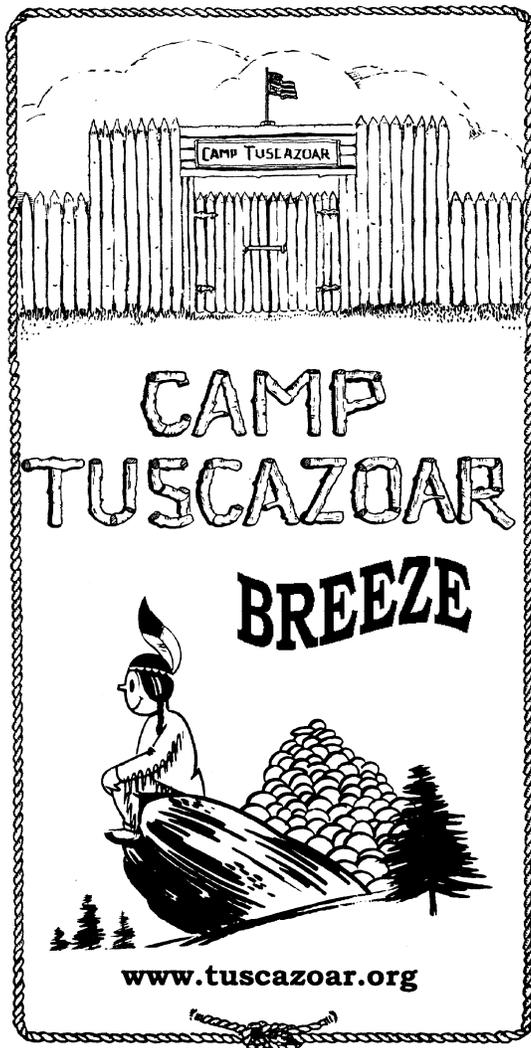
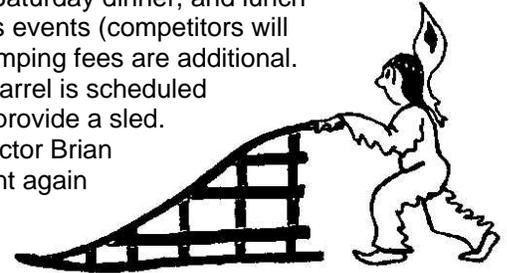


Gold Rush competition scheduled for Jan. 25-27

Competitors will once again be asked to do their best as fast as they can as Camp Tuscazoar hosts its annual Gold Rush Competition on January 25-27. This event is open to any group that wants to join in. Units will follow the Tuscazoar Gold Rush trail and stop at cities along the way. At each city, they will earn golden nuggets by completing a task using an outdoor skill. HINT: A wealth of outdoor knowledge will certainly assist groups in obtaining a good time for their scorecard. Keep in mind that having the skill to work together might help just as well. A Saturday evening auction will give competitors the opportunity to trade their nuggets for valuable prizes. The museum will be open Friday night for registration and check-in until 9:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and the competition will kick off at 9 a.m. The \$18 per person registration fee includes an event patch, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday dinner, and lunch for adults during Saturday's events (competitors will cook chili on the trail.) Camping fees are additional. A Friday evening cracker-barrel is scheduled as well. Each group must provide a sled.

Our thanks to program director Brian Quinn for planning the event again this year. Due to limited parking at camp, please plan to car pool if possible. To register or to learn more, contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or via email at info@tuscazoar.org.



Headlines from the hills

Our **Fall Flapjack Flip** began with rain but the skies cleared and more than 250 hungry folks joined us for this year's event. We had two wonderful days with a surprise visit by one attendee who camped in the 1920's and two others who camped in the 1950's. What a joy to see them revisit our camp. We have all said, "This is why we are here!" Once again, a fall orienteering event was held in conjunction with the Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club (NEOOC). This two-day event offered cross country and score courses for our visitors.

By now, you should have received your **2013 Camp Tuscazoar Events Calendar**. No? Well, join the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and a calendar will 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.

Camp completes acquisition of Ohio Edison land tract

With the cooperation of FirstEnergy Corporation, the parent company of Ohio Edison, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has acquired a five acre tract owned by Ohio Edison situated adjacent to camp property south of the power lines and west of the Dessecker Farm property. The opportunity for this purchase and addition to the camp occurred when the Foundation approached FirstEnergy with a proposal to trade a permanent right-of-way over the former Dessecker Farm and historic camp property in exchange for a conveyance of the small piece of land.

FirstEnergy originally acquired the five acre tract from camp neighbor Margaret Bowden in 1944, along with a right-of-way of 30 feet width from Boy Scout Road back through camp property so it could service its power lines. However, research disclosed that the right-of-way was potentially of an unspecified width so, in order to have the right-of-way properly defined and recorded in the county records, FirstEnergy indicated a willingness to trade the 5 acres.

With this acquisition, the acreage owned outright by the Foundation has now grown to a total of 570 acres, and the Foundation has permission to use an additional 106 adjacent acres.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

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Stone Memorial Lodge

The Stone Memorial Lodge was built in 1978 with funds donated by the Stone Family of Zoarville who are descendants of the original Zoar Separatists. Located across Boy Scout Road near the camp entrance, the lodge was originally designed to serve as a training facility. The lodge and surrounding land was reacquired by the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation in 2006 as part of a 241-acre purchase. The facilities include a kitchen, flush toilet, shower, furnace and a large fireplace. The Stone Lodge also offers a raised outdoor cooking area and a campfire circle at the field edge. The activity field in front can accommodate a large number of tents.

Pig weekend raises funds for camp

Camp Tuscazoar's 23rd Annual Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend is in the books and, despite the rain that falls at any Tuscazoar event, the sun began to shine and the delicious food and foot-stomping entertainment made for a fun time for all.

Our Pig Gig Campout featured Chemistry Merit badge. More than 225 scouts and leaders learned, listened and blew up things all over the camp. A rousing campfire finished the events and many positive comments were received. We plan to offer a merit badge next year, so stay tuned.

The Pig Roast was attended by more than 500 people. We enjoyed the sounds of "Dulcimers and Such" on Saturday and Sunday's entertainment "Sugar creek Limited" brought back lots of toe-tapping favorites. We netted over \$7,000 for camp upkeep. This amount was made possible through ticket sales, generous donations by local businesses such as the Amish Door, Bolivar Giant Eagle, Buehlers in Dover, Canton Hometown Market, Crossroads Market, Dover Giant Eagle, Dutch Valley Restaurant, Littys Cakes, Molesky's Farm Market, Wal-Mart and a wonderful donation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, who provided matching funds. Also, the Kohl's Department Store in New Philadelphia sent five employees from their "Kohl's Cares for Kids" program to assist us. In addition, the camp will receive a \$500 grant from the Kohl's company.

Please thank these local businesses for their generous donations. And, if you have a need, please support them as they have supported us!

We also congratulate those who won the door prizes provided by several of our members. We are blessed to have their support in our efforts.

We look forward to next year and certainly hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you want to make sure you receive advance sale tickets, why not purchase a membership? Your tickets will be mailed to your door. How much easier could life be? Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed this annual event! See you next year. OINK! OINK!

Maple Days set for March 23 & 24

Camp Tuscazoar will host its ninth annual **Maple Days breakfast** on Saturday March 23 and Sunday March 24. This is 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!

Dates announced for 2013 events

Be sure to mark your calendars for these events next year:

Camp Tuscazoar Gold Rush	Jan 25-27, 2013
Tuscazoar Maple Days	March 23 & 24, 2013
Dover Dam Weekend.....	May 3-5, 2013
Pig Gig Weekend.....	Sept. 6-8, 2013
Pig Roast Fundraiser	Sept. 7 & 8, 2013
Fall Flapjack Flip	Oct. 5-6, 2013

Effort underway to replace roof on camp's Stone Lodge

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, which owns and operates Camp Tuscazoar, would like to reach out to our members, friends and neighbors for an urgent project that must be addressed.

The Stone Memorial Lodge, which was built in 1978 with funds donated by the Stone Family of Zoarville, needs a new roof. Because this building has been the site of many events for Scouts and other local groups, we are hoping that you will see the benefit of assisting us with this project. Our camp usage has steadily increased and many more outside groups are using our facilities- especially this building.

We would like to install a steel roof for this project and also hope to change the pitch of the flat roof over the kitchen to eliminate water collection in this area. As a non-profit organization, we have received five quotes that vary from \$12,000 to \$28,000 for this work. We would love to use volunteers for this project but the difficulty of re-shingling this type of roof would be too dangerous for us to tackle on our own.

We hope that you will find this project worthy of your support. We have applied for several grants to assist our fundraising efforts for this project. We are also seeking direct donations from our members and supporters by selling "Bundles of Shingles" for a donation of \$25. Even small donations are welcome. Every dollar puts us closer to our goal. If you wish to take advantage of the opportunity to restore this building for use by area children and adults, please send a check to the following address and indicate that it is for the Stone Roof Project.

Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 308
Zoarville, OH 44656-0308

With the end of the year approaching, this would be a wonderful tax donation for your 2012 taxes.

As always, we want to express our thanks to our many friends who have supported this camp for the past 92 years. We look forward to your continued enjoyment of the beauty that Camp Tuscazoar has to offer.

Plenty of firewood available for campers and members

The storms that have blown through Ohio in the past couple of years have dropped many trees in our woods. As a result, we have plenty of firewood available for those who are camping at Tuscazoar. We would encourage campers to bring a chainsaw and help us clear our roads and the forest floor. We do ask that you only allow adults to use the chainsaw. We would also ask that you leave a one-day supply of wood for the next group that is coming to camp. We might even be able to provide a log splitter for your use during your stay. If you are a member of the Foundation, you may also cut and haul away wood for your own personal use. Please check with the Camp Ranger before cutting and follow proper safety procedures.

Projects improve Eagle walk, campsites, trails and cabins

If you've visited the camp lately, you may have noticed the construction in front of the Moorhead Museum. An Eagle Scout candidate is extending our Eagle walk. Now we will be able to include more Eagle Bricks. (Hint - what a great Christmas present this would be for your Eagle Scout). To purchase an Eagle brick, visit <http://www.tuscazoar.org/eaglebricks.htm>.

In October, American Hiking Society volunteers arrived to assist us. In only four days, our new friends cleared a trail from the museum to Pioneer Point and from the Point along Boy Scout Road back to the proposed new master trailhead. They also they cleared the existing intersecting trails onto the upper railroad bed and diverted a trail below the Maple Syrup equipment. Eager for more work, they cleared more of our new Rattlesnake Ridge campsite and opened a new campsite (both located on the southern end of camp property) east of Buzzard's Roost at the highest elevation on the original camp property. The name of this new campsite? Hiker's Hill!

We also have an Eagle Scout candidate constructing new bunks for the upper and lower floors of Belcher Lodge. These new bunks will increase the cabin capacity to 16 per floor. We are grateful to all those who have donated time and talents to improving our camp.



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Consider Tuscazoar items this Christmas

The time has come to think about Christmas shopping once again. Would the scouter in your life love a bottle of CTF Maple Syrup? They can come in a gift basket or in a Christmas bag suitable for gift giving. The museum/gift shop is staffed on Saturday's from noon to 2 p.m., so stop in and shop or visit with our dedicated volunteers- Duane Zutavern and Dick McLinden. We will also have all other camp items available such as shirts, hats, patches, hiking medallions, camp song CDs, etc. Check out our website and give us a call.

Coming Events:

Jan. 6	CTF Board Meeting
Jan. 25-27	Gold Rush Competition
Feb. 3	CTF Board Meeting
March 3	CTF Board Meeting
Mar 23 & 24	Tuscazoar Maple Days
April 7	CTF Board Meeting
May 3-5	Dover Dam Weekend
May 5	CTF Board Meeting

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Trading post items support restoration of 1926 film

The first of several new camp history DVD and photo projects is now available through our online trading post. A donation for one or more of these projects will help support the restoration of a 1926 film shot at Camp Tuscazoar. The DVD entitled **Summer Camp Staffs of the Buckeye Council: A Legacy of Service**, which is available for a \$10 donation, provides a look back at the summer camp staffs that have served at Camp Tuscazoar, Camp Buckeye and Seven Ranges Scout Reservation from the 1920s to 2005. The **C. Bernard Myers Last Vespers CD** records Bernie's last vespers talk in 2003 and is also available for a \$10 donation. Visit <http://www.tuscazoar.org/SupportCampTuscazoar2.htm> for these and other items.

Time to renew memberships in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation

If you haven't renewed your membership in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) for 2013, now is the time. Returning your membership form will save us the time and expense of contacting you by mail, and your annual dues will help keep the camp open and operating. Every dollar counts! The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is always seeking new members and we encourage you to join our efforts to preserve and improve our camp. Membership in the CTF offers more than just an opportunity to support our camp financially. Members in good standing can also camp at Tuscazoar. Both cabins and tent sites can be reserved at the camp's standard camping rate for Foundation members and their immediate family. For full details, consult the Foundation's camping policies. The CTF is an Ohio nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving Camp Tuscazoar for future generations of youth. Please consider becoming a member of the Foundation. Camp Tuscazoar needs your help!