

## Headlines from the hills

Preparations are underway for the upcoming **maple syrup** season. Work days will be held on Saturdays from now on. Whether running sap lines, constructing platforms or cleaning tanks, we have a job for you! Please make plans to help us out.

Unfortunately, someone cut the cable holding the U.S. flag at **Pioneer Point**. We need someone with great climbing skills to shinny up the flagpole and run a rope through the eyelet to replace the cable. If you can help, please let Dan or Dana know...and thank you!

By now, you should have received your **2010 Camp Tuscazoar Events Calendar**. You didn't get one? Well, join the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and a calendar will automatically show up in your mailbox. For the price of a membership, you can make certain you don't miss important dates. Please continue to patronize our advertisers. If someone mentions that they want to advertise next year, let us know.

## Land purchase will expand Camp Tuscazoar boundary

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has purchased another 82.7 acres south of the original camp. This purchase was made possible by a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund's Green Space Conservation Program and assistance from The Wilderness Center in Wilmot.

"We are extremely grateful to The Wilderness Center and to the District 14 Natural Resources Assistance Council, who awarded the Clean Ohio Fund grant, for their willingness to assist us," said Bob Spencer, president of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation. "Without their contributions, our recent historic land acquisitions would not have been possible. This purchase will further preserve our secluded atmosphere and will hopefully offer additional recreational opportunities for our visitors as well."

Several options are being considered to best use this property, which, for now, is not open to camp visitors.

## 20<sup>th</sup> pig roast a big success

Camp Tuscazoar's 20th anniversary Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend is now in the books. With the wonderful weather, delicious food and foot-stomping entertainment, a great time was had by all. Our Pig Gig Weekend saw many Scouts earn Law Merit Badge. They also heard from one of our nation's most prominent lawyers: Abraham Lincoln. A clear night made the songs and skits around the campfire very special, and the program ended most thoughtfully as President Lincoln recited the Gettysburg Address.

Nearly 600 people attended the Pig Roast. The sounds of "Dulcimers and Such" were enjoyed by Saturday's visitors. On Sunday, "Friends" played toe-tapping favorites. We netted almost \$7,000 for camp upkeep! This amount was made possible through increased ticket sales, generous donations by local businesses and wonderful donations from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (matching funds) and Kohl's Department Store (servers and a donation).

Congratulations to our raffle winners. Todd Lehigh took home the Pig quilt, John Ross won the 50/50 raffle and Carol Snider and Marge Auman won \$50 Gift Certificates from Buehlers Market.

Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed this annual event! Please mark your calendar for next year's weekend. If you want to receive advance sale tickets, why not purchase a membership in the Foundation? Your tickets will be mailed to your door. How much easier could life be? We look forward to seeing you next year!



*Attorney Charles Ringer leads a Law Merit Badge discussion*

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

## Icky's Point of Interest



### Dan Beard Lodge

Built in the 1940's, this cabin was originally known as Hoover Lodge. The name was changed to Dan Beard Lodge in 1949 to honor Daniel Carter Beard, one of the first National Scout Commissioners of the Boy Scouts of America. Beard was a key figure in establishing the traditional Scouting movement. Over the years, Dan Beard Lodge served as a camp office, first aid station and handicraft lodge. Sadly, rot and deterioration took their toll and the building had to be razed in 1990.

## Camp Tuscazoar

# MAPLE DAYS

April 10 & 11  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Maple Days set for April 10 & 11, 2010

Camp Tuscazoar will host its sixth annual **Maple Days breakfast** on Saturday April 10 and Sunday April 11. This is always a great opportunity to get outdoors again after a long winter.

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. Invite your friends. We'll see you there!

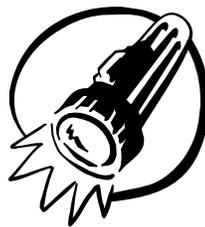
## Under the flashlight!

Spotlighting groups that feature Camp Tuscazoar on their website

Group: **Ohio & Erie Canalway**

Website:

[http://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com/Attractions/Camp%20Tuscazoar%20\(1\).aspx](http://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com/Attractions/Camp%20Tuscazoar%20(1).aspx)



We recently found this item posted on their website:

### **ATTRACTION: CAMP TUSCAZOAR**

*Originally established as a Boy Scout Camp with over 500 acres of forests and valleys on the Tuscarawas River, Camp Tuscazoar is now open to the public daily for hiking. The beautiful hiking areas are perfect for families, individuals, and youth groups. Animals, equestrians, and bicycles are allowed under policy rules. Overnight stays for members and youth groups within policies.*

Our thanks to Ohio & Erie Canalway for helping to keep the spirit burning! And if we're mentioned on your group's site, let us know.

## More fun at Flapjack Flip, Spooktoberfest

Another wonderful fall weekend was enjoyed by all the participants of the Spooktoberfest, held at Tuscazoar the first weekend in October. More than 100 scouts camped and had a fun-filled weekend that included games, hikes, relay-races, a hayride and even "Trick or Treating".

The Fall Flapjack Flip, held that same weekend, saw almost 200 folks venture into the woods to enjoy a great meal of pancakes and Tuscazoar maple syrup. The event was a success in that over \$1500 was raised for the ongoing expenses in keeping the camp operating.

These same events will be held the first weekend in October (Oct. 1-3) in 2010. Mark your group calendars now.

# Camp mineral rights secured

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation recently acquired most of the mineral rights under the camp. Twenty years ago, Foundation attorney Dave Tschantz began examining the deeds for the original camp property. Several of these deeds contained reservations for certain mineral rights. However, the rights reserved in those deeds varied. For example, the rights reserved in the deed given by John L. Lab to the McKinley Area Council, BSA in 1928 for 81 acres (containing the ranger's house, parking lot and Starvation Gulch) reserved all mineral rights to the Tuscarawas Coal & Iron Company. The deed given to the council by George W. Markley in 1937 for 336 acres (all the land south of Keppler Lodge) reserved oil and gas rights to the Tuscarawas Mineral Land Company.

Further research disclosed that the Tuscarawas Coal & Iron Company had been dissolved, but that its assets, including its mineral rights interests, were conveyed to the Tuscarawas Mineral Land Company in 1908. The Tuscarawas Mineral Land Company was also shut down and its assets, including all the mineral rights interests, were conveyed to its president, George W. Markley, in 1931. This also applied to the deed given to the scouts in 1937. Thus, all mineral rights interests under the camp ended up in the hands of Mr. Markley by 1937.

Eventually, Mr. Markley formed a trust to benefit his heirs, and all these rights were included in that trust, which was administered by the Reeves Bank, now the Huntington Trust Company, in Dover.

The Foundation contacted the Huntington Trust Company to discuss options for conveying these rights to the Foundation. These discussions began in 1991 after Mr. and Mrs. Kimble donated 110 acres of the camp to the Foundation. Recently, the following arrangement was finalized: the Trust would accept a \$5,000 donation by Mrs. Kimble for the oil and gas rights south of Keppler Lodge, and another \$5,000 to be paid by the Foundation out of timber sales, for all the mineral rights, except the oil and gas, in several areas of the northern part of the camp. An independent evaluation, the cost of which was also donated, verified

# Keppler Lodge painting returns to Camp Tuscazoar

*The afternoon sun shimmers across the placid lake. On the far shore, a wooden lodge stands nestled within a grove of tall, spindly pines. Nearby, a row of tents lie waiting for their scouts, who have left for a day of outdoor adventure...*

Fifty-six years ago, Mrs. Charles Ridenbaugh donated a large painting to hang above the fireplace in the brand-new Keppler Lodge (photo at right). The painting hung in Keppler Lodge for more than 30 years, until it disappeared in the 1980's. However, in September, the painting was returned to the camp during a ceremony at the Pig Roast. The painting will be cleaned and displayed in the W.C. Moorhead Museum.



A newspaper story described the Keppler Lodge dedication ceremony on June 7, 1953:

"Dedication services were held at Camp Tuscazoar by McKinley area scouts yesterday for the Homer Keppler Memorial Lodge. Nearly 200 present heard an address by the Rev. Harold Braun of the St. Peters Episcopal Church of Lakewood... As part of the ceremonies a painting by Mrs. Charles Ridenbaugh... daughter of the late Mr. Keppler, was presented to the lodge by members of the family. The painting was reproduced from a color slide made by Mr. Keppler at the old Massillon area camp at turkey foot."

that the coal alone in that area was worth over \$200,000 in royalties to the owner of the mineral rights. Thus, the Foundation would have to pay something for those rights - an outright donation was not possible for the Trust. Because this area includes Pioneer Point and the OA and Pipestone circles, the Foundation cannot recover the coal. This purchase protects the camp from future mining that would destroy the beauty of the Netawatwes Valley and Pioneer Point.

With this purchase completed, the only mineral rights under the camp still not in Foundation hands are oil and gas rights under Pioneer Point and the parking lot/museum/Ranger's house area. Those rights are under lease and the Trust is receiving royalties from the production of several gas wells near the camp. Since those royalties are significant, the Trust is unable to donate them to the Foundation, and the Foundation cannot afford to purchase them, so these rights will remain in the hands of the Trust for now.

Our thanks to the Kimble family for their generosity in obtaining these rights to protect the camp; Buckeye Mineral Services, Inc. for donating the evaluation of the minerals under the northern part of the camp; and the Huntington Trust Company for their patience, cooperation and willingness to put this conveyance together.

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## Consider Tuscazoar items this Christmas

Now is the time to think about your Christmas shopping this year. Would the Scouter in your life love a bottle of Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup? Bottles can be purchased in a gift basket or in a Christmas bag suitable for gift giving.

Also, a new special has just been added. Since we will mark our 90th anniversary celebration with a special series of camp patches next year, now is the time to add the entire 75th anniversary Camp Tuscazoar patch set to your collection. This framed set will be on sale only during 2010 for a LOW price of \$15 each. Give us a call and place your order as there is a limited supply of this item.

## Coming Events:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan. 10                  | CTF Board Meeting           |
| Feb. 7                   | CTF Board Meeting           |
| March 7                  | CTF Board Meeting           |
| <b>April 10 &amp; 11</b> | <b>Tuscazoar Maple Days</b> |
| April 11                 | CTF Board Meeting           |
| <b>Apr 30, May 1-2</b>   | <b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>    |
| May 2                    | CTF Board Meeting           |

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## 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 Leonard W. Snyder

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eugene Jester             | Larry and Marilyn Mundorf |
| Walt and Joann Linhart    | Dave and Donna McDaniel   |
| The Robert Haney Family   | Mr. George Haney          |
| Richard and Laura Whinery |                           |

*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!*

## New area created near Kimble Hall for commemorative bricks

The front of the camp dining hall, Kimble Hall, has been reworked and the existing commemorative bricks have been re-installed. Space is now available for many new commemorative bricks.

If you would like to purchase a brick to honor an individual or commemorate an event, please use our Buy-A-Brick brochure. A copy of the Buy-A-Brick brochure can be viewed on the camp website at [http://www.tuscazoar.org/Buy\\_a\\_Brick\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.tuscazoar.org/Buy_a_Brick_brochure.pdf). Your contribution of \$30 per brick will provide much-needed funds for Camp Tuscazoar's camping facilities...and your name will be permanently etched on your very own brick.

Our thanks to those who donated materials and labor for this project. If you have a tamper that we could use to finish the project, please let us know.