



# Pack 208

# Newsletter Troop 208



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## Happy Birthday (238) to the United States of America ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Our normal July issue would typically include pictures of the annual Flag Day Ceremony held at the American Legion, but this year the ceremony was postponed due to the sad and unfortunate loss of the Post Commander, Bernie Gustwiller. We'll keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.



Bernie was a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran and a patriotic man. He was the current Commander at the Swanton American Legion Post #479. He was also a life-member and current chaplain of Swanton VFW Memorial Post #8598 and member of the Swanton Elks Lodge #2462.



When his kids were growing up, he enjoyed coaching their little league and softball teams.



Bernie was a strong supporter and good friend of both the Pack, the Troop and Boy Scouts as a whole. We'll miss him greatly.



### Cub Family Camp 2014 October 4th & 5th, 2014 at Camp Miakonda

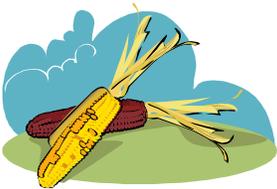
Swan Creek's fun filled event has grown into the Council event with Northwest District and Commodore Perry District joining us and our Cub Scouts. More details will be forthcoming, but for now - put it in your calendars!

### Swan Creek District Fall Camporee

rumor is it will be a repeat of the old "SURVIVOR SCOUT" October 10th thru 12th @ PSR (that's the rumor) we'll post the details when we get them, but.... get ready to hike & cross country navigate!

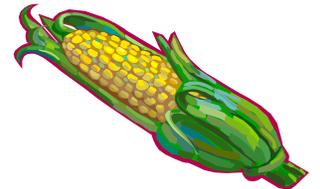
### University of Scouting - a smorgasbord of training

Saturday, November 1st; location TBA



### August 16th is the Swanton CORNFEST!!

Lots of fun, activities, a PARADE.... What more can you ask for? And there's also the antique cars on display....these are classics! Put it on your calendars and come on out to enjoy the day with us!



### Kamp KaBoooooom!!!

2015's Dad & Lad overnighter @ Miakonda Saturday, April 25th through Sunday, April 26th.  
*something else to add to your calendar....*



Just a reminder .... As we all look forward to the 4th of July and celebrations, please keep safe. It's easy to get excited and to enjoy the fireworks, but safely.



### Incredible Flying Machines!

2015's Mom & Me overnighter @ Miakonda Saturday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 3rd

Parents please watch your children (and their friends) so no one gets hurt with the sparklers or other fireworks! Hope everyone has a Safe & Enjoyable 4th!



# The Fourth of July historical facts

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>



Various known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

*Did you know that..... John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826--the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.*

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty. Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—Federalists and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Independence Day celebrations in many large cities.

## July 4th becomes a NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States.

# Upcoming Activities

## Mini-Cub Day Camp June 30th - July 2nd

Come out for one, two or three days; \$30/day

Have some fun with all the same activities

## Webelos I Overnights @ Miakonda

June 21st and 22nd or July 12th and 13th

## Webelos II Resident Camp @ Camp Frontier

3 days out at Camp Frontier during the last week of the regular Boy Scout Camp in the summer

## Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camps 2014

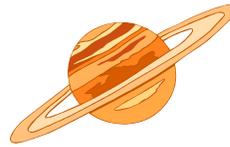
Week 1 June 16th - 20th

Week 3 July 7th - 11th

Week 2 June 23rd - 27th

Week 4 July 14th - 18th

Thursday night is Family Night from 4:30 to 8:00pm



PSR Fall Star Party

September 27th & 28th

details to follow - but is fun!

## Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award for Boy Scout & Scouter (requirements)

[Outdoor Ethics Awards Homepage](#)

Boy Scouts and Scouters interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace should begin by exploring the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. The requirements are as follows:

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace video. (It's on the right side of the page)
3. Complete the Leave No Trace online youth course . Print the certificate.
3. Earn the Tread Lightly! online course certificate. Print the certificate when you are done.
4. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master

<https://int.org/learn/7-principles>

<http://treadlightly.org/education/learn/tread-principles-2/>



**National Park Service's  
LNT Video**

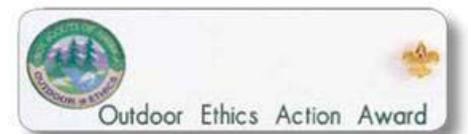
[VIDEO LINK](#)

## Outdoor Ethics Action Award for Boy Scout (requirements)

The Outdoor Ethics Action Award challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills. The requirements for the Outdoor Ethics Action Award are as follows:

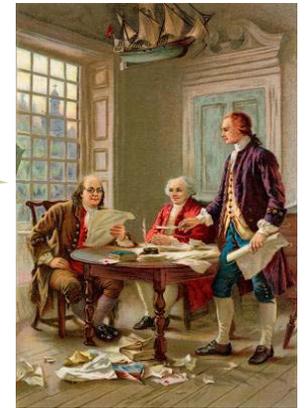
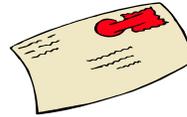
1. Do each of the following:
  - a. Unless already completed, earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
  - b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course
  - c. Explain how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.
2. Do the following:
  - a. Read Chapter 7 of the Boy Scout Handbook on Leave No Trace.
  - b. Teach a skill related to the Outdoor Code or Leave No Trace to another Scout in your troop or another Scouting unit.
3. Complete one of the following:
  - a. Successfully complete a term as your troop Leave No Trace Trainer.
  - b. Participate in an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or relevant Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use the outdoor ethics and the specific skills needed to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Follow the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! principles on three outings. Write a paragraph on each outing explaining how you followed the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! Share it with your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
5. On a troop outing, help your troop on a service activity that addresses recreational impacts related to the type of outing. The project should be approved in advance by the landowner or land manager and lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Participate in a report at a court of honor or similar family event on the service activity in Requirement 5.

Boy Scouter Action Award Requirements will be in next month's newsletter



# July Historical & Current Events

July 1st  
The Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, began, 1863  
United States Post Office started 5-digit zip codes, 1963



July 3rd  
The Battle of Gettysburg ended, with a Union victory, 1863

July 4th  
The Declaration of Independence was approved, 1776

July 5th  
Naval hero David Farragut was born in Tennessee, 1801  
The bikini bathing suit made its debut in Paris, France, 1946



July 6th  
Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog, 1885  
The first All-Star baseball game was played in Chicago, 1933

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  
Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton was mortally wounded by in a pistol duel, by Vice President Aaron Burr 1804  
United States Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base, Colorado, 1955

July 14th  
William H. Bonney "Billy the Kid" was shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett, 1881



July 15th  
William H. Bonney "Billy the Kid" died at age 21, 1881  
The Boeing Company, was founded in Seattle, 1916

July 17th  
Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California, 1955

July 18th  
Elias Howe invented the sewing machine, 1847



July 20th  
The Beatles US album, *Something New*, was released, 1964

July 22nd  
Katharine Bates wrote *America the Beautiful*, 1893  
Bank robber John Dillinger was shot and killed by F.B.I. agents outside a Chicago theatre, 1934

July 23rd  
The ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches, during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, 1904

July 25th  
Ulysses S. Grant named General of the Army, 1866



July 27th  
United States State Department was established, 1789  
Bugs Bunny made his cartoon debut, 1940



July 29th  
First telephone conversation occurred from New York to San Francisco, 1914