



Monthly Newsletter
Pack 208

TROOP 208
 providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

February 2017

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

Scout Sunday Feb 5th

We strongly encourage our Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts to wear their uniforms and attend their Church on Scout Sunday in February. If you don't regularly attend a church, you're welcome to join other Scouts at their church or you can join either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt also if you'd like.



UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 10th-12th, 2017 is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda; Search & Rescue

March 7th is our Spring Court of Honor & FOS

Awards & Recognition time for our Scouts. And our annual Friends of Scouting presentation.

March 10th - 12th Tentative campout Scouts....

What would you like to do? Where would you like to go?

April 27th - 29th is the District Spring Camporee

The theme is still in the planning stages

May campout Scouts....

What would you like to do? Where would you like to go? These are our questions we'll always ask you.

PSR - Summer Camp 2017

July 2nd through July 8th

Nessle Campsite just past Ecology

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.



For the parents of our Scouts - if your family needs some help to send your son to camp please let us know. There are discrete ways to help you and your son so he doesn't miss out on camp and all the experiences he can have there.

February Pack Meeting = Thursday February 16th

We'll meet at test & check Derby Cars that night. We're scheduling this for a Saturday, February 18th this year at the EPIC Center on Main St again.

We'll post a schedule soon for the time slots so if you have any conflicts for that morning and have not told Mr Raven yet, please do so we can plan the Derby's Schedule for the dens. We want everyone, family members too in the All Comers Race, to participate!

March 11th District Pinewood Derby @ the Springfield High School (close by this year). We'll have the details for the Pack's Winners.



15th Annual Workshop

Sunday March 5th from 1:30 to 4:30
 Being held at the University of Toledo
 Cost is \$5.00 per person

See the flyer/details on the Units' ADMIN page

CALLING ALL Cub Scouts !!!

Special Friends Clinic @ Promedica Flower Hospital

March 11th starting at 10am @ Flower Hospital

Very Limited space so you must register early

See the attached flyer - this is a GREAT opportunity!!!

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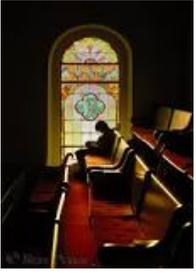
Blue & Gold Banquet (yip pee!!!)

6pm at the Legion Hall, the theme is "Carnival" this year We will also have our annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation by the District so please try to attend.

Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm; February 2nd is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall and all adults are welcome to participate. Parents are welcome!

Something out of our History...



Our *"Duty To God"*

A Scout is Reverent Scout Sunday Observance

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

The first week of February is often referred to as Scouting Anniversary Week and the first Sunday in February is called Scout Sunday. This commemorates the founding of the Boy Scouts of America via a National Charter from Congress on February 8, 1910. Sunday is celebrated by thousands of scouts each year at Churches and Synagogues across the United States.

The Boy Scout movement was founded in England by British Lord Robert Baden-Powell and Scouting's first manual was both written and illustrated by Baden-Powell in 1908. During a visit to London in 1909, millionaire Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce became lost and was approached by a boy of about 12 carrying a lantern who offered to guide him to the address he was seeking. When Boyce produced a shilling, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for Good Turns."

After finishing his errands, Boyce and the unknown scout went to British Scout headquarters where they met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. From that moment forward, Boyce's interest in Scouting grew and Boyce came home determined to start Boy Scouting in America. He apparently knew nothing of the troops already operating or of the YMCA's promotion of Scouting.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia. The purpose, he said, "Shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."

Today Scouting has served millions of young men aged 6-18 in a variety of programs including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. Earning Scouting's highest award--the Eagle Scout award--is only achieved by 5% of boys registered. Famous Eagle Scouts include Willie Banks, J. Willard Marriot, Gerald Ford, James Lovell, Richard Lugar, Alan Raven, Gary Waterstradt, Tim Walters and Donald Rumsfeld.

Troop & Pack 208 will honor Scout Sunday on February 5th this year. Each Scout is encouraged to participate in the religious service at his church regardless of what Sunday they recognize the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. You're welcome to join them if you want to on the 5th also.

Congratulations to those who have been recognized this year with their own, special, awards:

Henry with the God & Me Award

Qynten with the God & Family Award

Mrs McClure with the Den Leader Award

Mr Arnold with the Den Leader Award

Mr Raven with the Den Leader Award

Mr Sharp with the Boy Scouters Training Award

Mr Walters with the Den Leader Award

Mr Walters with the Cub Scouters Training Award

Mr Waterstradt for the Den Leader Award

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Thank you for all your hard work and congratulations on all of your personal achievements!

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

<http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-programs/>

February 5th, 2017 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

February 12th, 2017 - Tigers: Sky is the Limit

March 5th, 2017 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

March 12th, 2017 - Wolf: Air of the Wolf

April 2nd - Webelos: Engineer

April 9th - Webelos: Adventures in Science



Bowling Green State University Scout Hockey Night on February 4th, 2017 call Kelsey @ 419.372.4019 to buy tickets

www.swantonscouts.org/flyers/BGSUHockey16.pdf



Saturday, Feb 25th (Sleepover)

Saturday Mar 25th - NEW Pinewood Derby Showcase



Red Wing Hockey for Scouts
Sunday, March 26th vs Minnesota
Monday, April 3rd vs Ottawa

For information or to buy tickets:

<http://redwings.ice.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=114106>

<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1088038-S1whlNKunt>



Toledo Mud Hens 2017 Scout Sleepovers



This Year's schedule is:

Friday June 16th

Friday July 28th

Saturday June 17th

Friday August 11th

Saturday July 15th

Saturday August 26th

If you've never been to one of these, you've missed a great time of baseball & camping and.... FUN!

for more details - check the link below

www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?sid=t512&ynd=20100412&content_id=9247102&vkey=tickets

For new leaders to either Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting, the BALOO program is a very good one day introduction that applies not only to Cub Scouts, but also to Boy Scouts for information and to give you an idea (the tip of the iceberg) on what we do and how simple it can actually all be. If you attend, expect to spend some time as a Cub Scout!

Check the separate flyer for more details on these events so your Cub Scouts can have more fun!

Cub Scout Day Camp 2017 @ Camp Miakonda

Week 1	June 19th thru 23rd	Early Bird is \$149
Week 2	June 26th thru 30th	pay by 5/12/17
Week 3	July 10th thru 14th	Regular is \$169
Week 4	July 17th thru 21st	

Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

Session 1 July 5th & 6th
Session 2 July 7th & 8th

2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #1
July 30th thru August 2nd @ PSR

2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #2
August 2nd thru August 5th @ PSR

A Weekend with your Son @ Camp Miakonda

In the Spring ~ For Cub Scouts & their parent(s)
April 22nd & 23rd is the Dad & Lad Campout

April 29th & 30th is the Mom & Me Campout
these are great overnight events to go to

These are now the PARENT & PAL programs

For the Boy Scouts and Summer Camp:

PSR Summer Camp Fees (camperships available too):

Meal Plan A - eat in the dining hall - \$335 early bird fee

Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$277 early bird fee

The regular fee is \$20 more if paid after the Early Bird date; we'll keep providing details as we get them.

Scouts (and adults staying more than 48 hours) will need a physical completed for Summer Camp - and if you Scout will be getting a Sports physical for school, get them both signed at the same time.

Training Opportunities

<http://swantonscouts.org/208training.html>

Interested in getting more training?

Ask the Janitor if you have questions!

February Historical & Current Events

February 2nd

- New Amsterdam, now New York City, was incorporated, 1653
- Patent for the "Bottle Cap" received, 1892



February 4th

- George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782



February 5th

- The first double-feature theatrical performance held, 1819



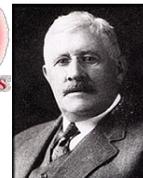
February 7th

- The Beatles first United States visit began in New York, 1964



February 8th

- Federal gold purchase of \$62 million made by United States Treasury Dept., 1895
- The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910; brought to the USA by Dr William Boyce.



February 10th

- The National Executive Board approves the Cub program "controlled experiment"; Packs can register with the BSA starting April 1, 1930 (5,102 boys, 1,433 pack leaders and 243 packs are registered in 1930 the first year), 1930

February 13th

- New Federal Ironclad "*Indianola*" began its journey, 1863

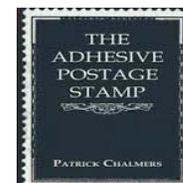


February 14th

- American ship "*Ranger*" carried the Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France, 1778

February 15th

- The first adhesive postage stamps were introduced, 1842



February 16th

- General Ulysses S. Grant earned his nickname of "Unconditional Surrender Grant," following the surrender of Confederates at Ft. Donelson, 1862
- Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba, 1959



February 17th

- The first ship passed through Suez Canal, 1867
- The first issue of *Newsweek* Magazine was published, 1933



February 19th

- Thomas Edison received his patent for the phonograph, 1878
- Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919 (heats the body without direct contact)
- Diathermy machine first used, 1929

February 20th

- Astronaut John Glenn, became the first American to orbit the Earth aboard the *Friendship VII* Mercury capsule, 1962

February 21st

- The Washington Monument was dedicated, 1885



February 22nd

- Spain ceded Florida to the United States, 1819
- Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a 5-cent store in Utica, New York, 1879



February 24th

- Supreme Court overturned United States law for first time, 1803

