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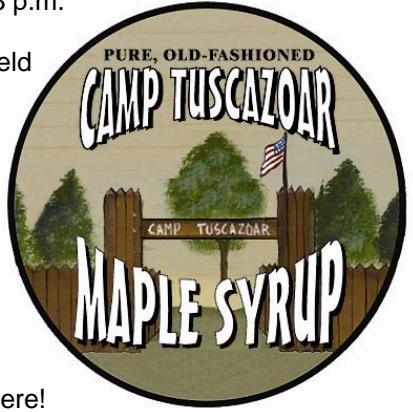
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## Maple Days set for April 4 & 5

Camp Tuscazoar will host its sixth annual **Maple Days breakfast** on Saturday April 4 and Sunday April 5. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange drink and samples of the camp's maple syrup will be served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the heated dining hall.

A Maple Leaf Quilt raffle will be held throughout the weekend. The winner will be announced Sunday afternoon. Participants need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under) and will be available from Foundation members or by calling Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386. Transportation will be provided to and from the parking lot. See you there!



## Jim McLinden passes away

Camp Tuscazoar and area Scouting lost one of its most dedicated volunteers in February with the death of James I. McLinden after a long illness. Jim's association with the Boy Scouts began in 1937. He attained Eagle rank as a scout and continued as a leader at the troop, district, and council levels, devoting much of his time to camp programs at Tuscazoar, Buckeye and Seven Ranges. He was a 1943 graduate of Timken High School and remained active in alumni activities. Jim later earned a bachelors degree at Ohio State University, where he majored in art. He was also a World War II Army veteran. He was wounded in France as a member of the 100th Infantry Division and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. As a commercial artist, Jim put his vocational skills to use in Canton's fine arts activities for many years. He appeared in a number of Canton Players Guild roles and was active behind the scenes in many productions. Jim was born in Canton in 1925, the son of Donald J. and Grace B. McLinden. Our condolences to Jim's family.

## Markets to begin again

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is currently involved in two different Farmers markets on a weekly basis. We staff a booth at the Massillon Farmers Market every Saturday morning in downtown Massillon. We also set up a display at the Canal Fulton Farmers Market in downtown Canal Fulton on Thursday afternoons. We have found the markets to be a terrific place not only to sell our syrup but to meet former campers and make some great contacts for future events at the camp. This summer we would like to also have a presence at the Canton Farmers Market which is held on Saturday mornings. We need volunteers to help cover this location. If you have a few hours on Saturdays mornings, please let us know. This is a large market and it would really bring us more contacts for the camp. Think you might be interested? Then please call Nancy Schoenbaum at 330/493-1386 to discuss the possibilities.

## Dover Dam Weekend to offer auto repair theme this spring

Boy Scouts will have the opportunity to earn Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge at our annual **Dover Dam Weekend, May 1-3**. Repair classes will be held throughout Saturday morning behind the stockade. In the afternoon, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will offer tours of Dover Dam. Participants can also tour a tool truck, watch a windshield installation and visit other automotive displays. The day's events will conclude with a campfire program. Check-in begins Saturday at 8 a.m. The \$7 per person activity fee includes all camp events, a souvenir patch and dinner Saturday evening. Camping fees are additional. Groups can also attend the Saturday activities (no dinner) for \$5 per person. Call 330-859-2288. For a complete schedule of events, visit our website at: <http://www.tuscazoar.org/09DDpage.htm>.

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

## Camp Tuscazoar camping application updated for 2009

The Camp Tuscazoar Camping Application has been updated for 2009. A copy of the revised application has been included in this newsletter and is also posted on our website at

<http://www.tuscazoar.org/reservations.htm>. To answer your first question – yes, we raised a few prices and we've been working on refining the application since August. It may not be obvious, but we've made several small changes. Older, outdated forms should not to be used in the future. And we've tried to address your biggest complaint: "What?? No fire wood left from the previous group?"

Often-used cabins now have Damage and Cleaning deposits. This fee should be paid at arrival Friday night. After your departure, we will inspect the lodge/facility. If it is clean, with no damage, and adequate firewood has been left for the next group, the fee will be returned. We'd prefer to conduct the inspection with you present to avoid any discrepancies. The fee also refers to other the items from the "Camp Rules" list that all groups initial at check in.

We've also added spaces for your group's e-mail and website to improve communications. Clarifications on reservation procedures have also been added, per your requests. The form is full, but we've tried to keep it informative for you as well as useful for us.

We do listen! Please keep the feedback coming on this form and any other items you feel the need to comment on. As time permits, we will try to make your camp better suited to you!

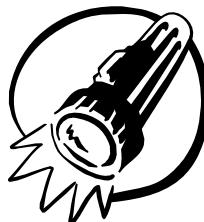
## Under the flashlight!

Spotlighting groups that feature Camp Tuscazoar on their website

**Group:** Boy Scout Troop 250  
Richville, Ohio

**Website:** <http://www.troop250.net/troop250/home.htm>

We recently found this item posted on the troop's website:



### STONE HOUSE REWARD CAMPOUT TUSCAZOAR

"All Boy Scouts who sell at least 10 presale Spaghetti Dinner tickets (10 per family when there is more than one Scout in the family) will earn the privilege to attend the Stone House Reward Campout at Camp Tuscazoar. All food will be provided and the leaders will cook! This is one of the troop's only indoor campsouts and the only time the leaders will do all of the work for you! Come and enjoy a weekend of capture the flag, Euchre, hiking, campfires and eating junk food. No cooking, no dishes to wash and only your personal belongings and messes to clean up."

Our thanks to Troop 250 for helping to keep the spirit burning! And if we're mentioned on your group's site, please let us know.

## Join Tuscazoar's Yahoo Group

By Dana Powers – Camp Ranger

Welcome to Camp Tuscazoar's Yahoo Group for those who want to share their tales of adventures at Ohio's Most Historic Camp. Much as the Indians sat around their campfires and passed their stories to future generations, members can share stories, photos, historical facts and post questions about the camp.

This group has been given the approval of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation board of directors; however comments and posts may not reflect the views of the board members.

Visit the Yahoo Group page at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tuscazoar\\_Tails/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tuscazoar_Tails/)

**What are groups?** A group allows you to socialize with people that share similar interests. You can talk to them via the group's message board.

**Why should I join?** Joining a group is the best way to show other members you want to meet other people and interact with them. Only group members can post on the group's message board or upload media to the group's library.

**What should I use the group's message board for?** The message board is used to converse with group members. You can also use it to inform other members about yourself, especially if you're new to the group.

**What is the group's photo or media library?** If you have pictures or videos to share with the group, upload them to the group's media library!

**Can a group have email notifications?** Yes. Group members can receive emails when a new message is posted on the message board. Email notifications make members aware of activity within the group.

So, what are you waiting for? Come on over and see what it's all about!

On the trail,

Dana

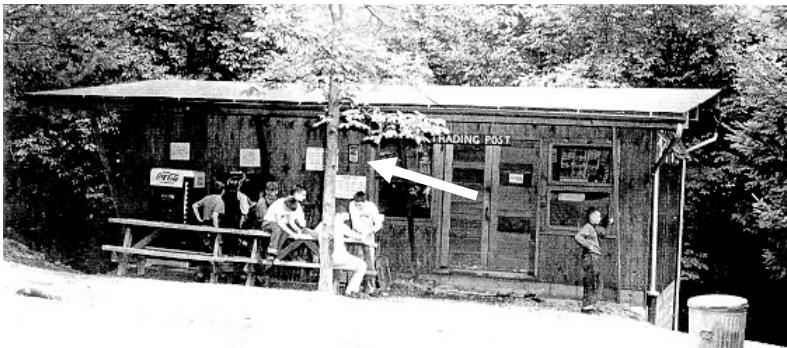
# Duryee Lodge plaque returns after 22 years

In 1957, family and friends of Gerald F. Duryee funded the construction of the Duryee Memorial Trading Post Building at Camp Tuscazoar. The building served as the trading post during the weeks of summer camp until the early 1980's, when the trading post was shifted to Jamboree Lodge and Duryee Lodge became the camp office. When the lodge was constructed, a plaque was mounted on the exterior to commemorate the gift of the trading post to the McKinley Area Scout Council in memory of Gerald Duryee.

The plaque remained on Duryee Lodge until 1986, the last year of scout summer camp at Camp Tuscazoar. At some point, the plaque was removed and disappeared for more than 20 years. However, a couple of months ago, a box containing scouting paraphernalia was passed on to Jack Smith, scoutmaster of Troop 935 in Jackson Township, near Massillon. Included was the missing Duryee Lodge plaque. Jack immediately recognized the plaque's significance and made arrangements to return it to Tuscazoar as soon as possible. We are extremely grateful for Jack's efforts in returning the plaque.

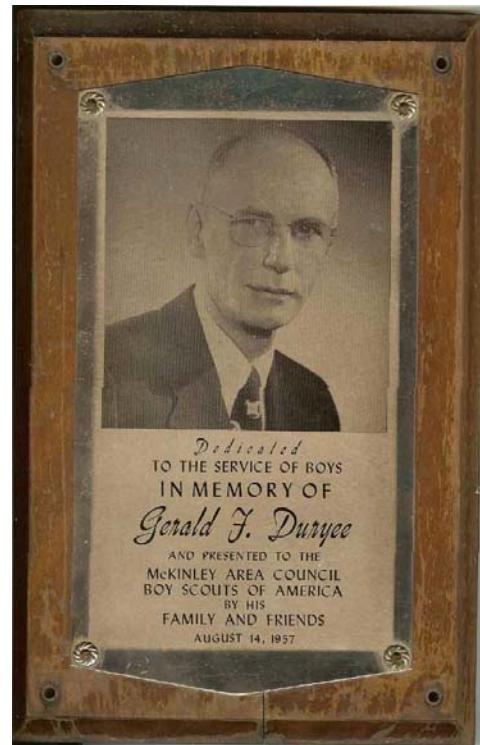
Harold Duryee, Gerald's son, recently wrote, "We are all gratified to know that the plaque will be in the Tuscazoar museum. We would like to express our appreciation to Scoutmaster Jack Smith for his thoughtfulness in saving it and now restoring it to the camp. All of us were far away from Camp Tuscazoar in 1986 and not in a position to have preserved the memorial to our father. In fact, it was long after the sale that we heard about the disposition of the property. We are grateful for the preservation of the building and the camping facility itself. My brother, Gerald, and I enjoyed a lot of good times there, and my sister, Suzanne, was part of the activities there as well. Both of my nephews from California have been to see Duryee Lodge when they visited the area and read the marker in front of the building. It was a physical memento of the grandfather they never knew, and each had their picture taken in front of the Lodge."

The plaque is now on display in the W.C. Moorhead Museum at camp. Be sure to stop by during your next visit.



Duryee Lodge after construction in 1957. A white arrow points out the location of the memorial plaque.

The W.C. Moorhead contains a wide variety of plaques and memorials that were installed throughout camp during its long history. We are hopeful that additional plaques and mementos will find their way back to Tuscazoar in the near future. If you have any Camp Tuscazoar memorabilia that you wish to donate to the museum, please let us know. As always, additional funds are needed to improve the interior design, displays and for ongoing maintenance. Assistance is also needed for organizing and cataloging donations, and to staff the museum during open hours. If you are able to assist, please let us know.



## Project completed

Charles Hampton, an Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 118 in Akron, recently completed his **Eagle Scout project in Belcher Lodge**. Charles directed the construction and installation of long-awaited cabinets and counters in the lodge. With this project complete, the camp can now install the plumbing. Our thanks to Charles (pictured in uniform below) and his crew of advisors, fellow scouts and friends for completing this project. If you can assist with the plumbing, please call the camp.



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## **Bricks to be installed outside of Kimble Hall**

A new location of commemorative bricks will be installed outside Kimble Hall this spring and we are looking for a few volunteers with strong back and a burning desire to help the camp by volunteering to shovel gravel, sand and lay some bricks. We are also in need of a tamper to help level the location and give us a firm base for the bricks. If you are willing to give us a hand, please give Nancy Schoenbaum a call and let her know you are interested in helping. The date will be determined based on weather conditions. We would like to improve the look of the front of Kimble Hall. Thanks in advance for lending a hand.

## **Coming Events:**

<b>April 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Maple Days Breakfast</b>
April 5	CTF Board Meeting
<b>May 1-3</b>	<b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>
May 3	CTF Board Meeting
June 7	CTF Board Meeting
July 5	CTF Board Meeting
Aug 2	CTF Board Meeting

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## **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.

Bruce Winslow  
Life Membership

George Wagner  
In memory of John Phillips

Nancy Schoenbaum  
In memory of Jim McLinden

Glen Dieringer  
In memory of Jim McLinden

## **SOCCC makes final donation**

Last August, Foundation attorney Dave Tschantz received a call from a member of the Save Our Council Camps Committee (SOCCC). The SOCCC was formed in the 1970s by local scouts who did not wish to see camps Tuscazoar and Buckeye sold. They formed a committee, solicited funds and purchased a sizeable advertisement in the November 10, 1980 *Canton Repository*.

Apparently, \$1,379.68 in committee funds still existed in a local bank account. The bank intended to send the committee's funds to the Division of Unclaimed Funds in a few days. The caller was shocked, believing that the committee's funds had been spent in the early 1980s. The caller said he had contacted Buckeye Council and they weren't interested in the funds and referred him to Tuscazoar.

Dave called the bank and obtained an extension of the deadline. Then, acting on Dave's advice, the caller located several former committee members, notified them of the funds, and called a meeting of the dormant organization. On August 25<sup>th</sup>, the SOCCC attendees elected new officers, including a new treasurer. They also voted to donate the remaining funds to Camp Tuscazoar.

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is grateful to the surviving members of the SOCCC who voted unanimously to honor the wishes of those long-ago supporters and help preserve Camp Tuscazoar.