

# TROOP 208 providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

**April 2020** 

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

### 2020 Pack 208 PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS!

Another race completed and this year's Winners and Best Design go to:

Tigers 1st Slade

2nd Ryder

Best Design Liam

Wolfs 1st Luke (won every race)

2nd Karter

Best Design Luke

Bears 1st Levi (only lost 1 race)

2nd Troy

Best Design Lukas

Webelos I 1st Casey

2nd Keagan

Best Design Casey

King of the Hill Luke

Congratulations to all our Cub Scouts for their efforts! The Pack would like to thank the Trinity United Methodist Church for letting us use their hall, Mrs MacKenzi Roytek for her time, and her family's help, with getting the hall (especially Saturday morning) and Mr Richard Sorgenfrei (our Unit Commissioner) for his help on Saturday too!

### April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 16th

7pm at the American Legion Hall

### May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 21st

7pm at the American Legion Hall

### May 25th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

more details to follow as soon we have them.

Don't forget if at least 8 Cub Scouts go to Cub Day Camp together there is a discount! Scouting doesn't have to stop for the summer, there's still plenty to do before September.

www.swantonscouts.org

April 7th - No Meeting due to Spring Break Scouts

### Spring Camporee April 24th thru 26th

Shooting Sports @ the Adams Conservation Club

April 27th - Summer Camp Early Bird payments are due

May Outing... Tentatively looking at the weekend of May 15th ~ 17th or a day trip on the 16th? Guys what is your interest? I like Wright-Patterson AFB Museum myself.

### PSR - Summer Camp 2020

June 28th through July 4th Nessle Campsite just past Ecology



Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp and Merit Badges. For our NEW Scouts (first time to Summer Camp):

Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$328 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 by April 27th at 5pm

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

Early Bird also gets you a free Camp Ballcap too

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.

If there are any parents who are considering the opportunity to come out for a few days/nights with the Troop please let Mr Raven know so we can make sure you're able to join us.

If you want to see the entire Leaders/Parents' Guide:

https://www.psrweb.org/files/5713/2020-Camp-Frontier-Leaders-Guide download it for your benefit/reading

### May 14th ~~ Swan Creek District Recognition Dinner

All leaders are welcome to attend and have a good meal plus see who is commended for their efforts this past year within the units and the District too. Please see Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt if you're interested in going. Held at Providence Lutheran Church on Airport Highway

### Paul Revere

https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/paul-revere

### Who Was Paul Revere?

Paul Revere was born in Boston's North End at the end of 1734 (the exact date is unknown) to a French Huguenot father who ran a silversmith shop and a mother from a local family.



The young Revere was educated in reading and writing in school before completing his training as an apprentice to his silversmith father. At age 19, Revere inherited the business upon his father's death. But he left the business briefly and enlisted in a provincial army in 1756 during the French and Indian War.

### Children

Revere returned to Boston after a failed military expedition and started to build his family life and business. He wed Sarah Orne in 1765, and they had eight children before she died nearly two decades later. The silversmith was resourceful and dabbled in a range of work, taking on apprentices and workers who created specialty flatware, silver bowls, tea sets and even casting the first bell in Boston in his foundry. He turned to dentistry to augment his income when the colonial economy faltered during a recession. Revere's network was also expanding to include local activists angered by British rule. In the mid-1760s, as tensions were rising between the colonists and the British, he joined the rebellious Sons of Liberty. Revere took part in the Stamp Act protests in 1765, which eventually led the Crown to repeal a tax that ignited the colonists' hatred of taxation without representation.

### **Boston Massacre**

With British troops in Boston and a rebellion stewing, Revere became a master propagandist, using his artisan skills to craft engravings that incited the colonists to join in the rebellion.

The growing unrest boiled over on March 5, 1770, when British troops and a crowd of colonists faced off on Boston's King Street near the Customs house. The tense standoff ended in the Boston Massacre, as the British used their bayonet rifles to shoot and kill five unarmed colonists.

One of Reveres' best-known pieces of propaganda depicted the violent night. He reworked a Henry Pelham drawing in an engraving and widely distributed prints of the stark image of armed British troops taking aim at the colonists.

### The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

As Revere was settling into his Boston home in the early 1770s, he became active politically. He responded to the new laws about tea imports that bypassed Boston's merchants by attending secret meetings with the inner circle who planned the Boston Tea Party. Revere joined other activists and dumped tea from the British East India Company on December 16, 1773, into Boston's harbor.

When his associates learned the British were moving troops out of Boston and planned to arrest revolutionary leaders <u>Samuel Adams</u> and <u>John Hancock</u> in Lexington, Massachusetts, Revere was tasked with tipping them off to help them avoid arrest.

He first used his signal system and had two lanterns placed on the Old North Church steeple in Boston to alert those on the harbor that the troops had left Boston and were crossing the Charles River.

Then, at about 10 p.m. on April 18, 1775, Revere set out in the dark from his North Boston home by horse with two other riders to reach Adams and Hancock. The riders met the pair in Lexington and enabled the revolutionaries to avoid arrest.

Revere's next stop that late night was Concord, Massachusetts, a hotbed of the resistance and the suspected location of the British troops' second attack. But Revere was captured by the British en route and never reached Concord.

He was soon released, but Revere had already helped give the colonial militia a key advantage by alerting them to the impending attack by the British. The Battles of Lexington and Concord would spark the Revolutionary War.

### Upcoming Activities

AS A REMINDER... ALMOST ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD PENDING THE COVID-19 SITUATION these are just tentative dates at this time, we'll update you when things are confirmed

### 2020 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 9th 2020 ~ 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. Fun & history both. Sound interesting? Want more details? Check <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NationalTrainDayToledo/">https://www.facebook.com/NationalTrainDayToledo/</a>

### Parent & Pal Overnight @ Camp Miakonda

For our Cub Scouts & Parents ~ May 2nd/3rd, 2020 this is a great, fun overnight time for the Scout and parent. More details when they are available.

### Camping: Miakonda Cub Day Camp



Want more details? Check out the information at: https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdc

2020 Mud Hens Scout Days & Sleepovers the 2020 Scout Experience Schedule is not available yet, we'll keep checking

Pregame - meet the Mascots and a Parade
Postgame... More fun AFTER the ball game
Hopefully we'll have ball games this summer everyone
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.

a little bit more historic trivia... you probably didn't know On April 3rd, 1860 the Pony Express debuts...

https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/pony-express-debuts

On this day in 1860, the first Pony Express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously leaves St.



Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. Ten days later, on April 13, the westbound rider and mail packet completed the approximately 1,800-mile journey and arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days and setting a new standard for speedy mail delivery. Although ultimately short-lived and unprofitable, the Pony Express captivated America's imagination and helped win federal aid for a more economical overland postal system. It also contributed to the economy of the towns on its route and served the mail-service needs of the American West in the days before the telegraph or an efficient transcontinental railroad.



The Pony Express debuted at a time before radios and telephones, when California, which achieved statehood in 1850, was still

largely cut off from the eastern part of the country. Letters sent from New York to the West Coast traveled by ship, which typically took at least a month, or by stagecoach on the recently established Butterfield Express overland route, which could take from three weeks to many months to arrive. Compared to the snail's pace of the existing delivery methods, the Pony Express' average delivery time of 10 days seemed like lightning speed.

The Pony Express Company, the brainchild of William H. Russell, William

Bradford Waddell and Alexander Majors,

owners of a freight business, was set up over 150 relay stations along a pioneer trail across the present-day states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California. Riders, who were paid approximately \$25 per week and carried loads estimated at up to 20 pounds of mail, were changed every 75 to 100 miles, with horses switched out every 10 to 15 miles. Among the riders was the legendary frontiersman and showman William "Buffalo Bill" Cody (1846-1917), who reportedly signed on with the Pony Express at age 14. The company's riders set their fastest time with Lincoln's inaugural address, which was delivered in just less than eight days.

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### **April Historical & Current Events**

www.aboutfamouspeople.com

### April 1st

•BSA registered the first Cub Scout Packs, 1930

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

• Nazi Germany began its persecution of Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses, 1933

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### April 2nd

•First Easter egg roll at the White House, 1877

### April 3rd

- First Pony Express began its route between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, 1860
- American's Creed accepted, 1918

### April 4th

•Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, 1968

### April 6th

- •Robert Perry & Matthew Hensen became the first men to reach the North Pole, 1909
- •United States declared war on Germany, 1917

### April 9th

•Sir Winston Churchill was made an honorary United States citizen, 1963

### April 11th

- Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War, 1783
- Apollo 13 mission began, 1970

### April 12th

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

### April 13th

- •Fort Sumter surrendered, 1861
- President Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial, 1943

### April 14th

Air Force Reserve Birthday, 1948

### April 18th

- •Midnight ride of Paul Revere & William Dawes in Boston, Massachusetts, 1775
- •San Francisco earthquake & fire, 1906

### April 19th

•The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord, 1775

#### April 22nd

•U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum dedicated in Washington, 1993

### April 23rd

Army Reserve Birthday, 1908

### April 24th

•Space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Telescope, 1990

### April 25th

•St. Lawrence Seaway opened, 1959

### April 29th

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

### April 30th

- The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France, 1803
- George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, 1789













