Honor go to: [www.cmohs.org/medal-history.php](http://www.cmohs.org/medal-history.php)

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

These words are the beginning of the unanimous Declaration of the 13 united *States of America*, our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. There are many websites everyone can go to (such as [www.ushistory.com](http://www.ushistory.com) for one) with the history of this day. Take a moment, maybe as a family, to consider that our country has many rights and freedoms that other people in the rest of the world only dream for. We have had our democracy since 1776 and we still are working to improve our society - something our Scouts will be able to continue to do.



The Recruiter award has no formal requirements established by the Boy Scouts of America. It is awarded by the Cubmaster or Scoutmaster to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout who is successful in getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join his unit. ONE patch can be awarded to a boy while he is a Cub Scout, and another may be awarded while he is a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout. Bring your friends guys!



Religious Emblems, cloth, silver knot on purple may be worn by youth or adult members who earned the knot as a youth member, above left pocket. Each faith has its own requirements for earning its emblem. A knot device may be used to indicate during which level of Scouting the award was earned. This award may be earned by all registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts.

These programs are a great opportunity for young men (or women) to learn more about their faith!

District offered training to be posted when it is scheduled for the fall.

# Upcoming Activities

## TRAINING

2013 Erie Shores University of Scouting to be held @ Cardinal Stritch on November 2nd, 2013 more details will be provided as soon as we get them.



## ORDER OF THE ARROW

[www.tindeuchen.org](http://www.tindeuchen.org)

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

### SUMMER CAMP (Camp Frontier)

Arrowmen are also reminded that if they go to Camp Frontier for summer camp there will be some OA activities for them...

They have had a POOL NIGHT/Social

They are needed to help line the trail for the Family Night Call-Out Ceremony

and who knows what else there will be??

### August Ordeal:

August 16th - 18th @ Camp Miakonda

If you're tapped out at Summer Camp... Hmmmr

### LODGE Meeting

August 25th @ Camp Miakonda starting @ 3pm

Annual election of Lodge Officers

### LODGE Cookout

September 14th

### Halloween Party @ Camp Miakonda

October 26th & 27th @ Camp Miakonda

### LODGE Bowling

November 16th

### LODGE LLDC & Holiday Party @ Camp Miakonda

December 14th

## Construction City 2014

November 30th (Saturday after Thanksgiving) at the University of Toledo Main Campus Health Education Center

details will be provided this fall



Coming in September....

Popcorn Take Order Sales begin

popcorn sales end in November

popcorn will be distributed afterwards

## 2013 Scouting for Food Campaign

Mid-October - distribution of SFF bags

pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday

All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need.



## 17th Annual Event

Mid - September (date TBA)

Interested in helping?

we'll provide the date & times when we get them.

Flag Day 2013; more pictures on the Troop's website



Our June Service Project day went about like this... not that we melted in the rain, but it was cancelled.



Fourth of July / Veterans related websites/video clips that you may find interesting or helpful:

**ANGEL FLIGHT Radio Tower** Song (youtube) with Darius Rucker

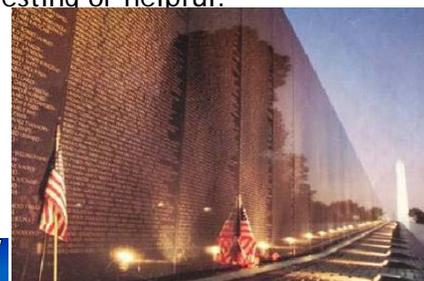
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkxiqKj0nU&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkxiqKj0nU&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

**Veteran's Day Parade in NYC 2010** (youtube)

[www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=z3Z5fGwsZSs&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=z3Z5fGwsZSs&vq=medium)

**Vietnam (Virtual) Wall**

[www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm](http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm)



# July Historical & Current Events

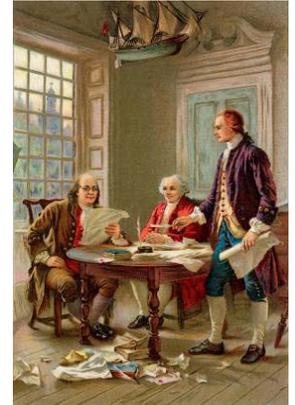
July 1st

- The first adhesive postage stamp was offered for sale, 1847
- Medicare federal insurance program went into effect, 1966



July 2nd

- Amelia Earhart and her airplane were lost in Pacific Ocean, 1937
- The Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1964



July 3rd

- Congress created the United States Veterans Administration, 1930

July 4th

- The Declaration of Independence was approved, 1776



July 7th

- First women were sworn as F.B.I. agents, 1972

July 8th

- Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, 1776

July 9th

- The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York, 1776

July 10th

- The US frigate "*United States*" was launched, 1797



July 11th

- United States Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base, Colorado, 1955

July 12th

- Congress authorized the Navy Medal of Honor, 1862



July 16th

- General Ulysses S. Grant was named commander-in-chief of all the Union armies, 1862
- The first atomic bomb was detonated in New Mexico, 1945

July 18th

- Professional baseball great Ty Cobb hit safety for 4000th time, 1927



July 19th

- Apollo 11 orbited the moon, 1969
- Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle, 1985

July 20th

- The first man (Astronaut Neil Armstrong) to set foot on the moon, 1969
- America's Viking I robot spacecraft made the first-ever landing on Mars, 1976



July 22nd

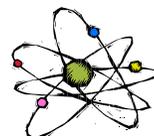
- The city of Cleveland was founded by General Moses Cleveland, 1796
- Katharine Bates wrote *America the Beautiful*, 1893
- American citizenship was re-granted to Confederate General Robert E. Lee, by President James Carter, 1975

July 25th

- The Central Intelligence Agency was created, 1947

July 29th

- International Atomic Energy Agency was established, 1957



July 30th

- Medicare bill signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965