

Dover Dam Weekend – Camp Tuscazoar

May 4 – May 6, 2012 – Animal Science MB



About 11,000 years ago, hunter/gatherer tribes started attempts to domesticate dogs, goats, and possibly sheep. Over the millenniums since, domestication became both an individual pursuit and a social function, vital to our march towards civilization. Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, and other domesticated animals supplied us with food and clothing, and were also used for recreational purposes: they worked with and for us.¹

Despite its critical role in our daily lives, most of us know very little about animal science, only the location of the stores where we purchase the food and clothing provided by our domesticated partners.²

So, here's your chance to learn more about the basics of this noble science, while earning a merit badge at Ohio's most historic camp. **Camp Tuscazoar**, in conjunction with the adjacent **Rivercrest Farm**, will present the entire MB on **Saturday, May 5, 2012**. Scouts will attend various sessions throughout the day, including a visit to Rivercrest Farm. At Rivercrest Farm, scouts will see first-hand, the **Highland cattle from Scotland**, with their *unusual long horns and long wavy coats*. Riverside Farm is also home to llamas, horses, goats, miniature donkeys and pot-bellied pigs.

Packs/Cubs are welcome to attend all sessions, and will certainly not want to miss the **petting zoo** set up at Rivercrest Farm.

And since this is Dover Dam Weekend, you will also have the opportunity to **visit the Dam**, and depending upon the status of the current work, the chance to go inside the Dam!

Throw in a **commemorative patch**, a **great dinner** and an **old-fashioned campfire** and it makes for one awesome weekend.

Program questions can be directed to asmbddd2012@yahoo.com
For Reservations and Camping info - Camp Tuscazoar **330-859-2288**.
On the web @ www.tuscazoar.org

¹ See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-ANML.aspx>;
See also http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Animal_Science

² Nationally, Animal Science MB is considered a "rare" merit badge based upon the number of MBs awarded.

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LOGISTICS

Group leader: There are no prerequisites; all requirements will be covered on Saturday. Scouts who complete all stations and turn in a properly completed blue card will receive signed blue cards back on Sat. The cost is **\$12 per participant**, which covers all activities, a commemorative patch and dinner Saturday night. **Camping costs are extra** and depend on camp site or cabin selected.

Troops should pre-register to insure slots in the MB classes. For those camping for the weekend, campsites can only be guaranteed with pre-registration.

Friday Night No set activities or classes on Friday night. Groups will be given their schedules for Saturday, which will include all of the MB stations, both at the Camp and at Rivercrest Farm, along with the Dam visit.

Saturday Merit Badge Activities

- Groups coming in Saturday morning should **arrive by 7:45 am** to get signed in and to receive their schedules. (*Strongly encourage pre-registration to make sure we can fit you in!*)
- **Flag Raising** is at **8:30 am**. **First classes** start at **9:00 am**.
- **Follow your schedule for the stations!** There will also be an assigned slot for the Dam tour.
- **LUNCH:** On your own. Please pack light and fast; be at your first afternoon station on time!

Saturday Activities – after the end of MB sessions

- **DINNER** – Join us at the Dining Hall; the meal is covered by the event cost.
- **CAMPFIRE** – Start working on your skit, song or cheer (or all three!) and join us at the Hoover Amphitheater for a camp-wide campfire.

Contact Camp Tuscazoar (330-859-2288) When registering, please include a good email address for contact purposes and updates. It would also be very helpful to give us the head count of youth participants as soon as you know!

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