



Pack 208

Monthly Newsletter

Troop 208



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

October 2013

Pack News

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208



Cub Family Camp 2013 October 5th & 6th, 2013

at Camp Miakonda
Last call/reminder

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/CFC2013.pdf

Registration flyer & details available with the flyer

Just a word of caution... this is not a spectator sport weekend so be ready to have A LOT OF FUN!



2014 Pinewood Derby



Pack 208 Pinewood Derby

Scheduled for Saturday Feb 22nd, 2014

Swan Creek District Pinewood Derby

March 15th; Location to be determined



God & Country Banquet ~ March 7th, 2014

God & Country Camporee ~ Mar 14th-16th, 2014

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/G&C2014.pdf

2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

May 3rd - 4th @ Camp Miakonda

2014 Dad & Lad Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

May 10th - 11th @ Camp Miakonda

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/Me2014.pdf



17th Annual Event September 21st, 2013

Interested in helping?

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/CYS2013.pdf



Pack & Troop Calendar

Just a reminder that the calendar has been updated for the 2013 - 2014 program year. We'll keep it updated for you.

It's can be a busy year with all these opportunities!

Troop News

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Fall Schedule for September & October Highlights September 24th ~ (tentative) Fall Court of Honor



Swan Creek District Fall Camporee

October 11th - 13th ~ District Fall Camporee

The Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship & Training Center in Cygnet, OH. Flyer available:

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2013FallCamp.pdf

October 19th ~ Scouting for Food bag distribution

October 26th ~ Scouting for Food bag pick up

All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community; our efforts help our neighbors who are in need and are greatly appreciated. Thanks, in advance, for your community service.



POPCORN TIME



It's the fall season and POPCORN FUNDRAISER time!

This is a great time and opportunity for ALL of the SCOUTS to help the Pack and the Troop AND THEMSELVES by selling Pecatonica River POPCORN!

Dates to remember

Sep 19th = Take Orders Sale begins

Oct 31st = Sales are final & need to be turned in

Your Cubmaster and Scoutmaster will be passing out the information and order forms at the meetings.

Warm up your "salesman's smiles" guys!



FALL SCOUT STAR PARTY 2013

October 12th & 13th, 2013 @ PSR

This is a great time to stay up all night!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/SPOct2013.pdf

Something Special out of History...

www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/res/Education_in_BLM/Learning_Landscapes/For_Kids/History_Mystery/hm4/arrowhead_answers.html

Who made the arrows?

The United States Postal Service first made the arrows in 1924. What? The Postal Service? Why did they make the arrows? In the early 1920s, airplanes hadn't been around for very long. The Postal Service was experimenting with using airplanes to deliver mail. The Postal Service established routes along which to fly airmail. They called the routes "airways." The Postal Service decided that pilots needed to be able to fly during both day and night to deliver the mail quickly. So they came up with the idea of building arrows and beacons. They built the towers in the middle of the concrete arrows. These giant arrows were the foundations for electrical beacons. The postal service hired people to turn on the beacons every night to guide airmail pilots flying airways in the dark. These people were a lot like lighthouse keepers. How far apart were the arrows? They placed the beacons about every ten miles along an airway. The beacons or lights sat on top of tall steel towers, between 20 and 87 feet high. The beacons were two, very bright lights (1,250,000 candlepower). They ran on electricity and rotated so that a pilot would see flashes. They were only 10 miles apart so that when a pilot arrived at one beacon, he could see the flashes of the next. Did the arrows all point the same direction? No. The arrows pointed towards the next beacon along the airway, so pilots could use them to stay on course during daylight hours. The towers and foundations were painted with bright colors (yellow and black or orange). Now mail could get from the Atlantic to the Pacific not in a matter of weeks, but in just 30 hours or so. Even the dumbest of air mail pilots, it seems, could follow a series of bright yellow arrows straight out of a Tex Avery cartoon. By 1924, just a year after Congress funded it, the line of giant concrete markers stretched from Rock Springs, Wyoming to Cleveland, Ohio. The next summer, it reached all the way to New York, and by 1929 it spanned the continent uninterrupted, the envy of postal systems worldwide.

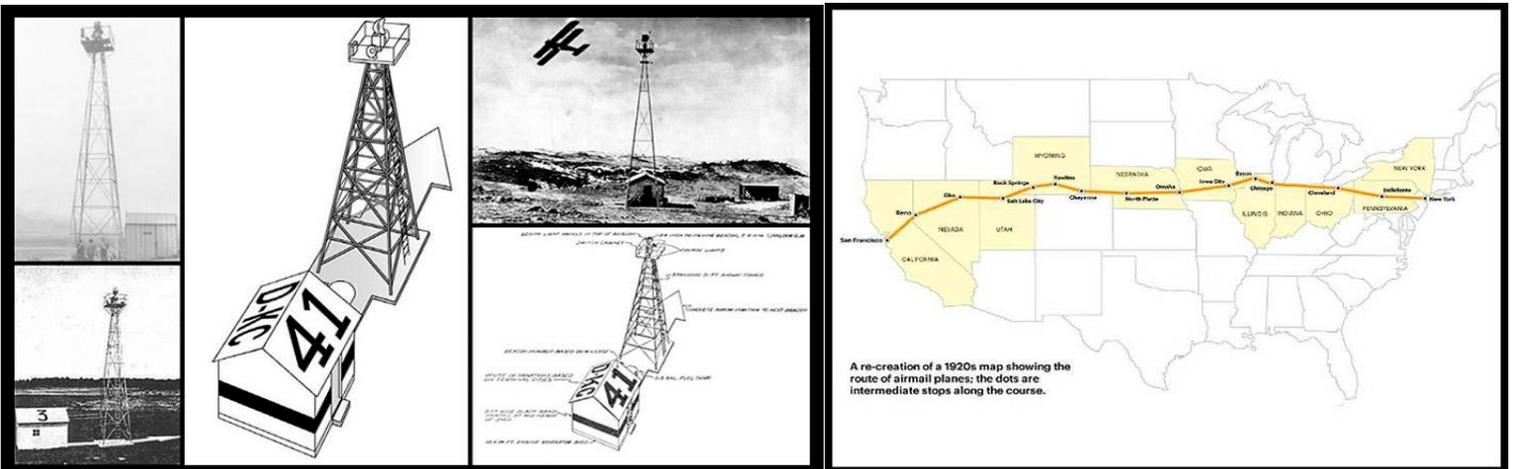


Was the Postal Service always in charge of the beacons?

No. In 1926, the Postal Service turned the beacons over to the Department of Commerce. This was because airmail was becoming more important and was leading to the development of airlines. The Postal Service only wanted to take care of the mail, not airlines.

What did the Department of Commerce do to improve the beacon system?

The department worried that beacons were not good enough to guide pilots during bad weather. Soon it experimented with radio and radar, since these might be more efficient methods of guiding pilots. As these methods improved, the department decommissioned the lighted beacons. The department removed most of them by the mid-1940s. They took down the steel towers to be used for other things in other places. They left the foundations to confuse future archaeologists that were born years after they were removed.



Upcoming Activities

Construction City 2014

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

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Pack208/flyers/CCity2014.pdf

HALLOWEEN

at Camp Miakonda

October 26th &
October 27th

Trick or Treat in a
safe & fun place
where the kids
can RUN and have
FUN

[Check the Flyer
posted on our sites](#)



FOOTBALL TIME!



Saturday, October 19th ~ Football game and Sleepover

UT Rockets vs US Naval Academy Midshipmen

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/UT-USNAfootball.pdf

tickets must be ordered by October 18th if you're interested

Saturday, November 2nd ~ Football game

UT Rockets vs Eastern Michigan

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/UT-USNAfootball.pdf

tickets must be ordered by October 23rd if you're interested

Sunday, December 1st ~ Pro Football

Jacksonville Jaguars vs Cleveland Browns

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

tickets must be ordered by Friday, November 29th



ORDER OF THE ARROW

www.tindeuchen.org

Upcoming events for Arrowmen

Halloween Party @ Camp Miakonda

October 26th & 27th @ Camp Miakonda

LODGE Bowling

November 16th

Lodge Leadership & Development Training

Decembver 14th @ Camp Miakonda

followed by Holiday Party

Jamboree on the Air 2013

JOTA - an annual event in which Scouts and Guides of all ages and all over the world talk with each other using Amateur (Ham) radio. They share Scouting experiences and ideas via radio waves.

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/JOTA2013.pdf

Saturday, October 19th from 9am to 9pm

Sunday, October 20th from 9am to noon



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.
Cub Scout Leader Training (CSLT)

Sep 30th & Oct 7th, 2013 ~ CSLT Sessions I & II

Jan 4th, 2014 ~ CSLT I & II (all day)

March 1st, 2014 ~ BALOO (all day)

March 19th & 20th, 2014 ~ CSLT Sessions I & II

Flyers are posted on the websites and everyone is welcome to attend; please register in advance.

As soon as we get information on Boy Scout Leader Training for the new program year we will post it.

There is a rumor, if any of our young men are interested in being Venture Scouts also, that there may be a great opportunity next summer for them! Future District events will be posted as soon as we find out about them also (Klondike Derby/Winter Weekend, Spring Camporee, etc).

October Historical & Current Events

October 2nd

Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile, 1908
"Peanuts" comic strip debuted, 1950
The "Twilight Zone" first premiered on television, 1959



October 3rd

George Washington proclaimed the first National Thanksgiving, 1789
President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, 1863

October 4th

Construction of the ironclad ship, the *Monitor*, was authorized by the U.S. Navy, 1861



October 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765
The aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Saratoga*, the world's most powerful warship, was launched at the Brooklyn, NY Navy Yard, 1955

October 9th

The Washington Monument opened to the public, 1888



October 10th

The United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland. It combined at one site a group of schools previously located in the port cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk, 1845
The waterway across the Isthmus of Panama was completed when the Gamboa Dike was blown up. President Woodrow Wilson set off the explosion by pressing an electric button at the White House, 1914

October 11th

Kathy Sullivan was the first woman to walk in space this day, 1984



October 12th

Columbus arrived with expedition in the present-day Bahamas, (Old Style calendar; Oct.21, New Style), 1492
The first celebration of Columbus Day in America was held in New York City, 1792

October 13th

A naval force was established by the Continental Congress when it authorized construction of two warships, increasing the number to four on October 30; 1775
The first supersonic bomber, the B58, was ordered into production by the U.S. Air Force, 1954



October 15th

"I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS-TV, 1951



October 19th

General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, 1781
The *Concorde* SST made its first flight from France to Kennedy Airport in New York, 1978 (The *Concorde* SST had already begun flights to Washington, D.C., in May, 1978)

October 21st

Thomas Edison invented the working electric light, 1879



October 24th

The first Pony Express ride ended, 1861

October 26th

The Erie Canal was opened, 1825



October 28th

The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland, 1886



October 30th

George Washington established the U.S. Cavalry, 1776