

## Catch “nugget fever” at our annual Gold Rush, Jan. 27

Do you have it? Have you ever had it? Do you know somebody that might have had it? I'm talking about complications from attending the Gold Rush at Camp Tuscazoar. This condition is commonly referred to as “Nugget Fever”. Not to worry though; it usually occurs only in the cold months of the year. The weekend of January 27, 2018 will be the peak time for contracting symptoms of “Nugget Fever”. Don't know what I'm talking about? “Nugget Fever” is that unrelenting desire to obtain as many gold nuggets as humanly possible by testing your: Skill, Strategy, Endurance and Luck against a large number of people trying to do the exact same thing.

“The Rush” is back and we are expecting another great year of competition. Alaskan cities filled with skills, painted cast iron pans for the winners, good food, and good times are all waiting for those with “Nugget Fever”. The cost is still only \$20 a person and still gets you an event patch, Bob's cooking for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, a leader cracker barrel on Friday and breakfast again on Sunday, and includes your camping fees (unless you're indoors).

The Tuscazoar Gold Rush (also referred to as: “the Rush”) will no doubt be what you've come to expect from this event. However, there will be a scoring change this year. Previously, a best patrol pan was awarded to the top scoring patrol and troops or groups with more than one patrol had their scores averaged to get a final score for the overall pan award winners. No longer will scores be averaged for multiple patrol troops. The best score will now take the winning First Place pan, the second best score will take the Second-Place pan, Third Place will go to the third best score and a Fourth-Place pan will now be given out as well. A best sled pan will still be awarded for the best judged sled. The number of pans a group takes home will depend solely on the scores of each participating patrol. And as always, the winner is not necessarily the patrol that finishes first, but rather the patrol that finishes with the fastest time!! When you consider that the more nuggets you have the less your final time will be, it's no wonder the nuggets cause a fever!!!

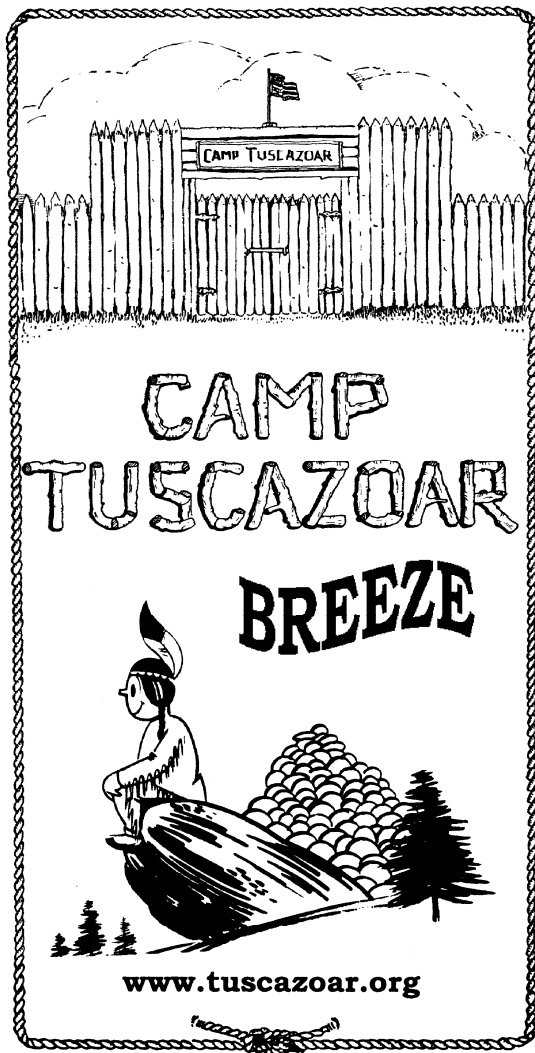
Additional details will be posted on the camp website at <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2018grp.html> so stay tuned. Thanks to Brian Quinn for planning the Gold Rush again this year.

## Former Tuscazoar, Buckeye staffers reunite at fall Pig Roast

*By Brian McLinden*

On the weekend of the Tuscazoar Pig Roast (Sept 8-10) 70 alumni of Camp Tuscazoar and Camp Buckeye met at Tuscazoar to share in food, fellowship, song and memories. What began as a lark blossomed into a wonderful 3 day event with early birds arriving Friday and setting up Hoover Lodge as the main base. Staff members from 1953 to 1986 bunked and cooked meals together and had plenty of time for hiking to the Point and Roost,

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## Flapjack Flip offered sun, hotcakes

The Fall Flapjack Flip brought sunny skies and more than 250 folks out to enjoy the fall colors and to view the latest improvements at the camp. Lots of syrup was sold to keep everyone supplied until spring. We were again fortunate to have the volunteers from Kohl's join us in helping serve those great hotcakes. We also received a \$500 grant from the Kohl's company. 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 55 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.

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



*Black walnut (left) and chestnut seeds have been scattered throughout camp.*

## Leaving a Legacy

*By Michael Bernhardt*

As Boy Scouts at Camp Tuscazoar in the early sixties, we were taught to leave the camp in a better condition than we found it. That was a "must do" practice in our troop that I wish was practiced by all campers today. Most of you do a good job of that- some of you need to work on it.

About four years ago an idea was presented to me in a roundabout way that was doable and could result in cash revenue for the Camp. I am introducing you to Chris Gonzales. She has been a friend of mine since high school. She is also a friend of the camp. Some years ago she donated a wood burning stove to us and about four years ago asked me if I could use any black walnut tree seeds. That got me thinking about planting them at the camp so I got two five gallon buckets of them and went to work.

When you plant trees in an existing woods, they will grow 30 feet tall before they branch out. They grow toward the light in the tree cover. That makes a tree that is wanted by hardwood companies and businesses that manufacture veneer for furniture. They will be worth a lot of money.

For the last four years Dana Powers and I have been broadcasting seeds in many areas of the camp. Two years ago Chris started to also give us chestnut seeds. Chestnuts are hard to find these days because of the blight years ago. Over this period of time we have sewn 40 gallons of seeds. Mike Snider and I have scattered 20 more gallons of black walnuts this year. I talked about starting a small nursery in a good spot at camp but I have decided to scatter the chestnuts and let the squirrels do the planting work. Hunter Morris was going to help but was busy with Spooktoberfest. Another young man did help me. I started ten chestnuts at home in my garden. I can't wait to see them grow so I can transplant them at camp.

Keep your eyes open to recognize these trees. They will be a blessing to our camp. - and- A tremendous thank you to you Chris from all who will follow.

## Plant Science MB planned for DDW

*Chances are that you love not only Camp Tuscazoar, but the entire great outdoors. That's scouting's primary classroom, where we teach life lessons on character, self-reliance, service, and leadership. We also learn to identify poison ivy, mayapples, lamb's ear, Solomon's seal (both real & false), hog's peanut, sensitive fern, pokeweed, touch-me-nots (aka jewelweed), quaking aspen, sycamores ("river giants"), sassafras, and so on. If we're really going to appreciate the nature that surrounds us, if we're going to be good stewards now, and for the generations to come, we need to be able to do more than distinguish between an American and English plantain for our Pipestone nature requirement.*

*Do your scouts understand all that must happen for plants to thrive? Can they identify five or more parts of a flower? Do they know how to propagate seeds, roots, cuttings, tubers, and grafting; and, have they grown a plant using one of these methods? Do they understand the importance of photosynthesis, or the critical need for honeybees and other pollinating insects? Have they participated in a field study?*

The 2018 Dover Dam weekend May 4-6 promises to broaden scouts' appreciation and understanding of nature, and how they can help add to the health of plants and our environment. Dr. Randy Mitchell, a University of Akron biology professor, and director of the UA Field Station, will be our keynote presenter. He has been active in science projects that directly involve laypeople, including a major citizen scientist collaboration to help locate and track critical pollinating insects, the Ohio Bee Atlas, and the oversight of an Eagle Scout project at Bath Nature Preserve. UA students eager to work with our scouts are likely to assist him.

The cost remains \$15 per participant, which covers all activities, the event patch, Saturday dinner and campfire. Camping costs are extra. Pre-registration is mandatory. Check the camp and event (<http://camptuscdd.weebly.com>) websites in mid-December for details, or send inquiries to [camptuscddd@gmail.com](mailto:camptuscddd@gmail.com).

# Maple Days set for March 10, 11

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 10 and Sunday, March 11. 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 fifth year to participate in the Ohio Maple Madness tour which brings in 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.

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.

If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please email the "Pancake Hotline" at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto: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. Kevin Powell, Brent Milburn, Pat Graham, Mark Volkert will serve on the board until the annual meeting in October 2021. Officers for the coming year are:

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| President      | Dave Myers       |
| Vice-President | Jim Wright       |
| Secretary      | Chuck Skidmore   |
| Treasurer      | Nancy Schoenbaum |

Congratulations to those elected! And thanks to Bob Spencer for his many years of service as president of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation. Bob's leadership has been instrumental in moving the Foundation forward. Thanks Bob!



## Former staffers reunite

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catching up with each other, and reliving fond memories. Participants came from both ends of the country as well as from Ecuador and Jersey, England!

Highlights of the weekend included marching into retreat (at which we were honored to be able to officiate), sitting down together at the Pig Roast (where we treated ourselves to some of Nancy Schoenbaum's Pig Cookies), and gathering at Hoover Amphitheatre for a Saturday night Campfire where Dave Tschantz from the Tuscazoar Foundation generously gave us an update on all that was happening with our beloved Camp. Pictures, memorabilia, slides and digital presentations helped jog our memories and bring an occasional tear to the eye. We also made certain we took a moment to remember our brothers no longer physically present but with us always in spirit.

In the true Scouting way the burden of the work and clean up was shared happily by all, from the planning through set up and final clean up. Aside from travel expenses the only other cost to participants was the fee for the Pig Roast dinner. Through the generosity of individual donors and of all the participants who gave willingly, each attendee received a commemorative T-Shirt and name badge, a Buckeye Council Songbook, and meals throughout the weekend.

The weekend culminated in a Dutch Oven breakfast on Sunday followed by a chapel service at Tom's Chapel. The event was such a success the group is already planning reunions for the near future. Our thanks to Nancy, Dave, Dale, Kevin and everyone on the Foundation Board and staff for making our reunion weekend one to remember always.



Former camp staffers pause for a photo at Pioneer Point.

# Dining hall roof to be replaced

Kimble Hall, the present-day Camp Tuscazoar dining hall, was constructed in 1940 and the kitchen was added in 1954. Screens once filled the now-empty window areas, and hand-made troop mementos and crafts once hung from the rafters. However, in the summer of 1975, an electrical fire that started in the kitchen area burned away much of the dining hall roof and caused extensive damage to the kitchen.

The dining hall roof was last replaced more than 25 years ago. As a result, we now find it necessary to re-roof the entire building so future generations can utilize and enjoy this historic structure. We plan to install a steel roof due to the large number of surrounding trees and the constant exposure to the elements. The cost of a metal roof is almost the same as shingles and a metal roof will last much longer. This new roof should last the Foundation for over 50 years into the future. The entire project is estimated to cost \$35,000.

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Moomaw Foundation of New Philadelphia and another \$5,000 grant from the Health Foundation of Greater Massillon contingent upon raising the remaining funds. Other grant requests have been submitted to area Foundations and we await their response. Should you wish to make a year-end donation to this project just make a note "Kimble Roof" on the memo line and mail it to the post office box. We are looking forward to being able to complete this project later next spring.

## Volunteers needed

If you would like to be a part of work projects or events at Camp Tuscazoar, please send us your name, phone number, email and what kind of work you would be interested in doing.

Email [saleo7482@gmail.com](mailto:saleo7482@gmail.com) or call Valerie at 330-289-7408. Also please contact the camp or Valerie if you have a business that would be interested in bidding on construction and other maintenance type projects at the camp. We have many projects to complete in the coming months and can use your help!

## 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.

Todd R. Lehigh - Life Membership  
Melva and Mike Hofman - In memory of Glen Dieringer  
Mr. and Mrs. John Ifantiedes - In memory of Glen Dieringer.  
Memorial Kalagidis - In memory of Glen Dieringer  
Phillip N Elum - Life Membership  
Brent Moore - Life Membership  
John Eufinger - Life Membership

## 2018 event dates posted

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has posted its 2018 event schedule on the camp website at <http://www.tuscazoar.org/eventschedule.html>. Mark your calendars for these events:

Camp Tuscazoar Gold Rush ..... Jan 26-28  
Heritage Trail Hikes ..... March through October  
Tuscazoar Maple Days ..... March 10 & 11  
Dover Dam Weekend ..... May 4-6  
Tuscazoar Adventure Race ..... Aug. 4  
Pig Gig Weekend ..... Sept. 7-9  
Pig Roast Fundraiser ..... Sept. 8 & 9  
CTF Annual Meeting ..... Oct. 7

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](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

## 2018 event calendars on the way

The 2018 Camp Tuscazoar Events Calendar will be mailed soon. If you join the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, a calendar will show up in your mailbox. For the price of a membership, you can make certain you don't miss important dates.



*The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation recently received a generous donation of \$5,000 from Whitetail Unlimited. They chose to support our camp because of the many benefits we provide to area youth. The board of directors is considering the best project for using these funds. We are certainly grateful for this wonderful gift.*

# First Adventure Race draws 25 participants

On Saturday, August 19, 25 eager participants set off on the first annual Tuscazoar Adventure Race. The race started at Camp Tuscazoar's Central Camp area. Participants then ran five miles to the Canal Lands Trailhead in Zoar, transitioned to canoes or kayaks for a 4 mile paddle back to Camp Tuscazoar. After they beached their vessels near the tunnel, they transitioned into a

short mile run to their mountain bicycles for a seven-mile camp trail ride. As you can see, this race was for real dedicated individuals and we had participants from all over northeast Ohio.

We have already set the date for next year: August 4, 2018. Help will be needed with registration, canoe parking at Canal Lands, water stations, canoe loading at the take-out, parking help, food help, and of course, cleanup. Volunteers can be a scout group, a family group, an individual or anyone who wants to take part in this exciting new event. We are also considering a Junior Adventure Race for the younger ages. Watch our website for more details regarding that portion of the day.

We are compiling a list of volunteers, so if you want to be included, please email the camp at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). All volunteers will receive 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.



Participants gather in central camp for the start of the 17-mile Adventure Race, which took them to Zoar and back.

## Memberships help keep Tuscazoar open

By now many of you that renewed your membership should have received your new membership cards and your 2018 camp events calendar will be in the mail soon. 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 the following:

- A subscription to the camp newsletter, the *Breeze*
- Camping privileges for you and your immediate family
- A vote at the annual meeting
- A copy of our annual camp events calendar

We are pleased to announce that you can now submit membership payments online via our camping reservation site. Just go to <https://tuscazoar.tentaroo.com>, create a new account, and click on "Products" to view payment options.

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

## Orienteering will return Sept. 7-9

The Northeast Ohio Scout Orienteering Championships (NOSOC) will be returning to Camp Tuscazoar in 2018.

It will be held during the Pig Gig weekend, Sept. 7-9. Participants can complete multiple orienteering courses during the day, compete in the Championships in the afternoon, enjoy the amazing Pig Gig food, head into the darkness for a Night-O, and end the event-filled day at an evening campfire program. Mark your calendars now!



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## Shop “Tuscazoar”

It's time to think about Christmas shopping again. Would the Scouter in your life love a bottle of maple syrup? We offer syrup and many other camp items at our museum/gift shop. A visit can be arranged by emailing the time you plan to stop by to [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). Unfortunately, no regular hours are available now. If you would have a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon, and would be interested in volunteering to open the museum, please contact Nancy at 330-493-1386. (No training required; just a love for the camp). You can also buy online at <http://stores.ebay.com/Daves-Tuscazoar-Trading-Post>.

## Coming Events:

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| Jan. 7                 | CTF Board Meeting            |
| <b>Jan. 26-28</b>      | <b>Gold Rush Competition</b> |
| Feb. 4                 | CTF Board Meeting            |
| March 4                | CTF Board Meeting            |
| <b>Mar 10 &amp; 11</b> | <b>Tuscazoar Maple Days</b>  |
| <b>March 10</b>        | <b>Heritage Trail Hike</b>   |
| <b>April 14</b>        | <b>Heritage Trail Hike</b>   |
| <b>May 4-6</b>         | <b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>     |

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## Pig Roast, Pig Gig a big success for Tuscazoar

Camp Tuscazoar's 28th 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.

Our Pig Gig Weekend featured something new for Tuscazoar. We partnered with the Zoar Community and offered the Boy Scout “Heritage Trail Award”. The scouts qualified by camping at Tuscazoar, hiking to either Fort Laurens or Zoar, and completing a work project at that location. Since Zoar was holding a reenactment, it was a great time to take a hike and enjoy the event. If your troop is interested in earning this patch, contact us through our website and we will try to plan a trip for you.

We are pleased to report that this years' event netted more than \$5000 for camp upkeep and maintenance. This amount was made possible through ticket sales, generous donations by many local businesses such as Amish Door, Bolivar Giant Eagle, Buehler's in Dover, Dover Giant Eagle, Dutch Valley Restaurant, Littys Cakes, Klingstedt Brothers Printing, HollieHo Made Pies, Molesky's Farm, Sir Gildersleeves BBQ and an Action Team grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

We were also pleased to have Kohl's Department Store in New Philadelphia send six employees from their Kohl's Cares for Kids program on Sunday. In addition to their help at the Pig Roast, the camp will receive a \$500 grant from the Kohl's Company. Please try to support these local 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 everyone who attended and enjoyed this annual event! See you next year. OINK! OINK!