



Pig Roast Fundraiser scheduled for October 7

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is pleased to invite scouts, scouters, families, friends, former campers and anyone who likes to eat to its first annual Pig Roast Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, October 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the camp dining hall, Kimble Hall. An outstanding meal with all the trimmings will be served, including an Amish Country pig cooked by an expert and homemade pies and cakes. Special prizes and drawings will also be included and transportation will be available from the parking lot to the dining hall and back. The event will also offer the opportunity to purchase Camp Tuscazoar hats, patches, T-shirts and I.W. Delp's book "Tuscazoar and Tales of the Tuscarawas". Funds raised from this event will be used for building repairs and replacements. Adult tickets are available for \$7 while tickets for children ages 12 and under are \$4. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling the camp at 859-2288 or Pig Roast Chairman Ted Novak at 478-2511.

110 acres permanently available

Foundation secures deed to Camp Tuscazoar

After more than three years of effort to preserve Camp Tuscazoar, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation secured a deed to 110 acres of the property on December 29, 1989.

This area, which was donated by Mrs. Doris Kimble of Dover, represents the entire northern part of the camp from the ranger's house and Keppler Lodge to Pioneer Point. Tom's Chapel and One Leg Campsite are included as well. The Foundation will continue to lease the remaining portion of the camp.

Foundation president Bob Comer said, "Words cannot describe the joy we feel and the appreciation owed to the Kimble family at this historic time in the life of Camp Tuscazoar. The youth and adults of Ohio and beyond are the beneficiaries of this great gift.

"The unique natural beauty of the land that has attracted generation after generation of campers since 1920 will now be permanently available. We especially wish to thank all of the individuals, businesses and community groups who have aided the Foundation's efforts to raise funds."

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation was organized November 2, 1986 for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining and perpetuating Camp Tuscazoar for use by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer groups. Church groups, schools and other community youth and adult organizations are also welcome to use the facilities. More than 500 scout troops and more than 7,000 campers have enjoyed the camp since the Foundation re-opened it under a lease on December 1, 1987.

"Tales of the Tuscarawas" now available

Copies of I.W. Delp's "Tuscazoar and Tales of the Tuscarawas" are now available from the Foundation in both hardcover and paperback versions.

The book, written by the former camp director in 1932, paints a detailed picture of the camp as it existed at the time. It also traces the development of the camp from its beginnings in 1920 and records the authentic history as well as the legendary tales of the Tuscarawas River valley. Maps, sketches and more than 20 rare photographs add flavor to the book's descriptions.

In order to produce copies of Delp's original text, Mr. Arthur W. McGraw of Whitehall, Ohio, a former camper at Tuscazoar, carefully photographed copies of the book.

In the book's preface, Loren E. Souers states, "The fervor with which Mr. Delp has written tells what a labor of love it has been to him to collect the material, of interesting and sometimes fresh facts, and the fascinating though sometimes tragic tales with which the book is filled."

The book is certainly must reading for those individuals interested in the history and lore of Camp Tuscazoar. Hardback copies are available for a \$16 donation, while softback copies can be purchased for a \$10 donation. Limited editions are available on acid-free paper as well.

To order your copy, please contact Foundation President Bob Comer at P.O. Box 343, Magnolia, OH 44643 for an order form.

Hundreds attend annual event



Dover Dam Weekend offers tours, displays, fun

Old style camping displays, guided tours of Dover Dam and a tribute to George Deaver, Tuscazoar's "Chief", highlighted the 1990 Dover Dam Weekend, held April 27-29. More than 20 scout units camped for the weekend and many more units, parents and friends attended Saturday's activities.

As in previous years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided educational tours of Dover Dam, including a video about the Dam's construction. Visitors enjoyed the unusually warm April weather as they hiked the railroad bed to and from the dam.

Kepler field was filled with camping displays set up by the Kill 'Em Buck Long Rifles which ranged from Native American teepees to Revolutionary War and Civil War era camps. An old style scout camp and a modern style camp demonstrated how camping has evolved through the years.

The Saturday evening campfire was held at Troop 5 Cabin, Tuscazoar's oldest structure. During the program, the campers were introduced to Clarence Muntz of Dover who camped at the first year of camp held in 1921 at Tuscazoar (then known as Wilderness Camp). Campers also held candles while singing the Tuscazoar Hymn and were treated to a unique look at how George Deaver helped establish Tuscazoar and began the camp's honor awards program.

Those attending the event received a Dover Dam Weekend patch depicting an Indian above the camp's stockade.

Plans are already underway for the 1991 Dover Dam Weekend. Watch for further details in future issues of the Breeze.

Troops compete in 2nd Gold Rush competition

Snow flurries and temperatures in the 30's greeted scout units as they began the 2nd annual Gold Rush Days competition held February 23- 25. As in the previous year the scout units traveled from site to site throughout the camp, completing tasks requiring the use of such skills as firebuilding, knot tying, first aid and orienteering.

This year, at each site, the units were given clues to a secret phrase which had to be given at the final site in order to complete the competition. Every unit successfully deciphered the secret phrase, which was "The Scout Law".

Although temperatures dropped into the 20's Saturday evening, the campers gathered at Hoover Lodge amphitheater for a campfire and kept warm with rousing renditions of "Alice the Camel" and "Father Abraham".

Next year's Gold Rush Days competition is tentatively scheduled for February 15-17, 1991.



Special funds set aside for Belcher, Shawnee lodges

A "Dr. Richard Belcher Memorial Lodge", to be specially designed for use by handicapped campers, has been proposed by Foundation Trustee Ted Novak for construction at Camp Tuscazoar.

Dr. Belcher was a nationally honored Canton physician who passed away in 1988. He was an Eagle Scout and earned a Fifth Year Pipestone at Tuscazoar. He had a great love for the camp.

Offers have also come from across Ohio to provide materials and labor for the re-building of Shawnee Lodge. The lodge, which was erected in 1951 at the camp, was destroyed by fire on December 3rd of last year.

If you would like to donate funds or useful materials for these projects, please contact Bob Comer at 866-3449 or call the camp at 859-2288.



Foundation members Eric Schoenbaum (left) and Greg Bialota replace rotten boards on the dining hall roof

Repairs completed on camp facilities

Repairs and improvements have been completed on several Camp Tuscazoar buildings and access roads since the Foundation obtained a deed to the property on December 29th of last year.

In preparation for the re-dedication of Tom's Chapel held August 19, members of the Lions Club of Jackson Township in Stark County, led by President Will Stump, replaced the structure's aging cedar shake roof with new shingles and repaired several rotten support boards. The organization donated all materials and labor for the project.

Hoover Lodge has also been given new shingles and a coat of paint as well. Hatcher Roofing of New Philadelphia donated many hours to replace the old shingles on each end of the building with new shingles. Last year, Foundation members Greg Bialota and Dewaine Moncrief replaced the roofs above the kitchen and furnace room.

The dining hall roof has also been replaced, thanks to the efforts of professional roofer Terry Kaiser and the "Tuscazoar Roofing Society", made up of Foundation members. A number of rotten plywood sheets were replaced and the entire roof was re-shingled: a project which required several weeks of hard work.

The parking lot and camp access roads have benefited from thousands of tons of gravel donated by Ohio Edison, which used the roads to replace telephone poles south of Buzzard's Roost. In addition to the gravel, Ohio Edison also donated many of the removed poles to the camp for use on cabins, as totem poles, etc.

The Foundation's property committee chairman Dick Schoenbaum has outlined a lengthy list of future projects to be completed at the camp. If you would like to assist in this work, please contact Camp Ranger John Robb at 859-2288.



Wanted: Totem pole carvers

Would your scout unit, organization or group be interested in carving totem poles for Camp Tuscazoar? The Foundation would like to replace those which once stood outside the stockade and add others in various locations throughout the camp.

According to I.W. Delp in his book "Tuscazoar and Tales of the Tuscarawas", totem pole carving was first introduced in 1922 at Camp Tuscazoar, then known as Wilderness Camp. Each troop selected a log and carved the history and ideals of the troop on it. These poles were then placed in a circle around the camp's council ring.

For many years two totem poles greeted camp visitors as they passed the stockade. The last remaining totem pole left standing when the camp was closed in August, 1986 blew down in a windstorm several years ago. The Foundation would especially like to have a duplicate made of this totem pole.

A number of cedar telephone poles, donated by Ohio Edison, are available for use. The carvings should be related in some way to Camp Tuscazoar, scouting or the outdoors. Interested parties should contact Bob Comer at 866-3449 or Camp Ranger John Robb at 859-2288.

"Tuscazoar Breeze" goes quarterly

Beginning with this issue, the "Tuscazoar Breeze" will be published four times annually.

Many exciting events have taken place at Camp Tuscazoar since the Foundation acquired a deed to the camp in December. In publishing the "Breeze" quarterly, the Foundation can keep members better informed of activities at the camp along with reporting the Foundation's overall progress.

Future issues of the "Breeze" will also feature stories related to the history of Camp Tuscazoar, how current traditions began, and the people that devoted their time and energy toward making the camp a special place for thousands of campers.

If you have suggestions for future stories, or old photos and camp memorabilia that we could include in an upcoming issue, please send it to the Foundation, marked "Attn. 'Breeze' Editor".

Tom's Chapel



25 Years at Camp Tuscazoar

Re-dedication ceremony commemorates 25th anniversary of Tom's Chapel

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Former Camp Tuscazoar campers, staff members, and friends gathered at Tom's Chapel Sunday, August 19 for a re-dedication ceremony to commemorate the chapel's 25th anniversary.

Tom's Chapel was built in 1965 in memory of Tommy Hohn, a Star scout in Troop 6 at Canton's First Methodist Church who died at age 14. Members of the congregation raised a memorial fund in Tommy's name and with the money and help from Troop 6 members, troop committee members and Scoutmaster H.P. Whittaker Jr. the open-air chapel was constructed. The ashes of Tommy's cremated body were interred beneath the chapel's concrete floor in a decorative urn.

The re-dedication ceremony was led by the Reverend Ken Salzwimmer, who served as camp Chaplain at Tuscazoar from 1980 to 1986, and repeated the chapel's first dedication ceremony held August 10, 1965.

A special "thank you" goes to the Jackson Township Lions Club of Stark County for their efforts in replacing the chapel's roof. Many other volunteers worked to paint the pews and the chapel's wooden frame. The steps leading to the chapel were installed by the youth group from Zion United Church of Christ of North Canton. Mrs. Margaret Hohn and her family and the family of H.P. Whittaker were instrumental in the re-dedication effort.