



## Bequest to benefit camp

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is pleased to announce that we are the beneficiary of the John E. Wilgus and Hilda A. Wilgus Trust. The Board of Directors is currently discussing possible appropriate uses for this bequest.

We have received the following information from the sons of John Wilgus regarding their father's involvement with Camp Tuscazoar:

John was originally a member of Troop 16 in Canton. He was also part of a small group of Scouts from the Canton area that received their Eagle Scouts badges from Lord Baden Powell in Detroit in 1926.

In 1930, John was instrumental in the formation of Troop 35 and he also took part in the first Pipestone ceremony. John was also active in the American Red Cross and was also a Lifesaving instructor.

We are extremely grateful for this valuable donation and we will work toward its best use.

## Dover Dam Weekend to offer Animal Science Merit Badge

About 11,000 years ago, hunter/gatherer tribes started attempts to domesticate dogs, goats, and possibly sheep. Over the millenniums since, domestication became both an individual pursuit and a social function, vital to our march towards civilization. Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, and other domesticated animals supplied us with food and clothing, and were also used for recreational purposes: they worked with and for us.\*

Despite its critical role in our daily lives, most of us know very little about animal science. We only know the location of the stores where we buy the food and clothing provided by our domesticated partners.

So, here's your chance to learn more about the basics of this noble science, while earning a merit badge at Ohio's most historic camp. Camp Tuscazoar, in conjunction with the adjacent Rivercrest Farm, will present the entire Animal Science MB on **Saturday, May 5, 2012**. Scouts will attend sessions throughout the day, including a visit to Rivercrest Farm. At Rivercrest Farm, scouts will see first-hand the Highland cattle from Scotland, with their unusual long horns and long wavy coats. Rivercrest Farm is also home to llamas, horses, goats, miniature donkeys and pot-bellied pigs.

Packs/Cubs are welcome to attend all sessions and won't want to miss the petting zoo at Rivercrest Farm. And, since this is Dover Dam Weekend, you can visit Dover Dam, and depending upon the status of the current work, the chance to go inside the dam!

Throw in a commemorative patch, a great dinner and an old-fashioned campfire program and it makes for one awesome weekend. The cost is \$12 per participant, which covers all activities, the patch and dinner Saturday night. Camping costs are extra. Program questions can be directed to [asmbddd2012@yahoo.com](mailto:asmbddd2012@yahoo.com). For reservations and camping info, contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or via email at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). And be sure to visit <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2012DDpage.htm> for the latest updates.

\*See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-ANML.aspx>

See also [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Animal\\_Science](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Animal_Science)

## Maple Days set for Mar. 31, Apr. 1

The sap is running! We have been busy tapping trees and collecting the much-needed sap for our maple syrup. We have been blessed with many volunteers and can always use more to help.

We will celebrate our maple syrup operation with our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 31 and April 1. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes, sausage, applesauce and orange drink. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under). They have been mailed to Foundation members and will also be available at the door.

This is an important fundraiser as we work to keep camping fees low while expenses for propane, electric and insurance continue to rise. You can help by joining us and enjoying a wonderful breakfast. If you want to purchase tickets in advance- please call the "Pancake Hotline" at 330-493-1386 and receive your tickets in the mail.

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

## Gold Rush participants braved the cold, mud to earn nuggets

Come mud or snow, the competition shall go on, and that it did. Sixteen scout patrols met the challenge of the 2012 Camp Tuscazoar GOLD RUSH, even without snow this year. Using sleds, sleds with wheels, wagons, and even back packs, competitors transported their gear to various cities throughout the camp. Working to get a stamp from every city, along with gold nuggets for their knowledge and skill, our outdoor enthusiasts competed against each other and the clock.

This year's cities had patrols working out situations such as panning for gold as a group, and trying to tag "penguins" in yellow scarves with balls and hoops. Let's not forget to mention building fires to "keep the spirit burning" and taking bearings and pacings over, around and throughout Camp Tuscazoar. The Animal I.D. City showed us various mammals, with some we knew and others were new, and the "Bear Bag City" that actually had a live polar bear (Tom Ayers) to match wits with. With the help of many adults who volunteered as mayors that day, the Gold Rush was a collection of group-effort challenges that everyone tried their best to meet. By the show of enthusiasm all day long, that challenges were met!

Amidst the competition, scouts still found time to offer suggestions to name the penguin on the event patch (some 45 suggestions are still being reviewed). Bob Spencer and the cooking staff kept the food coming and gold nuggets were spent on sweeter goodies at the auction. Myron Mullet beautifully painted some iron skilletts that were used for awards, and Troop 217 went home as the 2012 Gold Rush Winner! Camp Tuscazoar is the place for memories new and old, and a big thank you goes to those who helped create some of those memories for this event. Last year we had more snow than we needed. This year we had more mud than we wanted. We can hardly wait to see what the elements will bring next year!

## Spooktoberfest to return this fall

The Spooktoberfest is returning to Camp Tuscazoar the weekend before Halloween, **October 26-28**. We will run two programs: one for those below age 14 and one for ages 14 and up. We will begin with age-appropriate Halloween movies Friday night. Refreshments will be served. Saturday will start with a short service project after flag-raising. The day will end with a campfire program for younger participants and a Halloween Ball for older participants. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes and best campsites. Normal camping fees will apply. A small activity fee will cover the cost of the cracker barrels both nights. A discount will be offered for prepayment. Everything else is being planned. Suggestions will be taken at [Cpressler57@aol.com](mailto:Cpressler57@aol.com). This event is open to Scouts (boys and girls), Venture Crews, Explorers, church groups, etc. Come join us as we bring back this campout and work to make it part of our annual schedule.

## Pig Gig to feature ignitions, explosions

Chemistry is a science that deals with the composition, structure and properties of substances and with the transformations that they undergo. Hydrogen and oxygen mix together in certain quantities to make water that can be ice, drinkable water or steam. Boring? Well, it doesn't have to be! Come to Camp Tuscazoar for the Pig Gig Weekend on **September 7-9, 2012**. You will see things ignite, hear things explode, and smell things you really wish you hadn't. Not only that, but you will also walk away with a signed blue card for **Chemistry Merit Badge**. Webelos will earn their **Scientist Activity Badge**. Cub Scouts will earn their **Cub Scout Science belt loop and pin**. And it only costs \$12.

You will get popcorn and a movie Friday night (bring a drink), the Chemistry program (which begins with the movie), a dinner ticket to the Pig Roast, a rousing campfire program and a patch. And, if you wear your "Class A" uniforms, you can get a free tent camping site for your unit.

For reservations and camping info, contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or via email at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org).



*Tom Ayers portrays a polar bear at the Bear Bag City during the 2012 Gold Rush*

# Asian Longhorned Beetle in Ohio

*From the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture*

In June 2011, the Asian Longhorned Beetle was discovered in Tate Township in Clermont County (near Cincinnati). This invasive beetle has no known natural predators and poses a threat to Ohio's hardwood forests and the state's \$5 billion nursery industry which employs nearly 240,000 people. As of Dec. 21, 2011, 1,146 infested trees had been removed to try and eliminate this threat.

To keep this tree-killing pest from spreading across Ohio, restricted areas are now in effect for Tate Township and parts of Monroe Township in Clermont County, as well as for East Fork State Park. It is illegal to remove the following items from either area: firewood, stumps, roots, branches, debris and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen from all hardwood species.

Ohio is the fifth state to find Asian Longhorned Beetles. The pest was eradicated in Illinois and parts of New Jersey, and it is being controlled in New York and Massachusetts. With the help of local citizens reporting known infestations it can be controlled in Ohio as well. Potential infestations are encouraged to be reported to 855-252-6450.

Adult ALBs are large, shiny black insects with white spots measuring 1 to 1.5 inches long, not including antennae. Their white-banded antennae can be as long as the body itself in females and almost twice the body length in males.

Signs of infestation include perfectly round exit holes (3/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter) made by adult beetles when emerging from trees; pockmarks on tree trunks and branches where female beetles deposit eggs; frass (shavings and saw dust) produced by larvae feeding and tunneling; early fall coloration of leaves or dead branches, and running sap produced at the egg laying sites or in response to larval tunneling.

Although the Asian Longhorned Beetle has not been found near Camp Tuscazoar, we strongly encourage groups to find or purchase firewood at camp rather than transporting firewood in for the weekend. This will help protect our forests from this devastating pest.

# Planning continues for memorial to "Chief" Deaver

*By Chris Pressler, Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Trustee*

With the 90th anniversary celebrations concluded, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation began to look forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. The celebration must be bigger and better.

Many memorials are scattered around camp and some need a little TLC. Unfortunately no memorial exists for the "Chief", George Deaver. Chief Deaver was instrumental in the founding of Camp Tuscazoar and the Pipestone Camp Honors Program. We found plans for a memorial from years ago, but as the Buckeye Council was leaving Camp Tuscazoar, the plans fell by the wayside. It would be great if the existing memorials could be upgraded and a Deaver memorial completed by 2020.

A plea was recently sent out for memorial suggestions, donations and memories. We have received many suggestions to help recognize George Deaver's contributions to Camp Tuscazoar, the Boy Scouts and the community. The memorial could be as simple as an engraved brick or as exciting as rebuilding his cabin near Pioneer Point. Another suggestion was to rebuild at Dan Beard and dedicate the structure for George. We could also erect a pavilion at a campsite in his honor. The last independent suggestion was for an engraved stone to be erected in front of the dining hall. All of the suggestions focused along these themes. If you have an opinion on these ideas, or if you have a different idea, we would love to hear it. You can mail your opinions or suggestions to the camp, email to [Cpressler57@aol.com](mailto:Cpressler57@aol.com) or call Chris Pressler at 216-389-9793.

We have received donations as well, which are helpful. Unfortunately, if we wish to do something grand, we will need more. Please consider a donation. We could never repay the debt we have to him but we can honor him so that others can learn why Tuscazoar is such a great camp or why the Pipestone is the ultimate summer camp honor.

We have received very few memories. A log was started to capture brief personal glimpses of early camp life but the pages are blank. The memories can be of any camp experience, not just memories of Chief Deaver. Many camps have come and gone, but because Tuscazoar was a large part of the development of so many young men, it could not fade away. Sadly, that cannot be said for former Scouts and Scouters. As we pass on, we take our memories with us. The future will inherit a camp and they might not know why it is so special. We have an obligation to ensure that this does not happen. We must pass down the heritage of Ohio's most historic camp. Please share a memory with us. You may mail it to the camp, email it to [Cpressler57@aol.com](mailto:Cpressler57@aol.com) or you can call 216-389-9793.

# NEOOC event planned for Oct. 5-7

Mark Oct. 5-7 on your calendars now for the Northeast Ohio scout championships, co-sponsored by Camp Tuscazoar and the Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club (<http://www.neooc.com>). Keep checking both websites for details. Begin the NEOOC Challenge now so that your scouts are ready to do their best in October.

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## Renew memberships

If you haven't renewed your membership in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) for 2012, now is the time. Returning your membership form will save us the time and expense of contacting you by mail, and your annual dues will once again help keep the camp open and operating. Those who are members in good standing can also camp at Tuscazoar. The CTF is an Ohio nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving Camp Tuscazoar for future generations of youth. Please consider joining or renewing your membership with the Foundation. Camp Tuscazoar needs your help!

### Coming Events:

<b>Mar 31, Apr 1</b>	<b>Maple Days Breakfast</b>
April 1	CTF Board Meeting
<b>May 4-6</b>	<b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>
May 6	CTF Board Meeting
June 3	CTF Board Meeting
July 8	CTF Board Meeting
Aug 5	CTF Board Meeting
<b>Sept 7-9</b>	<b>Pig Gig/Pig Roast</b>
<b>Oct 5-7</b>	<b>NEOOC Championships</b>
<b>Oct 6, 7</b>	<b>Fall Flapjack Flip</b>

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## Endowment Fund

### *Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning*

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

Ralph Toalston – Life Membership

*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!*

## Maple syrup to be sold at markets again this summer

With the sap running and our volunteers working hard to produce our famous Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup, it's time once again to sign up and sell our syrup at local farmer's markets this summer. In the past several years, this has become our main source of sales for our product and as a side note, it also helps us get the word out about the camp. We will be selling at the following markets this year: Massillon, Tuscarawas, Canal Fulton and Jackson.

We are looking for some volunteers who are willing to commit a few hours a week to make this happen. There is no experience needed and we will provide all the necessary materials except for a lawn chair for you to sit in. If you think you might be interested in some fresh air, meeting and greeting all sorts of interesting people and helping us promote the camp, please give Nancy Schoenbaum a call at 330-493-1386 and let her know which market you could help out with. We really need some volunteers to help get through the summer.