



Kohl's helps boost Flapjack Flip profits

The Fall Flapjack Flip saw sunny skies and more than 500 folks enjoying the fall colors at the camp. Lots of syrup was sold to keep everyone stocked up until spring. We were again fortunate to have the volunteers from Kohl's join us in helping serve those great hotcakes. The best part this year was a special award from the Kohl's Company. We usually receive a \$500 grant when they come but this fall the grant was increased to \$1,500 each day! What a blessing for the camp! Please be sure if you shop at Kohl's in New Philadelphia and thank them for all they have done and continue to do for our camp.

We also had over 100 campers enjoying the various Spooktoberfest activities. We look forward to seeing everyone in the spring for our Maple Days event and a new year of syrup production.

Join "The Rush" on Jan. 28 at our annual Gold Rush

Another "Gold Rush" happening will occur on January 28 at Camp Tuscazoar. The past three years of Gold Rushing showed us a theme and a storyline and challenges to follow along with it all. Not so this time around. The "Gold Rush" for 2017 comes to you without a theme, or storyline, or anything like that actually... just the thrill and competitiveness of experiencing "The Rush" and possibly winning the coveted pans for the weekend event.

But don't think for an instant that the competition or challenges will be any less difficult just because it's only a "Gold Rush". Only a gold rush.....like prospectors back in the day ever said, "It's only a piece of gold." I doubt it. If your group is up for a competition like so many of you have been in the past, give it your best shot and see how you do. The quest to obtain gold nuggets will still be there and the challenges might prove to be more difficult than past "Rushes"!

Some subtle changes will occur for event aficionados, to encourage everyone to bring their best game to the competition. However, as always, time is a factor and factoring in nuggets with it will show us who prevails as the ones who truly felt and conquered the challenges brought forth by "The Rush". The weather is always a mystery until the actual weekend, but bring your sleds and your ambitions for having a good time, and let's see what stories we can take home with us about being at our own gold rush of the times.

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. and is open to any group.

The cost is \$20 per participant, which covers all trail-side stations, Saturday night auction, Saturday breakfast and supper, Sunday breakfast, Friday cracker-barrel for adult leaders and SPLs, Saturday lunch for leaders and a unique event patch. Tent sites are free for the weekend. Cabin fees are extra. Additional details, including a sled equipment list, will be posted on the camp website at <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2017grp.html> so stay tuned. Thanks to Brian Quinn for planning the Gold Rush again this year.

Hoover Lodge exterior repairs completed; interior work begins

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is excited to announce the completion of the renovations to the exterior of Hoover Lodge. With the metal roof completed, new windows (with screens) installed and the foundation work finished, the lodge is looking terrific. Currently, we are working on updating the kitchen with new counters and shelving. We also hope to return the woodburning stove to the wood room. Once the stove is moved, we hope to re-install the display cases for the copper replicas that belong in this building. They have been on display in the museum for many years.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to the Stark Community Foundation, the Reeves Foundation, the Timken Foundation, the Haman Family Foundation and the countless individual donations from everyone who enabled us to complete this project. See photo on Page 4.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



Cicada: “Oh the horror. Oh the humanity”

By Michael Bernhardt

Sound the alarm! Sound the alarm! This is no drill. That is the message that I received. You gotta get down here and listen to this. It sounds like the 1953 H.G. Wells production of “The War of the Worlds” at the camp. You won’t believe this until you hear it for yourself.

For you youngsters, in the 1950’s there were many low budget SiFi horror movies that were made. They always had a hero made of iron who never got hurt and a scream queen who froze in fear and couldn’t move when the monster showed up. Good stuff for late night black and white TV shows.

Back to the story - I drove my car down the hill to the parking lot. As you know it is the largest flat spot in camp. The land slopes downhill on both sides so, when you stand there, it is the highest spot in that area. I got out of my car and instantly couldn’t believe what I was hearing. All around me it sounded like those Martian space ships in the movie. The sound of millions of cicadas in the trees was all commanding. I couldn’t believe my ears. All my life I heard about the 17 year cicada and never experienced a sound like this.

My wife Sandy and I armed ourselves with our camera and we headed to Keppler Lodge to take pictures and to record the sounds we were hearing. Sandy spotted how the tops of the trees looked bare and on closer inspection we saw hundreds of translucent wings in the trees. We were completely under an umbrella of millions and millions of insects all making noise with their bodies. Kind of spooky don’t you think?

Well we were in no danger at all. Here is what the misunderstood cicada does. They live underground for 17 years. Then in late spring they all start to come out and climb up on trees, poles and just about anything else they can get up on and attach themselves to. They fix their shell to that surface then start to transform into the winged insect. Once their

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DDW will focus on Fire Safety MB

We like to see firefighters and fire trucks ... in parades and at the fire station, not at our homes, schools, business, and camps. Obviously, “the ability to use fire safety is essential to human survival. Fire is a part of life. By learning important skills, our scouts will be better prepared to use fire safely.”

Those attending Dover Dam Weekend, May 5-7, will learn valuable skills and the critical importance of those skills. Scouts will learn to do the right things, so that fire doesn’t become a problem. But as we know, the best laid plans of mice and scouts often go awry, so scouts will also learn how to best respond when they encounter fire situations. Demonstrations, as well as hands-on opportunities, will cover a multitude of fire safety skills, both preventative and reactive, including: stop, drop, roll, and cool; causes of burn injuries and how to prevent them; proper handling of flammable liquids; the chemistry and physics of fire; frequent causes of fire in the home and ways they can be prevented; the role of human behavior in the arson problem; seasonal and holidays fires and how to prevent them; home safety survey; safety precautions in public buildings; safe lighting techniques; combustible vs. noncombustible liquids and fabrics; the safe way to fuel a lawnmower; proper ventilation and fueling for auxiliary heating devices; outdoor fires and how to prevent them; and, proper set-up and control of camping-related fires.

Boy Scouts can earn Fire Safety Merit Badge. **Cubs and Webelos** can accomplish many of the fire safety requirements for their assorted badges. And, yes, there will be fire trucks, along with the men and women who are our community fire safety experts, helping to save lives and property.

The cost is \$15 per participant, which covers all activities, the event patch, Saturday dinner, and the campfire. Camping costs are extra. Pre-registration is required, with the event expected to be at capacity. Check the camp and event (<http://camptuscdd.weebly.com>) websites for more details later this month, or send inquiries to camptuscddd@gmail.com.

New calendars arrive

By now, you should have received your 2017 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.

Cicada

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wings have fully formed they are free to fly and mate. The females bore holes in the tree twigs and small limbs and transfer the fertilized eggs into the holes. Then the cicada die. The entire process takes about six weeks.

The forest falls silent as it was prior to the big event but the process is not complete. About two months later the new cicada hatch and are about as big as a grain of rice. They make their way out of the holes and to the edge of the twig then drop to the forest floor. Instinct starts them to burrow into the soil where they will live for another 17 years. Then they will repeat the same process again. Fascinating!

Now it is your turn to get to work and you can hear the sound that the cicada make.

1. Open YouTube and delete the URL at the very top of the screen. (That is the web address at the top of the page that starts with https://)
2. Copy and paste the URL below into YouTube and hit Enter.

Now you will be able to hear all of those Martian space ships.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPngbHs4PBY>



Adventure Race added to 2017 event calendar

Camp Tuscazoar will host a new event, the first annual Tuscazoar Adventure Race, on August 19, 2017. We hope to make this an annual event utilizing the camp during the summer months.

The Race is to start at Camp Tuscazoar's Central Camp area.

Participants will then run five miles to the Canal Lands Trailhead, transition to canoes or

kayaks for a four-mile paddle back to Camp Tuscazoar where they will park their vessels at a site near the tunnel, transition for a short mile run to their mountain bicycles for a seven mile CT trail ride. As you can see this race is for real dedicated individuals and we expect to bring participants from various areas.

The event is being planned with the help of Kent State University, both Stark and Tuscarawas campuses, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, the Dirt Line, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and many other volunteers.

The details are still being worked on. The biggest challenge that still needs a solution is the take-out location here at camp. We are expecting 100 participants which would require about 100 boats to be banked along our camp. Currently, we have several folks canoeing the river looking for an appropriate spot and, once found, there may be grant monies available to improve the area and make it suitable.

Your help will be needed in many ways such as registration, canoe parking at Canal Lands, water stations, canoe loading at the take-out, parking help, food help and cleanup. Volunteers can be a scout group, a family group, an individual or anyone who wants to take part in this exciting new event. You will be needed either on Friday or Saturday for most of the volunteer spots. Volunteers will be awarded a T-shirt for their help.

Also, we are currently seeking sponsors to help defray the expenses of this event. If you know of a business or have a business of your own and would like to be included, please email us and we will contact you with the opportunities we have available

The Kent State Lions Club will be hosting a pasta dinner on Friday and plans are underway to have a small band in the Hoover Amphitheater for folks that may choose to camp with us.

If you have any suggestions or if you want to participate as a volunteer, please let us know through the camp email at info@tuscazoar.org or by calling Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386.



Maple Days set for March 25, 26

We will celebrate our maple syrup operation with our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes (rumor has it we may have blueberries), sausage, eggs, applesauce, and orange drink. Please note that we now can also prepare "Gluten Free" pancakes. Just let us know. Tickets this year will be \$ 8 for adults and \$4 for kids ten and under and will be mailed to Foundation members and will also be available at the door.

This is our fourth year to be involved with Ohio Maple Madness tour which should bring folks from all over northeast Ohio to view our operation and see the beauty of what we call "Tuscazoar". If you see some new faces, please make them welcome! Last year's event drew more than 1,000 visitors to enjoying our pancakes and our hospitality.

This is a very important fundraiser for the camp as we continue to try to keep our camping fees low while our expenses for electric and insurance continue to rise. You can help with your support of this event by joining us and enjoying a wonderful breakfast in return. The renovations to the exterior of Hoover Lodge have been completed, so please take a few minutes and stroll up to see it.

If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please email the "Pancake Hotline" at info@tuscazoar.org to hold your tickets for you.

Foundation elects directors, officers

Four directors were elected to four-year terms at the Foundation's annual meeting in October. Todd Lehigh, Jim Wright, Richard Angeli and Valerie Stroh-Kline will serve on the board until the annual meeting in October 2020. Officers for the coming year are:

President	Bob Spencer
Vice-President	Dave Myers
Secretary	Jim Wright
Treasurer	Nancy Schoenbaum

Congratulations to those elected!

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.

Doug Rizert - Life Membership
 Diane Dukat - In memory of Jean Fleming
 Dave Robinson - Life Membership
 Bruce Neighbor - Life membership
 Tim & Kim Williams - In memory of Jean Fleming
 Steven & Andrea Conover - In memory of Jean Fleming
 Robert Shelly - Life membership
 Jonathan Davis - In memory of Donald Merrill
 Merlena & Donald Shook - In memory of Donald Merrill
 Bill and Jackie Sterling - In memory of Donald Merrill

2017 event dates posted

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has posted its 2017 event schedule on the camp website at <http://www.tuscazoar.org/eventschedule.html>. Mark your calendars for these events:

Camp Tuscazoar Gold Rush Jan 27-29
 Heritage Trail Hikes March through October
 Tuscazoar Maple Days March 25 & 26
 Dover Dam Weekend May 5-7
 First Annual Tuscazoar Adventure Race Aug. 18-20
 Pig Gig Weekend Sept. 8-10
 Pig Roast Fundraiser Sept. 9 & 10
 Fall Flapjack Flip Oct. 14 & 15
 CTF Annual Meeting Oct. 1

If you attended a previous event and have suggestions for registration, program, food, check-in, check-out or anything else we can do, please email us your feedback at info@tuscazoar.org. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.



Hoover Lodge sports a new metal roof, new windows, new doors, new cement walkways and a freshly-cleaned exterior. Watch for updates on the interior work that is now under way.

ODNR features Dessecker mine, Tuscazoar at state fair

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources chose the Dessecker Mine to highlight its Abandoned Mine Lands Unreclaimed Lands Fund (AML) at the 2016 Ohio State Fair.

The display included a mockup of the entrance to the mine, complete with mine rails, chunks of coal, bracing timbers and vertical walls made of wood painted to look like rock strata. Along with the mocked up mine entrance, ODNR played a video entitled "Ohio's Hidden Mine."



ODNR's Dessecker mine display at the 2016 Ohio State Fair.

This video, much of which was professionally shot using a drone, documents the history of the Dessecker Brothers and their coal mine. It may be viewed on YouTube by typing the words "Ohio's hidden mine" into the Search block. The AML website may be found at <http://minerals.ohiodnr.gov/abandoned-mine-land-reclamation/aml-reclamation-programs>.

Because of its emphasis on safety, the AML has selected the Dessecker Mine for near-term remediation, hopefully to begin in 2017. This remediation will involve the permanent closure of the two openings into the mine and the placement of fill material to eliminate the danger posed to camp users by the highwall left over from the days when the Dessecker brothers, Milton and Marion, operated a strip mine to remove and sell the coal found on their farm. That operation was converted later into a deep mine with drift openings to obtain even more coal that was then sorted and loaded into trucks at an adjacent tippie, which still stands. Drift openings are used when the face of the mineral seam may be accessed horizontally from an opening in a hillside, as opposed to a shaft mine where the mineral seam must be reached by traveling down a vertical shaft.

When the project is complete, camp patrons will be able to safely use the area in and around the old mine, and a source of sulfuric acid which has for years been flowing from the mine through the camp into the Tuscarawas River will be cleaned up.

Stay tuned for developments on this exciting cleanup project!

Tent site fees increased to \$25

After carefully reviewing the camp's financial situation, the Foundation's Board of Directors chose to increase the usage fee to \$25 for tent campsites. No one wants to see price increases, but operating costs for the camp continue to rise. Existing reservations will be honored at the booked price but new reservations will reflect the adjusted prices. The prices for all cabins, buildings, RV sites and week-long rentals did not change.

We hope you will understand that we strive to maintain low prices by supplementing our income with fundraisers and syrup sales, but we find this a necessary increase. A new camping application with the current fees has been posted on the camp website at: <http://www.tuscazoar.org/reservations.html>.

Also, if your group hasn't done so already, you will want to sign up for the camp's new online registration program at <http://www.tentaroo.com/tuscazoar>. NOTE: You will need to use a computer with the Adobe Flash program installed. This new site will enable you to see if a cabin, tent site, RV site or adirondack is open for your group's camping weekend. First-time registration takes a bit longer but, once your group is set up, subsequent reservations will be quick and easy.

Memberships help keep Tuscazoar open

By now many of you that renewed your membership should have received your new membership cards and your 2017 camp events calendar. For those who missed the renewal in September, reminders were mailed and we encourage you to renew as soon as possible.

As you probably know, Camp Tuscazoar receives no monies from any organization and relies totally on camping fees, memberships and our annual fundraisers for the funds needed to keep this wonderful place open. We are extremely grateful for your continued support. Membership also ensures that you continue to receive our calendar, tickets to our events (thus saving you \$) and our newsletter, the *Breeze*.

Thank you for your response and we hope to hear from all of you soon!

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Coming Events:

Jan. 8	CTF Board Meeting
Jan. 27-29	Gold Rush Competition
Feb. 5	CTF Board Meeting
March 5	CTF Board Meeting
Mar 25 & 26	Tuscazoar Maple Days
March 25	Heritage Trail Hike
April 27	Heritage Trail Hike
May 5-7	Dover Dam Weekend

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Hundreds enjoy Pig events

Camp Tuscazoar's 27th annual Pig Gig/Pig Roast weekend is complete and, even though we got off to a cold start, the weather on Sunday was sunny and clear. More than 500 folks ventured down to Kimble Hall for the great food and desserts for which we are widely known. This year's BBQ sauce was provided by Sir Gildersleeves and won rave reviews for its taste. Jars went flying out the door! We look forward to using them in the future!

This year's event, which netted over \$5,000 for camp upkeep, was made possible through ticket sales, generous donations by many local businesses such as Amish Door, Bolivar Giant Eagle, Buehlers in Dover, Dover Giant Eagle, Dutch Valley Restaurant, Littys Cakes, Klingstedts Printing, HollieHo Made Pies, Molesky's Farm, Sir Gildersleeves BBQ and Walmart and Action Team grants from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Also, Kohl's Department Store in New Philadelphia sent six employees in their Kohl's Cares for Kids program each day and, in addition to their help the camp, will send us a \$1,000 grant from the Kohl's Company. Please support these businesses and thank them for their generous donations to our event. If you have a need, please think about the above businesses and support them as they have supported us!

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed this event. See you next year. OINK! OINK!



Our Pig Gig Weekend featured Radio Merit Badge with the help of the Tusco Radio Club. The scouts had a great time using the radio and learning about all of the equipment.