



## Monthly Newsletter **Pack 208**

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923

# TROOP 208



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

February 2024

*Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website*

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



### February 4th ~ Scout Sunday

A Scout is REVERENT. If you don't have a church that you regularly attend, you're always welcome to join either Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for the Sunday morning service. Mr Waterstradt will gladly help any Scout (or their siblings) to work on their religious award(s) too if you just ask him.



### 2024 Pinewood Derby Time *Rev those engines Scouts!*

Feb 15th - Check your car's weight and a trial run

Feb 17th - IT's RACE TIME Scouts!!!

Same as last year - check in starts @ 8:30am and racing starts @ 9:00am

**March 9th District Pinewood Derby @ Springfield**

High School Field House. We will

provide the details to the Pack winners



**March Pack Meeting = Thursday March 21st**

Blue & Gold Banquet (whoo-hoo !!!)

**6pm** at the Legion Hall; more details in February

### Trailhead Academy (Erie Shores Council)

Updating / upgrading University of Scouting

February 24th is the (tentative) spring session

All sorts of training will be provided, please check out what is being offered and consider attending. And ask if you want something that isn't listed so we can see if we can support your interests and/or needs.

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Trailhead>

### Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

February 6th @ 8:15pm (no meeting on the 2nd)

is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall

Parents are welcome to attend & participate also

As we approach the fall and winter again, our leadership would like to remind all of our parents and volunteer leaders that  
"If **Swanton Schools close** due to weather, then our meeting that night will be cancelled."

### Winter Weekend @ Camp Miakonda

February 9th-11th, 2024 is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Miakonda.... Webelos are welcome to join us for fun and excitement.

PIRATES OF SWAN CREEK? ARRRRRRRRRR Mateys!

**March 26th** will tentatively be our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys. Let's wrap up our advancements and other awards guys so you can impress your families!

It's also our 100th year as a Troop to celebrate!

Troop 208 originally chartered with the another sponsor just down Airport Highway by the airport. In 1926 the Troop moved and eventually were chartered by our current sponsor, the Murbach-Seifert American Legion Post 479.

[ that's how we started in the Toledo Area Council, now Erie Shores Council, and slid across the Council boundaries into the Black Swamp Council territory and stayed with ESC ]

### Spring Camporee .... Shooting Sports!

April 26th - 28th, 2024 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee at the Adams Conservation Club.

### PSR - Summer Camp 2024

**PIONEER HERE WE COME !!**

June 30th through July 6th

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.

What Merit Badges do you want to tackle guys?

As always, Mr Waterstradt will speak with each Scout individually about their Merit Badge plans so Scouts can succeed and enjoy their week too.

MEALS.... (burp, excuse me)

We will be going with Plan B dining where we cook our meals in camp and get some advancement skills taken care of plus eating pretty well (thanks Mr Raven) and the Scouts can see that cooking isn't impossible.





## 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 and young women ages 6-18 in a variety of programs including Cub Scouting and Scouting. Additionally, young men and women ages 14 - 21 can also participate in program such as Exploring, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Earning Scouting's highest award--the Eagle Scout award--is only achieved by about 6% of youth registered. Famous Eagle Scouts include Willie Banks, J. Willard Marriot, Gerald Ford, James Lovell, Richard Lugar, Arica Zierter, Derrick Zierter, Alan Raven, Gary Waterstradt, Robert Janes and Donald Rumsfeld.

**Troop & Pack 208 will honor Scout Sunday on February 4th 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 4th also.**



While Scouting does not, itself, have specific religious programs of its own it does recognize the P.R.A.Y. program's efforts to provide additional religious opportunities for both youth and adults which they can be recognized for their efforts.



If you, parents or Scouts, have any questions about the religious programs available to you through P.R.A.Y. please see either Mr Waterstradt or Mr Raven for information. These programs are not limited to just Scouts; participation is open to everyone; Girl Scouts and family members also. Please ask!

# Upcoming Activities

## 2024 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 11th, 2024 with a Free Open House, Model Train displays and more... FUN!



For the young (and more senior) train enthusiast this is a great way to spend your Saturday. More to follow

## Upcoming FUN (yeah, details to follow, but it's early)

Yes, we're told details will be forthcoming at the end of January, stand by please

[Camp Miakonda Eclipse Party](#)

[Cub Scouts - Companion Day \(formerly Parent & Pal\)](#)

[Camp Miakonda Twilight Camp](#)

[Webelos Miakonda Overnight](#)

[Cub Family Camps](#)

[Camp Frontier Arrow of Light Resident Camp](#)

We'll update all these after the Kickoff Meeting on January 25th at Camp Miakonda

## Cub Day Camp 2024 @ Camp Miakonda

Cub Day Camp is open to ALL youth going into Grades

1st - 5th, non-Scouts are welcome too!

8:30am to 9am drop off; 4:15pm pick up

Week 1 June 10th - 14th

Week 2 June 17th - 21st

Week 3 June 24th - 28th

Week 4 July 1st - 3rd & Twilight Camp

Week 5 July 8th - 12th

Registration opens on February 1st

\$235 per youth (Early Bird before May 3rd)

\$255 per youth after May 3rd

If you have questions on paying for this, please ask Gary or Alan, help is available.

All youth entering 1st grade will need an adult partner with them each day of camp

Heath Forms (youth and/or adult) are required,

Parts A & B, to participate at the Day Camp

For more details/information check the website:

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdc>

Registration fees include a unique Day Camp T-Shirt, camp patch, lunch and a week of great experiences for every youth who goes, promise!



2024 Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers the 2024 Scout Experience Schedule is available for everyone to look at.

<https://www.milb.com/toledo/tickets/scout-experience>

BSA Sleepover schedule:

Friday, June 14th

Friday, August 9th

Have questions? Call Owen

Bailey at 419.725.9285 or email

[Owen.Bailey@mudhens.com](mailto:Owen.Bailey@mudhens.com)

Game Tickets are \$14; \$8 to sleepover

If you never slept in a Baseball field's outfield or watched a movie on the Mudhens "BIG SCREEN" you don't know what you missed. If you have then you know there are no rocks or roots under you to keep you awake! It's a great experience to try at least once with your Scout and/or family!

## For the Scouts / Families - BUTTER BRAIDS

The Troop will be selling Butter Braids again

The sale will start on Feb 20th (take orders)

The sale ends on March 5 (orders due)

The product will be delivered on 3/26; 6pm

## Interesting Facts / Trivia Did you know...

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of time

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.



# February Historical & Current Events

[www.aboutfamouspeople.com](http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com)

February 4th

George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention, 1782

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Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello" construction began, 1769

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The Confederate States of America formed, 1861

February 5th

The first double-feature theatrical performance held, 1819

February 6th

Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate Army, 1865

February 7th

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

February 8th

The Confederate Constitution adopted (provisional), 1861

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated, 1910

February 11th

Department of Agriculture raised to Cabinet status by Congress, 1889

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 17th

A Baltimore street was first to be lighted with gas, from the America's first gas company, 1817

The first ship passed through Suez Canal, 1867

February 18th

Jefferson Davis was made the provisional President of the Confederacy, 1861

February 19th

Navy Distinguished Service Medal authorized, 1919

February 20th

President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office, 1792

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

February 21st

President Nixon visited Peking, China, 1972

February 22nd

Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederacy, 1862

February 23rd

The Battle at the Alamo began, 1836

February 25th

Samuel Colt, patented his revolver, 1836

February 29th

The Panama Canal Commission was founded, 1904

