



Volunteers needed to plant trees March 30

We need 100 or more volunteers (groups or individuals) on Saturday, March 30 to plant 5,000 trees. The event, sponsored by the ODNR, will help reforest the reclaimed mine area at the south end of camp. We will plant Burr Oak, Northern Red Oak, Silver Maple, Sweetgum and White Oak seedlings. No tools are needed. Several shifts are available, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Park at the camp; we will transport you to the mine site. A short training session will illustrate how to plant the trees. Dress for the weather! The event will take place rain or shine. Registration deadline is March 15. Scouts may be able to use this event to fulfill requirements for Forestry Merit Badge. To register, visit <https://conta.cc/2WT0yu2> or call 330-493-1386 or e-mail info@tuscazoar.org with your contact info, # of attendees and your desired shift. We hope to see you there!



Camp Tuscazoar Maple Days
March 9 & 10
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
\$8 for adults & \$4 for children (10 & under)

Dover Dam Weekend will feature Animal Science MB

Dover Dam Weekend will once again provide the backdrop for scouts to explore Animal Science. Just like the 2018 Dover Dam Weekend, participants in 2019 will take a deep dive into a scientific topic. Animals are an integral part of our daily lives, whether it's supplying us with food and clothing, providing us with recreational activities and companionship, or working with and for us in countless ways. We won't cover the full 11,000 years that domesticated animals like dogs, goats, sheep, horses, hogs, and poultry have been our partners, but hopefully scouts will take away an appreciation of the contributions of these animals to the development of our civilization.

While we know there will be lots of learning taking place, the activities will be designed to be immersive and fun. We will do the Horse option, but we also expect to have other animals in camp so scouts have a chance to get up close and personal with other barnyard critters. Scouts can complete the merit badge that day. All Cub levels are also welcome and, as always, if requested, we can work with their leaders to determine what requirements they will accomplish in the midst of all that horsing around.

This is Dover Dam Weekend, so the dam will be open for tours. The event fee is \$25 per person, and includes all the animal science activities, a commemorative patch, Saturday dinner, and an old-fashioned campfire. And, for those enthusiastic enough to raise their hands at the Saturday review session, there may be a well-earned treat or two. We expect a good crowd, so units are encouraged to lock in your camping reservations early.

Visit <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2019DDpage.html> for more info, or send inquiries to campuscddd@gmail.com.

2019 Tuscazoar Adventure Race scheduled for July 20

Rugged adventure awaits in this action-packed race on July 20. Run, paddle and mountain bike. Navigate your way around Camp Tuscazoar, the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail and the Tuscarawas River to see if you have what it takes to earn the title. Team up with a friend or tackle the challenge solo. Racers will cover up to 17 miles over the rugged and beautiful terrain of northern Tuscarawas County, picking up checkpoints along the way.



Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Coming of age at Tuscazoar

By Seth Arkow

Every so often I will decide that I'm too fat. Over the years I allowed myself to balloon up to my heaviest weight of 260 pounds. Two years ago, my friend and fellow Scout Dad Justin proposed the idea of hiking a portion of the Appalachian Trail. When I expressed interest in joining him, he (in the nicest way he could) questioned whether I could handle the journey. I vowed at that moment to "lose the weight". Nine months later I ended my trail journey at 199 pounds with a successful trail run. Certainly, diet had a lot to do with my success, but also exercise and preparation literally paved my trail to fitness. Where did I prepare for my trip? Where else. The hills and valleys of one of my favorite places: Camp Tuscazoar.

Tuscazoar seemed a natural place to train for this adventure. Our camp prepared me well. Hiking up and down Buzzards Roost and Pioneer Point with 40 pounds on my back and testing out my camping gear (hammock, tarps, cooking gear, etc.) on weekend excursions was a pleasure. As I worked muscles I forgot I had, it caused me to think of all of the other life experiences that Tuscazoar has prepared me for.

I learned to always pitch my tent at the top of the hill, and on level ground at Tuscazoar. Years later, when buying a house, I put this lesson into practice. When my neighborhood flooded, guess whose house didn't flood. I learned that above all, keep your head covered in the freezing cold while on a Polar Bear campout at Dan Beard Lodge. Years later as God decided to take away my natural head covering gradually, I never leave the house without a hat. I learned to appreciate the virtues of bacon and sausage (much to the dismay of my Jewish family) at Tuscazoar! Most importantly I learned that if you don't adequately prepare for something, you will

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Adventure Race scheduled...

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Participants should be prepared to run about six miles for the first leg, paddle four miles for the next leg, mountain bike seven miles for the final leg, and have the time of your life.

Competitors looking for a bigger challenge can add the ultimate adventure of orienteering to their day. Also, a Junior Race will be offered for participants ages 12 and under. This race will include an easy bike course, a rain gutter regatta and other events designed to give kids a taste of the action. The Junior Race will conclude with lunch and making lots of new friends. Visit the camp website at www.tuscazoar.org for registration details.

Help will be needed in many ways such as registration, canoe parking at Canal Lands, water stations, canoe loading at the take-out, parking help, food help and, of course, cleanup. Volunteers can be a scout group, a family group, an individual or anyone who wants to take part in this exciting new event. How do you sign up to assist us with this amazing race? Just email info@tuscazoar.org and let us know how you can help.

Towpath run to begin at camp

BBA50K, Inc., with Running Forward/Giving Back, will present the 3rd annual **Canal Corridor 100 Mile Endurance Run** on July 13 & 14, 2019. This event will be held on existing portions of the Towpath Trail in Cleveland, Akron and Canton. An expected field of 150 runners is anticipated. Profits from this event will be donated to the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga National Park, Canalway Partners and the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition, non-profit organizations that oversee and help maintain the Towpath Trail systems in Northeast Ohio.

The Canal Corridor 100 Mile Endurance Run will begin at Camp Tuscazoar. The run offers a 100-mile challenge on the relatively flat Towpath Trail. Perhaps excellent for beginners or for those who are looking to set a new personal best, the only major variable is the weather. Northeast Ohio weather in July can be hot and humid, with average temperatures from 85-93 degrees and 80% humidity. In 2018 runners caught a break with low humidity and 80 degrees. For info, visit <https://runningforwardandgivingback.com>.

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.

Joanne Walton - In memory of Pat Graham
Scott King - Life membership

Patrols enjoyed GoooOLD RuSHIN

Well we all went a GoooOLD RuSHIN in 2019!! Didn't we...? The patrons of the Gold Rush event on January 25-27 at Camp Tuscazoar are some really amazing people!! From the young Webelos Scouts and the Old Goats pulling their sleds, to all of the many unit leaders and the numerous city mayors and eclectic event staff.....what an absolutely GREAT group of people that brought another winter competition (known as Gold Rush) to fruition AGAIN!!!

The Gold Rush of 2019 dubbed "Gold Rushin'" started Saturday morning with a flag raising and progressed directly into a surrounding area notification (GOLD RUSHIN' chanting) that showed just how much the participants were more than ready to keep that Tuscazoar Spirit Burning through competition!

Competitors headed out through the camp in search of the 8 cities and 3 GRR's that would bring them to the winning cast iron place pans beautifully painted for the event by Dan Toalston. Gold Mine Grappling, Dynamite Testing, Liquid Gold Well Capping, an Ax Habitat, "A" Trestle Maneuvers, Map Skills, Animal Identification, and a Burnt Sled First Aid Encounter were all cities encountered at this year's event. A score card was returned by each of the 31 groups competing that day once again proving the competitiveness among our people.

Congratulations to the "Vipers" from Troop 150 for an awesome display of what it takes to win an event such as "Gold Rush"! They took home the coveted 1st place Gold Rush pan for their efforts. The 2nd place pan went home with the "T-Rex" patrol of Troop 101. The 3rd place pan was won by Troop 108's RedNecks and 4th place went to the Ice Knights of Troop 1042. A Best Sled pan sporting the same fantastic design found on the event patch went home with the Knights Templar of Troop 150. Before all these awards were given out our entire group played another amusing rendition of the "Penguin Game Show" for extra spending nuggets. Then after the award presentation all nuggets turned up in the annual bidding war auction for some cool and tasty prizes! Thanks SO MUCH to everyone involved for the spirited and seemingly tireless enthusiasm that always finds its way to the Gold Rush!!!

Icky's Point of Interest



Keppler Memorial Lodge

Scouts from across the Netawotwes District banded together to build the Keppler Memorial Lodge in 1953. This lodge was erected as a memorial to Homer Keppler. Mr. Keppler was on summer camp staff, served two terms on the McKinley Council Executive Board and received the Silver Beaver Award in 1938. This cabin is a favorite among many groups that stay in camp. For many years Keppler Lodge was the Nature Lodge and had a turtle pit located next to it. The grass area above the lodge is referred to as Keppler Field.

A painting of the old Massillon Area Council camp at Turkeyfoot Lake was completed in 1953 by Mrs. Charles Ridenbaugh, the daughter of Homer Keppler. For more than 30 years, the painting hung over the fireplace in Keppler Lodge, where years of smoke and weather took their toll. Thanks to Stefan Dedeck at the McKay Lodge laboratory, the painting was restored in 2012 and is currently on display in the W.C. Moorhead Museum.



A patrol heads up the hill with their sled during the 2019 Gold Rush Competition.

Help restore a longtime symbol of Tuscazoar!



The first stockade entrance at Camp Tuscazoar was constructed in the early 1920's. Since then, at least two other similar entrances were built to welcome campers. Thousands have passed through these gates and have read the sign that says, "You are a stranger here but once."

The time has come once again to restore this symbol of Camp Tuscazoar. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is hoping to construct another stockade, complete with a crossover bridge, in time for the camp's 100th anniversary in 2020.

Today, hundreds of youth and adults pass through these gates each year to explore the riches of Tuscazoar, just as their predecessors have throughout the years. Please help us keep this tradition alive and consider a donation to support rebuilding and improving this symbol of Camp Tuscazoar.

We need many contributions to help fund restoration. Several suggestions for donations are listed below but any amount given will be appreciated. Every donor will be thanked for their contribution and invited to a dedication at a later date. If donations exceed the funds needed to complete this project, they will be used for events during our 100th anniversary.

The first stockade at Camp Tuscazoar, pictured in this 1928 postcard, stood at the camp's original entrance, that was then near Pioneer Point.

Our intention is to construct this stockade in such a manner that it will last for many years. We will be reusing the original gate hardware to maintain the historic look. The crossover bridge will be replicated to match the old one so that troops can once again use this structure for their crossover ceremonies!

This will be a grassroots campaign. We believe the supporters of Camp Tuscazoar will be able to raise the needed funds for this project.

Camp Tuscazoar Stockade Restoration Campaign

Name _____ Date _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crossover Supporter (plaque on the bridge) | \$5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pole Supporter (name on one of the uprights) | \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Supporter (Name on step of crossover bridge) | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Supporter (Name listed in Breeze) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware Supporter (Name listed in Breeze) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list contribution amount) | \$ _____ |

Please fill in your name below as you would like it to be displayed. You may use a family name, an individual's name or an organization's name.

Please make your check payable to: Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 308; Zoarville, OH 44656-0308

County renews lease on upper RR bed for 10 years

An article in the Feb. 8 New Philadelphia *Times Reporter* stated that Tuscarawas County has renewed its lease, signed in January of 2017 in conjunction with the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, of the upper railroad bed owned by the Kimble Company for the next ten years. The article further stated that this will permit the county to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation, which would fund 95% of the cost of upgrading the portion of the railroad bed that passes through the camp so it can be used by the public. The leased area includes what we call the upper railroad bed from a point near the Zoarville Station Bridge, past Dover Dam, as far as the White Bridge at State Route 416. There has been no word on whether or not this trail will someday be extended along the same railroad bed all the way into Dover.

Director Pat Graham passes away

Patrick (Cowboy) Hugh Graham, born on Oct. 1, 1947 in Canton, Ohio to the late Samuel Graham, passed away at age 71 in November. He graduated from Canton Lincoln High School and retired from Timken Roller Bearing Co.

Patrick is survived by his sons, Edward (Desiree) Graham and Bryan (Rachel) Graham; granddaughter Roslyn Graham; brothers, Michael (Connie) Graham and Richard (Rosie) Graham. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

He was a board member of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, and a member of Tri-County Trails Association and USW Local 1123. Those who wish may donate in Patrick's name to the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation. Friends and family attended a celebration of life at the camp in January. Our condolences to Pat's family.

Organizations offer options to support Camp Tuscazoar

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. We have posted on link on our website home page www.tuscazoar.org or go directly to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1545370> and a portion of your purchases will support the camp.

Camp Tuscazoar is also listed as a qualifying charity with Thrivent and we receive donations from several members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice provides a platform for members to have a financial impact on the causes and nonprofits they care about. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars. To learn more, visit <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>.

In addition, we have received many donations in memory of Pat Graham through Network for Good. Network for Good uses the Internet and mobile technology to securely and efficiently distribute thousands of donations from donors to their favorite charities each year. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.networkforgood.com>.

Land purchase adds seven acres

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has purchased another seven acres of land from the former Dessecker Farm. In 2009, when the farm was sold by Paula Jo Anthony Carter, the sole heir and executrix of Marion Dessecker's estate, she retained a 16.5-acre tract, including seven acres on the west side of Boy Scout Road and the remainder on the east side of the road.

When the Foundation discovered in 2017 that Paula Jo had sadly passed away in 2016, it contacted her husband Bruce Carter, and he agreed to sell the seven-acre tract.

To help fund the transaction, the Foundation applied for and received a Clean Ohio grant from the State of Ohio that paid 75% of the purchase. Clean Ohio funds have been used several times by the Foundation to assist in purchasing property from various owners.

In a related transaction, the former Dessecker homestead of 10 acres containing the farm's buildings along Boy Scout Road, and possibly the remaining 9.5 acres of the Carter tract, were recently sold to a local man, Samuel Seward of Somerdale, who is a relative of the Dessecker family. The Foundation possesses an easement allowing us to access the southern portion of our property using his driveway, and we ask that patrons using this driveway be respectful of the Swards and mindful that the property and buildings on both sides of the way are private. We welcome the Swards to the neighborhood!

American Heritage MB offered this fall

Camp Tuscazoar is teaming up with the Zoar Community Association and Buckeye Council, BSA on a unique opportunity. Scouts of all levels can descend on Zoar during the Civil War Reenactment Sept. 21-22 to earn American Heritage Merit Badge. All requirements of the badge will be offered. For more info, visit <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2019amerheritmb.html>

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suffer. This is a lesson I am thankful for every day in my law practice.

In my youth Tuscazoar was my teacher, my playground, and my home away from home. As I grew and went to college, she waited for me patiently to come back. Now I'm a step-father and Cub Master, and Tuscazoar allows me to teach my kids lessons that they too will take with them throughout their lives. As a new director for the camp, I have been given the honor of preserving this great asset we have. I consider it the privilege of a lifetime to have this opportunity and I look forward to earning your trust for years to come.

Coming Events:

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| Mar 9, 10 | Maple Days Breakfast |
| March 30 | Tree Planting |
| April 27 | Mountain Bike Event |
| May 3-5 | Dover Dam Weekend |
| July 20 | Tuscazoar Adventure Race |
| Sept 7-9 | Pig Roast Weekend |
| Sept 14 | Mountain Bike Event |
| Sept 21-22 | American Heritage MB |

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Help needed for markets, campmasters and mowing

As you know, our Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup is quite popular and we enjoy brisk sales at the local farmers markets during the summer. To keep these venues working, we need volunteers. If you have an afternoon or a Saturday morning when you could



help, please let us know. Help is needed in the Dover and Canton areas. There are several other markets where we would like to participate, but we need volunteers. These markets are 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 how you can help.

Did you ever want to just unplug and get away for a weekend? We are looking for individuals or a couple would be willing to come to camp on a Friday night to help get campers where they need to be and then enjoy a quiet day maybe relaxing in the hammock or hiking the hills. We would ask that on Sunday morning you help campers depart with clean campsites and their trash in the dumpster. The pay for this job is what we like to call "priceless", as what could be more fun? Email us at info@tuscazoar.org if you think you might want to join the fun and which weekend you might want to help out.

Also, since we are a non-profit organization and have no payroll, we are also seeking help mowing the acres of grass that needs attended to each week. If you have a spare Saturday and want to ride our mowers, let us know and we will be happy to get you started.