

Gold Rush competitors prepare for winter event

Primitive fire-building, first aid, knots, lashing, orienteering and perhaps most importantly, keeping warm, are just a few of the skills that will be needed by units participating in the Gold Rush Competition, Feb. 11-13 at Camp Tuscazoar.

The sixth annual competition will begin Saturday morning following the flag-raising ceremony and will conclude that afternoon. Prizes for each of the three competing divisions will be awarded at the Saturday evening campfire. Sleds are not required; however, they may be handy for faster travel throughout the camp.

The competition will cost \$5 per person, which will include a Gold Rush patch. Campsites are still available. For reservations, contact Camp Tuscazoar at 216-859-2288.

Dick Schoenbaum leaves a legacy of leadership and service

Richard C. (Dick) Schoenbaum, president of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 11 while working at the camp. He was 48.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Dick Schoenbaum," said Ted Novak, who will succeed Dick as Foundation president. "Dick's contributions to Camp Tuscazoar, to the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, to the community and to scouting are immeasurable. We have lost an outstanding leader and a good friend."

Dick joined the Foundation in 1988 and was elected to the Board of Trustees that same year, serving as property committee chairman. In 1990, he was elected president of the Foundation and was re-elected to the position for three consecutive years.

Under Dick's guidance, Camp Tuscazoar saw growth in the number of campers, visitors and Foundation members. Numerous projects were initiated, including the renovation of Troop 5 Cabin, the construction of two new latrines, repairs to the roof at Hoover Lodge, exterior and interior improvements for the cabins, buildings and the Ranger's residence, lighting and electrical wiring improvements, and a face-lift for Pioneer Point.

Dick believed in leadership by example. He spent much of his spare time at the camp, completing projects and serving as host to visitors and campers.

David Tschantz, who had served with Dick on the Foundation's board of trustees, said, "There is no question that Dick loved Camp Tuscazoar. He loved the timeless beauty of the camp. He loved the boyhood memories. But, most importantly, he loved the ability of the camp to be a vehicle for changing lives. He believed that when kids benefit, we all benefit. He believed in passing on what had been given to him to those who had just arrived or are yet to come.

"Dick was no ordinary president," Dave continued. "He was truly a servant to all of us. He was very reluctant to take credit for anything he did and very quick to praise others and give them credit. His administration was characterized by a feeling of teamwork and business-like professionalism. His absence will never fully be filled."

Away from Camp Tuscazoar, Dick was director of manufacturing at the Alside Division of Associated Materials, Inc. He was a member of St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church in Canton, and was a member and past trustee of the Jackson High School Band Booster Club. He was a certified Law Enforcement Officer for the State of Ohio and a Commissioned Deputy Sheriff, holding the rank of Lieutenant in the Stark County Sheriff Reserves. Dick was also a member of Lathrop Lodge #676 F&AM Canton, Canton Valley Scottish Rite and Tadmor Shrine Stewards Unit of Akron.

In scouting, Dick was a member of Boy Scout Troops 4, 37 and 927 and Squadron 4. An Eagle Scout, he received the Order of the Arrow, his fifth year Pipestone and an Air Explorer Silver Award. He also served as Cubmaster for Pack 252, as Assistant Scoutmaster, and as past chairman and member of the Troop 927 troop committee.

At Dick's request, memorials in his name may be made to the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund.

Troop 5 Cabin opens for camping

The oldest building at Camp Tuscazoar, Troop 5 Cabin, has been renovated and is now open for weekend camping. The log cabin, constructed almost entirely of wood from Camp Tuscazoar, had not been used since the Foundation re-opened the camp in 1987.

A ceremony officially commemorating the opening of the cabin will be held during Dover Dam Weekend, May 6-8.

"The re-opening of Troop 5 Cabin for camping is a special moment in the history of Camp Tuscazoar," said Ted Novak, president of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation. "The Foundation extends a special thank you to the Donald W. Frease Foundation, the Troop 5 Foundation, and to the individuals and businesses that made the restoration of this historic cabin a reality."

The original Troop 5 Cabin was built in 1920 by Canton's Boy Scout Troop 5 on a terrace above a small spring. A year later, the newly formed Canton Scout Council chose a nearby meadow for its summer camp. Known then as the Wilderness Camp, it was renamed Camp Tuscazoar in 1925. The original cabin was disassembled and moved to its present site in 1933.

In August 1993, the Donald W. Frease Foundation in Dover approved a grant request from the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation for the restoration project. The Heritage Resources restoration company, which specializes in restoring log structures, repaired the cabin's log walls and wooden floor. Heritage Resources' most recent project was the village laundry building in Zoar.

Foundation members and volunteers completed the restoration, replacing the structure's aging roof, repairing broken windows, and adding cots and an electric light. Additional minor repairs will be made to the cabin in the spring.

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation will place a plaque in the cabin recognizing the late Donald Frease, a Dover resident and area businessman, and the Frease Foundation for its contribution.

The cabin's maximum capacity for weekend camping is 12 persons. The weekend usage fee is \$25. Youth organizations wishing to use the cabin should contact the camp at 216-859-2288.

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The following persons have helped ensure the future of Camp Tuscazoar with their generous contributions to the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund.

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The Historic Land of Tuscazoar

by David Tschantz

(The 3rd of a Series)

Part Three: The Zoarites Arrive

The first sales of the land that would become Camp Tuscazoar to the public by the federal government took place between 1812 and 1832.

After a three year hiatus, Nathan Cordrey purchased the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 6 and a partnership formed by three men, William Christmas of Canton, James Hazlett of Canton and William Hogg of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, purchased the northwest quarter of Section 15, the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 6 and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 6. All these Patents bore the name of then-U.S. President Andrew Jackson and represented the final sales of Tuscazoar land by the government.

In addition, Christmas, Hazlett and Hogg purchased the west half and the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 6 from John Goodge and Joseph Himminger, respectively; the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 7 from Amon Shannon; and the southwest quarter of Section 4 from Matthew Laird. Thus, Christmas, Hazlett and Hogg owned most of what we know as Camp Tuscazoar by the end of 1835.

Unfortunately, it appears that the venture planned by these gentlemen did not work out, as they sold most of the land and equipment they had accumulated to Joseph M. Bimeler as agent for the Society of Separatists of Zoar.

Volume II, Page 152 of the Tuscarawas County Deed Records contains a fascinating document entitled "Article of Agreement" dated July 22, 1835 and executed by Mssrs. Christmas, Hazlett, Hogg and Bimeler. Among various mining tools, horse teams, wagons, etc. is listed the Tuscarawas Steam Furnace owned by [Christmas, et.al.] in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This transaction enabled the Zoarites to begin iron ore mining and smelting and

The German Separatists of Zoar

In 1817, a party of 200 Germans left their native town of Wurtemberg and traveled to Philadelphia. Through the generosity of the Quakers, they received assistance and traveled on to the Tuscarawas River valley and established the town of Zoar.

After a year of hard work, the townspeople decided to put their belongings together and to pool their labors for the common good. Two events brought the village initial prosperity: the coming of the Ohio Canal and the discovery of iron ore on their property. The ore gave the

Zoarites a means of manufacturing iron articles, such as stoves and plow shares. These items were used in the village and were sold for profit.

However, the coming of the canal, and later the railroad, brought trouble as well. Canal workers brought a disastrous plague of cholera. And, the coming of outsiders brought in new, different ideas which led to dissatisfaction among the Zoarites.

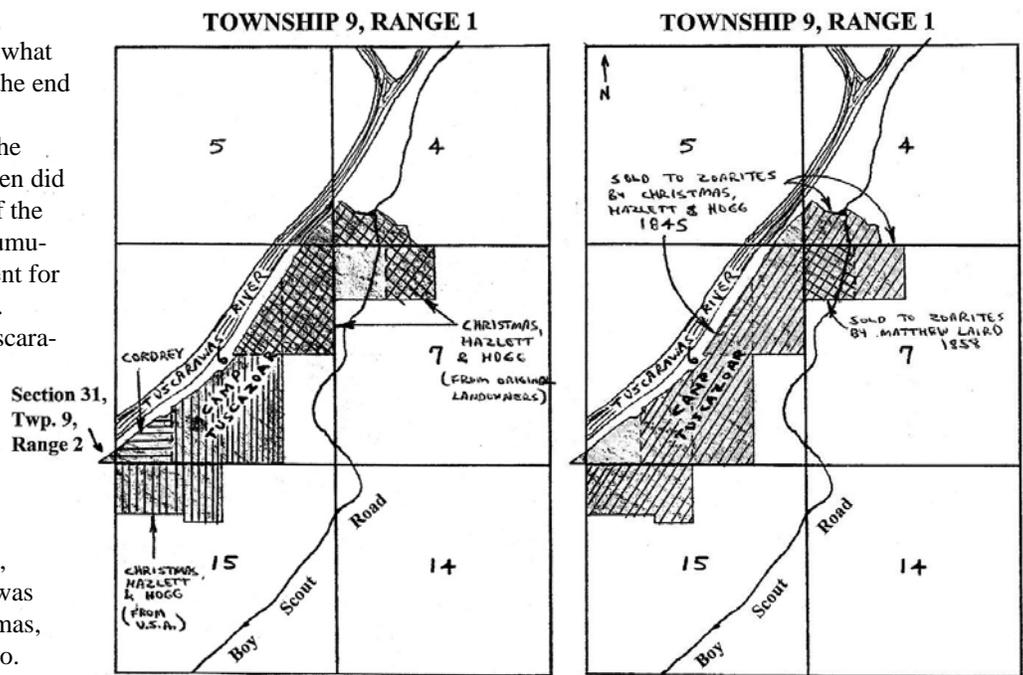
Finally, in 1898, the desire for personal ownership triumphed and the community was disbanded.

contributed greatly to the economic growth of the Separatist community in Zoar.

It is worth noting that the known Zoarite iron mine at Camp Tuscazoar was on property never owned by the Zoarites; the property being owned at the time by Nathan Cordrey or David Stine, who purchased it in 1840. A

record of the Zoarites' lease of the property, purchase of mineral rights or purchase of ore has not yet been found. The Zoarites also purchased the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 7 from Matthew Laird in 1858.

(Next: The Industrialists Invest)



Land Sales: 1833-1835

Land Sales to Zoarites

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Items of interest:

Repairs are underway to the ceiling in **Hoover Lodge**. These repairs will include the installation of new ceiling tiles and electrical rewiring.

The "**Buy-A-Brick Campaign**" continues. More than 60 bricks have been sold since August. For a donation of \$25, supporters of Camp Tuscazoar can have their name etched in paving brick. The bricks will be placed throughout the camp. Proceeds will help fund camp improvements.

Reminder: the **mailing address for camping reservations** is now: Camp Tuscazoar; 6066 Boy Scout Road NE; Dover, OH; 44622.

Coming Events:

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| Feb. 5 | Camp Workday |
| Feb. 6 | CTF Board Meeting |
| Feb. 11-13 | Gold Rush Weekend |
| March 6 | CTF Board Meeting |
| March 19 | Camp Workday |
| April 10 | CTF Board Meeting |
| April 16 | Camp Workday |
| May 6-8 | Dover Dam Weekend |

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'94 Dover Dam Weekend will include pioneer events, Troop 5 Cabin salute

Although winter has held Ohio in its icy grip for more than a month, the warm days of spring and the '94 Dover Dam Weekend will soon arrive. The seventh annual event is May 6-8 at the camp.

The weekend's activities will feature a pioneer theme. Visitors will have a chance to examine a frontier covered wagon, try their hand at leather stamping and learn more about the art of building a log cabin. Other surprises are also being planned. The Saturday evening campfire will salute the recently re-opened Troop 5 Cabin, and the men who built the original cabin more than 70 years ago.

Traditional Dover Dam Weekend activities will be offered as well. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will lead tours of Dover Dam. During the tour, visitors will learn why the dam was built, when it was constructed, and how it operates. First-time Tuscazoar campers can relive the history of Camp Tuscazoar and add a stone to the rock pile at Pioneer Point during the Saturday afternoon vesper service. Once again, NTR Canoe Liveries Inc. in Bolivar will offer a special canoeing package for Tuscazoar campers.

The events will begin with a flag-raising ceremony at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$5 per person, which will include camp activities, a commemorative patch and dinner on Saturday in the camp dining hall. Camping and canoeing fees are additional.

Campsites are still available. For reservations and/or additional information, contact the camp Ranger at 216/859-2288.

Board of trustees names new officers

At the request of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation board of trustees, Ted Novak has agreed to serve as the Foundation's president following the passing of Dick Schoenbaum. Ted had been the Foundation's vice president. The board also elected Nancy Schoenbaum as the new vice president. Secretary Ray Swihart and treasurer Dana Powers will continue in their respective positions.