



Pack 208

Monthly Newsletter

Troop 208



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

May 2013

Pack News

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208

Happy Mother's Day Moms

May 12th, 2013

Please don't trash out her kitchen guys.... Really, *please*



Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day most commonly falls on the second Sunday in May and traditionally involves presenting mothers with flowers.

www.history.com/topics/mothers-day

May 16th ~ Pack Meeting; Last one for this year until September everyone... It's been a fast year!

CUB DAY CAMP 2013

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 2013.

June 17th - 21st CDC Week #1

June 24th - 28th CDC Week #2

No CDC this week due to the 4th of July Holiday

July 8th - 12th CDC Week #3

July 15th - 19th CDC Week #4

If you can help with transportation for the Cub Scouts please let Gary or Alan know so we can coordinate driving and help each other out...

Troop News

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Spring Camporee



April 26th thru 28th is the Spring Camporee

Indian Lore Merit Badge (theme) @ Seven Eagles details in the flyer:

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

May 7th - Spring Court of Honor

to quote Maxwell Smart (for us old guys)...

"Would you believe our Scouts are 'this close' to their next advancement?"



June 30th - July 6th

Summer Camp in Pioneer, Ohio

A week in the woods & sun!

Early Bird fees due by May 10th ... pay on the 7th: MEDICAL FORMS.... YES - ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK Up You can download the BI-LINGUAL form if you need another copy of it from our site (whole BOOK):

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms/680-001whole.pdf

Or get just Parts A&B which are all you need....

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms/680-001a&b.pdf

Memorial Day

In memory of our honored dead; those who sacrificed for us.

www.usmemorialday.org/



Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

Awards & Recognitions & Training Info



<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm>

24 Notes that 'Tap' deep emotions

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune, borrowed from the French, called Lights Out. In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men.

Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story, "...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, (he) asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874 It was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became standard at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

The origin of the word "Taps" is thought to have come from the Dutch word for "Tattoo"- "Taptoe." More than likely, "Taps" comes from the the three drum taps that were played as a signal for "Extinguish Lights" when a bugle was not used. As with many other customs, the twenty-four notes that comprise this solemn tradition began long ago and continue to this day. While there are no official lyrics for Taps, the following unofficial verse (author unknown) is often used:

*Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh -- Falls the night.*

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright;
God is near, do not fear -- Friend, good night.*



[Above Information Courtesy of United States Army Center for Military History](#)

Side note: Many of us have heard/read the version of TAPS being about Captain Ellicombe finding his son on the field of battle one night wounded. The son had been studying music in the South when the war broke out and he had enlisted in the Confederate Army. The son died and his father was allowed one musician who played the series of musical noets that were in the son's pocket; TAPS. This story is good, but a myth according to <http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/a/tapshistory.htm> and www.usmemorialday.org/taps.html. A good story full of emotion, but not true.

Council & District TRAINING events



TRAINING

Cub Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

Cub Scout Leader training for this year is over
We'll have the 2013-2014 posted later this year



TRAINING

Boy Scout

Leader Specific Training

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

Boy Scout Leader training for this year is over
We'll have the 2013-2014 posted later this year

Upcoming Activities

Dad & Lad Overnight Mom & Me Overnight



The best info available (Council Website) is:

Dad & Lad will be April 27th & 28th, 2013

To be held at Camp Miakonda

Dad & Lad will be May 4th & 5th, 2013

To be held at Camp Miakonda

Flyers (details) posted on the Pack Website Admin Page



National Train Day 2013
Toledo's Amtrak Station
on Saturday, May 4th
9:30am to 4:00pm



<http://www.dotoledo.org/Events/National-Train-Day-Toledo>

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



Toledo Mud Hens 2013 Scout Sleepovers



Mudhens' Sleepovers @ 5th/3rd Field

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



Friday, May 31st

Saturday, June 1st

Friday, June 21st

Saturday, June 22nd

Friday, July 26th

Saturday, August 3rd

Brochure & details are posted on the Pack & Troop
websites or you can go to the Mud Hens site (look
under PROMOTIONS and SCOUT EXPERIENCE)

Word of caution (for first time participants....)

Sleeping on the outfield is like sleeping on a carpet.
No rocks, roots or ruts.... It's like setting up your tent
in the living room. One of my most unusual camping
experiences ever!



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

Upcoming LODGE Events

www.tindeuchen.com



2013 Events

March 23rd ~ Service Day @ Camp Miakonda

May 3rd - 5th ~ Spring Ordeal @ PSR

May 17th thru 19th

OA Section C6-B Conclave @ PSR

details will be posted as soon as made available

ANY Arrowman can attend & participate at the
Ordeals (plenty of work to get done) and many
hands make it go faster! Please sign up guys.

If you've been called out for membership in the
OA - make sure you sign up for your Ordeal

May 31st - June 2nd ~ Spring Ordeal II @ PSR

Annual Order of the Arrow UNIT ELECTION

This year the Troop will hold the annual Unit
Election at our April 30th Troop meeting.

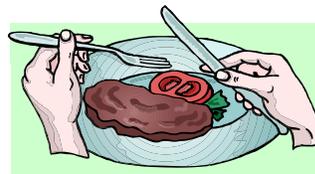
Member(s) from Tindeuchen Lodge will come to
our meeting to inform everyone about the Order of
the Arrow and hold the election. Tap out for those
elected will be at Summer Camp/Family Night.

Scouts - this is probably the only (that's right -
ONLY) organization where NON-MEMBERS vote for
and select the members! Come on out learn about
the OA. And vote too!



Randy Burke at Davis-Besse is heading up
another Atomic Energy Camporee this
fall; October 25th - 27th. 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.

details can be found at: www.DBAEC.org



2013 District Dinner

May 9th, 2014 at

Providence Lutheran Church
price to be determined

May Historical & Current Events

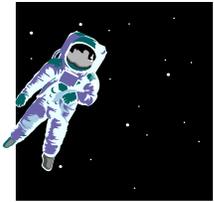
May 3rd

- West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax, 1921
- Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for "*Gone With The Wind*," 1937
- Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister, 1979



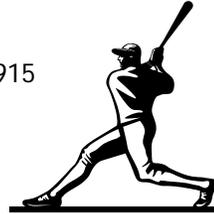
May 5th

- Astronaut Alan Shepard went on the first manned space flight, 1961



May 6th

- Babe Ruth hit his first home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox, 1915



May 8th

- First transatlantic flight, 1919

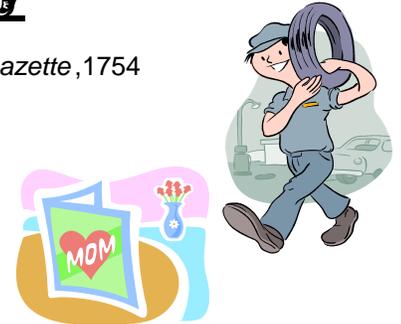


May 9th

- First United States newspaper cartoon published in Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 1754

May 10th

- Benedict Arnold was tried for treason, 1779
- The first Mother's Day observance took place in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1908



May 11th

- B.F. Goodrich Company developed the tubeless tire, 1947



May 13th

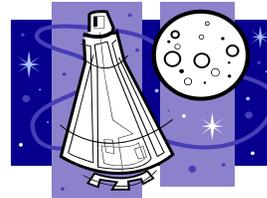
- The English Colony at Jamestown, Virginia, was settled, 1607

May 14th

- The first vaccination against smallpox was administered by English doctor Edward Jenner, 1796

May 16th

- Astronaut Cooper orbited the Earth 22 times, 1963



May 18th

- The Tennessee Valley Authority was created, 1933
- The Beatles US Album, "*Let It Be*," was released, 1970

May 20th

- The first railroad timetable was published in the newspaper the *Baltimore American*, 1830
- Charles Lindbergh began his historic solo flight, 1927

May 21st

- Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, 1881
- Charles Lindbergh arrived in Paris, 1927
- A Chorus Line* opened on Broadway, 1975

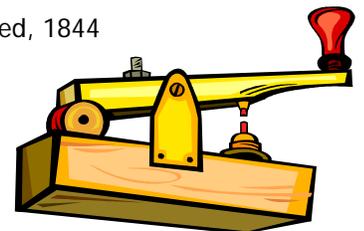


May 22nd

- The first life insurance policy in the United States was issued, in Philadelphia, 1761

May 24th

- Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened, 1844
- Mame* opened on Broadway, 1966



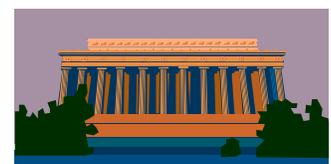
May 25th

- The Constitutional Convention opened, 1787
- Babe Ruth hit his 714th and last home run, 1935



May 30th

- The first Indianapolis 500 road race was held, 1911
- The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, 1922



May 31st

- The 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution was declared in effect, 1913
- The last Ford Model T automobile was made, 1927