



Fun, fall colors and a little rain at fall events

Our **Fall Flapjack Flip** began as usual for Camp Tuscazoar with rain but the skies eventually cleared and more than 460 hungry folks joined us for this year's event. We had two wonderful days with the fall leaves in full color and lots of hot steamy pancakes enjoyed by the attendees.

At the **Spooktoberfest**, our campers enjoyed the "spooky" games and activities that had been planned. Events included a Friday night cracker-barrel and movie, Zombie tag, a campfire program at Hoover Lodge Amphitheater, campsite trick-or-treating and a haunted hayride. Campers also enjoyed a Halloween Orienteering course that rewarded participants with candy for finding the controls! Thanks to Ivan Redinger and his crew for the orienteering and to Brian Mulinix for organizing the Spooktoberfest activities.

Gold Rush competition scheduled for Jan. 23-25

What apocalypse? If this is what you're asking yourself, then apparently you were totally unaware of what happened at last year's Gold Rush Competition. That's OK though, because everything ended up all right and Camp Tuscazoar is still around to host the 2015 Gold Rush on January 23-25.

Did we say EVERY thing ended up all right? Well actually we meant ALMOST everything! Everyone at the competition went back to their normal everyday lives and we all moved on in the aftermath of the apocalyptic event; everyone that is except the old prospector and his daughter. As you may have heard, an old prospector found and gathered up a respectable amount of gold at the camp last year, and then hightailed it outta there with his riches before the apocalypse hit. Not being able to take all the gold with them in time, the prospector's daughter decided to stick around and watch the happenings in hopes of keeping the remaining gold claims from being discovered. It's true the apocalypse is over, but now do you think you are up for the challenge of: "The Revenge of the Prospectors Daughter?"

The museum will be open until 9:30 p.m. Friday night for registration and check-in. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and the competition will kick off at 9 a.m. Additional details are being planned now and will be posted on the Camp Tuscazoar website at www.tuscazoar.org so stay tuned.

Our thanks to Brian Quinn for planning the event again this year.

Dates posted for 2015 events

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has begun planning for 2015. Be sure to mark your calendars for these events:

Camp Tuscazoar Gold Rush	Jan 23-25, 2015
Tuscazoar Maple Days	March 14 & 15, 2015
Dover Dam Weekend	April 24-26, 2015
Pig Gig Weekend	Sept. 11-13, 2015
Pig Roast Fundraiser	Sept. 12 & 13, 2015
Fall Flapjack Flip	Oct. 17 & 18, 2015
Spooktoberfest	Oct. 16-18, 2015
CTF Annual Meeting	Oct. 4, 2015

We can let you know that the Gold Rush preparations are well under way. We also will be offering Search and Rescue Merit Badge for Dover Dam Weekend these activities will offer many opportunities for your youth.

As we plan, we would welcome any feedback from those who have attended our previous events, including suggestions for new programs you would like to see offered here at camp. We can't improve if we don't know. Please email us at info@tuscazoar.org and let us know what we can do to improve your experience. If you have a suggestion for registration, crackerbarrels, program, food, check-in or check-out or anything else we can do, please let us know. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

For reservations or additional information, contact Camp Tuscazoar at 330-859-2288



Ohio State fitness hike

By Michael Bernhardt

On July 26, 2014, over 30 hikers came to camp to go on a guided hike. The picture above is of that group. They were taking part in a fitness program sponsored by Ohio State Extension of Tuscarawas County. Everyone had a great time.

I was asked to lead the hike and Brent Milburn also came to help. We hiked what we call the Heritage Trail which gives a person a good overview of the camp. Hoover Lodge was our first stop and then on to Three Legs and Keppler Lodge. As we went, I shared history of the camp. They enjoyed knowing what they were seeing. On we went to central camp and up the service road to the parking lot. This gave Brent the opportunity to share about our maple syrup production.

Hoover Lodge was built in 1948 which is the same year I was born. I asked the younger kids to figure out how old I am. One of them responded 90 years old. Now that is the kind of stuff that makes a hike fun. Everyone had a good laugh.

Before we started the first hike I told the group that I would take a second guided hike to Pioneer Point if anyone wanted to go. The eight people below did. Now that is a group of happy campers if I ever saw one. I told them about the Wisconsin glacier and other historical facts.

This positive experience has started the birth of an idea. We are going to lead guided hikes at camp. They will start from the museum at 11 a.m. and are open to everyone.

2015 dates: 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19 & 10/24



Camp benefits from local grant awards

We are pleased to report that the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has received grant monies from the Tuscarawas Community Foundation and the Marsh Foundation to replace windows and doors at the Stone Lodge. This work is almost complete and we look forward to a warmer lodge this winter.

We have also received a grant from the Zimmerman Foundation to upgrade our current latrines. Work has been completed on the Central Camp latrine. If weather permits, the others will be improved soon.

In addition, the Tuscarawas CVB has selected our camp for another round of grant monies. The projects to be completed by these grants are a new sign at the SR 212 and Boy Scout Road intersection, and monies to assist us with our Maple Days event which will enable us to participate in the Maple Madness tour in Ohio again. Last year, more than 800 visitors journeyed to our camp for our Maple Days fundraiser.

The final grant is for an online reservation system that will assist campers in making reservations and checking cabin and campsite availability. This system will hopefully be active early in 2015. Stay tuned.

We are grateful to these groups for helping us to "keep the spirit burning"!



Replacing the Stone Lodge sliding doors

Help needed at Tuscazoar museum

Many of you visit the W.C. Moorhead Museum when you come to camp, so we try to have it open on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. Recently you would have visited with Dick McLinden and Karl Hermann, who may have talked your leg off. Sadly, we must report the passing of Karl Hermann and Dick McLinden has moved to Sterling House in Canton and can no longer visit us each week. Ted Novak has stepped up to help us keep the museum open for visitors but he could sure use some help. Many of you have expressed interest in volunteering at camp and here is a way to help. Please email us at info@tuscazoar.org or call Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386 and let us know if you can help with this vital task. We look forward to hearing from you.

2015 calendars arrive

By now, you should have received your 2015 Camp Tuscazoar Events Calendar. No? Well, join the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and a calendar will show up in your mailbox. For the price of a membership, you can make certain you don't miss important dates. Also, please continue to patronize our advertisers. If someone mentions that they want to advertise next year, let us know.



Troop 72 Eagle Scout candidate Richard Reding and his crew add paint, pest control, steps and handrails at Tom's Chapel.

Natural gas now flowing to all major camp buildings

The fall season saw the completion of our project to provide natural gas to our major camp buildings. As mentioned in our last issue, the gas coming to the camp is now being piped out of three wells: one on the Dessecker Farm, one on the original camp property, and one on the Vickery Farm to our north.

The portion of the project bringing gas from the wells in the southern part of the camp through a dormant pipeline already in place in the railroad bed adjacent to the camp was completed this spring with the help of Sound Energy, Red Hill Development and Advantage Energy, and a backup line able to bring gas from a Buckeye Franklin Company pipeline located north of the camp is also in place.

The line to the well on the adjacent Vickery Farm was completed in October of this year. Kimble Hall, Duryee Lodge, Belcher Lodge, the museum, the Ranger's House and the Stone Lodge have all been, or will soon be, converted to use gas. A study is also being done on the feasibility of converting the evaporator in the Sugar Shack to run on gas as well.

We look forward to keeping warm with clean and cheap natural gas over the winter months!



Local 18 trenches in a gas line through the camp's RV park.

Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

The following have helped ensure the future of Camp Tuscazoar with their contributions to the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund.

William Fisher - Life membership
Boston family - Life Membership
Nancy Schoenbaum- In memory of Karl Hermann

The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund was established to ensure that maintenance and improvement projects have an ongoing source of funds. Please consider sending a gift!

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Think Tuscazoar for your Christmas gifts

Now is the time to think about your Christmas shopping. Won't the scouter in your life love a bottle of our maple syrup? We offer maple syrup gift baskets that can be purchased by contacting the camp. We do have the museum/gift shop staffed on Saturday's from noon to 2 p.m., so stop in and shop or visit with our dedicated volunteer Ted Novak. We also have many other camp items available such as shirts, hats, CDs, DVDs, hiking medallions, patches, etc. Check out our website, give us a call or visit: <http://stores.ebay.com/Daves-Tuscazoar-Trading-Post>.

Coming Events:

Jan. 4	CTF Board Meeting
Jan. 23-25	Gold Rush Competition
Feb. 1	CTF Board Meeting
March 1	CTF Board Meeting
Mar 14 & 15	Tuscazoar Maple Days
April 12	CTF Board Meeting
April 24-26	Dover Dam Weekend
May 3	CTF Board Meeting

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25th Pig weekend a success

Camp Tuscazoar's 25th annual Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend is now in the books and for the second year in a row we had sunshine and smiles from all who attended. The delicious food and delightful entertainment made for a great time for all.

Our Pig Gig Weekend featured Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. More than 135 scouts and leaders participated. A fun campfire concluded the day's events and many nice comments were received.

More than 700 people attended our silver anniversary Pig Roast. The sounds of "Dulcimers and Such" entertained Saturday's visitors. We are pleased to report that we netted over \$5,000 for camp upkeep! This amount was made possible through ticket sales and generous donations by many local businesses such as Amish Door, Bolivar Giant Eagle, Buehlers in Dover, Dover Giant Eagle, Dutch Valley Restaurant, Littys Cakes, Klingstedts Printing, HollieHo Made Pies, Molesky's Farm Market and Walmart with a matching donation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thankfully, Kohl's Department Store in New Philadelphia sent six employees from their Kohl's Cares for Kids program to assist. In addition, the camp will receive a \$500 grant from the Kohls Company. Please support these local businesses and thank them for their generous donations. If you have a need, please consider the above and support them as they have supported us. Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed this annual event. See you next year. OINK! OINK!

2014 membership renewals sought

Just a reminder that membership renewals in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation were due in October. If you have not mailed in your renewal form and contribution, please send it as soon as possible. The camp relies on camping fees, fundraisers and memberships as our sources of funding and your donation is very important. Thank you for helping us to "keep the spirit burning!"