

Gold Rush competition scheduled for Jan. 24-26

In a world run amuck, the rules haven't changed. But, the way we handle them might have to! During the 2013 Gold Rush an item was brought to camp that may have brought the Apocalypse to Tuscazoar. The only way to prepare for this is to "Be Prepared"!

The 2014 Gold Rush at Camp Tuscazoar on Jan. 24-26 will once again require the use of SKILL + ENDURANCE + STRATEGY and LUCK to determine an overall winner for the competition. Competitors must be prepared to do their best as fast as they can. 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 until 9:30 p.m. Friday night for registration and check-in. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and the competition will kick off at 9 a.m. The \$20 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, but all tent sites are free. A Friday evening cracker-barrel is scheduled as well. Each group must provide a sled. A complete list of equipment is posted on the Camp Tuscazoar website at <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2014grpge.html>.

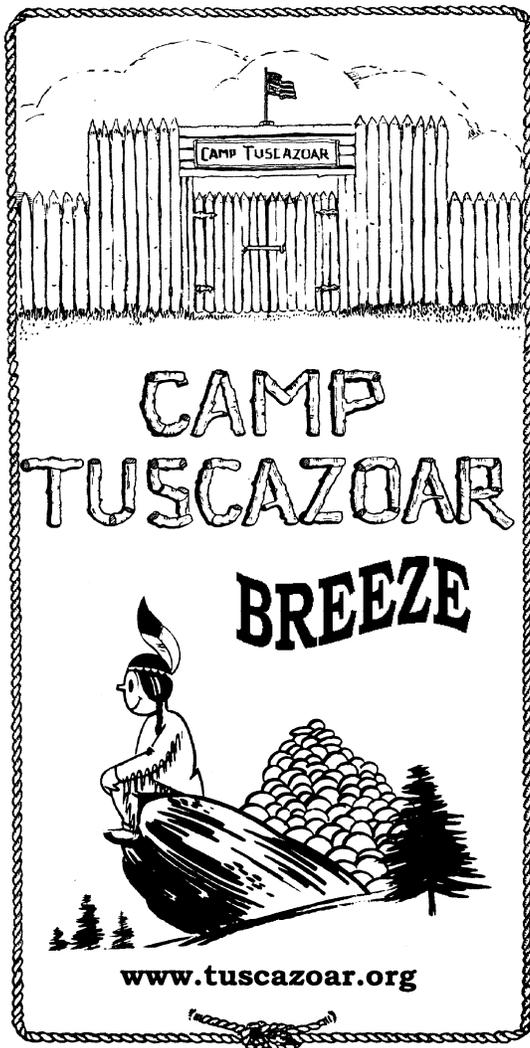
Our thanks to Brian Quinn for planning the event again this year. Due to limited parking at camp, please plan to car pool if possible. To register or to learn more, contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or via email at info@tuscazoar.org.

Dates posted for 2014 events

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has begun planning for 2014. Be sure to mark your calendars for these events:

Camp Tuscazoar Gold Rush	Jan 24-26, 2014
Tuscazoar Maple Days	March 15 & 16, 2014
Dover Dam Weekend.....	May 2-4, 2014
Pig Gig Weekend	Sept. 5-7, 2014
Pig Roast Fundraiser	Sept. 6 & 7, 2014
Fall Flapjack Flip	Oct. 11 & 12, 2014
Spooktoberfest.....	Oct. 10-12, 2014
CTF Annual Meeting	Oct. 5, 2014

As we plan, we would appreciate feedback from those who have attended our previous events. We can't improve if we don't know. Please email us at info@tuscazoar.org and let us know what we can do to improve your experience. If you have a suggestion for registration, crackerbarrels, program, food, check-in or check-out or anything else we can do, please let us know. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.



Fun, rain at fall events

Our **Fall Events Weekend** Oct. 4-6 offered a few heavy downpours but the skies cleared periodically and more than 250 visitors joined in the fun. The pancakes, sausage and syrup were delicious at the **Fall Flapjack Flip** and the camp was filled with zombies for the **Spooktoberfest**. Friday night's showing of "I Am Legend" left everyone a little jumpy! Saturday's chili cook-off was won by Troop 42 of North Canton, while Troop 935 of Jackson Twp. finished a close second. All of the entries were delicious. Unfortunately, a downpour put a damper on the haunted hayride.

Once again, the Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club (NEOOC) held their **NE Ohio Scout Orienteering Championships** this weekend as well. This event offered a variety of cross country and score courses. The courses had participants criss-crossing the camp searching for "controls". A good time was certainly had by all.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

The bee tree

By Michael Bernhardt

Have you ever felt that you didn't have to do something because the person, place, or thing will be there tomorrow or the next day and you can get caught up then? Sure – that is only human nature and we all do it. But sometimes tomorrow does come and that person, place or thing is gone. I find that to be true for myself. So, here we go again, back to the late 1950's.

A few years ago, I started coming back to "The Camp" (Tuscazoar) to hike around. One of the first places I went was the Pioneer Area. It's not called that today. It is the grass area by Keppler Lodge. I remember walking past 3 Legs excited that I would soon visit my old camping area. I could see the open area just ahead and as I walked into the grass I found absolutely nothing. Harry Houdini had gotten there first and made everything disappear. None of the adirondack cabins were there. There were 9 of them originally. Where was the flag pole? Why, they even took out the old latrine. The only thing there was Keppler Lodge. Then it hit me...where was the "Bee Tree"? An item that gave so many boys endless hours of curiosity and entertainment was missing.

That tree was just the best. It had a split in the center of its trunk and the bees found it the perfect place to build a hive. A pole fence with cross bucks was erected around the tree to keep you back far enough as not to get stung. I think the bees got accustomed to people hanging on it and watching. As I remember, nobody ever got stung. It was a great nature study.

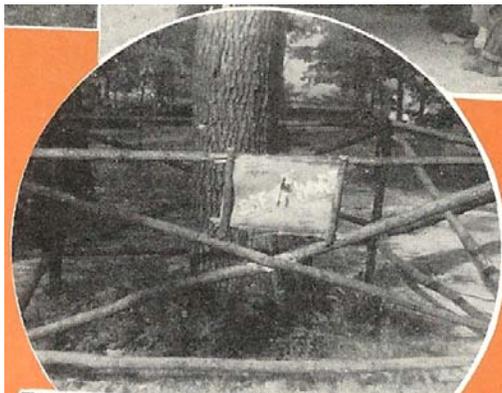
Now you may say, "What's so great about that?" Well, do you have one in your backyard? It was cool to watch those busy little bees buzzing in and out, working so hard, and to be able to be so close to them safely.

One day a large number of guys were hanging around the fence, so I went over to look. I soon spotted the cause of the problem. A rather large black snake had crawled up into the hive. He must have been there for a sweet treat. His head and about one foot of his body was sticking out of the crack with the rest of him inside the tree. The bees were going crazy trying to get him out, with no success. Their stingers couldn't penetrate his armor plated scales. Even a bee has to recognize his

limitations.

Well, those days are gone and so is the tree. Now it looks like it is our job to keep our eyes open and spot the next curiosity that nature reveals to us down here at "The Camp".

Scoop



Bee tree photo provided by Dana Powers

Disabilities Awareness to be offered at DDW

Persons with disabilities are our neighbors, our classmates, our family members, and sometimes, us. Yet, we're not always sure how to react to those disabilities, perhaps unsure of how to address, or when appropriate, ignore them. In Disabilities Awareness, we gain a better understanding of the impediments the world may place before persons with disabilities, how they deal with those impediments, and how we can do a better job of not being an additional barrier. The merit badge, belt loop and pin can be earned at this year's Dover Dam Weekend, May 2-4.

Dover Dam Weekend will also include a tour of the Dover Dam, a patch, a fine Saturday meal and a rousing campfire.

For details, check the Camp Tuscazoar website at www.tuscazoar.org after December 1, 2013. Pre-registration will be required, so register early.

2014 calendars arrive

By now, you should have received your 2014 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. Also, please continue to patronize our advertisers. If someone mentions that they want to advertise next year, let us know.



In September, Troop 935 of Jackson Twp. replaced a foot bridge near Troop 5 Cabin.

Scouting, camp lose Dan Cheezan

Daniel C. Cheezan, Jr., age 55 of Canton, passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 21 at Alliance Community Hospital. A life resident of the Canton area, Dan was a member of St. Louis Catholic Parish and a 1977 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School. He was employed with the Boy Scouts of America Buckeye Council. Dan was active in scouting for 45 years in many capacities, serving on many committees and as a summer camp staffer, Scoutmaster and Campmaster. He earned the Eagle Scout Award, 5th year Pipestone and Order of the Arrow. Dan was a good hearted, friendly man who loved his family and was happiest doing things with them.

Dan served for several years as a Trustee/Director and as a Campmaster for the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, July 26 at St. Louis Catholic Parish. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America Buckeye Council.

Eagle walk expands

In case you haven't stopped by the camp lately and seen the construction going on in front of the Moorhead Museum, an Eagle Scout candidate is expanding the walk, which will enable us to have even more Eagle Bricks installed. Just a hint- what a great Christmas present this would be for your Eagle. By buying a brick, you can make a contribution for reconstruction, repair and improvement projects at Camp Tuscazoar while ensuring that your gift will not be forgotten. Your contribution of \$30 per brick will provide much-needed funds for Camp Tuscazoar's facilities. For information, or to print an order form, visit: <http://www.tuscazoar.org/eaglebricks.html>.

Maple help needed

We are seeking volunteers to help with our maple syrup operation on Saturdays from now until the end of March. We have many Scouts that will be assisting with brush removal in the camp's sugar bush, but adult supervision is needed. If you can lend a hand, please contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or via email at info@tuscazoar.org. Thank you!

Former Foundation director James Kardos passes away

James W. Kardos passed away Aug. 17, 2013, at the age of 81. He was born Dec. 26, 1931, in Cleveland, the oldest son of James Emry Kardos and Caroline Mata Berg. He had a rare inherited neurological disorder called ataxia, diagnosed in 1959. He was a life member of the National Ataxia Foundation, an Eagle Scout and served on the staff at Camp Tuscazoar. After it closed in 1988, Jim helped the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation reopen the camp, and served for many years on the board as Trustee/Director. Although ataxia forced him to resign this position, he retained his membership in the Foundation.

Prior to ataxia complications, Jim was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, 447th Military Government Company. He last worked in 1982 as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. He graduated from Wooster High School in 1949, The College of Wooster with a B.A. in 1953, and Kent State University with a M.A. in 1963. He was also a volunteer income tax preparer for the elderly. He was a life member of the National Rehabilitation Assoc., The Public Employees Retirement System and The United Methodist Scouters Assoc. Jim also belonged to The Stark County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. He attended Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton since 1967, where he served as chairman of the official board, trustee, church and society chairman, Boy Scout Troop Committeeman and Merit Badge Counselor. He was on the General (national) Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the United Methodist Church and served as president of the statewide Center for Persons with Disabilities in the Life of the Church.

A memorial service was held Aug. 23 at Faith United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The National Ataxia Foundation or the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation.

Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

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

Matt Molesky - Life membership
Sam Warther - Life Membership
Matt McGraw - Life Membership
Jeff Agnone - Life Membership
Andrew Bentz - Life Membership

Nancy Schoenbaum- In memory of Zutie and Jim Kardos
BSA Troop 12 - In memory of James Kardos
Joyce Bihary - In memory of Duane Zutavern
Dwight Kline - In memory of Robert Kline

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!

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Think Tuscazoar for your Christmas gifts

Now is the time to think about your Christmas shopping. Won't the scouter in your life love a bottle of our maple syrup? We offer maple syrup gift baskets that can be purchased by contacting the camp. We do have the museum/gift shop staffed on Saturday's from noon to 2 p.m., so stop in and shop or visit with our dedicated volunteers - Karl Hermann and Dick McLinden. (Careful- they will talk your leg off!) We also have many other camp items available such as shirts, hats, CDs, DVDs, hiking medallions, patches, etc. Check out our website and give us a call.

Coming Events:

Jan. 5	CTF Board Meeting
Jan. 24-26	Gold Rush Competition
Feb. 2	CTF Board Meeting
March 2	CTF Board Meeting
Mar 15 & 16	Tuscazoar Maple Days
April 6	CTF Board Meeting
May 2-4	Dover Dam Weekend
May 4	CTF Board Meeting

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Pig Weekend draws a crowd

Camp Tuscazoar's annual Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend is now in the books and for a change we had sunshine and smiles from all who attended. The delicious food and delightful entertainment made for a great time for all in attendance.

Our Pig Gig Weekend featured Radio Merit Badge. More than 150 scouts and leaders learned about communication before cell phones and Ipads. A fun campfire concluded the day's events and many nice comments were received. Plans are in the works to offer Wilderness Survival Merit Badge next year, so stay tuned.

The Pig Roast was again attended by over 600 people. The sounds of "Dulcimers and Such" entertained Saturday's visitors. We are pleased to report that we netted over \$7,500 for camp upkeep! This amount was made possible through ticket sales and generous donations by many local businesses such as Amish Door, Bolivar Giant Eagle, Buehlers in Dover, Canton Hometown Market, the Crossroads Market, Dover Giant Eagle, Dutch Valley Restaurant, Littys Cakes, Klingstedts Printing, Molesky's Farm Market and Walmart with a matching donation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thankfully, Kohl's Department Store in New Philadelphia sent six employees from their Kohl's Cares for Kids program to assist. In addition, the camp will receive a \$500 grant from the Kohls Company. Please support these local businesses and thank them for their generous donations. If you have a need, please consider the above and support them as they have supported us!

Next year is the 25th anniversary of our Pig Roast. To say "we've come a long way" is putting it mildly. At our first roast, we boiled water over an open fire to wash dishes! If you have Pig pics from years past, please mail or email them to us for a special program we are preparing. Mark your calendars for next year's event and plan to attend. To make sure you receive advance sale tickets, why not purchase a membership and your tickets will be mailed to your door? Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed this annual event. See you next year. OINK! OINK!