



Tusc County CVB Gap Grants received

Camp Tuscazoar has been awarded three Gap grants from the Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitors Bureau. The first will fund signage for our RV Park that will hopefully be installed if the weather ever breaks. We were also able to obtain a donation of the posts to mount the signs from Gregory Galvanizing in Canton.

We also received monies for a new camp sign which will be installed at the intersection of State Rt. 212 and Boy Scout Road. The third grant is for an online reservation system which is still being developed by several of our board members. Keep watching our website for updates on this project.

We are so grateful to the Tuscarawas CVB for this opportunity to make needed purchases that otherwise would have not been possible.

Maple Days set for March 14, 15

Camp Tuscazoar will host its annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 14 and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 15. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes, sausage, applesauce and orange drink. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under), are available from CTF members or can be purchased at the door.

Warmer weather is coming (we hope!) and we are busy tapping the trees and collecting sap for our maple syrup operation. We have been blessed with many volunteers but can always use more help.

We are once again participating in the Ohio Maple Madness tour, which will bring folks from all over northeast Ohio to view our operation and our camp. Please welcome our new visitors!

As always, we'll have bottles and jugs of our maple syrup available for purchase. This important fundraiser helps us keep camping fees low while our expenses for materials, electric and insurance continue to rise. This past fall, we completed our project to provide natural gas to our major camp buildings. You'll also want to check out the new roof and windows on the Stone Lodge.

If you want to purchase tickets in advance, call the "Pancake Hotline" at 330-493-1386 to receive your tickets in the mail.

"Search and Rescue" will be 2015 Dover Dam Days theme

"Imagine the concern a parent or loved one has when a teenager is overdue from a hike, a small child is missing from a crowded playground, a rock climber becomes stranded on a precarious ledge, or an elderly person wanders away from a caregiver."¹

Join us at Camp Tuscazoar for the **2015 Dover Dam Days, April 24-26**, so your scouts can "Be Prepared" to help search for that overdue teenager, that missing small child, that stranded rock climber, or that elderly loved one. We welcome the expertise of the Ohio Wing - Civil Air Patrol, specifically the Tusco Composite Squadron 277, who will provide most of the training.

Whether scouts attend for the weekend, or just on Saturday, they will have a chance to complete all of the Search and Rescue Merit Badge requirements. Visit www.tuscazoar.org to view more information on the weekend and the one pre-requisite.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been busy upgrading Dover Dam for the last few years. For the first time since 2012, Dover Dam Days will once again feature the unique opportunity to tour inside the dam. DDD also includes a patch, a fine Saturday meal and a rousing campfire program. Pre-registration is required, so register early so your scouts don't miss this real world experience that will surely add to their preparation for life.

The cost is \$15 per person (adult or scout). The fee covers all program activities, plus a commemorative patch, a great dinner and the campfire program. Camping costs are extra and vary based on campsite or cabin selected. For camping info and reservations, call the camp at 330-859-2288 or visit www.tuscazoar.org. For program info and pre-registration, contact campuscddd@gmail.com.

¹The first question at the annual Saturday evening review will be... "Where does this quote come from?"

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Camp Tuscazoar memories

The ghost bridge

By Mike Bernhardt (Scoop)

The best way to travel down to camp is to head south on Rt. 800. You young whippersnappers will disagree with me but in your haste to get somewhere you miss out on all the history. That is why I do what I do. I try to bring you that history before it all disappears. We are losing it at a rapid pace.

Here are some test questions. Do you know where the wooden railroad trestles were in Mineral City? I do. Do you know where the railroad tunnel was on the north side of town? I do. How about the Ghost Bridge? Are you curious? Well, come along pilgrim and I'll tell you.

I would never admit hiking to Buzzards Roost by way of the railroad tracks as a shortcut. Scouts weren't allowed to do that. I would never want to be run off those tracks by a Pennsylvania Railroad K-4 steam locomotive either. That would be pretty scary. It was!

If you stand on the Zoarville Station Bridge and look upstream about 700 feet through the trees, you will see a railroad bridge. That is where the B&O and Pennsylvania Railroad trains would cross the One Leg Creek. The bridge is quite high and not owned by the camp. The railroad ties are rotten and it is a bad place to go. You can get hurt. Don't do it.

This story was told to me by a real old timer. There is a farm field on the north side of the bridge. In the 1930's, during the great depression, a farmer was plowing that field and happened to notice something funny that he turned up with his plow. When he stopped to see what it was he was amazed to find it was a set of counterfeit money printing plates.

The authorities never found out where the plates came from but it was theorized that they were thrown off a train maybe to be recovered later. In the years that followed, folks would say they would see a lantern light down in that bottom land at night. Could it be that someone or something was looking for those plates after dark?

The plates were hard evidence. Times were tough back then. Many hobos rode the trains. Many of them died. Could it be a ghost of one of those hobos is still looking for those plates? I'll report what I was told and let you draw your own conclusions.



Join the Great Trail Battle at Tuscazoar

Well, actually there is no Great Trail Battle. In fact, we have a lot of great people with good ideas that are working together to develop a 3D network of trails throughout Camp Tuscazoar.

We have several user groups that use the camp acreage: hikers, mountain bicyclers, equestrians, trail runners, and users with disabilities. Each group has their own needs, likes, and dislikes. Their user descriptions cross over into each group: old, young, men and women.

Ben Appleby, founder of Linear Active, is working with us courtesy of The Dirt Line and others to create a master trail design for the entire camp. On Wednesday, February 11, we held a promising meeting where the 25 attendees worked in groups to gather input for needs and trail location ideas. The Stone Lodge was abuzz with hikers, equestrians, and bikers working together.

Check out www.tuscazoartrails.com to see when we will meet again and to add your comments. As the blog states, "The best plans, the best camp, and the best trails happen when we work as a community. Through this blog our team will post notes from meetings and updates as the plan is created, trails get designed, and flag lines are planted in the woods."

We are looking for sustainable trails tailored to different user groups with easily distinguishable trail signage. Come join us!

Volunteers sought for farmers markets

As you know, our Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup has become very popular and we are enjoying brisk sales and the local farmers markets during the summer. In order to keep this venue working, we are seeking volunteers to assist in staffing these markets. If you have an afternoon a week or a Saturday morning when you would love to help with this endeavor, please let us know. The more visible we become the better our sales will be. Help is needed in both the Dover area and the Canton area, so everyone can be involved no matter where you live. It is also another way to inform the public about our camp and hopefully bring more hikers and visitors to our grounds. Please contact Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386 to discuss your involvement in this worthwhile project.

Reminder on camp firewood supplies

Campers occasionally ask if firewood will be provided at their cabin or campsite.

Historically, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has not furnished firewood for buildings or campsites. For years, campers have practiced the courtesy of leaving at least one night's worth of firewood for the next group. Recently, however, some groups have disregarded this practice, leaving empty wood racks behind. We encourage campers to be courteous and either leave wood, cut wood, bring wood, or split wood while in camp. Wood may also be available for purchase at camp. Please contact the camp to confirm wood availability prior to your arrival.



Gold Rush awards prepared by Myron Mullet



Twenty-four patrols accept the Gold Rush challenge

Well, it happened again! On January 24, twenty-four patrols (odd coincidence but that's right...24) took the challenge that Izzy Lu and her clues put down at the 2015 Gold Rush and faced "*The Revenge of the Prospectors Daughter*". The weather wasn't apocalyptic, but it was chilly and snowy, what one might expect for a winter event.

Saturday morning, the camp's parade grounds were filled with eager sled-pulling teams hoping to bring home a winning pan as a prize for staking claims and raking in gold nuggets. Myron Mullet painted the pans again this year. The first place pan depicted the old prospector and his daughter, Izzy Lu, and was a two-piece prize that included a painted lid...VERY unique. Thanks Myron.

Not only did 24 patrols give an outstanding effort in "The Revenge", but all 24 patrols completed the event. Congratulations to everyone for taking on this year's challenges! Six cities offered different and previously-unseen challenges that could not have been successfully offered without the gracious help of adults and Eagle Scouts volunteering as city mayors. Thank you so much. If you were one of these volunteers, Camp Tuscazoar appreciates your efforts in making Gold Rushes like this one a success!

The sleds glided across the slippery frozen snow like a deer on a frozen pond, making things speedy downhill and a task to conquer going uphill. The cities offered difficult challenges like transporting and bagging an 18 ft. arctic anaconda; letting old prospecting penquins try and catch gold nuggets in a pan (much harder than it looked); using a compass to find bearings and distances in a mine shaft...blind!; identifying wild plants and animals as ingredients for a pot pie recipe; a six-person gold panning challenge with practice panning for silver; and, of course, the favorite event...building a fire that could melt an ice cube and light the matches inside it.

If you are interested in the backstory of "The Revenge of the Prospectors Daughter", check out previous issues of *The Breeze* or, better yet, ask attendees from years past to tell their stories.

The event ended with the traditional stew dinner prepared by Bob Spencer, a slide show set to music of the day's competition (<https://vimeo.com/118498780>) arranged by Ed Carter and Jill Young, and finally the awarding of the winning pans. After the awards, an auction was conducted using the claimed gold nuggets from the competition. Participants to bid on camping gear, snacks, and other fun stuff. Congratulations to these winners:

Best Sled- 177 Spitting Cobras

3rd Place- Troop 217

1st Place Troop 271

Best Patrol- 271 Eagles

2nd Place- Troop 108

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Memberships needed

By now, those who renewed their Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) membership prior to December 31 should have received new membership cards. If you missed the fall renewal, reminders were mailed with your Maple Days tickets. Camp Tuscazoar relies entirely on camping fees, memberships and annual fundraisers to keep the camp open. We are extremely grateful for your support. Membership also ensures that you receive our calendar, event tickets (thus saving you \$\$) and our newsletter, the *Breeze*. Thank you for your support and we hope to hear from all of you soon!

Coming Events:

Mar 14 & 15	Maple Days Breakfast
March 21	Heritage Trail Hike
April 18	Heritage Trail Hike
April 24-26	Dover Dam Weekend
May 16	Heritage Trail Hike
June 27	Heritage Trail Hike
July 18	Heritage Trail Hike
Aug 15	Heritage Trail Hike
Sept 11-13	Pig Gig Campout
Sept 12 & 13	Pig Roast Fundraiser

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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.

John Hayden - In memory of Tom McGlynn
Joseph Boyce - In memory of David Boyce
Dale Surbey - In memory of Bertha "Ellie" Paglialunga
Glen Groh - In memory of Homer H Keppler
Brent Milburn - Life membership

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!



Campers build clay furnace

In December, a group of weekend campers found clay, hauled it to Jamboree Lodge in a five-gallon bucket, found some stones and used these materials to make a kiln. They then used the clay for other projects that they made in camp. Participants were (clockwise from lower left): Ashley Milburn, Tristan Begue, Joseph Hoffman, Jake Milburn, Brady Menegay and Andrew Milburn.