

TROOP 208 providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

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Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

2019 Pack 208 PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS!

Winners and Best Design go to:

Tigers 1st Cody

2nd Karter

Best Design Luke

Wolfs 1st Levi

2nd Lukas

Best Design Troy

Bears 1st Nathan

2nd Aidan

Best Design Carter

Webelos I 1st Connor

Webelos II 1st Collin

King of the Hill we had a tie (18 points each)

Nathan (Bear) Levi (Wolf)

Each won all but one race and they came in 2nd for that race... Levi beat Nathan in race #5 and Nathan beat Levi in race #9...maybe next year we'll do a tie breaker Congratulations to all our Cub Scouts for their efforts!

April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 18th

7pm at the Legion Hall CROSS OVER night

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 16th

7pm at the American Legion Hall

May 27th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

Details as soon as we confirm starting time, etc

April's Pack Committee Meeting will be on April 4th at 7pm We'll be meeting at the American Legion Hall Time to wrap up the year and look at summer activities too

March 19th - No Meeting due to Spring Break Scouts

April 18th is the Pack Crossover for Webelos II

Any Scouts who can show up to welcome our new Boy Scouts at the Crossover are appreciated 7pm

Spring Camporee April 26th thru 29th

Electricity Merit Badge the Skill Trades Facility in Rossford (Lime City Road).

May 1st - PSR Summer Camp Early Bird payments are due

May 18th - LNT AWARENESS

morning program (free) at Camp Miakonda See Mr Quick or Mr Vogel for information on this program 9am to 12:30pm; more details on page 3

PSR - Summer Camp 2019

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.

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 we do not want that to happen!

For our NEW Scouts (first time to Summer Camp):

Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$295 early bird fee Scouts (and adults staying more than 48 hours) *must have 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. Early Bird Registration Deadline is May 1st at 5pm

Camp fees paid after May 1st will be \$20 more

If there are any questions about the price of summer

camp or how to pay for it PLEASE see either Mr Raven or

Mr Waterstradt and we'll try to help your Scout.

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." Lord Baden-Powell



the US Air Force Academy and the Falcons

https://www.usafa.edu/about/history/

April 1st, 1954 – U.S. Air Force Academy was founded in Colorado. President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill authorizing the establishment of an Air Force Academy, similar to West Point and Annapolis. On July 11, 1955, the first class was sworn in at Lowry Air Force Base. The academy moved to a permanent site near Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1958.



Birth of the Air Force

As aviation advanced after the Wright Brothers' first flight, the nation's military aviation service followed a constantly growing lineage from 1907 to 1947. Officials discussed the establishment of an aeronautical academy for decades, and when the Air Force became a separate service in 1947 under the National Security Act, plans for an Air Force Academy officially got underway.

The first class of 306 men were sworn in at a temporary site at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, a key figure in the development of the Academy, was recalled from retirement to become the first superintendent.

As the Cold War continued, the nation's reliance on air power as the primary agent of deterrence highlighted the need for more Air Force officers. Initially, the Air Force Academy's cadet strength was set at 2,529. On March 3, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 88-276, authorizing both the Air Force Academy and West Point to expand to the Naval Academy's strength of 4,417.



On June 28, 1976, a group of 157 pioneering women joined the Cadet Wing. Thanks to then-Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. James R. Allen and his relentlessly optimistic leadership, the incorporation and transition was relatively smooth. Ninety-seven of the original female cadets completed the program and graduated on May 28, 1980.



CADETS in SPACE

Even before the formal launch of the space shuttle program in 1972, space had been part of the Academy curriculum. As early as 1965, the school offered a major in astronautical engineering—one of the few accredited undergraduate astronautics programs in the nation. Col. Karol Bobko, Class of 1959, was the first graduate in space, piloting the space shuttle Challenger in April 1983. To date, 39 Academy graduates have become astronauts for NASA, producing the second highest number of astronauts next to the Naval Academy.

Lt Gen Susan Helms, class of 1980, flew on five shuttle missions and

took part in the longest space walk ever recorded.

Miracle on the Hudson

One Academy graduate became a nationwide hero on January 15, 2009 when he safely landed a US Airways flight in the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 people on board. The aircraft lost power in both engines due to bird strikes. The pilot, Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger III, is member of the Class of 1973.

The US Air Force has a proud tradition (a young one in comparison, but still a proud one) of serving our nation throughout its history!



Did you know that April is the month of the Military Child?

https://militarybenefits.info/month-of-the-military-child/

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child; a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. Month of the Military Child is sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy and supported by many other organizations such as the DoDEA.



Purple Up! For Military Kids Day

"Purple Up! For Military Kids" is a day for DoDEA Communities to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Wearing purple is a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices. Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported; Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all thought to combine together as a single color, purple.

Evolution of the Month of the Military Child

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was responsible for establishing April as the Month Of The Military Child in 1986, and the Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since.

The month of April is an important one for children who have one or both parents serving in uniform; since 1986 there have been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children in all areas from coping with the deployment of parents to war zones to education of military dependents at on-base Department of Defense Dependent School System (DoDDS) campuses around the globe. Since the debut of the original Month of The Military Child, there are a growing number of activities both on military bases and in local military communities. The U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), which operates 166 schools for military children worldwide, instructs its school administrators to "plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their everyday duties and responsibilities" according to the DoDEA official site.

Why are these children of importance? Some reasons are:

The military child experience also includes situations where the family itself never leaves the United States, but the military parent(s) still serve overseas and at remote bases in Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana. Sometimes the entire family packs up and moves, other times the military member goes on assignment or a deployment without the family.

There are many situations that fall somewhere between these two examples; the military child is expected to support the mission by understanding the needs of the parents to deploy, to relocate, and to put the family's needs second to the call of duty.

Children bear a difficult burden as Department of Defense dependents; they don't always fully understand what's going on when the parents deploy or get re-assigned, but they are always part of the military's attention when it comes to supporting these families at the same time as accomplishing the mission.

What's a "Military Brat"?

The children of a parent or parents serving full-time in the United States Armed Forces are sometimes referred to as "military brats." Many "Military Brats" wear the name like a badge of honor, often because of the moves, stressors and cultural experiences that make them more resilient than their civilian counterparts. Outside the military it can often be construed as derogatory. Military brats move an average of 10 times while growing up, and some have moved as many as 36 times. These frequent moves, exposure to different cultures and languages and immersion in military customs are all common, life-defining experiences in the military brat subculture.

A little more about the Boy Scouts of America...and Lord Baden Powell

From: Founders of Scouting and the BSA

"As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual about stalking and survival in the wilderness that he had written for British soldiers. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it Scouting for Boys. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought Scouting to youth the world over."

After his marriage with Olave St Clair Soames, Baden-Powell, his sister Agnes Baden-Powell and notably his wife actively gave guidance to the Scouting Movement and the Girl Guides Movement. Baden-Powell lived his last years in Nyeri, Kenya, where he died in 1941.

In his early years

Baden-Powell was born as Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell, or more familiarly as Stephe Powell in London, England, on February 22, 1857. His father Reverend Baden Powell, a Savilian Professor of Geometry at Oxford University, already had four teenage children from the second of his two previous marriages.

His military career

In 1876, R.S.S. Baden-Powell, joined the British Army in India as a Lieutenant. He honed his reconnaissance skills during Britain's invasion of the Zulu kingdom in the early 1880s. During one of his travels, he came across a large string of wooden beads, worn by the Zulu king Dinuzulu kaCetshwayo, which was later incorporated into the Wood Badge training program. He was posted in Malta for three years, also working as intelligence officer for the Mediterranean for the Director of Military Intelligence. He frequently traveled disguised as a butterfly collector, incorporating plans of military installations into his drawings of butterfly wings. [1]

And all this led to the Scouting Movement

On his return from Africa in 1903, Baden-Powell found that his military training manual, Aids to Scouting, had become a best-seller, and was being used by teachers and youth organizations. Baden-Powell decided to rewrite Aids to Scouting to suit a youth readership. In August 1907 he held camp on Brownsea Island for twenty-two boys of mixed social background to test out the applicability of his ideas. In 1910 lieutenant-general Baden-Powell decided to retire from the Army on the advice of King Edward VII, who suggested that he could better serve his country by promoting Scouting.

Boys and girls spontaneously formed Scout troops and the Scouting Movement had inadvertently started, first as a national, and soon an international obsession. The Girl Guide Movement was subsequently founded in 1910 under the auspices of Baden-Powell's sister, Agnes Baden-Powell. Baden-Powell's friend, Juliette Gordon Low, was encouraged by him to bring the Movement to America, where she founded the Girl Scouts of the USA.

In 1920, the World Scout Jamboree took place in Olympia, London, and Baden-Powell was acclaimed Chief Scout of the World.

At the 5th World Scout Jamboree in 1937, Baden-Powell gave his farewell to Scouting, and retired from public Scouting life.

Baden-Powell died on 8 January 1941 and is buried in Nyeri, in St. Peter's Cemetery. His gravestone bears a circle with a dot in the centre, which is the trail sign for "I have gone home."

Pearls of Wisdom—Quotes From Baden-Powell

"The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy." "A boy is not a sitting-down animal."

Upcoming Activities



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

//imaginationstationtoledo.org/content/educators/scout-progra April 14th, 2019 - Wolf: Digging in the Past

www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/workshops-camps/scoutworkshops/cub-scouts-workshops

2019 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 4th, 2019 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.



In 2018 both the Pack and Troop earned GOLD level recognition in our Journey to Excellence (JTE) efforts

Part of JTE is our Scouts earning their advancements, our Leaders being trained and our community service.

Last year our Pack performed 131 hours of service and our Troop performed 143 hours - AWESOME!!!

Thanks for your efforts everyone!

The fun does not have to stop during the summer...



Overnight activities or all week... something for everyone

May's District Meeting on May 9th is the annual District Recognition Dinner. All of the Leaders are welcome to come out and share the evening's fun, friendship and awards presentations to Scout Leaders within the District for their efforts this past year.



2019 Mudhens Scout Days & Sleepovers

the 2019 Scout Experience Schedule is available for everyone to look at.

http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?sid=t512&ymd=2010 0412&content_id=9247102&vkey=tickets

Boy Scout Sleepover schedule:

Saturday, June 8th Friday, June 21st Friday, July 19th

Have questions? Call the direct line at 419.725.8292 or email scouts@mudhens.com

Pregame - meet the Mascots and a Parade
Postgame.. More fun AFTER the ball game
Fireworks, Scouts can run the bases, Family
movie night, sleep out on the outfield (no rocks
or tree roots) and even a breakfast if you want.

Something for our everyone who enjoys the outdoors!



Leave No Trace Awareness Course (LNT101)

May 18th, 2019 @ Camp Miakonda

from 9am until 12:30pm back by Raymer Cabin/OA Lodge

A team of volunteers are providing this **FREE** LNT Awareness course will introduce you to the principles of Leave No Trace. We will teach you the LNT principals and how to apply them to the BSA Outdoor Ethics Program.

This is an open program for not only the Scouts, but other family members and friends too!

You may be noticing that there is now information about Lord Baden-Powell and Scouting. We are going to provide some of the history of



this organization and those who founded it so we can help you to learn about "our" heritage as Scouts.

April Historical & Current Events

April 1st

•BSA registered the first Cub Scout Packs, 1930

http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Parents/About/history.aspx

• President Eisenhower signed the bill establishing the US Air Force Academy, 1954

April 4th

•Henry "Hank" Aaron tied Babe Ruth 's Home Run record of 714, 1974

April 7th

•Lee and Grant discussed terms for surrender, 1865

April 9th

- Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, 1865
- •The American Civil War ended in the East, 1865

April 10th

•F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby " was published, 1925

April 11th

•Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War, 1783

April 12th

•The bombing of Fort Sumter began, starting the Civil War, 1861

April 13th

•Fort Sumter surrendered, 1861

April 14th

Air Force Reserve Birthday, 1948

April 15th

- President Lincoln died at 7:22 a.m., in Washington, D.C., 1865
- •The Titanic struck and iceberg and sank, 1912

April 16th

• First Confederate Conscription (draft) Act enacted, 1862

April 18th

•Midnight ride of Paul Revere & William Dawes in Boston, Massachusetts, 1775

April 19th

- •The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord, 1775
- A truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Bldg., in

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, killing 168 and injuring 500, 1995

April 21st

•The first train crossed the Mississippi River, 1855

April 22nd

- The Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims, 1889
- •U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum dedicated in Washington, 1993

April 23rd

Army Reserve Birthday, 1908

April 24th

·Library of Congress was established, 1800

April 29th

•United States forces freed 32,000 at Dachau Concentration Camp, 1945





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