

Maple Days festival planned for March 6-7

The first **Tuscazoar Maple Days festival** will be held **March 6 & 7, 2004**. Join us as we celebrate Camp Tuscazoar's first season of maple syrup production.

A hearty meal including all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce and orange juice will be served. Tours of the maple syrup production area are planned.

Meals will be served from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 6 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 7.

Tickets for this fund-raiser are for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under). The proceeds from this event will help pay for the costs of starting up maple syrup production at camp this year.

Transportation will be provided from the parking lot to the dining hall, and the dining hall will be heated.

Mark your calendars now, and be sure to invite your friends!

Tuscazoar ready to begin producing maple syrup

Plans are well underway for Camp Tuscazoar to begin producing pure, old-fashioned maple syrup this spring to generate much-needed income for the camp.

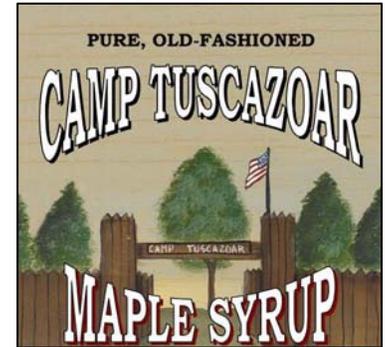
In February and March, maple sap will be collected from almost 1,000 taps in maple trees at the northern end of camp. The camp "sugar bush" includes an area stretching from the service road to the northern camp boundary. Plastic lines will transport this sap to a holding tank near where Netawatwes Brook enters the railroad tunnel. From there, the sap will be pumped up to the dining hall for processing.

The cooking shelter behind the dining hall has been enclosed to provide a warm area for converting the sap to maple syrup. Once the water has been evaporated out of the sap, the maple syrup will then be poured into 8 oz. containers for sale to the public.

The public will have its first opportunity to taste Tuscazoar's all-natural product at the camp's first Maple Days festival on March 6-7. Supplies will be available for sale to the public that weekend, and for the remainder of the year, until the inventory is exhausted.

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation hopes to raise enough funds from syrup sales in 2004 to pay for all the start-up costs for the syrup production. In subsequent years, proceeds from syrup sales can then be used for camp maintenance and improvements.

If you would be interested in helping with this important project, please contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or e-mail us at info@tuscazoar.org.



Consider Tuscazoar maple syrup for your group's fund-raiser

If your group or organization is looking to raise money this year, then why not consider selling Tuscazoar maple syrup?

A discounted price is available to groups who will purchase a minimum of 10 gallons of syrup for their group fund-raiser. The syrup will be packaged in 8 oz. bottles and will be ready for re-sale. You can then price the product as you see fit. In most years, maple syrup producers in our area sell their complete stock of syrup, so there is local demand.

Syrup supplies should be available for re-sale beginning in March and the product can be stored for months without requiring refrigeration.

This program is designed to benefit both Camp Tuscazoar and your organization. If you are interested in participating, please contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or e-mail us at info@tuscazoar.org.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Latest camp news

The **Tuscazoar slide show** is still available for group events such as Blue and Gold banquets, courts of honor, reunions or other group activities. This 20-minute program traces the history of Camp Tuscazoar and includes dozens of historical photos. If your group is interested in seeing this presentation, please contact the camp well in advance to make arrangements. A donation for this free showing would be appreciated to help cover our costs.

Forty people attended the camp's first **bus tour to Oglebay Park** in Wheeling, West Virginia in January. Everyone had a good time with the ride, the door prizes, laughter, Nancy's cookies and Hoss' food. The Christmas lights were spectacular and the camp was able to raise some funds in the process. Thanks to Brenda Montandon who came up with the idea, Nancy Schoenbaum who worked with Fidelity Tours and made it happen and especially to those who came and/or helped sell seats.

Upcoming **workdays** are scheduled for February 28 and April 17. There is never a shortage of work needed at camp. If you can donate a few hours of time, we would greatly appreciate your help on these days.

Plans are underway to expand the existing **showerhouse**. The new addition will include eight new shower stalls and will offer facilities for both men and women. Work is scheduled to begin this spring.

Recent snows have occasionally made the roads to camp treacherous. If you have camping reservations, but are concerned about the **road conditions** in and around camp, please call ahead before you leave.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for our annual pig weekend this fall. The **Pig Gig Campout** is scheduled for Sept. 10-12, with the **Pig Roast Fund-Raiser** on Sept. 11 and 12.

Bob Schwartz and Troop 181 recently installed four lights in the **Kepler Lodge** kitchen. They've made a big difference. Thanks, guys!

We've got a long list of potential **Eagle projects**. Several are already under way in camp. If you are an Eagle candidate, or if a scout in your troop needs a project, please contact the camp Ranger at 330-859-2288 or via e-mail at info@tuscazoar.org.

2004 Dover Dam Weekend will focus on forest management

Camp Tuscazoar will once again offer a variety of fun and educational activities at its annual Dover Dam Weekend, April 30 to May 2, 2004. As always, this event will feature guided tours of Dover Dam, along with forest management-related activities. Other planned activities include a U.S. Forest Service demonstration, a BBQ dinner, a campfire program and lots of other surprises.

Scout groups participating in the Saturday events will have an opportunity to earn Forestry Merit Badge.

The organized events will begin at flag-raising on Saturday morning and will conclude with an evening campfire program at the Hoover Lodge amphitheater.

Campsites are still available. The \$7 per person activity fee includes all camp events, a souvenir patch and the BBQ dinner Saturday evening. Camping fees are additional. For more information, call 330-859-2288. See you there!!



Dover Dam construction in 1936

Primitive Gathering offers atlatl, archery, flint knapping, June 19-20

Camp Tuscazoar will host its fourth Primitive Gathering June 19-20. Once again, the ways of the bow, atlatl, and flint knapping will be displayed by skilled artisans for the public to see and learn. Hands-on demonstrations will be offered as well, including:

- Flint knapping -- from rocks to points. Artisans will be on hand to demonstrate and show points. Flint and tools will be for sale.
- Atlatl -- from beginners to ISAC international competition. Try your arm at the throwing stick and dart.
- Primitive archery -- from axe to wax. Learn how to make self and composite bows. Learn about various arrow woods.

Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Practice and challenge ranges will be open to visitors and exhibitors to try their throwing skills. Instructors will have throwing sticks and darts to try. A benefit auction with finely crafted items is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per car. A concession stand will also be open.

Group tent sites and cabins are available and registration is under way for vendors and artisans. For more information, please contact Ken at 330-756-2041 or e-mail Tim at axetowax@yahoo.com.

Camp Tuscazoar memories shared

By Dick Matheny
Member of Troop 70 from Guerne (between
Wooster and Applecreek on Rt. 250

This picture was taken at the Wayne County Fair in 1941. I bought the shirt I'm wearing at summer camp in June of 1941.



I attended one week of summer camp that summer at a cost of \$12. I stayed in Turtle village in a cabin and slept on log slab bunks with a straw-filled mattress bag.

Chief Deaver was the Camp Director. I believe the trading post was in the southeast end of the dining hall. I don't remember of there being a swimming pool.

There was a 14-mile hike requirement for Second Class, so we hiked from camp to Fort Laurens and back. I received my first and second Pipestones in 1941 and 1942. I received my third Pipestone in 1961, my fourth in 1962 and my fifth in 1963 at Camp Buckeye as an adult leader.

By Brian Criswell

It was my first year at summer camp, 1971, and only three Scouts were in my troop. Dave Tschantz, Randy Kasler and I made up all of Canton's BSA Troop 228. We were 11 & 12 years old and we'd just gotten a new Scoutmaster but he wasn't able to stay in camp, so the three of us shared one tent in Old Campsite, camping with another troop. We barely knew each other. That hill from Old Campsite to the parade grounds was a monster! Like others, we dreaded that climb, stumbled, fell, sat and rested, huffed and puffed, and all week long our legs stayed weary. It's one small thing I recall among others ... all of those wooden steps set into that hillside through hard work and determination of campers before us. Gee, thanks! I still climb that hill, so many years later. And even with most of the steps gone today, that hill is shorter now, and it reminds me of my friends ... and my legs still get tired... and I huff and puff and smile.

Tuscazoar's hills hold many years of fond memories

By Robert W. Russell Jr.
Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 44
Institutional Representative Troop 15
Eagle Project Advisor Troop 15 and 44

I have some very fond memories of camping at Camp Tuscazoar as a young teenager with Troop 15 of Louisville, Ohio. That was in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Delbert Royer was our Scoutmaster and Forrest Masterson was our Assistant Scoutmaster. These two men gave of their time to take a rowdy group of young men camping and hiking in the grand hills above Dover Dam. Those hills and cliffs somehow have grown smaller over the years, but they are hallowed with some of the fondest memories this man has.

I loved the experience of cooking meals over an open fire, camping in a tent, earning merit badges at summer camp, swimming in the camp swimming pool, which is now filled in. I held scouting in such high esteem that when my wife and I had twin sons, I made sure that they had the Camp Tuscazoar experience also. It was really a great pleasure to see Camp Tuscazoar through the eyes of my sons, to share some of the same experiences again, of weekend campouts, summer camping, of Buzzard's Roost and Pioneer Point, with them running ahead of me and the other adults so they could say that they were on top of the hill first. Once in a while I got them to slow down to notice the beauty of nature that is to be seen in the valleys and ravines of the hills of Camp Tuscazoar.

As a boy, I earned the first three years of Pipestone at Tuscazoar. I came back and earned my fourth and fifth year stones as an adult. I earned the fifth year stone in 1986 before camp closed. I'll never forget asking my twin sons Scott and Nathan if I should wait to get my fifth year stone when they got theirs. They received their third year stones in 1986. It would have been a two-year wait, but I would have waited to share that experience with them. But, the boys said, "No dad, go ahead and get your fifth year stone." I am glad I did, as I was still able to share in their experience when they got their fifth two years later, but in a different way.

I'll never forget one polar bear campout when I was a youngster. We used one of the cabins. I don't remember which one. I remember the pot-belly stove glowed red the whole weekend long. We thought if it was glowing, it couldn't possibly be cold in that cabin, even though the temperatures outside that winter dipped to 20 degrees below zero.

These are just some of the memories I hold dear to my heart. It would take reams of paper to put all of my scouting memories down on paper. I hope that those who read this will cherish Camp Tuscazoar as I do. I will continue to support Camp Tuscazoar when I can by taking scouts to Tuscazoar to build memories to last a lifetime and beyond.

Have a memory you would like to share? Email us at info@tuscazoar.org or send a note to us at: Camp Tuscazoar Memories; PO Box 308; Zoarville OH 44656-0308

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List your group event on the camp calendar

You can list *your* group event on next year's Camp Tuscazoar event calendar. For \$5, you can list an upcoming campout, court of honor, banquet, or other group event.

Orders are now being accepted for the 2005 calendar. This is a great way to help promote your group event and will help to support Camp Tuscazoar also.

If you would like to participate, send an e-mail to us at info@tuscazoar.org or send a note to us at: Camp Tuscazoar Calendar Listing; PO Box 308; Zoarville OH 44656-0308.

Coming Events:

March 6-7	Maple Days Festival
March 7	CTF Board Meeting
April 4	CTF Board Meeting
April 30-May 2	Dover Dam Weekend
May 2	CTF Board Meeting
June 6	CTF Board Meeting
June 19-20	Primitive Gathering
July 11	CTF Board Meeting
August 1	CTF Board Meeting

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New geocaching sites draw visitors to the Tuscazoar woods

Camp Tuscazoar has become a popular destination for those who enjoy geocaching. Two sites have already been set up at camp and more are in the works.

What is geocaching? It's essentially a treasure hunt using Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates and clues. Individuals and organizations have set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. If a visitor finds something in the cache, they should leave something behind in the cache for the next visitors.

Geocaching participants will need a GPS unit. This electronic device can determine your approximate location within six to 20 feet anywhere on earth. Coordinates are normally given in longitude and latitude. The unit can be used to navigate from one location to another. Some units have their own maps, built-in electronic compasses, and even voice navigation.

GPS units can typically be purchased at any boat supply store and some camping stores keep GPS units on hand. GPS units can also be purchased online through amazon.com and camping supply companies.

For more information, visit www.geocaching.com. Several visitors to Camp Tuscazoar have written about their experiences in an online logbook at this website.

If you want to give it a try, you can locate Camp Tuscazoar's geocaches at:

#1 Tuscazoar - N 40° 34.167 W 081° 23.971

#2 Tuscazoar - N 40° 34.210 W 081° 23.828

Good luck in your search. Enjoy the adventure!