



Maple syrup season here again

As in days gone by, Camp Tuscazoar will once again produce maple syrup this winter from maple trees in the camp's Netawatwes Valley. The Foundation will partner with Mike's Maple Production, LLC of Wooster, which is owned by Mike Roberts, a former director, rather than relying on volunteers. The production season runs from mid-February to the end of March, culminating in the annual Tuscazoar Maple Days event, scheduled for April 4th and 5th, 2009.

"Last year's production by directors Dave Robinson, Joe Moore and others was a heroic effort, given record flooding and other bad weather," said Dave Tschantz, the Foundation Project Manager, "but it's difficult to have volunteers on hand when runs occur. Mike has produced award-winning syrup from our trees and he knows our woods. Partnering with him was an obvious choice."

A "run" occurs when a cold night is followed by a warm day during the season and sap flows up from the tree roots into the branches. A run usually lasts for just one day, but may produce huge amounts of sap. Since maple sap can host bacteria (which syrup cannot do), the sap must be converted into syrup as soon as possible.

The Foundation's sap collection system involves the use of plastic tubing running from one or more taps on each maple tree (depending on the tree diameter) to collection tanks in the valley. A vacuum pump helps draw the sap downhill to the tanks. The collected sap is then pumped up the hill through another plastic line to the sugar shack, where an evaporator boils off water until the sap has been converted into syrup. Foundation volunteers then bottle the syrup for sale to the public. A gallon of syrup typically requires 40 gallons of sap. Sap can be collected from any maple tree, but the concentration of sugar is highest in Sugar and Black Maples.

Opportunities exist for you to help with this effort. If you would like to assist in setting up the collection system and tapping trees, contact Dave at 800-222-3873, ext. 322.

Headlines from the hills

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is currently seeking an accounting firm willing to prepare our **2008 tax return**. In the past we have used a local company, but the rates are becoming more than we can handle. We would be willing to talk about our needs with you. Please contact Nancy Schoenbaum if you would be willing to help us out with the Internal Revenue Service.

Commemorative bricks are still a hot-selling item at the camp and we are looking toward constructing a new display area for them this spring. We intend to brick in the entire front of Kimble Hall using the leftover plastic lumber from the Zoarville Station Bridge decking for the frame and lots of sand and gravel to lay the bricks on. If you can help, please let us know and we will keep you informed as the work dates are scheduled. As always, bricks are \$30 each and would make a wonderful gift for your favorite Scout or Scouter.

Another successful Pig Roast

The 2008 Camp Tuscazoar Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend is now history and many people left this year's event feeling very full from the delicious food that was heaped on their plates. The Pig Gig was enjoyed by all and the Amazing Race turned out to be a memorable, day-long adventure for the participants. A clear night made the songs and skits around the campfire very special.

Nearly 600 attended the Pig Roast and the weather cleared just before we began serving on Saturday. Saturday, the sounds of "Dulcimers 'n Such" were enjoyed by our visitors, and Sunday's entertainment, "Friends", brought back lots of toe-tapping favorites. The event netted almost \$7,000 for camp upkeep. This amount was made possible through our ever-growing tickets sales, generous donations by many local businesses and two wonderful donations from Thrivent Financial (matching funds) and Kohl's Department Stores (servers and a donation).

We look forward to seeing you next year. If you want to receive advance sale tickets, why not purchase a membership? Then, your tickets will be mailed to your door. Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed this annual event!

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Maple Days set for April 4 & 5

Camp Tuscazoar will host its sixth annual **Maple Days breakfast** on Saturday April 4 and Sunday April 5. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange drink and samples of the camp's maple syrup will be served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the camp's heated dining hall.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under) and will be available from Foundation members or by calling Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386.

Transportation will be provided to and from the parking lot. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends!



Calendars delivered

By now you should have received your 2009 Camp Tuscazoar Calendar of Events. Oops, you say you didn't get one? Well, become a member of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and your calendar will automatically show up in your mailbox. For the price of a membership, why miss important dates? Also, for those of you who received them, please be sure to patronize our advertisers. And, if you know anyone wishing they could be included next year, please let us know.

Start thinking now about your group's '09-'10 camping dates and get them on the Camp Tuscazoar Calendar of Events. The charge is only \$5 per listing and your group can have as many listings as it wants. Maybe someone is going to have a special event such as an Eagle Award. Why not mark the event on our calendar so everyone knows? (Then the next step is to purchase an Eagle Brick for the Moorhead Museum Eagle Walk). We will include an order form in the next issue of the *Breeze*.

Zoarville Station Bridge brings more state-wide recognition

In 2008, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation received special awards for its Zoarville Station Bridge restoration project from two groups.

In February, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio honored the Foundation at its annual awards luncheon in Columbus. Below is a photo of ACEC Ohio President Mitch McCoy (center), with the Foundation's consulting engineer Harry Matter of Civil Design Associates in New Philadelphia (right) and Foundation Project Manager Dave Tschantz. The glass trophy is now on display in the W.C. Moorhead Museum at the camp.



In November, the Foundation was also the recipient of a prestigious Ohio Historic Preservation Office Preservation Merit Award. This award is given by the Ohio Historical Society to organizations and individuals in Ohio who have acted in a significant way to preserve Ohio's prehistory, history, architecture or culture.

Shown here is a photo of Ohio Historical Society Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer William K. Laidlaw, Jr. with Foundation Project Manager Dave Tschantz. This award certificate is also now on display in the museum.



The Ohio Historical Society award is also spelled out in more detail on its website at:

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/programs/ard/2008/ard2008-14.html>

Eight days of Ike was enough

By Dana Powers – Camp Tuscazoar Ranger

By now, everyone knows Ike. When he blew in that September afternoon, the lights went out for eight days. A falling limb - a flash of light - and the power went out. And still the winds blew. Then trees fell and electric wires came down on Boy Scout Road. Power poles broke off and hung from their wires. There they stayed for days as crews worked to restore electricity to thousands of area residents. The entrance to camp was littered with pine trees from Ike's wrath. Not a road in camp was spared. We had plenty of trees and limbs to cut up and drag away. With no power, our stored food was lost. Communications were left to the few older "corded" phones and the ... inter-who with E-what? Tools for the week were water jugs, a generator, mowers for mulching, blowers for debris and CHAIN SAWS of course!

No buildings were lost, save one. The latrine at Arrowhead campsite was turned into splinters by a big Beech trunk. Finally, on Sunday a flurry of tree trimmers from Michigan (fresh from two weeks in the gulf), linemen from Ontario, Canada and others from Indiana and Columbus took turns removing limbs, cutting trees and repairing lines. Around 6 p.m., a squeal of glee was heard as lights came on, the water flowed, toilets flushed and computers buzzed. I'd to offer a special thanks to a Scouter with the crew from south of Columbus for his diligence in getting us back on line. The problem-solving was greatly appreciated. And kudos to the guys who crawled in the briars, cut limbs and dragged wires for their hard work. For eight days, we were a Scout camp where you didn't need electricity to show spirit and determination to get the job done.

Thanks to all! On the trail,

Dana

Plan a reunion at Tuscazoar

"I saw my old Scout buddy in the store yesterday. We talked so long, I was late for work!"

Why wait until a chance meeting at *Dairy Mart*? Gather your friends from Scouting (or family) and bring them to Tuscazoar - the place where so many memories were created. Rent a cabin for the weekend and make an outing out of it. Have a campfire and tell old stories. Pull up a few logs, sit around and enjoy your favorite recipes. Finally, lay down at night exhausted, not from work but from the renewed memories and friendships.

With a reasonably priced Camp Tuscazoar Foundation membership, you can come with your friends for a weekend. Why not rent one of Tuscazoar's lodges? You can have them drop in as time avails them. Is a full weekend too much? Then rent a cabin on a weeknight (maybe your troop's old meeting night). Invite your friends come from 5 p.m. until whenever they have to leave. Plan an old mock meeting; show pictures; have a feast or maybe just snacks.

You won't be the only one participating. "Willie and the poor boys" spent fun evenings at Tuscazoar for more than ten years. Other troops have been having reunions on weekends and weeknights right here at Tuscazoar. Do it fancy or keep it simple. The camp takes reservations up to a year in advance. We'll take your call or email. Visit our website at www.tuscazoar.org for reservation details.

Camp wish list continues to grow

Camp Tuscazoar is always seeking equipment donations. Your assistance with these items would be appreciated!

1. Long or short shovels, spade or flat
2. Leaf and garden rakes
3. Limb loppers with long handles
4. Brooms
5. Nails, nuts, bolts and hangers
6. Copy paper (any size, weight, color)
7. Electric supplies (wire, boxes, etc.)
8. New or good work tools (hammers, screw drivers, wrenches, etc.)
9. Truck & driver to haul gravel to camp
10. Snow plow for parking lot use
11. Bucket skidder (Bobcat)/dozer/back hoe and/or operator for light work
12. Electrician for electrical upgrades
13. In-ground swimming pool
14. Materials to chink and seal wooden logs at Museum and Troop 5 cabin
15. Finish mower and flail for 3 point
16. Wood splitter/chipper/mulcher
17. Router w/operator to make signs
18. Aluminum paint for gates and bunks
19. Covers for foam pads on bunk beds
20. 3-point PTO post hole driller for 2000 Ford camp tractor
21. Ranges, refrigerators and stoves
22. Railroad ties
23. Sandstones
24. Good or new building materials, lumber, masonry, roofing, sheeting
25. Ranger's house storm windows
26. Surveyor to mark property lines
27. Campsite flagpoles & bulletin boards
28. A camp cannon
29. Mason to work on masonry walls
30. Paint for Pioneer Point rocks
31. Short-range AM radio transmitter with digital/ tape deck player (like realtors use)
32. Old camp photos and mementoes
33. Plumbing supplies for showers, sinks and valves
34. Trail and camp site mowers
35. Commercial kitchen equipment (serving ware, utensils)
38. Table saw
39. Propane torch
40. Paint brushes / airless paint sprayer
41. Compressor
42. Bench grinder

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Tuscazoar slide show a Blue & Gold option

We continue to receive requests to present the Camp Tuscazoar slide show at scout meetings, Lion's Club meetings, and other group events. Why not schedule a showing for your Cub Scout Blue & Gold banquet or crossover ceremony this year? This 20-minute program offers a look back at Tuscazoar's storied history and includes dozens of rare and outstanding photos. If your group is interested in seeing this presentation, please contact the camp and request a showing well in advance of your event. A donation for this free showing would be appreciated to help cover our costs. "We will take the memories with us!"

Coming Events:

Feb. 1	CTF Board Meeting
March 1	CTF Board Meeting
April 4 & 5	Maple Days Breakfast
April 5	CTF Board Meeting
May 1-3	Dover Dam Weekend
May 3	CTF Board Meeting
June 7	CTF Board Meeting

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

Chuck Moyer
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Ray Janson
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Nancy Schoenbaum
In memory of George "Bud" Casper

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!

Museum volunteers needed

Want to get out of the house and be with people? Want to be close to the outdoors? Great! We need folks age 25 and up in the W.C. Moorhead Museum. The museum collects and exhibits photographs, books, uniforms, artifacts and other objects depicting the history of Camp Tuscazoar and area scouting. Set your own time on Friday, Saturday or Sunday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Come for an hour, come for an afternoon, or come for a morning to watch the museum as visitors come and go. There is rarely a crowd. Pass on your stories and meet old friends and make new ones. You are entrusted with the safety and care of the artifacts of the museum. Dust or clean only if you want. We will open and close for you. Now that you're interested, CALL TODAY at 330-859-2288 (Ranger) or 330-493-1386 (Nancy) to set up a time! We'll be glad to show you the ropes.