

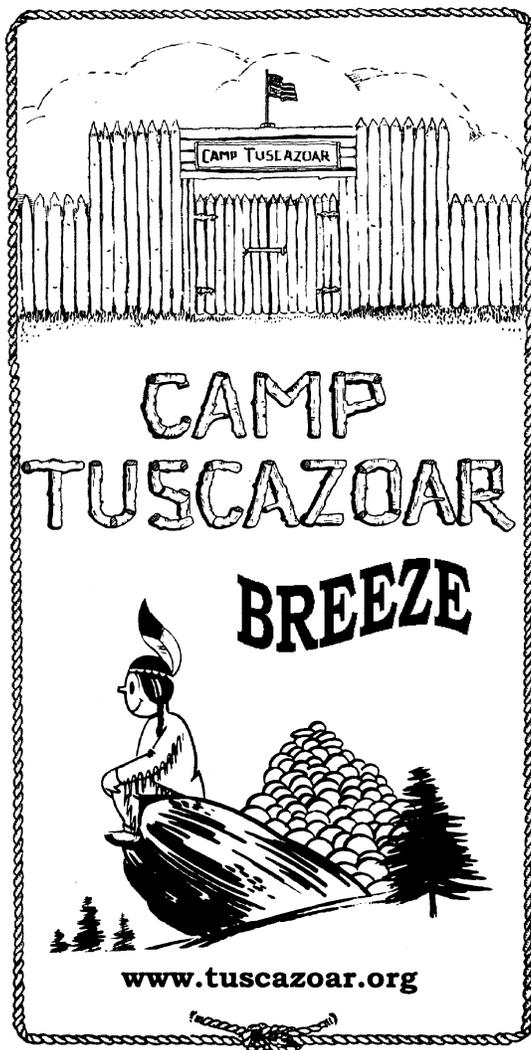
Tuscazoar celebrates 75th Anniversary throughout 1995

For 75 years, Camp Tuscazoar has attracted area youth, providing the ideal surroundings for learning outdoor skills, building friendships and preparing young people for adult life. This year, Tuscazoar will celebrate its diamond jubilee with events and activities focusing on Tuscazoar's proud history and traditions: its deep forests and rugged hills, the songs, skits and ceremonies; and the individuals who have made it possible through their generous contributions. The events include:



Gold Rush Competition	Feb. 10-12
Heritage Weekend	May 5-7
Tuscazoar Golf Open	June (TBA)
Great Tuscazoar Cook-Off	July 29
Pig Gig Campout	Sept. 15-17
Pig Roast	Sept. 17
Enchanted Tuscazoar	Oct. 14, 15
Totem Pole Carving	Ongoing
Heritage Trail (self-guided tour)	Ongoing

A brochure describing Tuscazoar's 75th Anniversary events is available at Duryee Lodge or can be mailed by request.



Winners chosen in "Heat Hoover Lodge" contest

Five winners were chosen in a random drawing at the December Foundation board meeting for the "Heat Hoover Lodge" contest. This contest, which offered an opportunity to win a two-year magazine subscription, raised funds to purchase new doors and a furnace for Hoover Lodge. The winners chosen were:

Tim Andrews - Outdoor Life
 Tim Andrews - 2nd magazine of choice
 Evelyn Hossler - Colonial Homes
 Robert Untch - Sports Illustrated
 Neil H. Rupe - Field and Stream

The contest raised more than \$100 for Hoover Lodge. Two doors have already been purchased and installed. Thanks to all who participated.

"Days Gone By"

Tuscazoar first called "Wilderness Camp"

In 1921, shortly after Troop 5 built its cabin in the hills of what is now Camp Tuscazoar, the Canton Scout Council chose a nearby area for its summer camp. Now known as the Johnny Appleseed campsite, it was then called the Wilderness Camp. The scouts spent two weeks in camp, slept in 9 x 12 wall tents, and spent their days hiking, canoeing, swimming and exploring. This first camp was so successful that plans were made for a larger camp in 1922. During this time, troops began making totem poles, perhaps the first scout camp in the U.S. to include this activity. Each troop selected a log and carved the history and ideals of the troop upon it. The same arrangements for the Wilderness Camp were continued in 1923. In 1924, Frank Hoover purchased more than 65 acres for the scouts. Plans were made for permanent buildings and the area was renamed Camp Tuscazoar.



1922 Wilderness Camp

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

For reservations or additional information, contact Camp Tuscazoar at 216-859-2288

Gold Rush to include old-time events, new twists

The annual Gold Rush Competition, scheduled for Feb. 10-12, will include several events which harken back to the early days of the camp and area scouting, and a few unusual twists as well.

This year's competition will require units to demonstrate their baking abilities. Another event will require groups to "noose the moose". At one spot along the trail, units will be able to pause for hot bean soup. Each competitor should bring a cup or bowl.

In another wrinkle, leaders will also have an opportunity to participate. Competing units will be divided into senior, junior and cub divisions. Prizes are awarded to the top three in each division.

Units may compete without camping, but must register in advance. The \$5 per person fee includes lunch and the first commemorative patch from the 75th Anniversary patch series. Camping fees are additional.

Heritage Weekend will explore Tuscazoar history

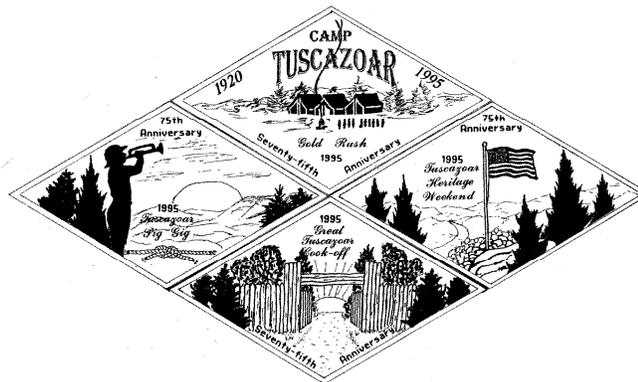
Camp Tuscazoar's Heritage Weekend, scheduled for May 5-7, will explore the camp's traditions, activities, songs and spirit.

The weekend will focus on Tuscazoar's scouting heritage. Activities will begin with an 8:30 a.m. flag-raising ceremony on Saturday. Campers will have an opportunity to lash together a pole tower, carve the camp's new totem pole, and participate in the climbing/rappelling wall. Tours of Dover Dam and canoeing will also be offered along with other activities.

An afternoon vesper service will offer first-time campers an opportunity to add a rock to the pile at Pioneer Point. The campfire will feature older camp songs and Tuscazoar's history retold in an audio-visual presentation. Old songs and skits will be featured as well.

The \$5 per person fee includes all camp activities, a 75th Anniversary patch, and Saturday dinner. Canoeing fees are extra. Join the fun! Campsites are still available.

We are looking for pictures of Tuscazoar from the 40's, 50's and 60's for the Heritage Weekend. If you can help, please call Fred Gray at 216-477-1462.



Special patches offered at '95 events

A series of four unique patches will be offered during Camp Tuscazoar's 75th Anniversary celebration. The patches, designed by Foundation trustee Don Selby, use visual elements from the 75th Anniversary logo: the stockade, the Wilderness Camp, the scout bugler and Pioneer Point.

The patches will be offered only at the Gold Rush, the Heritage Weekend, the Great Tuscazoar Cook-Off and Pig Gig Weekend.

Groups that cannot attend one of these four events will have an opportunity to purchase missing patches by carving a section of the 75th Anniversary totem pole, completing an approved work project in camp, or camping at Tuscazoar over a weekend during 1995.

Heritage Trail provides self-guided tour

A "Heritage Trail" is being developed for Tuscazoar's 75th Anniversary that will guide visitors to key points throughout the camp. Signs along the trail will provide information and photos.

The Heritage Trail will begin at the stockade and wind its way through camp, using existing trails and access roads. Points of interest will include Kepler Lodge, Tom's Chapel, Starvation Gulch, the railroad bed, and Pioneer Point. The trail should be completed prior to the Gold Rush Competition.

Wanted: cooks for Tuscazoar foodfest

On July 29, Camp Tuscazoar will host the first-ever Great Tuscazoar Cook-Off. Scoutmasters, scouts and leaders and members of other youth organizations are invited to whip up their favorite outdoor recipe for this summer food festival.

The event hours will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. During this time, the public will be invited to sample the tasty dishes prepared in camp. Prizes will be awarded to the top favorites. That evening, former Tuscazoar staff members will lead a campfire program at Hoover Lodge.

Participants who prepare a dish for the cook-off will receive a complimentary 75th Anniversary patch and will eat for free. Sign up at Duryee Lodge or contact the camp Ranger.



The Historic Land of Tuscazoar

by David Tschantz

(The 6th of a Series)

Part Six: Dover Dam and the Railroad Relocation

As a result of the Great Depression which began in 1929 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt introduced the New Deal, of which the WPA, or Works Progress Administration, was an integral part. The WPA in conjunction with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, a newly-created political subdivision of the State of Ohio, decided in 1931 to build a flood control dam below Buzzard's Roost in order to protect Dover and New Philadelphia from flooding. The plan included relocation of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad which had come to the Tuscarawas River Valley in the 1850s. The Society of Separatists of Zoar in 1852 had deeded the bulk of the necessary 60 foot right-of-way along the east bank of the river.

Up until this time the neighboring railroads – the Cleveland & Pittsburgh (C&P), the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Cleveland and Tuscarawas Valley – had proven to be a benefit to the camp rather than a threat. Over the years many carloads of scouts had entrained in Canton and other cities for Zoarville Station. From

this point they hoisted their packs to their backs and marched up Boy Scout Road to the original camp entrance near Pioneer Point. The railroad that ran along the camp property was heard but, during the summer, could not be seen.

However, planned construction of Dover Dam not only meant relocation of the Zoarville Station, it meant that the hitherto innocuous C&P along the river would need a new right-of-way at a higher elevation. The McKinley Council and Frank Hoover, its president, were doubt-less appalled to learn that this new right-of-way would bisect the then central camp area.

Led by Hoover, the council opposed the plan and litigation resulted. During a deposition in April of 1935 Hoover testified that the new railroad route would render the camp unfit for further use and that the executive Board of the council had unanimously voted to sell the property and relocate the camp if the District proceeded with its plans. He cited three reasons: 1) the relocation through the middle of the camp's buildings, 2) the raising and lowering of the water level behind the dam, and 3) the formation of a permanent lake (which was then a part of the District's plan) which he felt would create a health and sanitation hazard.

Unfortunately, on December 27, 1935



Frank G. Hoover

the council lost its battle with the District when the Ohio Supreme Court refused to hear the case and thereby allowed a ruling in favor of the District to stand. The council received \$8,178.00, \$1,778.00 for the land, \$2,400 for trees and other "residue", and \$4,000.00 for the mess hall, which had to be torn down. The District was awarded the land and promptly authorized the railroad to relocate.

Also, this required the discontinuance of use of the concrete "swimming pool" as the well used to fill it was covered by the new right-of-way. Ultimately, the council rebuilt the camp in the place we see it today, and few are those who can climb down the hill to Old Campsite and accurately point out from personal memory the locations of all the facilities and buildings that once stood there and along the trail up the hill to Pioneer Point. However, the sharp-eyed explorer can still spot the remains of the swimming pool, the trading post and the Chief's Lodge.

The final act of this chapter of upheaval occurred in 1965 when the District and the C&P Railroad formally traded properties, with the District turning over most of the abandoned railroad right-of-way to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The railroad operated its relocated line until it too was abandoned in the late 1970s.

(Next and Last: The Council, the Kimbles and the Foundation – The Modern Era)

Frank G. Hoover

In several purchases, Frank G. Hoover gave the Canton Scout Council more than 150 acres during Tuscazoar's initial development. Later, he purchased an additional 336 acres from the George Markley estate and donated it to the scout council, saving Camp Tuscazoar. The book entitled "Challenge and Opportunity: The Buckeye Council Story" by Kirk T. Albrecht contains this tribute:

"Scouting, nationally and locally, suffered a great loss in December, 1954 when Frank G. Hoover passed away. Few Scouters had had so

distinguished a career. Beyond the presidency of a major American corporation, Frank served church, community and country. Nationally, his service to Scouting included stints as Region 4 Chairman, National Executive Board member, BSA Vice President and committee positions from camping to field service to distinguished awards...Locally he served on the McKinley Area Council Executive Board for thirty-five years and as Council President for twelve years. Camp Tuscazoar and many of its major buildings are a lasting monument to this fine friend of Scouting."

Items of interest:

Camp Tuscazoar's "**Buy-A-Brick campaign**" will continue through Tuscazoar's 75th anniversary Celebration in 1995. For a donation of \$25, friends and supporters of Camp Tuscazoar can have their name etched in a paving brick. Orders can be placed using the Foundation's Buy-A-Brick brochure.

The first Tuscazoar Campmaster's training course was completed in January. If you would like to join the Tuscazoar **Campmasters Corps.**, contact the camp Ranger.

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 Aldi Gier – Scoutmaster of Troop 42

Anonymous

In memory of R. C. Schoenbaum

Jim/Coleen Schoenbaum

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Non-Profit Organization

Coming Events:

Feb. 4	Camp Workday
Feb. 5	CTF Board Meeting
Feb. 10-12	Gold Rush Competition
March 5	CTF Board Meeting
March 11	Camp Workday
April 2	CTF Board Meeting

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Totem pole carving begins

In December, Akron's Troop 406 began carving the 75th Anniversary totem pole. The pole will be a replica of the totem pole that stood for many years near the stockade. Groups can work on the totem pole while weekend camping.



Jason Caskey of Troop 406 works on the 75th Anniversary totem pole