

## Annual Maple Days breakfast scheduled for April 10 and 11

The sap is running and we have been very busy tapping the trees to collect the much needed sap for our maple syrup operation. We have been blessed with many volunteers and can always use more to help with the lines that have been buried under many inches of snow this year.

We will celebrate our operation with our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 10 and 11. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange drink and maple syrup samples. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under). They have been mailed to Camp Tuscazoar Foundation members and will be available at the door.

The Tuscazoar bakery will also be open with many special Maple treats for sale. We will also have gift baskets available to share with your favorite camper.

This is a very important fundraiser for the camp as we work to keep our camping fees low while our expenses for propane, electric and insurance continue to rise. You can help with your support of this event by joining us and enjoying a wonderful breakfast in return. Transportation will be provided to and from the parking lot.

If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please call the "Pancake Hotline" at 330-493-1386 and we will mail tickets to you.

## Dover Dam Weekend to include conservation merit badge

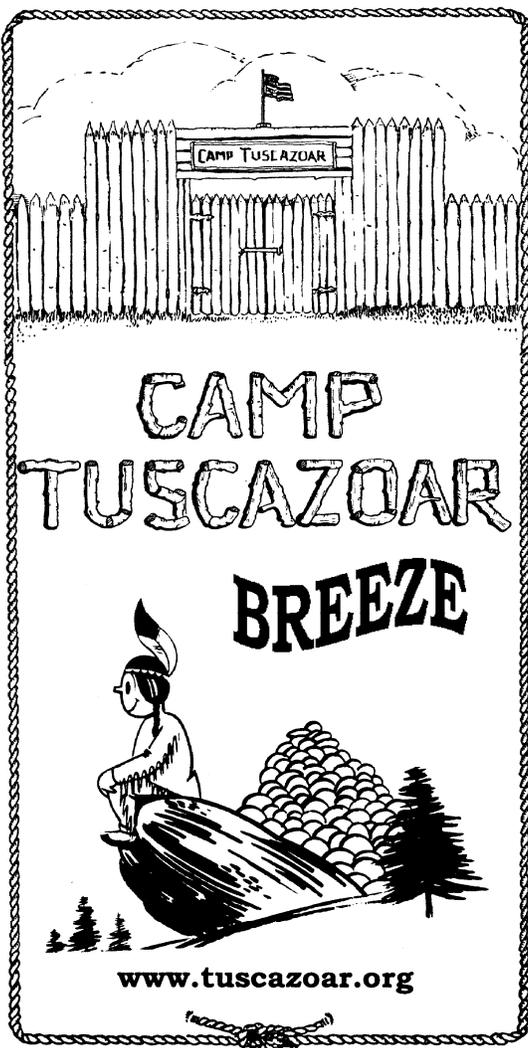
Soil and Water Conservation will be the merit badge the Scouts who join us can earn during our annual Dover Dam Weekend April 30 through May 2 at the camp. We will begin on Friday night with camp check-in and a leaders "crackerbarrel" in Kimble Hall to review the events for the weekend. Troops that do not choose to camp can also check-in on Saturday morning and still earn the merit badge.

Groups that want to tour Dover Dam will be able to do so on Saturday. Times will be assigned at the crackerbarrel.

This year's event will be the first in a series of events celebrating the 90th anniversary of our camp. The Dover Dam Weekend souvenir patch will be the first of a four-part patch that when put together with patches from other Camp Tuscazoar events this year will form a totem pole that will remind you of the pole that stood in front of the stockade for many years.

The cost for the entire program for Dover Dam Weekend will be \$12 per person. This will include the Friday crackerbarrel, all events held on Saturday, the tour of Dover Dam and a delicious chicken dinner on Saturday evening. Campsite fees are NOT included in this price and your troop will need to make those arrangements through our Ranger.

Keep watching our website at [www.tuscazoar.org](http://www.tuscazoar.org) for further updates in the program. We thank you in advance for your participation in this annual event.



## Ohio expands Emerald Ash Borer quarantine

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has expanded its Emerald Ash Borer quarantine to include 14 additional counties. The quarantine helps slow the spread of the ash tree-killing insect to uninfested parts of the state by prohibiting the movement of all hardwood firewood and ash tree materials.

While the invasive pest has not been detected in the following 14 counties, the ODA issued this quarantine to make the movement of ash trees, parts of ash trees and all hardwood firewood more practical among counties that are adjacent to previously quarantined areas. The following counties are now on the quarantine list:

Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Clinton, Coshocton, Fayette, Geauga, Highland, Holmes, Knox, Lake, Madison, Ross and Trumbull. Currently, Tuscarawas and Stark counties are not under quarantine.

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# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

## Icky's Point of Interest



**Troop 1 Cabin**

In the late 1930's, Frank Hoover and George Deaver decided to make lots available to the troops in Camp Tuscazoar's outer reservation for cabins. Senior Scouts from North Canton's Troop 1, under the direction of Scoutmaster Charles Smith, built a cabin in 1939-40. The cabin was doubled in size in the early 1970s. With no electricity or running water, the Troop 1 Cabin still offers campers a small taste of backcountry wilderness.

(Photo courtesy of Jim Strauch and Troop 1)

## Camp Tuscazoar memories

### Fond memories of camp pranks

By George Colflesh – former Camp Tuscazoar Director

I was fresh out of college my first year as camp director in 1959. My people skills were definitely not honed, plus the staff had been hired by someone else. On top of that, I had not worked at a Scout camp before, nor did I have the benefit of National Camp School.

There were two pranks I remember. One night, I came back to camp late in the evening and upon entering my tent (immediately behind the Dan Beard office) I found the McKinley cannon aimed squarely at me through the back of the tent (it wasn't loaded). The other again happened upon my return to camp only to find my bunk had been taken away to a place unknown. I slept on the infirmary bed in the center of Dan Beard and got up early at first light to see what might have happened to my bunk. I found it on the peak of the dining hall roof. I rallied a couple of senior staff who helped me get up on the roof and I got in the bunk up there as if I was sleeping. As the Scouts arrived for breakfast we put on a skit and all the campers just thought it was part of the fun.

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## Scouting magazine mentions Tuscazoar

Last year's Dover Dam Weekend at Camp Tuscazoar received special mention in the March-April issue of *Scouting* magazine. On page 16, under the Merit Badge Clinic heading, the article entitled "Boys Under the Hood – How some time spent tinkering gives Scouts the drive they need to succeed", describes how Camp Tuscazoar was turned "into a cross between a repair shop, a junkyard, and a mad scientist's laboratory" for teaching Automotive Maintenance merit badge.

The article describes how veteran Scouter Bob Lahmers and several adult volunteers set up stations throughout camp to teach the merit badge, including a freestanding engine that could be operated by hand, a Matco Tools truck and an airbag demonstration.

The article states that "it demonstrated an effective approach to teaching the skills required to earn the Automotive Maintenance merit badge: get the Scouts' attention, let them work with the equipment, and finally get around to signing off their requirements."

Will this year's Dover Dam Weekend be mentioned in *Scouting* magazine? Come join us and find out!

**MERIT BADGE CLINIC**

### Boys Under the Hood

How some time spent tinkering gives Scouts the drive they need to succeed.

**ONE SATURDAY IN MAY**, veteran Scoutmaster Bob Lahmers of Alliance, Ohio, and 14 counselors met to form a large part of Camp Tuscazoar for the town of Dover into a cross between a repair shop, a junkyard, and a mad scientist's laboratory.

The adult volunteers set up stations at the camp where Scouts could get their hands dirty working on the Automotive Maintenance merit badge.

At one station, Scouts encountered a freestanding engine they could operate by hand, turning the crankshaft to watch the piston move up and down. At another, a representative from Matco Tools, an Ohio-based manufacturing firm, showed off a truck that was loaded with, well, a truck load of automotive gadgets.

"Everything we had was great," Lahmers said. "It went off like a bang! As did a bunch of airbags."

A single yard had donated six airbags from wrecked cars, and Lahmers' team deployed them to show the Scouts how they work. "We put a bucket on top of one and blew it about 60 or 70 feet up," Lahmers said, laughing.

The team's counseling that day, part of an annual event featuring fun and educational activities for area Scouts called Dover Dam Weekend, might seem over the top, but it demonstrated an effective approach to teaching the skills required to earn the Automotive Maintenance merit badge. Get the Scoutmaster attention, let them work with the equipment, and finally get around to signing off their requirements.

Jack Auld took a similar approach when he taught Scouts last spring at a merit badge day sponsored by his unit, Troop 772 in Laguna Niguel, Calif. While Auld didn't use air-bagged engines or inflating airbags, he had a modern alternative vehicle from the Internet.

Using those resources, Auld put together a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation to explain a car's various systems, from an intake or exhaust. Dividing his class into two sessions, one in a classroom and the other hands-on, Auld was able to let the Scouts put theory into practice—

though the lines between them often blurred.

When Auld talked about tires, for example, he showed a cartoon illustration of a tire. But he also had an actual tire so the boys could learn to decipher the specifications on the sidewall.

"The more you can get them out of their seats and looking at something," Auld said, "the better."

Automotive Maintenance, like many merit badge skills, was at least partially designed to introduce Scouts to potential careers. But Auld, who worked his way through college as a mechanic and then spent years in the men's sports business, recognizes that nearly all of the boys he counsels plan on choosing another line of work.

Still, most all of them will drive on their jobs in cars or trucks. In fact, Troop 772 runs just a few miles from Interstate 5, where 200,000 vehicles travel every day.

So Auld focuses on teaching Scouts to become knowledgeable consumers, rather than pushing them to become mechanics or mechanical engineers.

"It's a great opportunity to help them understand something that's a vital part of their lives and not be intimidated by it," he said. "In my mind, that should be one of the primary goals—to take away the fear of the automobile."

Add a little grease under the fingernails, and you'll get the makings of a great merit badge experience. ■

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# Camp Tuscazoar Campmasters

*Who or what is a Campmaster?*

Pronunciation: \kəmp-mas-tər\

Function: noun

Etymology: from Latin *magister*, from Latin *campus* plain,

Date: 1100-1600

1 a: a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service in a place usually away from urban areas where tents or cabins are erected for shelter or for temporary residence (as for scouts, or vacationers) <youth camp>

1 b: one who renders a service or takes part in a transaction while having no legal concern or interest in a place usually in the country with recreational or educational facilities <a camp offering outdoor and hiking experiences>

2 a: one who has been appointed to, or volunteers to, assist the camp ranger and Foundation

Campmastering is a fun, rewarding program. You will enjoy the freedom of the outdoors, the wonders of our hills and interaction with fellow campers. You can assist in camp projects or immerse yourself in the surroundings. During your stay, we will provide temporary usage of the Duryee Lodge administrative area, which can hold four or five adults. Campmasters provide their own personal supplies and may bring along family members. Training will be provided on all Campmaster responsibilities.

Campmasters must be members in good standing of the Foundation. They are a group of trained volunteers who serve when Scouts, groups or families are using any part of the camp property.

Campmasters select their own dates of service, but typically serve two to four times a year. The group operates under the leadership of the Camp Ranger with the guidance of the Foundation camping committee. The entire project and its personnel are responsible to the Foundation President or his/her appointee. Campmasters generally meet once a year to evaluate their program, schedule the upcoming year and arrange new member training.

Campmasters are selected based on

## Campmaster training dates

The camp Ranger will hold a training/information meeting for those interested in assisting as a Campmaster on the following dates at camp (location will depend on the number attending):

<b>Session #C3</b>	Sat., March 20	9 to 11a.m.
<b>Session #D4</b>	Fri., April 2 (Good Friday)	6 to 8 p.m.
<b>Session #E4</b>	Sat., April 24	7 to 9 p.m.
<b>Session #F5</b>	Sat., May 8	7 to 9 p.m.

Please reserve a spot at the Tuscazoar Campmaster Training:

Session I will attend (ex.: #W12): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Group/youth affiliations (ie. scouting) \_\_\_\_\_

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Months I can Campmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of those attending training with me: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I'm a member of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation: Yes No

### Mail to:

Camp Tuscazoar  
Attn: D.Powers/Campmaster  
P.O. Box 308  
Mineral City OH 44656-0308

### or Email to:

ranger@tuscazoar.org

their outdoor skills, knowledge of nature and conservation, people skills and leadership skills. They must be mindful of their conduct and appearance as they represent Camp Tuscazoar to our patrons. Campmasters transfer feedback to the Foundation from visitors as comments and questions are raised. A position of trust and responsibility, Campmasters must demonstrate an ability to get along with people, to lead and to act in an emergency. Campmasters should have a working knowledge of camp operations and camping. Experienced Scouters and Youth advisors are eligible.

Our Campmasters help ensure the safety and security of campers and protect the interests and assets of the Foundation. They must be on camp premises at all times and available to meet the needs of camp patrons. Campmasters are supported by the Ranger and Board of Directors and will have access to secure areas in camp to handle most situations that may occur.

Campmasters interact with groups from around the country and from various cultures and programs. They have the opportunity to learn and share ideas about our area. Friendships are often formed with groups or individuals that last for years. At the very least, an appreciation for Tuscazoar's history and values is cultivated.

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## **Quarantine** (from page 1)

The quarantine makes it illegal to transport ash trees, parts of ash trees and all hardwood firewood from a quarantined county into or through a non-quarantined county without a compliance agreement from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Violation of this quarantine could result in fines up to \$4,000.

Ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer typically die within five years. The pest belongs to a group of metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length, one-eighth inch wide, and fly from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees and leave D-shaped holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide when they emerge as adults.

## **Coming Events:**

<b>April 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Tuscazoar Maple Days</b>
April 11	CTF Board Meeting
<b>Apr 30, May 1-2</b>	<b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>
May 2	CTF Board Meeting
June 6	CTF Board Meeting
July 11	CTF Board Meeting
Aug. 1	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.

Robert Gasper – Lifetime Member

*The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund was established to ensure that maintenance and improvement projects have an ongoing source of funds. Please consider sending a gift!*

## **Memories of camp pranks** (from page 2)

Just think of the influence that this one camp had on thousands of boys, plus staff! One example: a dentist in Alaska recently found me via the internet and called to express his appreciation for his years in camp. I had no other contact with him except at camp, yet some fifty years later he remembered me and thought enough about it to track me down and express his appreciation.

The Scouting program has had a profound influence on the character of multi-millions of youth. Without question, Scouting is the premier program for the youth of the world.

I was hired in May 1959 by Joe Macy and served as District Executive until January 1964. I got a good foundation that served me well during my 26 years as a career Scouter.

My memories of Chief Deaver are all fond. I remember being pushed by Bob Ashbaugh to work a weekend for year-end membership. I complained to Chief about it and he asked me, "If you were a used car salesman and you knew you could get a big commission for selling a car on the weekend, would you do it? I answered that most likely I would. Then he asked, "How much more important is it to get boys involved with Scouting than it is to sell a car?" He was right, of course.