



Monthly Newsletter
Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



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

2025 Pack 208
PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS!



Winners and Best Design go to:

Tigers 1st Archer
 2nd Henry
Best Design Archer

Tigers 1st Ellen
 2nd Harvey (2nd by tie breaker)
Best Design Chase

Wolfs 1st Clark (1st by tie breaker)
 2nd Sawyer
Best Design Sawyer

Bears 1st Oliver (2nd by tie breaker)
 2nd Bentley
Best Design Gunner

Special Note that the Swan Creek District Overall Best Design was awarded to our own Gunner !

Webelos I 1st Jacob
 2nd Ryder
Best Design Ryder

Arrow of Light 1st Dalton
 2nd Elliott
Best Design Elliott

Congratulations to everyone on your cars and racing. We had some *really, really close finishes.*

King of the Hill - 4 way Tie

Clark Sawyer
Jacob Dalton

Congrats to all our Overall Champions (4... whew!)

Our special thanks to our Guest Racers

Adalyn & MacKenzie helped us out by racing a couple old (wrecks) so we had a full slate of cars - Thank You !

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

Spring Camporee @ Courageous Acres Park

April 25th - 27th, 2025 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. The theme is disAbilities Awareness .

May Troop activity... what shall we do Scouts?

PSR - Summer Camp 2025



June 29th through July 5th

Nessle Campsite (where it's cool & quiet) again

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

And time for any parents who'd like to go to plan for it too (we have to get you registered as a leader).

For the parents of our Scouts - if your family needs some help to send your Scout to camp please let us know. There are discrete ways to help you so they don't miss out on camp.

BIG, BIG REMINDER - BSA PHYSICALS !!

Every Scout and Leader attending Summer Camp will need a complete **BSA** physical completed before going to PSR. Plan on getting it done SOON PLEASE (before June)! They are good for 12 months. If you need another form, please see Mr Raven.

Cub Pack Future Events

April Pack Meeting = Thursday April 17th

7pm at the American Legion Hall

May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 15th

7pm at the American Legion Hall

May 26th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

Details as soon as we confirm starting time, etc

Expect the starting time to be around 10am, but we will confirm and let everyone know



Flag Day 2025

Tentative June 14th @ ??
Please join the Legion as we respectfully retire US Flags

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and those who stand guard



3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard); well worth repeating again

During February's & March's recent snowfalls in the National Capital Region that shut down the area before the snow even arrived, Soldiers of The Old Guard render Final Honors to our Nation's Fallen. Our Soldiers still carry on with their duties in Arlington National Cemetery with precision and dedication regardless of weather condition. In honor of these soldiers, here's a little information about them.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and , if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10' and 6' 2' tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. ***They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.***

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn (as of 2012). ***The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.***

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid To rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are:

President Taft, Joe Lewis {the boxer}, and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC Evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the Hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!'

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding The Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be Afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. And the winter storms that recently shut down the entire Washington DC region failed to stay these soldiers from their duties.

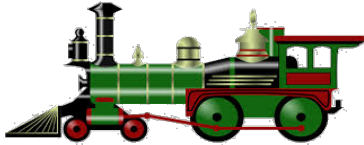
May God Bless and keep them.



Upcoming Activities

2025 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 10th 2025 ~ 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

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalTrainDayToledo/>

Cub Day Camp 2025 at Camp Miakonda

- Week 1 June 16th - 20th
- Week 2 June 23rd - 27th
- Week 3 June 30 thru July 3rd; TWILIGHT Camp
- Week 4 July 7th thru 11th
- Week 5 July 14th thru 18th

Information on price, hours, etc. will be coming out in the spring and Cub Scouts can both complete advancement requirements AND have a lot of fun too!

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

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

- Session 1 @ PSR July 27 - July 30
- Session 2 \$ PSR July 30 - August 2

<https://www.psrweb.org/content/115527/Cub-Scout-Adventure-Camp>

The History of 'APRONS'

a trip down a memory lane for some of us

I don't think most kids today know what an apron is. The principle use of Mom's or Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

(yes, I'm old as dirt because I can remember my mother & grandmothers with their aprons)



Mud Hens Scout Experience 2025

The 2025 Mud Hens Scout Experience dates are now available for great experiences at Fifth Third Field!

Have you ever slept on an outfield before? No rocks or roots under your back to interrupt your sleep? This is an experience! And the Scouts get to stay up after the fireworks and watch a movie on the screen plus run around the outfield having fun.

Friday, June 13th at 7:05pm

Friday, August 1st at 7:05pm

The Mudhens will provide more details soon

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

For the Scouts / Families - BUTTER BRAIDS

The Troop will be selling Butter Braids again

The sale will start on Mar 4th (take orders)

The sale ends on March 25 (orders due)

The product will be delivered on April 15th

We'll have it at the Troop Meeting



April Historical & Current Events

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
- United States launched its first weather satellite, 1960



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

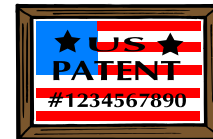
April 6th

- 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 10th

- The first patent law was passed, 1790
- The Beatles US album, The Beatles Second Album, was released, 1964

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
- The catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game, 1877

April 13th

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



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 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 26th

- The world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union, 1986



April 27th

- The nation's first Social Security checks were distributed, 1937



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