

## Camp Tuscazoar clatter

Eagle projects continue to improve the camp. The new **water fountain** in central camp is almost complete. An intuitive **nature trail** was completed this fall. **Hoover Lodge** is being sealed and painted. An erosion-proof trail, fencing and site clean-up will be done above **Buffalo** campsite. Thirteen **picnic tables** have been completed and seven more are ready for assembly.

The horseback riders are marking and improving trails. Our mountain bikers have restored the bridge near Troop 5 Cabin and have cleared trails and made stream crossings throughout camp. Several families have improved lodges, trails and sites and, this April, several volunteer groups will help plant 600 seedlings here.

This is a just a small list of items. Thanks to everyone involved for helping to keep Camp Tuscazoar strong, one project at a time.

## Tuscazoar to host 14th Gold Rush, Feb. 8-10

Since 1988, hearty campers have traveled to Tuscazoar in February to test their skills at firebuilding, lashing, orienteering, first aid, cooking and other outdoor skills. And every year, it seems, the weather in the hills of Tuscazoar adds an additional challenge. Heavy snow, flurries, drizzle, rain, or even bright sunshine are all possibilities. This competition doesn't just test one group's skills against those of the others; it also tests a group's preparedness for dealing with any possible weather conditions and other challenges that might appear along the trail. Is your group up to the challenge? If so, then plan to join our annual Gold Rush competition February 8-10.

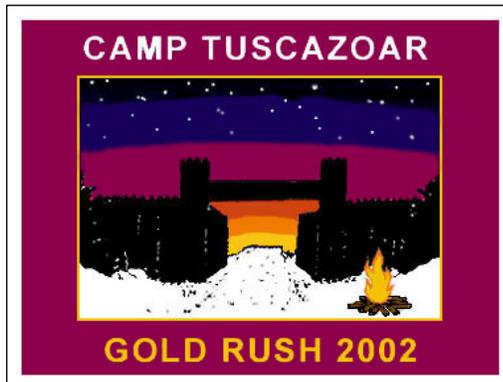
The event will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. Competing groups will be divided into two categories: junior (ages 14 and below) and senior (ages 15 and above). Lunch and dinner that day will be served in Kimble Hall, and an awards ceremony is planned for that evening.

Unit check-in will begin Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the museum. A patrol leaders meeting is scheduled for 9 p.m., with a unit leader's crackerbarrel at 9:30.

The \$8 per person event fee includes the two meals and an event patch. Camping fees are additional. For more information, call 330-859-2288.

## Bridge project receives grant from Ohio & Erie Canal Association

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Ohio & Erie Canal Association for the Zoarville Station Bridge Project. These funds will be used to complete construction of the approaches to the bridge, pay design and construction supervision costs and purchase recycled plastic lumber for use as decking on the bridge once it is reconstructed. Dave Tschantz, the project manager for the Foundation, said this is the second largest grant received by the Foundation for this project. The Ohio & Erie Canal Association was formed as the authority charged by the U.S. Congress with the responsibility of disbursing federal funds to worthy projects in the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor. The corridor extends from Cleveland to New Philadelphia and includes the camp. The OECA's website is [www.canalwayohio.com](http://www.canalwayohio.com). A similar grant for more than \$9,000 was received by the Foundation from the OECA for the bridge project in 1998.



# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



## Dover Dam Weekend

May 3-5, 2002

**Campwide activities  
Tours of Dover Dam  
Campfire program  
Saturday dinner  
and much more**

Watch for more information.  
Make your reservation today!

## Enchanted Tuscazoar draws almost 200

The weather was beautiful for Enchanted Tuscazoar Oct. 20 and 21, and the leaves turned marvelous colors at just the right time. Nearly 200 visitors walked through the woods and met various forest animals stationed along the way. The walk finished at Kimble Hall where the hikers were treated to cookies, apples and drinks. A fun time was had by all and we hope to have made some new friends at the camp with some first-time visitors.

We were very lucky to have the Tschantz family and friends camping that weekend, and they happily served as the animals. Seeing Dave Tschantz, our camp legal counsel, dressed as a bobcat was worth the price of admission. We certainly want to thank this group for their assistance. We are also pleased to report that \$175 was raised from this event and was placed in the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund to help "keep the spirit burning" at Camp Tuscazoar.

## Wood available for members

Members of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation may cut downed timber for firewood in camp. Please contact the camp Ranger before cutting or removing any wood.

## Sept. 11 attacks didn't keep visitors away from fall pig events

The weather was perfect for the 2001 Pig Gig/Pig Roast Weekend at Camp Tuscazoar, Sept. 15-17. The camp was filled with campers and many visitors. On Saturday, our campers were treated to a variety of pig games and events that tested their skills at marksmanship and hiking. That afternoon, a Service of Remembrance was held by the Rev. Stan Dickerson in the field near Kimble Hall. Many scouts and leaders took time to come together and hear how our lives relate to the people of New York and Washington who were impacted by the terrorist attacks there on Sept. 11.

Saturday night, the campers were served a delicious pig roast dinner and, for the first time, the Pig Roast was also opened to the public. This seemed to be a big hit, as many family members of the campers wanted to come to camp to see what their kids were doing and also to enjoy a fine meal together. We expect to do same thing next year. Hopefully, even more families will want to attend.

For the evening campfire, Dan Fladung returned to both entertain and teach the campers about native American lore. He held the audience spellbound with his music, stories, and demonstrations of headdresses, clothing, jewelry, and other arts and crafts.

On Sunday, the camp was opened to the public for the pig roast. We were very pleased with the turnout. We are also proud to say that more than \$5,000 was raised during the weekend to provide needed



Campers learned to toss the Atlatl during the 2001 Pig Gig campout.



All camp flags, including this one at Pioneer Point, flew at half-staff during the Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend, in memory of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks.

maintenance for the camp. This fund-raiser is a very important part of our ability to provide everyone with the best camping facilities possible.

We look forward to a banner event in 2002 and, with the help of our members and friends, we hope to achieve a new record in attendance.

# Camp usage update

by Ranger Dana Powers

The new camp sign-in board will soon be ready. Please check the board for new information when you come in. Thank you to those who found the temporary location on the museum porch.



This past summer we started a new closing policy which has worked well and eliminated confusion. In the past we used dawn to dusk. The new camp visitation hours will follow the seasons:

Summer 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Fall/Spring 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Winter 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

The times and dates are posted at the sign-in board, on the sign-in sheet and on the sign post. We are now in the winter period. These times are for day visitors and day members visits, but do not include our registered overnight campers.

Day visitors and members here for the day are not permitted to bring vehicles past the main parking lot gates at any time. Cars seen in camp have camp staff permission to be there. Please read all postings as you enter and sign into Camp Tuscazoar Foundation property.

Remember, members have the benefit of renting our lodges and facilities for an approved fee. Youth or member groups are the only other groups approved to rent the camp's facilities. We have had weddings, birthday parties, family reunions, families camping... just for a few examples.

Groups and activities that have used the camp include: horse riding clubs; Cub Packs; mountain bike (bicycle) riders; Boy Scouts; families; Royal Rangers; hiking groups; Girl Scouts; religious youth groups; Brownies; school class visitations; adult member groups; various training sessions; award presentations and banquets.

Remember YOU are our sponsor. Let us know what you like or dislike.

## Endowment Fund

*Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning*

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

In memory of Richard Hare

L.W. Parsley

Foltz Machine

Mr./Mrs. William Hillier

The Hoover Company

Mr./Mrs. Orval Isler

Otterbein United Methodist Church

*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!*

## Camp Tuscazoar and the American Hiking Society combine efforts

Several volunteers traveled to Camp Tuscazoar this past summer to help improve the camp, as part of the American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacations program. These volunteers worked hard to clear trails, add erosion control barriers and complete other much-needed work projects. The camp has listed itself as a destination for a Volunteer Vacation destination again in 2002. Following is more information on this program.

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In 2002 join other dedicated volunteers as they experience the joy and camaraderie of working on a trail and conserving a legacy in America's most remote wild places.

American Hiking Society's programs get you outside, get you dirty, and get you excited about trails. Whether celebrating footpaths or promoting new hiking opportunities AHS programs get you involved!

A Volunteer Vacation is the perfect opportunity to whip your mind, your body, and some trail miles into shape. Tell your friends you're selflessly giving up your vacation time to volunteer for trails, while secretly reveling in the knowledge that AHS's Volunteer Vacations are more fun than work! And best of all, the trips are only \$80!

Contact the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, Inc. or <http://www.americanhiking.org> for more information on how to attend the Volunteer Vacation Program.

## Camp to offer hayrides next fall

Camp Tuscazoar experimented with offering hayrides this past fall. Several groups enjoyed a 3.5 mile hayride from the parking lot to the foot of the trail leading up from the railroad bed to Buzzard's Roost, and back again through camp to the stockade. The price for groups was \$45, with discounted pricing available for weekend campers. Catered weiner roasts were available as well. The planning is underway for next fall. Watch for further announcements and help spread the news.

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## New trustees, officers elected for 2002

Four trustees were elected to four-year terms at the Foundation's annual meeting in October. They were: Bob Lahmers, Mike Snider, Bob Spencer and Howard Rubin. Also, Dave Keppler was elected to fill a vacancy on the board. Officers elected for the coming year are:

President: Bob Spencer  
Vice-President: Ted Novak  
Secretary: Dale Tschantz  
Treasurer: Nancy Schoenbaum

Congratulations to those elected!

## Coming Events:

Jan. 6	CTF Board Meeting
<b>Jan. 18-20</b>	<b>Netawatwes Klondike</b>
Feb. 3	CTF Board Meeting
<b>Feb. 8-10</b>	<b>Gold Rush Competition</b>
March 3	CTF Board Meeting
April 7	CTF Board Meeting
May 3-5	Dover Dam Weekend
<b>June 15-16</b>	<b>Primitive Gathering</b>

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## Tuscazoar website has new look, expanded information

The Camp Tuscazoar website at [www.tuscazoar.org](http://www.tuscazoar.org) now has a new look. We've added a navigation bar at the top of each page to help you browse to the information you need more quickly. Also, a map has been added with photo links showing the camp buildings and other points of interest. Following is an e-mail message recently received from the site:

*I want to thank you, for working so hard to keep the camp's website going, and for doing such a great job at it! When I was in high school, Camp Tuscazoar was a place where my friends and I (most of my friends were former boy scouts) went for a little peace and quiet. They told me legends and ghost stories about the camp and its rangers, and I grew to love the place as much if not more than my own home. Back in the late '80's, I bought tee shirts and mugs for the "Save Camp Tuscazoar" fund, when it was feared that the camp would be made into an allotment. I shall forever be grateful that never came about!! I currently have a six-year-old son, and I'm the den leader for his Tiger Cubs, BSA den. We have about 12 cubs. I am hoping that they'll all stick around for the summer program that I'm planning, as I plan to take them on a short hike in Camp Tuscazoar, where they can actually see nature at its finest. Some of these kids have never been outside of Canton South, never seen what a real forest looks like, and I'm excited about taking them out to see what I saw when I first entered the camp. Camp Tuscazoar is a very important part of my past, and it will be a very important part of many young peoples' future. Thank you and all those who work with you, for keeping it alive!!*

Melissa Hendrix  
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