



Units prepare for annual Gold Rush Competition, Feb. 13

Preparations continue for the fifth annual Gold Rush Competition in Tuscazoar's wintry woods. Units are brushing up on firebuilding, orienteering, lashing and other skills required to successfully complete the arctic challenge.

The event will begin with a flag raising ceremony at 9 a.m. February 13. Units will compete in one of three divisions: the senior division for youths above age 13 1/2; the junior division for groups with ages 11 to 13 1/2; and the cub division for youths under age 11.

The weekend schedule includes a leader's crackerbarrel Friday evening, a campfire Saturday evening and a Sunday church service in Tom's Chapel.

What will the competition bring? We can offer two small hints: bring a compass and watch for moose!

Camp Tuscazoar selected for ODNR turkey release program

The hills of Camp Tuscazoar have been selected by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) as a prime release site for 15-20 wild turkeys. The release, which is part of ODNR's "block stocking" program, will take place at some point during the next two years.

The "block stocking" program was implemented after the Ohio Division of Wildlife discovered that wild turkeys were not multiplying in a roughly 900 square mile range of Ohio. Reasons for this low abundance may include genetic problems, disease, poaching or habitat deficiencies.

More than 200 birds will be released this winter throughout Ohio as part of the program. If successful, the program may be used as a model for restocking in other states as well.

"We believe that the introduction of turkeys to the camping experience at Tuscazoar will be tremendous," said Camp Tuscazoar Foundation President Dick Schoenbaum. "Campers will be thrilled to be awakened to the sound of 'gobblers' in the woods."

The ODNR is emphasizing that strict enforcement of poaching laws accompanies the program. At Tuscazoar, the turkeys will receive an extra measure of protection. Hunting, trapping and the use of weapons is strictly prohibited on camp property.

Limited camping now available to members

Board adopts new camping policy

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Board of Trustees has voted to accept a revised camping policy Camp Tuscazoar. As part of the policy, camping privileges have been extended to members of the Foundation.

The policy now states that members in good standing may use cabins and shelters at full rate for immediate family. Members may use tent campsites two times per calendar year free of charge for immediate family only. Usage must be during the off-season, June 1 to August 31. Immediate family is considered the member, spouse and children 18 and under living in the same household. Youth groups and organizations have priority over buildings and tent sites. Members may only guarantee a reservation one week prior to usage.

The revised camping policy also states:

- Reservations are made with the camp Ranger on a first-paid, first-served basis. Reservations must be paid in full within 10 days of making the reservation.
- All camping rates will be for full weekend usage. No reduced rates will be given for partial use.
- Tent campers and RVs may be used for health reasons only and are restricted to the parking lot with no use of utilities.
- The Ranger and three Trustees must grant prior approval.
- The Ranger may refuse anyone permission to camp for good

Sink, cooktop in Duryee

The property committee, led by chairman Dewayne Moncrief, has added a sink and cooktop, along with counter space and base cabinets to the ground floor of Duryee Lodge. These improvements will allow units to prepare meals inside the building, instead of having to prepare them outdoors.

A storage closet was also removed, increasing the floor area for additional bunks. The building is available for future weekends, with the exception of the Gold Rush and Dover Dam weekends.

Wiring has also been completed to the latrine near Hoover Lodge. When the project is finished, a light will be added to illuminate Hoover field.

Coming Events:

Feb. 7	CTF Board Meeting
Feb. 12-14	Gold Rush Weekend
Feb. 20	Workday
March 7	CTF Board Meeting
March 13	Workday
April 4	CTF Board Meeting
April 13	Workday
April 31-May 2	Dover Dam Weekend

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Dover Dam Weekend will feature emergency preparedness

The 1993 Dover Dam Weekend, scheduled for April 30-May 2, will focus on emergency preparedness instruction and demonstration. The Metro Life Flight unit from Cleveland may make a special appearance, weather permitting. Other activities will include the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's K-9 unit, the Fairfield Township Fire and Rescue Department and a water rescue demonstration by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Once again, the doors of Dover Dam will open to permit group tours. Canoe trips will be available at reduced rates at the NTR Canoe Livery in Bolivar. Saturday afternoon vespers at Pioneer Point will retrace the history of Camp Tuscazoar and a campfire at the Hoover Lodge amphitheater will complete the activities.

The cost is \$3 per person. Camping and canoeing fees are additional. Tent sites are still available. For information and reservations, contact the camp at 216/859-2288.

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- cause or evict anyone violating camp rules and regulations.
- Trustees or members staying at the camp to work on approved projects or work weekends may stay free of charge.
- Units completing a pre-approved viable good turn project will receive free camping, with the approval of three Trustees.

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